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

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This month's cover photo was taken last year at the home of the O'Shaughnessy's of their daughters, along with their dog, Nugget and pet bunny, Clover. Looks like Nugget, Clover and the girls are ready for the 20th Anniversary of the Steiner Ranch Easter Egg Hunt!

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 May 2014 issue submittal deadline is April 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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WHAT YOUR ASSOCIATION BOARD DOES FOR YOU

As a recognized homeowners association, our community has a board to help our HOA run smoothly. The board consists of volunteers who care a great deal about the quality of life in Steiner Ranch and execute a wide variety of tasks you may not be aware of; however, their work affects every single resident.

One of the most important things the board does is create and enforce the association rules. While some residents may not like being told what they can and can't do, ultimately the board is looking out for the greater good. By enforcing the rules, the board is doing its best to keep property value up and conflicts down. Of course, the board wants to make sure the rules are beneficial for the majority—and hopefully all—residents and they make every effort to be reasonable and consistent in their decisions. The Board welcomes homeowners to raise concerns or provide input about the rules at open board meetings.

Another major responsibility of the board is to collect assessments from homeowners. Collecting this money is important for the stability of the association, because the assessments pay for the common elements enjoyed by all residents. Assessments also help to replenish the reserve funds, which pay for any major repairs the association may need. The board is responsible for the association's finances, and collecting assessments is how it ensures that the association remains solvent.

Finally, the board acts on behalf of the association by hiring managers, attorneys, contractors and other professionals who help better the association. Board members also help conceive and lead many of the projects that will improve the HOA.

While it's a big job, board members are happy to serve the residents and make the community a great place to call home. So why not learn more about what these volunteers do by talking to your board members, attending an open board meeting or even running for a seat on the board during our next election? The more people we have looking out for our association, the stronger it will be.

Mark Your Calendars

2014 Steiner Ranch Social Committee Events

- APR 4 - 6** – Spring Scrap-a-Thon
- APR 12** – Spring Community Wide Garage Sale
- APR 19** – Easter Egg Hunt
- APR 26** – Shred Day
- MAY 4** – Casino Night
- JUN 28** – Movies in the Park
- JUL 4** – Parade
- JULY 19** – Movies in the Park
- AUG 9** – 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
- NOV 8** – 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.



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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 HOA will advertise in the local papers and online sites.

Sellers can list their garage sale on the HOA website to help promote traffic to their sell.

- Go to www.steinerranchhoa.org
- Log in. If you've never logged in before then you can request a new log in.
- Click on the "classified" link.
- Choose the Category "garage sale"
- Click on the "add/edit" link

On the day of the sale, you can put directional signs out. But please pick them up as soon as the sale is over.



Post Garage Sale Drop Off Supports Canyon Ridge Theater Arts Program

While at the fifth grade orientation the other day, the Canyon Ridge Choirs, Band and Dance Team performed. The amount of talent and dedication these students demonstrated was awe-inspiring; the excitement was infectious and incoming students talked about choosing the program they would join. Then, to learn that the great majority of these students had no previous music experience showed the vast amount of patience and talent the Canyon Ridge teachers possess.

Indeed, our community has a "fine" arts program. In fact, the Fine Arts Program in LISD was one of the first districts to win the "Art Basic" Award from the Texas Commission of the Arts. It has also been recognized as one of the most distinguished programs in the nation.*

We all know that students benefit socially and academically when music and art is an integrated part of their lives. Budget cuts to these programs are challenging our teachers to be more creative with less funding and less time per student. We, as a community, need to ensure that they programs flourish.

What can you do to help? Begin by marking your calendars for Saturday, April 12th from 12:00pm – 2:00pm when The Gene Arant Team hosts a Post Garage Sale Drop-off. Simply load whatever leftovers remain from your garage sale and drive to The Real Estate Welcome Center where CRMS students and members of the Arant Team will await to unload your items and reload to a Goodwill Truck. While Goodwill is also a benefactor of the drop-off, they are no longer able to support a donation back to the school. Instead, the Arant Team will match your donations dollar for dollar – up to \$500 - to give back to the Canyon Ridge Theater Arts Program. With one stop, you will be helping two great programs.

RSVP to the event via Facebook at The Gene Arant Team page to ensure we have reserved plenty of truck space. Multiple trucks can be made available. For more information contact the Real Estate Welcome Center at 512.261.1000. Thank you for helping us support The Canyon Ridge Theater Arts program.

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We'll have Black Jack, Craps, and (2) Texas Hold'em tables. All gambling winnings can be used to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win items at the end of the night! Raffle items will be items from areas business.

HOW MUCH?

\$25 - includes 20,000 in chips, Martini style drinks and a full house of appetizers.

RAFFLE ITEM DONATIONS

If you are a local business and would like to donate a prize for the raffle, you will receive valuable recognition at the event and be published in an upcoming issue. Contact Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org for more information.

REGISTRATION

Registration information is available online at www.steinerranchhoa.org.

This event is limited to the first 60 registrations received.

DRESS CODE

Dress to kill ... James Bond style.



STEINER RANCH Movies in the Park 2014!!

The Steiner Ranch Movies in the Park summer movie series continues this summer on May 31st, June 28th, and ends on August 9th. This year's People's Choice movie will showcase on June 28th. Now is the time to go to SteinerRanchMoviesInThePark.com to vote for your favorite movie of the summer. For further details about the Steiner Ranch Movies in the Park, or for Sponsorship opportunities call Brandy Finessey at 512-698-3366

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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.

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Young at Heart is a group of Steiner Ranch residents in the 50+ age group who are mostly empty-nesters and who enjoy having a busy social life, educational opportunities, exploring Austin and the Hill Country area and meeting other people with similar interests. Whether you live in Steiner Ranch full time, part time or are just here visiting family, if you'd like to attend any of our activities, please email or call. Let us know your specific interests and your contact information will be forwarded to the leader of that group.

