

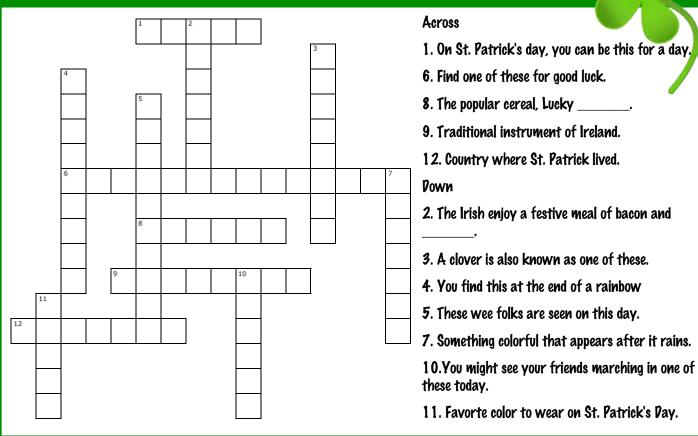
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Questions about the event?

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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 in the front yard of the Buckner Family and is a great photo for this month since we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

Do you take great photos?

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

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION:

- Must have been taken in Steiner Ranch (some exceptions)
- 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 April 2014 issue submittal deadline is March 8th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

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

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Avery Arnold

Born February 8th | 6.3 lbs, 19 inches

Pictured with Big Brother Tate.



Chase, Trevor and Gage Johnson would like to announce the birth of their baby brother. Cord Austin Johnson was born on December 18, 2013 at 12:37pm. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 18 1/4 inches long







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The RANCH REPORT

As our usually short winter (not so sure about this year) is in the home stretch, many of our youngest residents will have the freedom to play outside to their heart's content (or at least until mom or dad call them back inside). While we encourage kids to enjoy the outdoors to the fullest, we also want everyone to stay safe. Here are a few guidelines we should all make a priority in our lives:

Make sure your children are proactive about their safety. Whether they're playing at a park, swimming at a pool or riding their bikes around the neighborhood, it's important that kids understand what types of injuries could occur during these activities and how they can best avoid them. If an injury does occur, your kids need to know what actions to take—such as alerting a trusted adult or, in the case of a true emergency, calling 911.

Supervise your kids at the pool. While it's always a good idea to keep an eye on your kids, it's particularly important to make sure your children have adult supervision while they're in the water. It only takes a second for even good swimmers to find themselves in a dangerous situation, so it's vital that kids are supervised by someone who knows the signs of a distressed swimmer. To learn about how you can keep your family safe at the pool, visit www.poolsafety.gov.

Slow down while driving through the neighborhood. All residents should take note of this rule. With children out and about in full-force, you're more likely than ever to see a distracted kid chasing after a run-away baseball or skateboarding on the streets. So slow down, be extra aware of what's going on around you, and be prepared to stop suddenly if a child runs out into the road. Parents should remind kids that they have a responsibility to be aware of oncoming cars as well, and to be extra careful when they are on the street.

Remind older kids to check in with you when they're playing without adult supervision. When kids are out on their own, it's easy for them to forget to let their parents know they're okay. So establish a set of rules, such as checking in every few hours or whenever they change locations, and be firm about enforcing them. If your child has a hard time remembering to give you a call every so often, it might be helpful to have them set an alarm on their cell phone or watch so they don't forget. It's a great way for kids to build a sense of independence and for you to know they're safe even when they're not within sight.

While outdoor plan present many hazards, there's no reason your kids can't come out of it unscathed (notwithstanding a few minor scrapes, bruises and bug bites, of course).

Mark Your Calendars

2014 Steiner Ranch Social Committee Events

MAR 23 – Snake Education

MAR 30 – Run The Ranch 5K and KidsK

APR 4 - 6 - Spring Scrap-a-Thon

APR 12 - Spring Community Wide Garage Sale

APR 19 - Easter Egg Hunt

MAY 4 - Casino Night

JUN 7 - Movies in the Park

JUL 4 - Parade

JULY 19 - Movies in the Park

AUG 2 – Movies in the Park

AUG 16 – Concert in the Park

SEPT. 20 - Fall Community Wide Garage Sale

OCT 10-12 - Fall Scrap-a-Thon

OCT 18 - Ladies Night Out for SafePlace

OCT 19 - Pumpkin Patch

OCT 26 – Halloween Trunk or Treat

NOV8 - Camping on the Ranch

NOV 15 - Holiday Shopping Event & Santa Photos

DEC 13 - Holiday Social

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.



