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COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo was submitted by resident, Melanie Wright of her daughter Addison near the new construction near the Canyon Glen subdivision. Couldn't have been more perfect for our February cover!

Do you take great photos?

*Would you like to see your photo published?
We are looking for great cover photos for the upcoming March
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 March 2015 issue submittal deadline is February 8th and photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to Sharon Adams at sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

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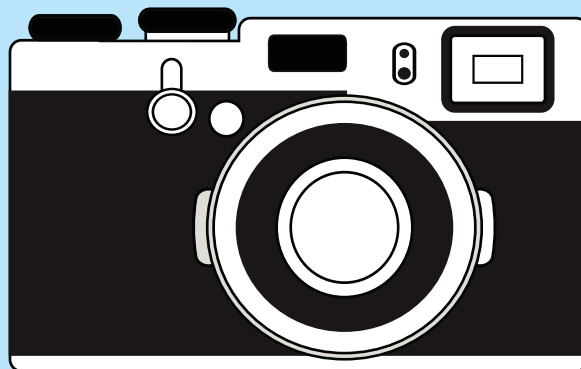


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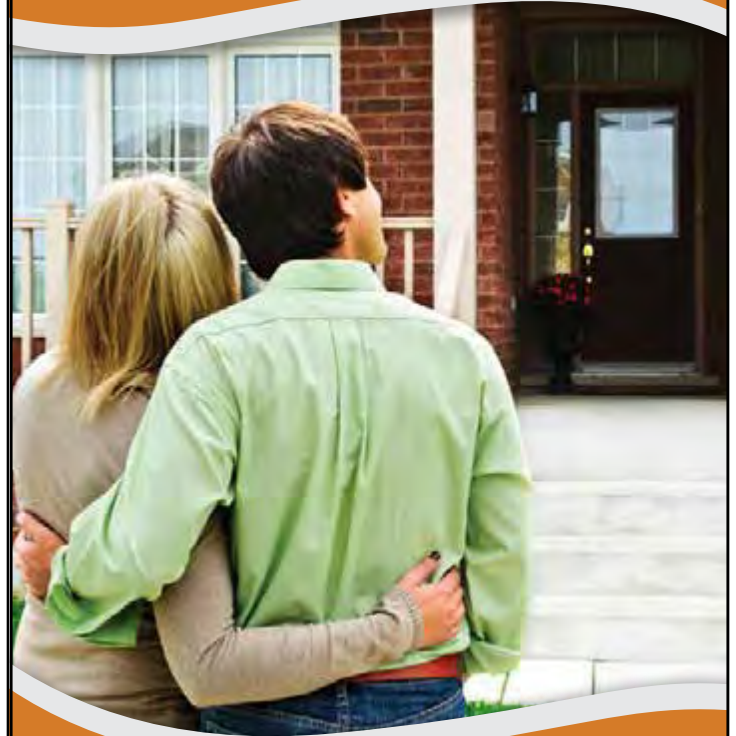
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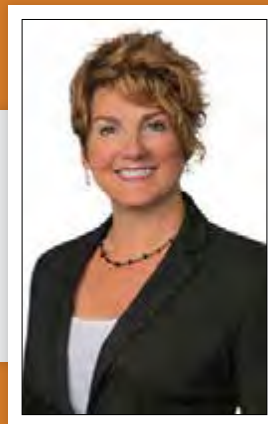
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THE RANCH REPORT

DEAR STEINER RANCH HOMEOWNERS

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the Steiner Ranch community for the last 7 ½ years of my employment with the community. I have a fortunate opportunity to start a new venture in my career and will be leaving Steiner Ranch at the end of February. I have learned so much through my tenure with the community and my interactions with the dedicated volunteers.

As the Board works hard on the decision for my replacement, I am confident it will be an easy transition due to the dedicated and professional staff that has been in place here in Steiner for many years.

I would like to continue to encourage homeowners to get involved with the community governance that is so dependent on the Boards and Committees that have had such a positive influence on the activities and growth of this outstanding Austin community. As Steiner Ranch goes through this management transition as well as the Board transition from a developer to a homeowner controlled board, it will be even more important to have input from the varied neighborhoods within this diverse community.

Every community manager faces challenges and difficulties within the community they manage, yet it has always been clear that no matter what we have faced, there has been an overlying goal to maintain and improve the quality of life within the community. I can only say thank you again to the homeowners of Steiner Ranch for this passion and for allowing me to be a part of it for so long.