To become a member of Young at Heart, you simply send your contact information including name(s), address and contact information including phone numbers and email addresses to Karen Steans at *kjsteans@gmail.com*. You will be placed on the Young at Heart email list and will receive monthly and weekly notifications about upcoming activities.

Since many people travel or are away from home for extended periods of time, activities are planned to be enjoyed as frequently or infrequently as members want. Activities take place weekly, monthly or occasionally. Dates, times and places are included in the monthly emails. There are both daytime and evening events.

There are no dues but many individual activities have some costs. A few of our activities are held in the Homeowners Association meeting rooms; most take place in members' homes. Because many activities take place in members' homes, it is sometimes necessary to limit the size of the gathering or group. In those cases there are substitute and waiting lists. Or another group can be organized. New groups are always being added as interest increases. We also participate in charitable endeavors both individually and as the Young at Heart organization.

Young at Heart members have a wide variety of interests:

<i>Book Club</i>	<i>Mah Jongg</i>
<i>Ladies Social Bridge</i>	<i>Mexican Train/Dominoes (Ladies Daytime)</i>
<i>Ladies Bunco</i>	<i>Mexican Train/Dominoes (Couples Evening)</i>
<i>Canasta (Couples Evening)</i>	<i>Movie Lovers</i>
<i>Canasta (Ladies Daytime)</i>	<i>ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)</i>
<i>Crafts</i>	<i>Spanish Conversation</i>
<i>Dinner Groups</i>	<i>Single Ladies Social Group</i>
<i>Epicureans</i>	<i>Technology Group</i>
<i>Exploring Austin</i>	<i>Walking Group</i>
<i>Happy Hours</i>	<i>Watercolor Painting</i>
<i>Hiking</i>	<i>Wine Socials</i>
<i>Ladies Lunching Out</i>	
<i>Line Dancing Lessons</i>	

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

Steiner Ranch Ladies Group

This group is just for the Ladies (over 21) of Steiner Ranch! It's for the working moms, stay-at-home moms, single, divorced, married, empty nesters and every Lady in between!

We look forward to meeting you at any of the events we have planned. We want to keep the Steiner Ranch ladies connected and active.

Join the Meet up group and the Facebook page for the latest updates.

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

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

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Register online at www.steinerranchconcerts.com

FLAGSHIP PARTNER – ONLY 1

- Cost - \$2500
- 4 10' x 10' booth space
- Banner on stage
- Center, top position on concert entry archway and located on stage
- Announcement of sponsorship at start of event, at intermission and at the end
- Vendor shirts and all promotional collateral – Large logo
- Featured prominently on Concert in the Park web site with links
- Sponsor t-shirts provided for all participants at the event
- Electric is included, if needed!

GOLD PARTNER

- Cost - \$1200
- 3 10' x 10' booth space
- Side bar position on concert entry archway
- Announcement of sponsorship at start of event, at intermission and at the end
- Vendor shirts and all promotional collateral – Medium-sized logo
- Featured on Concert in the Park web site with links
- 5 Sponsor T-shirts included
- Electric is included, if needed!

SILVER PARTNER

- Cost - \$500
- 2 10' x 10' booth space
- Announcement of sponsorship at intermission and at the end
- Vendor shirts and all promotional collateral – Small-sized logo
- Links in lower-level position on Concert in the Park web site

- 3 Sponsor T-shirts provided
- Electric additional \$50

BRONZE PARTNER

- Cost - \$150
- 10' x 10' booth space
- Vendor shirts and promotional collateral
- Links in vendor/sponsor tab on Concert in the Park web site
- 1 Sponsor T-shirts provided
- Electric additional \$50

NON-PROFIT PARTNER

- Cost – \$50
- 10' x 10' booth space
- Promotional collateral - Small-sized logo and/or text
- Links in vendor/sponsor tab on Concert in the Park web site
- Electric additional \$50

FOOD PARTNERS HAVE 2 OPTIONS

#1 Food Partner with Sponsorship

(Choose one of the Sponsorship choices above)

- Electricity Provided
- Water provided if needed
- Minimum 10X10 area - Increased sizes based on Sponsorship level
- Listed as a Food Provider on the SR Concert in the Park Website
- Included in all Marketing Material based on the level of Sponsorship
- Includes the Fee for your Event Food Permit
- Preferred Placement in the Food Vendor Area

2 Food Partner without Sponsorship

(Food sales must be your main business)

- Cost – \$25
- 10' x 10' area on payment in Food Vendor Area
- Electricity provided for \$50, if needed
- Water provided, if needed
- Listed as a food provider on the SR Concert in the Park Website

Only qualified non-profits, businesses and organizations who submit by deadlines outlined will be considered for booth space



FIREWISECHAT

Neighbors Receive Mitigation Assistance from LTFR

The Lake Travis Fire and Rescue Wildland Crew recently completed fuel mitigation work of approximately six acres of land in the Preserve surrounding Savannah Point and up near Rush Creek in Savannah. The seven-man crew was hired for six months to assist the county in its fuel mitigation efforts near the Balcones Canyonland Preserve (BCP) before the nesting season of the golden cheeked warbler and the black-capped vireo began.

"The crew is operated through LTFR and receives funds to cover operating cost of the crew for project work, allowing us to make contracts with the HOA and the County to hire the additional help we need to complete this work in the nesting off season," said Lt. Adam Griggs, Fire Inspector/Investigator and Wildland Crew Supervisor. In addition to completing the work in the Savannah area, the crew participated in chipping days in Lakeway and cleared parts of the Mule track off McNeely. They are scheduled to treat more BCP boundary areas in the fall after the endangered birds have migrated to Mexico for the season.