YOUNG@HEART

Young at Heart activities are designed to appeal to people in the 50+ age group. To be a part of the group you simply send your contact information including name(s), address and contact information including phone numbers and email address to Karen Steans at kjsteans@gmail.com. You'll be placed on the Young at Heart group email list and will receive monthly and weekly schedules of upcoming activities and events. Below is a list of some of our activities.

Because many young at Hearts travel or live in Steiner Ranch as a second home, the group is loosely organized. Members are welcome to participate as often as they can.

There are no dues but many individual activities have some cost. When a group has a regular meeting date, it is listed. However, these dates should always be confirmed since they may be changed. Because many activities take place in people's homes, some are limited in size but have substitute or waiting lists. Activities are held both during the day and evenings.

Our regular activities are: Book Club (Second Tuesday) Bridge - Ladies Social (Second and Fourth Wednesdays) Bunko (Third Thursday)

Canasta (Second Monday)

Concerts and Plays

Dinner Groups

Epicureans

Exploring Austin

Game Night

Happy Hours

Hiking

Ladies Lunching Out (third Tuesday)

Mexican Train - Daytime (first Monday)

Mexican Train - Couples (second Monday)

Movie Lovers

ROMEO - Retired Old Men Eating Out (Second Monday)

Scrabble

Technology Group (second Thursday)

Walking Group (every Thursday)

Wine Socials

For more information, please contact Dottie Thoms at 512-531-9360 or steinerranchyoungatheart@gmail.com.

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!!

FREE Snake and Reptile Education Seminar

Sunday, March 23rd at 2:00pm Towne Square Community Center

Non-Venomous & Venomous Snakes will be present.

This is a popular seminar and will be standing room only!

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THIS YEAR'S WINNERS ARE:

Champions

Emaly Green & Tracy Henderson

2nd Place

Justin Vollmer

3rd Place

Paul Yendle

People's Choice

Paul Yendle

Congratulations to this year's Chili cook-off winners!



2ND PLACE





3RD PLACE

Steiner Ranch residents enjoyed delicious chili entries from neighbors and friends along with some great music by Steiner's own group, Nudge, at the annual Chili Cook-Off on January 18th, at the Towne Square Community Center.

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

Our Sponsor for this year's event was Brandy Finnessey of Re/MAX! Thanks you Brandy!

Also thanks to our local real estate agents for their Gift basket donations for the winners! They are beautiful and were provided by Gene Arant of Gene Arant - Keller Williams Realty for the



PEOPLE'S CHOICE

1st place basket, and Brandy Finnessey of RE/MAX for the People's Choice basket, Kimberly McLaughlin of LaHacienda for the 2nd place basket and Holly Dees and Associates for the 3rd place basket.

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 Chili Cook off Chair, Jannine Farnum, for her hard work and commitment to this event!

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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http://www.meetup.com/steiner-ranch-ladies-group/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/522545227798671/

MARCH ACTIVITIES ARE:

Book Swap

March 3rd – 6:00pm – 8:00pm Bella Mar Community Center

Mani/Pedi Happy Hour

March 6th – 5:30pm Plum Natural Nails

Dinner Book Club

March 20th – 7:00pm Location TBD

Ladies Lunch

March 21st - 11:30am Location TBD

If you are interested in starting and organizing an event for the Ladies Group, just let us know!

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Sportball
- Tap & Ballet Combo
- Gymnastics
- Tennis
- Music
- Touchdown Tots

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Neighborhood Sports
- o Flag Football
- o Soccer
- Spring Break Camps

ELEMENTARY - TEEN PROGRAMS

- o Sportball
- o Tab & Ballet combo
- o Hip Hop
- o Gymnastics
- o Karate
- o Tennis
- o Art
- o Abacus
- o Zumbatronics
- o Sylvan

ADULT PROGRAMS

- o Yoga
- o Cardio Bliss
- o Karate
- o SUP PaddleFix Training
- o Tennis
- . Zumba
- o Carriefit
- o Cardio Kickboxing

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.

SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Spring has sprung and it is time to clean out your closets and reclaim your 2-car garage again! The semiannual Steiner Ranch Neighborhood Garage Sale is just around the corner. Whether you are a seller or buyer, be certain to mark your calendars for Saturday, April 12th from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

The Gene Arant Team will again be offering the After Garage Sale Drop Off for any of your "treasures" that were not purchased during the sale. Please bring your clothing and household items, that are in good condition, to the Real Estate Welcome Center. This year we are honored to partner with the Canyon Ridge Middle School as they try to fill a 26 foot trailer for Goodwill. Once the trailer is filled, Goodwill will make a cash donation to the Canyon Ridge Theater Arts Department.