With Sincerest Regards,
Scott Selman, Executive Director

Mark Your Calendars

2015 Steiner Ranch Social Committee Events

2/8 - Snow Day

3/22 - Run the Ranch 10th Anniversary 5K, 10K, KidsK

4/4 - Easter Egg Hunt

4/10 - 4/12 - Spring Scrapathon

4/18 - Spring Garage Sale

5/2 - Kentucky Derby Casino Night

5/30 - Movies in The Park

6/27 - Movies in The Park

7/4 - Independence Day Parade

8/8 - Movies in The Park

8/15 - Concert in the Park

9/12 - Fall Garage Sale

10/9 - 10/11 - Fall Scrapathon

10/18 - Pumpkin Patch

10/25 - Halloween Trunk or Treat

11/7 - Camping on the Ranch

11/14 - Holiday Shopping Event & Santa Photos

12/12 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Dec - Holiday House Decorating Contest

Got a great idea for an event? What to get involved with helping with an event? Contact Sharon Adams, Community Manager at 512-266-7553 or sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

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New Year's Resolutions

- ① Get fit
- ② Eat right
- ③ Play more tennis
- ④ Spend more time with family
- ⑤ Learn how to play golf
- ⑥ Budget better
- ⑦ Join Club



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Thursday, March 5th | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Towne Square Community Center | 12550 Country Trails Lane

Welcome new residents of Steiner Ranch! If you have recently moved into or purchased a home here, you are invited to a Welcome and Wine Social.

- Meet Neighbors
- Learn about Social Groups & Committee
- Presentation by the HOA
- Question & Answer session

Wine & Hors d'oeuvres will be served, so please RSVP to Cassie at cassie@steinerranchhoa.org by Wednesday, March 4th.



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Art Group - February 5th, 19th and 26th Carol Witt teaches Watercolor while Bonnie Wilcynski and Carol Kneisley will be teaching other genres. If you are interested in art and would like to learn more, please contact Carol Witt at carolsuewitt@gmail.com.

Biking Group - February 4th, 8th, 11th, 15th, 18th, 22nd and 25th An active group of Steiner residents bike in and around Steiner Ranch about 15 to 20 miles every Sunday and Wednesday. They meet at Cups and Cones at 1:00 pm. For details, contact Richard Ellenbogen at rellenbogen747@yahoo.com.

Book Club - Tuesday, February 10th The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the UT Golf Club. Contact: Cheryl Howard at cchoward24@gmail.com. For more information and to RSVP.

Bridge (Ladies Social) - Wednesdays, February 11th and 25th Ladies Social Bridge meets in players' homes. A new group is being started on different days and is looking for more players. If you have questions or are interested in playing, please contact Nancy Harger at n_harger@yahoo.com.

Bridge (Couples) - dates to be determined This is a new group of experienced Bridge players. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

Bunco (Ladies) - Thursday, February 19th - A fun evening playing this easy dice game. To have your name added to the the Sub List, please contact Linda Mikolajek at miko4@msn.com or Ruth Isaacson at rcisaacson@gmail.com

Canasta (Ladies Daytime) - Fridays, February 6th and 20th A casual game of the Hand & Foot version of Canasta. Easy to learn - we'll teach you. To become a part of this group, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

Canasta (Evening) - Monday, February 9th Join the group of semi-serious Canasta players - both men and women. We play Hand and Foot after enjoying a light potluck supper. For more information, please contact Barbara Clark at bkc429@yahoo.com.

CLEO (Classy Ladies Eating Out) Wednesday, February 4th at Bess Bistro "Ladies Lunching Out" has been renamed "CLEO". Ladies get together at a nearby restaurant to enjoy good food, conversation and friendship. This month we'll be going to Bess Bistro, a well-known Austin restaurant owned by actress Sandra Bullock. Come to lunch, meet people and learn more about Young at Heart. For more information contact Lidia Schmidt at L79D@aol.com.

Dinner Groups - various times Twice a year, groups of four couples are organized to get together either in restaurants or in each other's homes. Each couple acts as the host one time and either selects the restaurant or - when in a home - prepares the entree with the others bringing the side dishes. It's a great opportunity for people to get to know each other. The groups are formed at this time. The next groups will be selected in February. If you want your name added to the list, please contact Karen Steans at kjsteans@gmail.com.

Euchre - Fridays, February 13th and 27th Many of us are just learning this easy trump card game popular in the Midwest. Kathy Finley is teaching and coaching us. Let her know if you'd like to join the group and learn. We meet at various locations. Contact Kathy Finley for details at jfinley825@aol.com.

Exploring Austin - Several times a year Exploring Austin plans a visit to a local Austin or Hill Country attraction ranging from art to history and food! Recently we have gone to the Painted Churches, a tour of the DKR Stadium at UT, the "Making of Gone With the Wind Exhibit" at the Ransom Center, Austin City Limits tour and more. For information and reserve your space, please contact Ethel Bradford at emb43@sbcglobal.net.