While the LTFR Wildland Crew is here to assist our Firewise efforts in Steiner Ranch, it is still the main responsibility of the homeowners to prepare their homes for the threat of wildfire. One of the first steps a homeowner can take is to contact our Firewise Committee at SRFirewise@gmail.com for a Home Ignition Zone assessment. We will send a trained observer to assist the homeowner is locating ignition dangers around your home. After completing a HIZ assessment and fire-hardening your home, homeowners will want to join with neighbors to mitigate the open areas in your neighborhood to better secure everyone's property.

In taking these steps, we, as homeowners, are aiding the LTFR team in keeping true to their mission - To minimize loss of life and property through emergency response, prevention and community involvement.

Watch for coming announcements for a special Firewise event in the area May 3!!

Steiner Scrappers Scrap-A-Thon

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

WHEN

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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:

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Lonestar Soccer Camp | • Advancing Robotics Camp |
| • Brown's Gymnastics Camp | • Culinary Cooking Camp |
| • Sportball Multi-sport Camp | • Abrakadoodle Art Camp |
| • Steiner Tennis Camp | • Curious Einstein Camp |
| • Theater Action Camp | • Neighborhood Sports Dallas |
| • Kidventure Camp | • Cowboys Football |
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STEINER RANCH

By Kimberly McLaughlin

Neighbor Spotlight

The rave in Austin over the last several years seems to have been all about “outdoor living” spaces. Allowing us to really take advantage of the awesome weather we have here all from the comfort of our homes. I have been known to grill a mean chicken occasionally but cooking is really not my strength. That said, even I can appreciate what I am about to show you next.

This is the mother lode of all outdoor kitchens. I didn't even know they made this stuff until I walked out on to one of my client's back patios. Okay so the majority of you will likely have a grill of some sort – maybe a standalone propane, girly size grill (like mine that I got from Home Depot for \$88 and that any guy I know would be embarrassed to own) or a built in, behemoth sized natural gas grill with 18 burners, a searing plate and rotisserie prong like my boyfriends (okay maybe not 18 burners but you get the idea, its big). So I won't spend much time focusing on the grill but check out what else this outdoor kitchen features.

This outdoor kitchen has everything and is beautifully appointed with high end granite countertops with plenty of room for all of your food preparation needs. Of course there is the manly sized, stainless steel, natural gas grill complete with 6 burners and a rotisserie kit. There is ample storage below for all of your grilling equipment which is enclosed by two stainless steel doors to keeps things nice and tidy.

To the right of the grill is one of the coolest things I have seen. This kitchen is equipped with 3 built in food warmers with a separate drawer below to store your heating element. This keeps the fire out of reach of little hands making it much safer than the exposed flames. Think about the cool things you could keep warm in there for your guests! Below the food warmers are 3 additional drawers in which you could store utensils and other outdoor cooking/eating supplies.

Continuing on to the right, you have a full size ice machine and then the sink. The sink has an attached storage drawer in the front which is perfect to store sponges and dish clothes. The left hand side of the sink is really a sink, but the right hand side of the sink is built to hold ice. In the center of the two is a place to keep 4 serving dishes that hover over the ice so you can serve cold food or condiments to go along with your meal without them spoiling in our warm weather. The top of the sink on the right slides open and shut to allow easy access and maintain a cooler temperature to prevent the ice from melting as fast as if it were in the open. Now if that wasn't enough for you, check out the front of the ice sinks – it's a bottle opener with a catch basin. This screams football party to me. Just waiting for my invite... hint hint...

Then on the far right you have a decent sized refrigerator. This makes it easy to store things in your outdoor kitchen instead of having to run back and forth to your inside kitchen. Don't overlook one of the most important things to include in any cooking area – an electrical outlet. I have a ton of friends that have forgotten about this and have to drag extension cords across patios for power.

Okay, while I am waiting for my invite, I will sign off for this month. Coming soon I will be featuring a fantastic Xeriscape yard, a follow up on the completion of the energy efficient home and more! 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 your home. Anything big or small would work – you would be surprised at how many of your neighbors will enjoy what you have done in your home to make it unique and special.



Photos by Elle Adams

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WAG AND WALK RAISES \$5K FOR DOGS IN NEED



Thank you to all of our supporters and participants for the second annual Steiner Community Wag and Walk presented by Steiner Serves volunteers! The event raised over \$5,000 for charitable organization Wags, Hope and Healing through walk registrations, sponsorships and an impressive silent auction.

Wags, Hope and Healing was beyond grateful and said they have the next few months financially taken care of thanks to the generous Steiner community. Money will go toward providing medical needs, housing, food and other necessities for the dogs that they rescue and re-home. Thank you! To learn more about Wags and their adoptable dogs visit wagshopeandhealing.org



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Special thanks, too, to Noah Levine for providing music, Toby for providing police escort and to Philip Menchaca for taking photos on the day!



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Free Workshops for Steiner Residents

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

APRIL 10TH, 6:30PM – 8:00PM
TSCC

How Appraisals Effect You

Want tower your property tax assessment? Come join us for answers and checklists.

Jeff W. Bullard from Tax Remedy, Inc. will discuss the property tax calendar; 8 things you should know about property tax; what, when and how to lower your property tax assessment.

Light refreshments will be provided.

RSVP to rosaliachiu@gmail.com or call 512-470-6978.

APRIL 22ND, 7:00PM

Bella Mar Community Center

Obesity Workshop by Dr. Ben Rosin

No RSVP required

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

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Steiner Serves is a group of Steiner/Four Points area residents that have committed to do one SMALL thing each month to benefit a featured charitable cause. We are pleased to announce that the charitable organization for the month of April is Any Baby Can.