Every donation made, or purchase at Goodwill, helps fund education programs and services across Texas. Since 1945, Goodwill has been changing the lives of area Texans through the power of work. Goodwill offers employment, training and educational opportunities to more than 50,000 individuals a year.

The trailer will be available from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call The Gene Arant Team

at 512.261.1000.

Please help us help our students and Goodwill by filling up the trailer! Happy Purging!



What a crazy, cold winter we are having here in Austin. It should make us even more ready for our warm summer right? Well if that doesn't maybe my next neighborhood spotlight will.....

Pool time!! Okay well maybe not pool time but definitely hot tub time. These neighbors recently bought their home and had a very odd shaped triangular backyard. This fantastic pool designer/builder was able to find the perfect solution for them. Check out the cool lines in this brand new pool and hot tub.

One of my favorite features is the color of the PebbleTek lining for the pool. The deep blue color with the deep blue glass surround gives the appearance that you have your very own private lake in your back yard. To make it even more peaceful, they added several waterfalls (including the negative edge hot tub) and water spout to drown out any surrounding noise. They added vines around the perimeter of the yard that will fill in over the next several months to provide more privacy.

What makes this even cooler (you're probably thinking nothing could make this any cooler) is that the pool builder is also a Steiner Ranch resident! So not only did my friends get a great pool, they also helped build the business of another fellow neighbor.

Coming soon I will be featuring an amazing out door kitchen, a fantastic Xeriscape designed yard and a follow up on the energy efficient home once it's complete! Until then, please contact me (Kimberly@REDinSteinerRanch. com) if you or any of your neighbors in Steiner Ranch would be willing to allow me to feature something beautiful or unique about their home.





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MARCH 27TH, 6:30 PM - 8 PM

@Bella Mar Community Center

Tax Talk - Tax updates and Q & A Want to get your Billion back?

Bud Welborn, MBA, IRS Enrolled Agent, Owner of HR Block Lakeway office will provide updates on tax law changes and answer questions on tax preparation, tax planning etc. RSVP to johnny.welborn@hrblock.com or 512-266-1040. Light Refreshments will be provided.

MARCH 18TH, 7:00PM

CAD & Diet - Dr. Ben Rosin
Towne Square Community Center
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For additional information go to www.steinerranchhoa. org or contact Sharon Adams, Community Coordinator at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt



It's been 20 years and we want to celebrate!

Save the Date for the 20th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19th Rain or Shine Hunt will start at 10:00am (sharp)

9:00am – 11:00am

- Easter Bunny
- Pony Rides
- Face Painters
- Petting Zoo
- Balloon Twister
- And more to come!

Check the HOA website for updated information at www. steinerranchhoa.org.



Annual "Steiner Shred Day"

On Saturday April 26th, the Steiner Ranch Home Owners Association, in partnership with Iron Mountain, will host its annual shred day. So please get to work cleaning out those old files to make some room for the new ones! Bring your documents to the Towne Square Community Center Parking Lot (look for the big shred truck) from 8-12 to drop off paper documents. Participants will able to watch their information being destroyed.

We will be accepting cash donations for Any Baby Can, the April Steiner Serves initiative. Any Baby Can improves the lives of children by strengthening them and their families through education, therapy and family support services. Most of their services are provided through home visitation programs, and they also offer community classes and support groups. At Any Baby Can, they believe that every child deserves a strong family, and it's the foundation of everything they do.

Know a child or family who needs help? Call 512-454-3743 or email info@anybabycan.org. See more at: http://www.anybabycan.org.

Spring Break Camps

Steiner Ranch will be offering two different camps over the Spring Break Holiday!

March 10th – 14th Sportball Camp

Join the Sportball team for a spring break camp experience that your child will never forget! Children participate in the skills and games of seven different ball sports. Sports include soccer, hockey, basketball, baseball, volleyball, tennis, and golf. Camp will also incorporate arts-and-crafts, music, co-operative games, snack time, and theme days. Please bring a NUT-FREE snack and juice or water. Camps are run indoors with some outdoor activities depending on the weather.

Ages 3 - 7 ½ day 9:30am – 12:00pm \$45 per day Towne Square Community Center Registration on-line at www.sportball.us.

March 10th – 12th Lonestar Soccer Spring Mini Camp

For boys and girls ages U5 - U12 (divided in age groups), from beginner level, designed as an introduction to soccer, to the more advanced player, designed to enhance the player's technical development.

½ day 9:00am − 12:00pm Westridge Fields Registration on-line at www.lonestarsoccercamp.com.