Any Baby Can improves the lives of children by strengthening them and their families through education, therapy and family support services. "At Any Baby Can, we believe that every child deserves a strong family, and it's the foundation of everything we do." For additional details, please visit www.anybabycan.org

If you would like to get involved, we are requesting "NEW" donations (NEW & GENTLY USED are acceptable for books) of the items below be dropped off at a special drop off point at Cups & Cones throughout the month to be assembled in special canvas bags filled with love and donations for the following three themes:

- 1) Summer Fun for Mom and Kids (Swim Gear, Art Supplies, Movie Tickets and Beauty Services)
- 2) Taking Home Baby (Diapers, Wipes, Clothes and Baby Care Supplies)
- 3) Reading Time (Age Appropriate Books for Kids and Parents Learning English)



To learn more about our efforts for this month, please go to www.steinerserves.org "April Tab" or our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/SteinerServes/> or contact Greg Van Wyk at greg@austinasset.com or Amy Van Wyk at amypvanwyk@gmail.com The 7,000 deserving clients that Any Baby Can serves each year and their 100 dedicated staff thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

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:

- 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 7:30am – 8:45am

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

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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John Simpson 2014 Swim Lesson Schedule

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SESSION #1

All classes are Tuesday – Friday

Beginner Classes: 6/10 – 6/20 9:15 – 10am

Intermediate Classes: 6/24 – 7/04 10:15 – 11am

Advanced Classes: 7/08 – 7/18 6pm – 6:45

SESSION #2

All classes are Tuesday – Friday

Beginner Classes: 7/22 – 8/01 6pm – 6:45

Intermediate Classes: 8/05 – 8/15 6pm – 6:45

Advanced Classes: 8/19 – 8/29 11:15 – 12pm

Beginner: The purpose of the beginner program is to help children feel comfortable in the water while teaching the first steps towards being a comfortable swimmer. Children at this

level may be apprehensive to swim without assistance of a parent or instructor. At this level the emphasis of the class is to develop safe pool behavior, adjust to the water, and develop independent movement in the water.

Intermediate: The purpose of the intermediate program is to give students fundamental skills for success in the water. Intermediate swim lesson participants learn to swim on their front and back, working towards proper swimming strokes.

*Participants in this class should feel comfortable putting their face in the water and able to motor forward 10 feet in the water.

Advanced: The purpose of the advanced program is to build on fundamental skills by teaching and perfecting stroke technique. Advanced swim lesson participants learn freestyle, backstroke, and begin working on breaststroke and butterfly. Swimmers that already know the strokes will work on improving stroke technique in order to be faster and more efficient in the water.

Sign up information for classes can be found on the HOA website at www.steinerranchhoa.org.

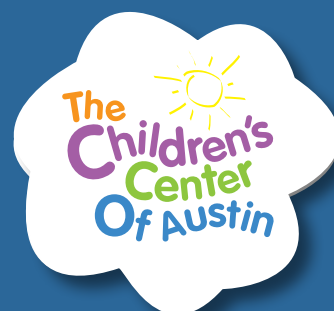


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Pool & Swimming News

STARS POOL USAGE SCHEDULE

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	4-May	5-May	6-May	7-May	8-May	9-May	10-May
AM							
PM		Bella Mar: 3:30-7:30 PM					
2	11-May	12-May	13-May	14-May	15-May	16-May	17-May
AM							
PM		Bella Mar: 3:30-7:30 PM					
3	18-May	19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May	24-May
AM							
PM		Bella Mar: 3:30-7:30 PM					
4	25-May	26-May	27-May	28-May	29-May	30-May	31-May
AM		MEMORIAL DAY					Home Meet
PM			Bella Mar: 3:30-7:30 PM				Bella Mar
5	1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun	7-Jun
AM							Home Meet
PM		Bella Mar: 3:30-7:30 PM					Bella Mar
6	8-Jun	9-Jun	10-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun	13-Jun	14-Jun
AM							
PM			Bella Mar: 7:30am-12:30pm				
7	15-Jun	16-Jun	17-Jun	18-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	21-Jun
AM							Home Meet
PM		Bella Mar: 1:30-6:30pm					Bella Mar
8	22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun	25-Jun	26-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun
AM							
PM		Bella Mar: 1:30-6:30pm		Red v Blue 7:30am-12:30pm			
9	29-Jun	30-Jun	1-Jul	2-Jul	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul
AM							
PM			Bella Mar: 7:30a-12:30p			July 4th	
10	6-Jul	7-Jul	8-Jul	9-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul
AM							Home Meet
PM		Bella Mar: 1:30-6:30pm					Bella Mar
11	13-Jul	14-Jul	15-Jul	16-Jul	17-Jul	18-Jul	19-Jul
AM							
PM			Bella Mar: 7:30am-12:30pm				
12	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul
AM							
PM			John Simpson: 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM				
13	27-Jul	28-Jul	29-Jul	30-Jul	31-Jul	1-Aug	2-Aug
AM							
PM			John Simpson: 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM				
14	3-Aug	4-Aug	5-Aug	6-Aug	7-Aug	8-Aug	9-Aug
AM							
PM			John Simpson: 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM				

After school practice schedule
Bella Mar facility
3:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Alternate red/blue teams
NO open lap swim lanes

RED team - morning practice
Bella Mar facility
7:30 am - 12:30 pm
NO open lap swim lanes

BLUE team - afternoon practice
Bella Mar facility
1:30 pm - 6:30 pm
ONE open lap swim lane
(5:30 - 6:30 upon request)