Summer Camps

Yes, that's right – it's already time to start planning for the summer and we have some great camps scheduled; some we've had before and some great new ones! We are accepting registration beginning February 4th for most camps. 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:

- Lonestar Soccer Camp
- Brown's Gymnastics Camp
- Sportball Multi-sport Camp
- Steiner Tennis Camp
- Theater Action Camp
- Kidventure Camp
- Mad Science Camp
- Advancing Robotics Camp
- Culinary Cooking Camp
- Abrakadoodle Art Camp
- Curious Einstein Camp
- Neighborhood Sports Dallas Cowboys Football
- Amazing Minds Camp

FIREWISECHAT

Are you ready for Spring? It's the time for new growth, renewal, spring cleaning....and Red Flag Warnings. The time for transitional weather which can bring dry, windy fronts, and with our current drought, can mean FIRE WEATHER.

What is a Red Flag Warning? A red flag warning is a warning issued by the National Weather Service indicating imminent danger of severe fire weather. Weather conditions have pushed your area into a high or extreme category.

What should I do? You should have your "Go" bag packed and ready. Monitor local weather and news. Each member of your family should be alert and ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. Remove any flammable objects from your deck and patio (mats, seat cushions, etc. should be brought inside or thrown out in the yard away from the house). Prop open wood gates to break the path of a fire to your home. Pull out ladders and hoses so they are handy to firefighters if needed.

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SATURDAY RIDES

We meet Saturday's at Cups & Cones at 8:30am. Our Saturday rides are faster and longer than our Sunday rides.

Our Saturday rides have an advanced group with average speeds in the 18-20 mph and we have an intermediate group that averages between 15-17 mph. Both groups roll out together but about ½ way through the ride the main group splits into two groups. The distances range from 40 up to 60+ miles. The turnout is typically around 10-20 riders depending on weather and route.

We have many routes that we rotate between and you can visit our website at www.steinerranchcycling.com

For our Saturday rides we try to keep the group together however you need to have a certain level of fitness and experience to keep up with both groups as there are no designated sweepers. However, our Sunday ride is a NO DROP ride.

SUNDAY RIDES

We meet Sunday's at Cups & Cones at 8:30am for slower and shorter distance ride. Our Sunday rides average speeds are in the 13 – 15mph and distances between 23 – 30 miles. We either ride around Steiner Ranch or bike over to River Place and bike down to Ski Shores. Again, this is a NO DROP RIDE. The turnout is typically around 10 riders depending on weather and route.

MARCH/APRIL RIDES STEINER RANCH STEAKHOUSE RIDE

Sunday March 30, 2014 Jack & Adams and the Steiner Ranch Steakhouse host this great ride. There is a beginner, intermediate and advance ride. Distances range from 10-30 miles. Afterwards stick around for half price brunch and music. Always a good time. Ride starts at 8:30am from the Steakhouse parking lot.

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MS150

Saturday and Sunday April 12 – 13, 2014 The BP MS 150 is a two-day fundraising cycling ride organized by the National MS Society. It's not the miles that matter - it's the unforgettable journey. Steiner Ranch Cycling Club will be setting up a team in October so people can start signing up. The ride starts in Houston and finishes in Austin. We are working on some sponsorships right now so we will get back to you soon with details on all the cool stuff we are going to get. This ride will cost \$100 to register for and you will have to raise \$400 in donations. If someone raises more than \$400 they will be able to shift there excess funds to another rider that has not hit their limit. This is a Beef Team approved ride so 60% of the entry fee can be reimbursed. You can join our team at http://main. nationalmssociety.org/goto/BEEF

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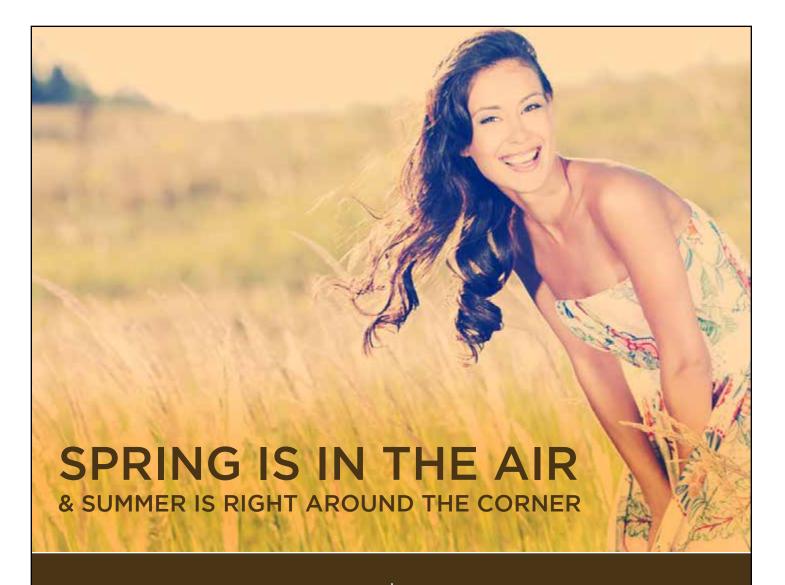
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MARCH