Shooting Stars
John Simpson facility
7:30 am - 12:30 pm

No Stars Practice - holiday

Home Meets at Bella Mar



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APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30pm – Facilities Committee Meeting (TSCC) April Fools' Day	2	3 8:30am – YAH Walking Group	4 6:00pm – Scrap-a-Thon (TSCC)	5 All Day – Scrap-a-Thon (TSCC)
6  Till 4pm – Scrap-a-Thon (TSCC) 3:00pm – Swim Team Evaluations (BM Pool)	7 YAH Daytime Mexican Train 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	8 6:30pm – Social Committee Meeting (TSCC) 1:00pm YAH Book Club (BMCC)	9 1:00pm YAH Ladies Social Bridge	10 8:30am – YAH Walking Group 1:00pm – YAH Technology (TSCC) 6:30pm How appraisals effect you (TSCC)	11 11:30am – SRLG Ladies Lunch	12 8:00am – 12:00pm – Community Garage Sale Steiner Stars New Family Registration
YARD WASTE PICKUP						
13	14 YAH - Couples Mexican Train YAH - ROMEO YAH Canesta 6:30pm - FREE Yoga (TSCC) 7:00pm - SRNA Meeting (BMCC)	15 11:30am – YAH Ladies Luncheon Out	16	17 8:30am – YAH Walking Group 7:00pm – YAH Bunko (BMCC)	18 HOA Office Closed Good Friday	19 20th Annual Easter Egg Hunt!
20 	21 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC) 7:00pm – Firewise Committee Meeting (BMCC)	22 Earth Day 7:00pm - Obesity Workshop (BMCC)	23 1:00pm YAH Ladies Social Bridge	24 8:30am – YAH Walking Group 6:00pm – SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	25	26 9:00am – 12:00pm – Shred Day (TS Parking Lot)
27 Stars Swim Team Family Meetings	28 6:30pm – FREE Yoga (TSCC)	29 6:30pm - SRMA Annual Meeting (TSCC)	30 3:30pm - SRMA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)			



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	YAH - Young At Heart SRLG - Steiner Ranch Ladies Group			1 8:30am - YAH Walking Group 6:30pm - SRROA Annual Meeting (TSCC)	2 YAH Epicurean Club (Lake Club)	3 7:00pm - Casino Royale (TSCC)
	4  YAH Daytime Mexican Train 6:30pm - FREE Yoga (TSCC) 3:30pm - 7:30pm - Stars Afterschool practice begins (Mon-Thur at BM Lap Pool)	5 6:30pm - Facilities Committee Meeting (TSCC)	6 1:00pm YAH Ladies Social Bridge	7 8:30am - YAH Walking Group 1:00pm - YAH Technology (TSCC) 7:00pm - Property Tax Protest Workshop (TSCC)	8 11:30am - SRLG Ladies Lunch 5:00pm - Steiner Stars Kick-off Party (TS Fields/Pav)	9 10
11 Mother's Day	12 Shooting Stars Registration YAH Couples Mexican Train YAH - ROMEO YAH Canasta 6:30pm - FREE Yoga (TSCC) 7:00pm - SRNA Meeting (BMCC)	13 11:30am - YAH Ladies Luncheon Out 1:00pm YAH Book Club (BMCC) 6:30pm - Social Committee Meeting (TSCC)	14 8:30am - YAH Walking Group 7:00pm - YAH Bunko (BMCC)	15 8:30am - YAH Walking Group 7:00pm - YAH Bunko (BMCC)	16 Armed Forces Day	17 Armed Forces Day
18 	19 6:30pm - FREE Yoga (TSCC) 7:00pm - Firewise Committee Meeting (BMCC)	20 1:00pm YAH Ladies Social Bridge	21 8:30am - YAH Walking Group 6:30pm - Safe Product Ingredient 101 (BMCC)	22 8:30am - YAH Walking Group 6:30pm - Safe Product Ingredient 101 (BMCC)	23 Returning Family Swim Team registration ends 9:00am - 4:00pm - American Red Cross Babysitting Class (TSCC)	24 Returning Family Swim Team registration ends 9:00am - 4:00pm - American Red Cross Babysitting Class (TSCC)
25 6:30pm - FREE Yoga (TSCC) Memorial Day HOA Office Closed	26 6:30pm - FREE Yoga (TSCC) Memorial Day HOA Office Closed	27 3:30pm - SRMA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	28 6:00pm - SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	29 6:00pm - SRROA Board of Directors Meeting (TSCC)	30 6:00 - 2:00pm - Stars Swim Team Home Meet (BM - All areas closed) Sunset - Movies in the Park (BM Fields)	31 6:00 - 2:00pm - Stars Swim Team Home Meet (BM - All areas closed) Sunset - Movies in the Park (BM Fields)

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- Biting the cheek or the roof of the mouth
- Facial imbalance
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REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES: Registration for new families will be on April 12th. The location will be released on the Steiner Stars website (www.steinerstars.org) on April 12th at 6am. Residents must be in good standing with the HOA in order to register with the team. Swimmers must be 5 years or older by May 1, 2014, in order to participate. There are volunteer requirements for participation in the league. Space in each group is limited.

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION: New swim families are encouraged to attend the new parent orientation meeting on Sunday, April 27th, at the Towne Square Community Center. It will begin promptly at 4pm. After the general meeting, the coaches will address their team families separately.

SEASON KICK OFF PARTY: Steiner Stars will hold their annual kickoff party on Friday, May 9th, at the Towne Square fields from 5-8pm. All parents and swimmers of Steiner Stars are invited.

SWIM TEAM PRACTICE TIMES AT BELLA MAR

Stars Blue

May 5 through June 4: Mon. & Wed. 3:30pm to 7:30pm

June 9 through July 10: Mon. - Thurs. 1:30pm to 6:30pm

July 15 through July 18: Tues. - Fri. 7:30am to 12:30pm (Invitational Qualifiers only)

There will be no practices held on May 26th (Monday) due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Stars Red

May 6 through June 5: Tues. & Thurs. 3:30pm to 7:30pm

June 10 through July 11: Tues. - Fri. 7:30am to 12:30pm

July 15 through July 18: Tues. - Fri. 7:30am to 12:30pm (Invitational Qualifiers only)

There will be no practices held on July 4th (Friday) due to the holiday.