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	SRLG -	YAH - Young At Heart Steiner Ranch Ladies (Group				
	2	YAH Daytime Mexican Train 6:00 – 8:00pm – SRLG Book Swap (BMCC) 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	4 6:30pm – Facilities Committee Meeting (TSCC)	5	8:30am — YAH Walking Group 5:30pm — SRLG Mani/Pedi Happy Hour (Plum Nails)	7	8
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23 – 2:00 pm – Seminar (TSC) 30 – Run The R 5K & Kids K (T	CC) Ranch	24/3 I 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	25	26 1:00pm YAH Ladies Social Bridge 3:30pm SRMA Board of Directors Meeting 6:30pm – Transition Community Meeting (TSCC)	27 8:30am – YAH Walking Group 6:00pm SRROA Board of Directors Meeting 6:30pm – Tax Talk (BMCC)	28	29



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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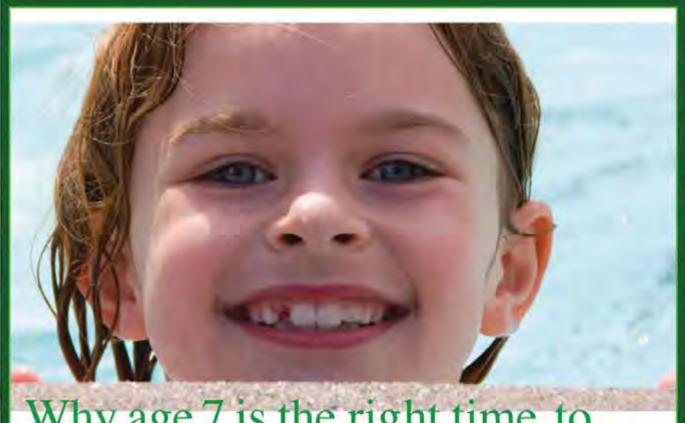
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Pool & Swimming News

Year Round Swimming Program for Adults

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OUR SWIM SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

- 1. You must be 18 yrs. and older.
- 2. Join U. S. Masters Swimming! To be eligible to compete in masters' meets, to get a great magazine, and for HOA insurance purposes, go to the United States Masters swimming website, www.usms.org/reg and join our team Red Giants Masters swimming. You can print your card immediately and take a copy to the HOA office.
- 3. Fill out the Program Registration form at the HOA office, provide a copy your USMS card and submit payment!

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



SPRING POOL HOURS

It's getting warmer outside, and that means more people at the pools. Remember that the Bella Mar Lap pool is for Lap Swimming and children that are not potty trained are not allowed in this pool:

BELLA MAR – (LAP POOL HEATED)

Monday 2pm – 10pm | Tue-Sun 7am 10pm

The following programs will be using the lap pool:

Master's Swim Program

Wednesday & Friday 5:30am – 6:45am; Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am

VHS Swimming

Monday - Friday 7:45am – 8:45am

Lap lanes will be available to lap swimmers during these sessions. Practice Exceptions for March: No practice March 1st- March 14th, or March 31st.

Lost Creek Aquatics

Monday – Friday 4:30pm – 6:30pm. (exception: Spring Break)

TOWNE SQUARE - (UNHEATED)

Closed Monday until 12pm | Tuesday – Sunday 8am – 10pm **JOHN SIMPSON – (UNHEATED)**

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Please note**Lifeguard are not on duty. Swim at your own risk.



STEINER STARS SUMMER LEAGUES SWIM TEAMS

It may only be spring, but summer and its heat will be upon us soon. We invite you to be a part of the Steiner Stars family. Starting on May 5th, the two recreational competitive summer league teams will practice two times per week after school. Beginning June 9th, both teams practice four times per week. Stars Red practices in the morning and Star Blue practices in the afternoon. Practice schedules will be posted on each team's website.

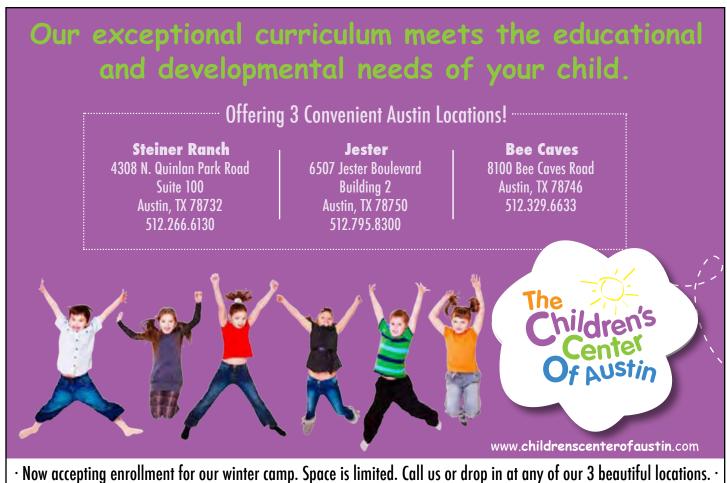
REGISTRATION DETAILS

Residents must be in good standing with the HOA in order to register and agree to volunteer requirements for participation in the league. Space in each age group is limited. Swimmers must be 5 years or older by May 1, 2014, to participate. Returning Family Registration will be online from March 16th through March 22nd. At this time, New Family Registration is planned for April 12th. As the date approaches, information will be posted on our website: www.steinerstars.org.

NEW SWIMMER EVALUATIONS

The Steiner Stars Swim Teams are intended to be recreational but minimum swimming requirements exist. The Steiner Stars will conduct swimmer evaluations for children ages 5 through 7 years old to help parents assess whether or not their child appears ready to participate in the league. Any new swimmer may attend the free session at the Bella Mar lap pool on April 6th. Time will be posted on our website: www.steinerstars.org.









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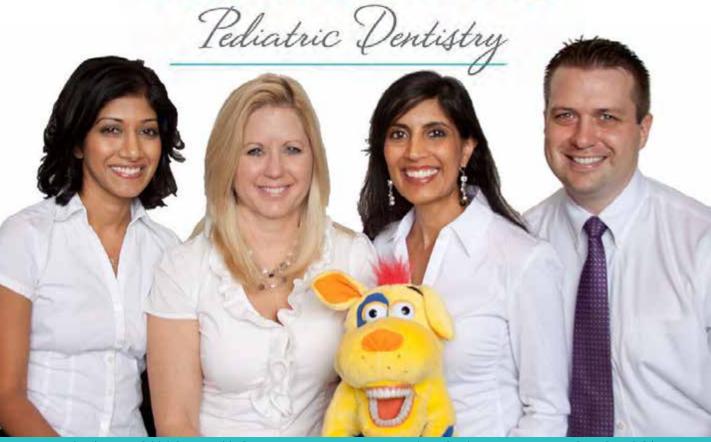
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From the Association Office

Developer Working with the Community on Plans for their Departure

Informational Community Meeting - March 26th, 6:30 PM - Towne Square Community Center

As the development of Steiner Ranch gets closer and closer to the end, the development team is beginning the process of transitioning the control of the association's Board of Directors to the homeowners of the community. This process will involve a complete review of the community amenities, common areas, the financial records, and governance documents by a committee of homeowners.

In order to keep the community informed and involved, there will be an informational meeting held on March 26th, at 6:30 pm at the Towne Square Community Room. If you would like to learn more about this process or have comments for the committee, please attend this important meeting.

In addition, as this process moves forward, there will be an election in April to increase the number of homeowners on the Steiner Ranch Master Association Board of Directors. There will be four (4) homeowners elected to serve on the board in beginning in April. The length of the terms (most likely one or two years) are still being worked out, but if you are interested in getting involved and serving your community, please contact me for more information or to submit your name as a candidate.

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Facilities Committee: This committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors about improvements, use and/or needs of the various common areas of Steiner Ranch, including trails, pools, fields, courts, playgrounds and community centers. Involvement in the Facilities Committee, either through speaking to them at one of their meetings, or through becoming a member, is the best way to have your opinion heard and considered and to make an impact on the future of the Steiner Ranch Facilities uses and improvements. Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of MOST months at 6:30pm. Committee Chair: Rodney Mogen, rodney.g.mogen@gmail.com. If you are only interested in one aspect of the committee, such as Trails, or Tennis, then subcommittees are for you!

Social Committee: This committee creates and oversees the social events in Steiner Ranch such as the Chili Cook-off, Easter Egg Hunt,

and Camping on the Ranch. They are involved with the Young at Heart Group (50+) and the Mom & Tots Group and help facilitate their activities. If you are interested in this committee or these groups contact Committee Chair: Jannine Farnum, jannine@farnum.net.

Firewise Committee: This committee is the newest committee and was started as a result of the 2011 Labor Day fires. This committee was instrumental in Steiner's Firewise Communities Certification in 2012! This committee helps homeowners who back to greenbelts organize community clean ups, work closely with the Fire Departments and help raise money for much needed equipment. Committee Chairpeson: Nathasha Collman, srfirewise@gmail.com.