STARS HOME MEETS AT BELLA MAR

May 31 (Saturday) Stars Red vs. Balcones Country Club Sharks

June 7 (Saturday) Stars Blue vs. Wells Branch Armada

June 21 (Saturday) Stars Blue vs. Brushy Creek Marlins*

June 25 (Wednesday) Stars Blue vs. Stars Red*

July 12 (Saturday) Stars Red Divisional Meet*

*These meets will have a shuttle in use to help alleviate the parking congestion around the pool.

SHOOTING STARS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In 2013, over 150 children participated in the Shooting Stars. For those who do not want to participate on a recreational competitive swim team, the Shooting Stars is an opportunity for swimmers age 5 through 10 years to develop competitive swimming skills. This program is four weeks long and begins after the Steiner Stars Swim Team season. Registration will be held online in May. Details will be posted on the website.

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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. The distances range from 45 up to 60+ miles. The turnout is typically between 10 – 20 riders depending on weather and route. The Saturday ride is intended for riders with a certain level of fitness and experience and there is NO designated sweeper. However, our Sunday ride is a NO DROP ride.

SUNDAY SOCIAL 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 typically ride around Steiner Ranch but occasionally we will change the route up. Again, this is a NO DROP RIDE. The turnout is typically around 10 riders depending on weather and route. Please visit our website at www.steineranchcycling.com to see what our weekly rides are going to be and to contact us with any questions or comments.

APRIL RIDES

SPOKES N SPURS – Saturday April 5: The Spokes 'n Spurs is the core fund raiser for Spirit Reins. Spirit Reins' mission is to transform the lives of children and families through trauma-informed therapy services, training and research. Spirit Reins offers a variety of innovative professional counseling services, but specializes in Trauma-Focused Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (TF-EAP) in serving children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or other traumatic events. To register <http://spokesnspurs.org/sns-home>

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Sports News

SADDLE UP AND RIDE (Continued from Page 32)

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STEINER RANCH STEAKHOUSE RIDE – Sunday April 27: 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. It is always a good time. Wheels down at 8:30am from the Steakhouse parking lot.

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Steiner Ranch Tennis Association

Spring is here. That means league play is in full swing. Steiner Ranch tennis leagues are close to capacity with nine WTTA weekday women's teams, four USTA weekday women's teams, and an ATL Saturday mixed team. With the past rainy days, many matches are being re-scheduled. In addition to league play, many residents take lessons on the courts. This includes private, semi-private, and group lessons. With all of these activities, it is no surprise that it can be a challenge to reserve courts during peak times such as weekday mornings, after school, and in the evenings.

The mission of the SRTA is to "ensure opportunities for participation in tennis at all skill levels for residents of Steiner Ranch...encouraging fellowship and good sportsmanship." If you would like a voice in such decisions, we encourage you to attend meetings or fill any open SRTA Board positions. Positions on the SRTA Board are held for no longer than two years and are posted on www.srcourts.com when openings occur. (Regular terms begin/end in May and are posted in February).

SRTA NEWS/REMINDERS

The John Simpson Courts are reservable Monday – Friday at www.srcourts.com. These courts are for individual use ONLY. They are NOT to be used for league play or organized team practices - with the exception of the pre-approved court usage for USTA teams for 2.5 hours on Thursdays and pre-approved group lessons. The courts remain walk-up courts on the weekends. ALL instructors MUST register and be approved through the HOA to give Group Lessons (more than three students on the court). Contact srcourts@gmail.com for more information.

As a courtesy to other players, please cancel your reservation if you will not be using it. Often the courts are completely booked online, yet empty when you drive by. Excessive no-shows may result in suspension of reservation privileges. Reservations are forfeited after 15 minutes.

Report tennis court related maintenance issues directly to the HOA office at 266-7553. Send your suggestions/comments to srcourts@gmail.com.