Finance Committee: This committee serves as an advisory committee to the Steiner Ranch Master Association and all members must live in the Association. If you have experience or background in finance or accounting, then this is the committee for you. For more information, please contact Chris Ruiz, Contoller, cruiz@steinerranchhoa.org.

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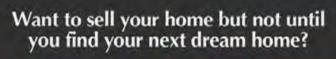
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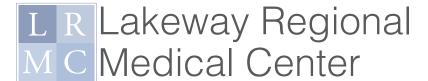
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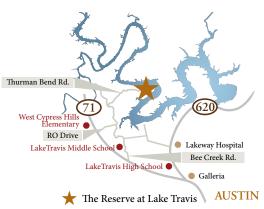


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The Real Estate Deal (RED) in Steiner Ranch

Steiner Ranch Real Estate Statistics

By Kimberly McLaughlin

	Hom	es Active fo	ar Sale	ch Market Data - January Homes Pending Sale			Homes Sold in the last 90 days			
List Price Range	# of Homes	Avg List \$/\$qFt	Avg Days on Market	# of Homes	Avg List \$/SqFt	Avg Days on Market	# of Homes	Avg Sold \$/SqFt	Avg % at	Avg Days on Market
Up to 300K	0	5	0	0	\$ -	0	6	\$ 138.70	99.72%	39
301K-400K	7	\$ 220.59	137	4	\$ 130.24	29	15	\$ 128.36	98,98%	55
401K-500K	13	\$ 162.88	80	6	5 143.18	32	12	\$ 140.77	98,16%	91
501K-600K	3.	\$ 161.76	25	2	\$ 152.71	23	6	\$ 147.02	97.73%	45
601K-700K	4	5 167.48	158	- 5	\$ 163.02	43	3	\$ 148.77	96.52%	71
701K - 999K	6	5 193.45	39	4	5 178.83	7	5	\$ 179.68	96.48%	7B
1M and up	3	\$ 365.66	69	1	\$ 227.23	.203	0	\$.	0.00%	0
Total	36			22			47		-	

*This data was pulled from the Multiple Listing Service provide by the Austin Board of Realtors

I think the most interesting piece of data from this month – other than the low inventory – is that as of today when I pulled the data (Feb 11) there is not a single home listed in Steiner Ranch for less than \$399K. WOW! When you compare the number of homes listed for sale against the number of homes under contract or sold in the last 90 days – you get the idea that we have right around 1 month of inventory. That means that the number of homes selling in one month is the same as the number of homes listed. Prices are still holding strong with most seller's negotiating less than 2% from their latest list price. I will look at average sold prices next month to give you an idea of how prices are holding (although you can get an idea from the \$/sqft right now if you are too anxious to wait).

The March/April time frame is when the county starts to assign tax appraisal values to your property. There are some important things to know. You are NOT required to share the sold price of your home with the county. Sold data is private in Texas to the home owner and the home seller. You will receive something in the mail from the county that looks very official asking for you to share the price you purchased your new home for but you are not legally under any obligation to do so. If your tax appraised value is more than the price you paid for your home, then by all means, bring your settlement statement into the county and they will adjust your tax appraised value to match what you paid for your home. If your tax appraised value is more than what you paid for your home, you are welcome to share this with the county so they will increase your taxes but I wouldn't suggest it.

Here is another very important thing to note. If you think your tax value is higher than what you think the market value is for your home or you notice that your neighbor's home's tax values is much lower than yours, you can protest that value. Realtors can be a great asset by running comparable data for your property for you to verify your case. Please remember that SOLD data is private. Do NOT take a list of sold home values to the county to protest your tax rate. By doing this, you are sharing private data that you do not have a right to with the county. This could result in your neighbor's tax values increasing. You CAN share an average sold price or average sold price per square foot with the county which should be enough to prove the same point. Please protect your neighbor's private data.

You can look up the tax rate and appraised value for your home at www.traviscad.org. There is also helpful information on this website to explain the tax process. The protest process is not made easy by design. The county may deny your protest the first time, hoping that you will give up then. You can appeal the denial and will have to go back out to the county at an assigned time at their convenience. If you have the time and desire to fight this process, you can. There are also companies that will do this for a fee on your behalf. Most of my clients that have used a protest services has ended up saving more in their taxes than the fee for the company.

Anyway, hope this information helps you out. If you have any other questions or an idea for a future article that would be interesting of informative, please contact PEEL Inc. and they will put you in touch with me.

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NEWS FROM WCID 17

Trees blooming, birds singing, warmer weather... and you as a Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 (WCID 17) treated-water customer, are doing a great job of saving water. While you may be tempted to start your spring planting and watering, a steadfast commitment to water conservation is still needed.

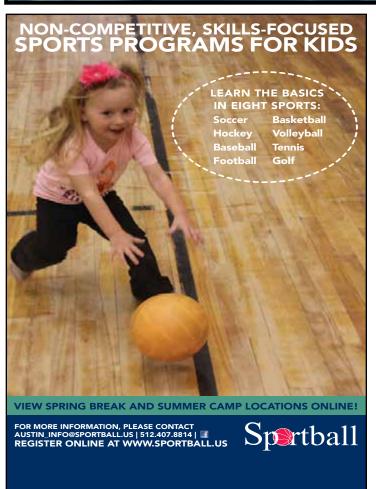
Texas is still in a drought and no one can predict when it will end. Remember, the smart way to landscape is to use native water-efficient plants that come with lots of texture and colors. These native plants have less maintenance, use little water and don't need soil preparation or fertilizing.

If you've already set your irrigation to the one-day, one-

time limit between 12:01 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., only on your one day, thank you. To help everyone stay on track for our conservation goals, WCID 17 is here to help you with any questions you may have. To locate our current Stage 3 Outdoor Watering Schedule, please visit www.wcid17.org.

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Squirt is encouraging customers to fix their water leaks during the month of March. March is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense® program month to remind Americans to check their household fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks. Learn more Facts on Leaks at www.wcid17.org.





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APPOINT NEW BOARD PRESIDENT AND ELECT SIX NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Austin and Central Texas (RMHC Austin) is pleased to announce the appointment of Royce Poinsett as board president and the election of six new members to the RMHC Austin Board of Directors. Rick Bluntzer, Jennifer Bowden, Deb Brown, Jordan Mullins, Kim Rose and Jeanne Trogan join 13 returning board members.

Royce Poinsett is a government relations attorney at the Austin office of Baker Botts L.L.P., representing businesses and industry associations at the Texas Capitol. Previously, Mr. Poinsett served as an advisor to the Texas Governor and the Texas House Speaker. Mr. Poinsett and his wife became acquainted with the Ronald McDonald House in 2006 when their first child was born prematurely with a rare syndrome of multiple birth defects. He has served on the RMHC Austin Board since 2010 and in 2012, he and his wife were co-chairs of the 2012 Bandana Ball, RMHC Austin's signature fundraiser.

Rick Bluntzer is the senior vice president of communications and public affairs at EZCORP. Prior to joining EZCORP, Rick was the senior vice president of regulatory and government affairs for NRG Energy and served as the assistant general

manager and chief administrative officer for LCRA.

Jennifer Bowden is a native Texan and an avid volunteer. She has volunteered for a variety of school and community organizations and served as the teaching director of Community Bible Study of Central Austin. Ms. Bowden has been a member of Impact Austin, Hospice Austin and the Dell Children's Women's Trust.

Deb Brown is the interim vice president and chief operating officer for Dell Children's Medical Center. Prior to accepting this assignment, Ms. Brown was director of business development and strategy and previously director of trauma services for Dell Children's Medical Center. She concurrently served as director to the Surgeon in Chief and Austin Pediatric Surgery at Dell Children's.

Jordan Mullins is an oil and gas associate at McGinnis Lochridge, a multi-practice law firm located in Austin. Mr. Mullins also serves as president of Friends of the House, an organization of young professionals dedicated to supporting Continued on Page 41



Ronald McDonald House Charities (Continued from Page 40)

RMHC Austin, and serves as a committee chair for RMHC Austin's Bandana Ball. He is an active board member with the Austin Symphony Orchestra BATS and is a 2012 graduate of Leadership Austin.

Kim Rose is a private banker with J.P. Morgan in Austin. Prior to joining J.P. Morgan, Kim served as the chief financial officer of a prominent Austin family's financial and philanthropic affairs for over seven years. She also served as a senior finance manager for Dell Inc. from 1998 to 2006. Kim began her career with the Dallas and then Austin offices of KPMG in the audit group.

Jeanne Trogan is the executive director of social, digital and internal communications for Dell Inc. Prior to joining Dell in 2009, Ms. Trogan was the corporate communications director at the McDonald's Corporation located in Illinois and was an account supervisor at the public relations agency, Edelman.

"I am pleased to welcome Rick, Jennifer, Deb, Jordan, Kim and Jeanne as new Board members and Royce as our new president. Their experience, leadership and guidance will be tremendous assets to Ronald McDonald House Charities as we continue to advance our mission and ensure families stay together while their children receive treatment in Austin-area hospitals," commented Carolyn Schwarz, executive director of RMHC Austin.















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