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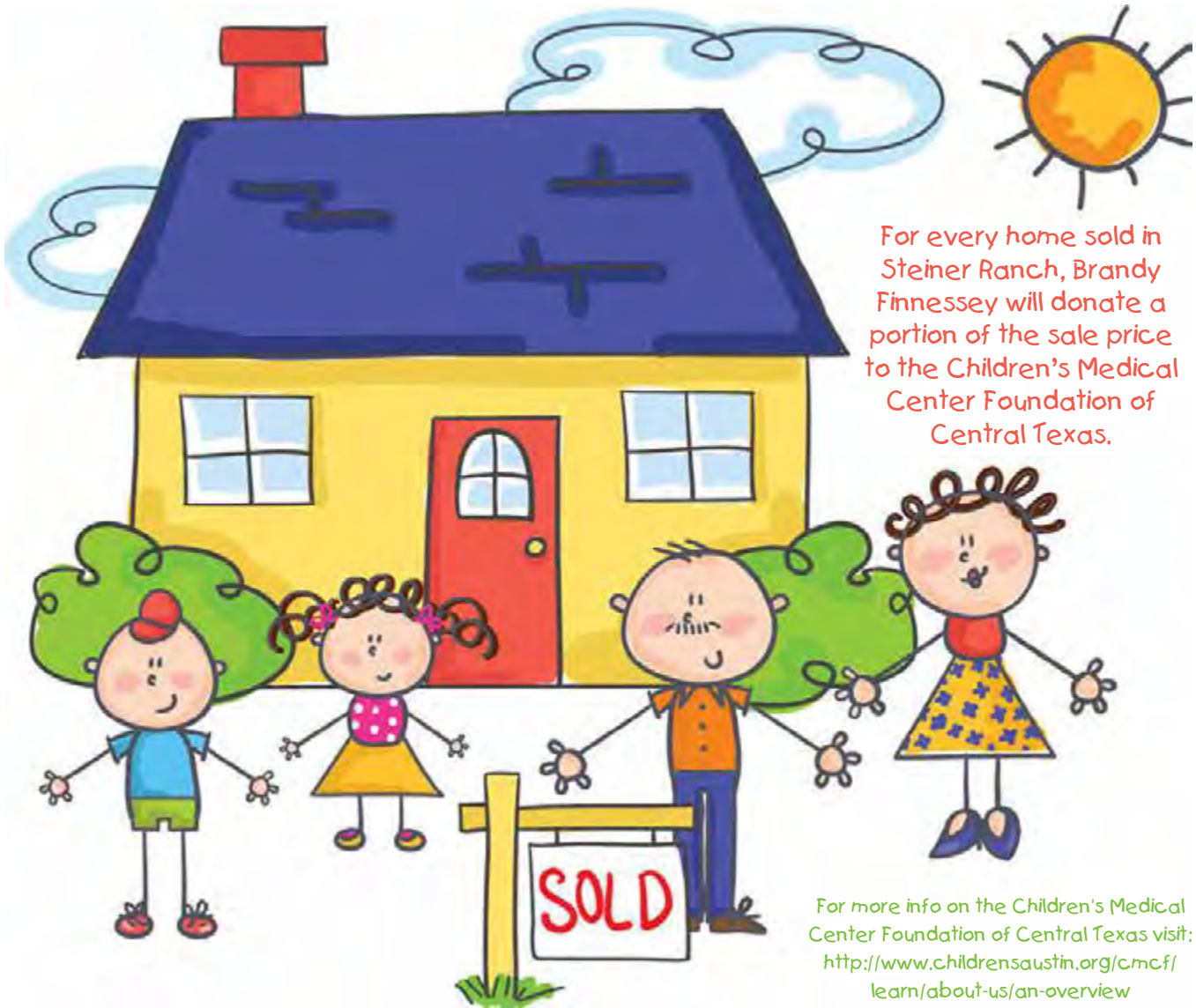
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Barking issues: Dogs left alone all day get bored and restless, and many find relief in barking. Some respond noisily to any and all activity. But, nothing is as annoying as incessant barking—even for dog lovers. If your dog is a yapper or a yowler, please consider some of these bark-abatement ideas to keep the noise down in your area. Your neighbors will thank you!

Training: Always the first recommendation for any behavioral problem! Help is as close as the Yellow Pages. Training not only helps your dog, you'll be surprised how much it helps you, too. You may get some insight into why your dog barks so much, or what it is trying to communicate.

Citronella collars: A humane alternative to the electric-shock, anti-barking collar and costs about the same. Available on the web and in pet stores.

Confinement: Sometimes simply bringing an outspoken dog indoors or confining it to a crate can cut down on the disturbance to neighbors.

Reduce stimulus: Close drapes to help muffle street noise, or leave a radio on to mask it. Disconnect telephones and doorbells before leaving your home if they upset your dog or make it bark.

If you are the neighbor of one of these dogs, what do you do? First, talk to your neighbor! Many times they don't know their dog is an issue as they may leave them outside when they are away from their home. If that doesn't resolve the problem, then report this issue via "report a problem" on the HOA website at www.steineranchhoa.org. The HOA Compliance Coordinator will send them a letter informing them of the issue.

YARD WASTE PICK UP

It's time to get your yard work done, so the Steiner Ranch HOA has made arrangements for extra service! Texas Disposal Systems will provide Steiner Ranch residents with another seasonal curbside collection pick-up (bags and/or bundles). These next seasonal pick-up is scheduled for the week of:

April 7th – 11th (Monday thru Friday)

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

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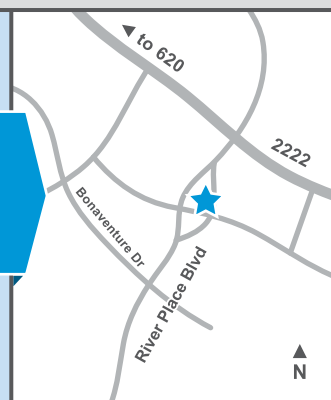
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From the Association Office

ANNUAL MEETINGS NOTICE

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR HOA

STEINER RANCH RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION

The Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association (SRROA) will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Towne Square Community Center located at 12550 Country Trails Lane. The SRROA will be electing Three (3) new members to the Board of Directors at this meeting. Residents of the SRROA live in The Valley at Eastridge, The Summit at Eastridge, Plateau, Rocky Ridge, Hancock Hill, Mesa North and Chaparral.

SRROA BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Associations (SRROA) is currently seeking nominations for two (2) seats on the Board of Directors. Nominees must live in one of the SRROA neighborhoods. The term length is two (2) years.

The SRROA is a resident-controlled homeowners association. Board members represent all members of the SRROA and are responsible for governance of the SRROA. Time commitment is variable. Board meetings are held one evening per month at the Towne Square Community Center.

STEINER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Towne Square

Community Center located at 12550 Country Trails Lane. Residents of the SRMA live in all other developments not listed above.

SRMA BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) is currently seeking nominations for four (4) seats on the Board of Directors. Nominees must live in one of the SRMA neighborhoods. This is an exciting time to be on the SRMA Board as they transition from a Developer to a Homeowner Board. Board members represent all members of the SRMA and are responsible for governance of the SRMA Documents. Time commitment is variable. Board meetings are held one evening per month at the Towne Square Community Center.

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

These annual meetings are held to review the past year's financials, activities and reports of the Association. All homeowners are encouraged to attend and to raise any issues of concern. We look forward to seeing you there.



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ViperBots Robotics was established in 2010 with four student participants. Now in its fourth year, the program comprises six teams of 72 Vandegrift students.

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VANDEGRIFT HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS 4TH ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE

Vandegrift High School is hosting its 4th Annual Relay for Life benefitting the American Cancer Society on Friday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at Monroe Stadium.

Each year, Vandegrift High school students rally the Four Points community join the Vipers in the celebrating cancer survivors, remembering those who we have lost to cancer, and joining those currently fighting back against cancer. The whole community is invited to Relay for Life beginning with honoring the Survivors at 6:00. There will be food, games, and live music throughout the evening. At dusk, we will remember those we have lost to cancer with the Luminaria ceremony. While registered Relay participants continue to relay until

2:00 a.m., the event closes to all others at 10:00 p.m.

If you are a cancer survivor, please let us celebrate you at this year's Relay for Life! Contact the Survivor Committee Leader, VHS Senior Savannah Cavanaugh at SavannahCavanaugh@me.com. If you would like to remember a friend or family member at our Luminaria ceremony with a \$5 donation for a personalized luminaria lit at dusk at Monroe Stadium, contact Kirsten.Mulligan@leanderisd.org. If you can join VHS in the fight against cancer by sponsoring at any level, please contact Sponsorship Committee Leader, VHS Senior Christopher Fernandes, at cfernandes@austin.rr.com. For more information about VHS Relay for Life, visit www.RelayForLife.org/vandegrifhstx

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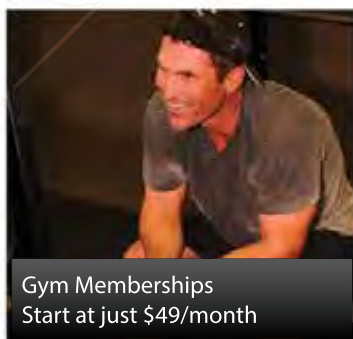
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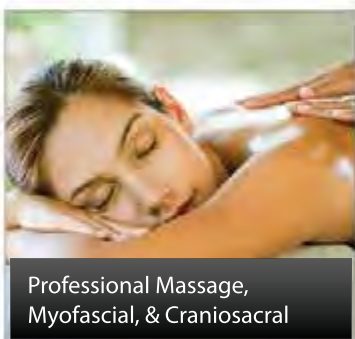
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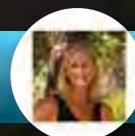
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Vandegrift High School Band Boosters are Hosting 1st Annual Mattress Fundraiser

The Vandegrift High School Band Boosters are hosting their 1st Annual Mattress Fundraiser Sale on Sunday April 27, 2014 at Vandegrift High School from 10am – 5pm to raise funds for instruments and travel.

The VHS Band board welcomed the innovative fundraiser, as it eliminates upfront cost for the school and band, while allowing the community to save money. Vandegrift High School will be turned into a showroom where over 20 mattress sets including Simmons®, Restonic®, and Southerland™ brands will be on display to test out. The mattress sets are 30% - 60% off retail price, are brand new, and come complete with factory warranties.

If you are in the Austin/Leander ISD area, please stop by the mattress fundraiser to give yourself the gift of a better nights' sleep, save money, and help VHS Band hit their fundraising goal. You will literally be investing in your own dreams and the dreams of the Vandegrift High School Band and Vision Dance Company.

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USING VACUUM BREAKERS TO PREVENT BACKFLOW WITH GARDEN HOSES

You probably use a garden hose connected to your home water supply to irrigate your lawn and garden, wash your car, bathe your pet and perhaps apply pesticides. In all of these uses, the potential exists for backflow of contaminated water into your home and, from there, into the municipal water supply or your well. Using a simple, inexpensive vacuum breaker on your hose bibbs can help prevent this hazard.

BACKFLOW is backward movement of water from your garden hose into the water supply. Backflow can occur if the pressure in the home (or municipal) water system suddenly drops. This can occur if there is a sudden demand on water in the system because of a leak, fire trucks pumping from hydrants or a system pump failure.

Backflow can also occur if you leave a hose connected to a hose bibb and leave the hose turned on while a valve at the end of the hose is closed. In this case, the hose will be fully pressurized. Even a small drop in system pressure will then cause water to backflow. Even if system pressure does not drop, a hose lying in the sun will heat up and cause the pressure in the hose to increase

to a level greater than system pressure and thus cause backflow.

A hose vacuum breaker (HVB) is a simple device that screws onto the hose threads on your hose bibb. It, in turn, has male hose threads onto which you can attach your garden hose. Use of your garden hose with an HVB is no different than without one. The HVB allows water to flow out normally but opens and vents to the atmosphere if a pressure reversal occurs. The cost is typically only \$5-\$10. HVBs are required by many plumbing codes.

INSTALLATION consists of simply screwing the HVB onto the hose bibb. The HVB should be at least 6 inches above the ground so there is no risk of it being in a puddle of water. Note that some HVBs are designed to be easy to install but difficult to remove! Others use a simple set screw to prevent loosening and are easily removed.

MAINTENANCE is very easy. Your HVBs should be inspected occasionally to be sure they are working and not stuck. To check the operation of an HVB, hook a hose to the HVB and install a valve or nozzle that can be closed on the end of the hose. Close the valve on the end of the hose and open the hose bibb. Then, close the hose bibb while the hose is pressurized. In a few seconds, you should see a small spray of water from the HVB as the hose pressure is released.

If the HVB fails this test or it leaks in normal operation, it may need to be cleaned or replaced. Hard water or contaminants in the water can cause the mechanism to stick or bind. It may be possible to move the components enough manually to free them up; if not, the HVB will have to be replaced. Because they can be difficult to remove, this may entail replacing the hose bibb also.

Water in a garden hose can be drawn back into your water system in many ways. Hose vacuum breakers are a simple and inexpensive way to reduce the risk of contaminating your home water supply (or the municipal water supply.) They are an important step in protecting your family's water.





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