Happy Hour - The next Happy Hour will be March 25th at the Oasis. Happy Hours are held in alternate months with Wine Socials. Young at Hearts meet at a selected restaurant for Happy Hour - a great way to meet new people in a casual atmosphere. Contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com for information.

Hiking - Saturday, February 21st - depends on weather and trail conditions Once a month a group gets together to hike trails in Steiner Ranch and surrounding areas. The hikes vary in difficulty. For details, please contact Karen Steans at kjsteans@gmail.com

International Dining - Monday, February 23rd - Details will be in the weekly email A group of adventurous eaters enjoy trying the cuisines of various countries and cultures together. It is open to all - couples, singles and those whose spouses don't like trying different foods. The people vary each month depending on the cuisine featured. For more information, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg - Thursdays, February 5th, 19th and 26th Whether an experienced player or new to Mah Jongg, you are welcome to come. We'll teach new players. Mah Jongg is a good way to keep your brain "young" - it takes some concentration and strategy - not a casual social game. Players will need to have a current Mah Jongg card. Games take place in players' homes. If you'd like to play and want more information, please contact Gail Ellenbogen at gellenbo@yahoo.com.

Mexican Train (Dominoes) - Ladies Daytime - Monday, February 2nd On the first Monday of each month the group meets to play Mexican Train in the home of one of the players. It's a very easy game - if you've never played, we'll teach you. A relaxing afternoon of fun! If you'd like to join the ladies, please email Joy Vostatek at jvostatek@gmail.com.

Mexican Train (Dominoes) - Evening - Monday, February 16th On the third Monday of every month, a group comprised of both men and women meet for a light potluck supper at the home of one couple and then play Mexican Train for about 3 hours. Join us for an evening of fun and friendly competition! Details: Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

Movie Lovers - Thursday, February 19th Contact Diana O'Reilly if you'd like to participate. These movie buffs meet on the fourth Thursday of each month to view the film together and then get together afterward to discuss the movie while enjoying dinner at a nearby restaurant. Those who cannot see the movie with the group can view it on their own and then meet the group for dinner and discussion. About a week before the discussion, Diana will contact everyone on her list to tell them the name of the movie and the time and place to meet. Diana's email is dbor46@aol.com.

ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) - Monday, February 9th On the second Monday of every month the men get together at a restaurant in the area to enjoy good food and friendship. It's a great opportunity to relax and to meet a very interesting group of men with varied backgrounds. Please contact Rick Steans at rasteans@gmail.com to learn more.

Spanish Conversation - Date and time to be determined This group of Spanish speakers gets together in a social setting for an opportunity to converse in Spanish. It includes native Spanish speakers, people who want to refresh their Spanish conversational skills as well as those who know some Spanish and are trying to improve accents and actually carry on a conversation in Spanish. Contact Maureen Michel at momichel17@gmail.com if you want to know more.

Single Ladies Dinner Group - Monday, February 16th at Blue Dahlia Bistro Westlake The Single Ladies Dinner Group is a small gathering of interesting women who meet monthly to explore new dining choices in and around Austin. Carpools depart from the lower-level parking lot at Cups and Cones at 5:00 pm. For information, please contact Ellen Honey at eshoney10@mac.com.

Technology Group - Thursday, February 12th Tek-Chic Systems Laurie Scott will discuss recent updates and features available on our computers as well as the latest security concerns. Workshops concerning specific features of the iPhone with Dawn Weisman are also being scheduled. At our monthly meetings we cover such things as Smartphones, Tablets, Photo Sharing, Facebook, the Cloud, Computer Security and more. To learn more about this, please contact Fred Thoms at texasthoms@gmail.com.

Walking Group - Thursdays, February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th Every Thursday - rain or shine - a large group of Young at Hearts meets at Cups and Cones at 8:30 am and branch out from there. The walks last about an hour and groups of people walk at different speeds. It's more fun to walk with someone. To participate, contact Emilie Dacunto at emiliedev43@yahoo.com. She maintains a contact list to notify everyone of any changes - location, time, weather.

Wine Socials - Location and time will be announced in the Young at Heart Monthly Activity Schedule Every other month we have a Wine Social in the home of a member. Everyone brings their beverage of choice and an appetizer to share. Meet old friends and new ones for a casual social evening.

All Young at Heart activities are announced in the monthly and weekly bulletins emailed to all Young at Heart members. To become a member, please just contact Karen Steans at kjsteans@gmail.com.

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Towne Square Fields

Bring the entire family out to sled down our slope at the field, throw snowballs, make snow angels and warm up with hot cocoa and coffee.

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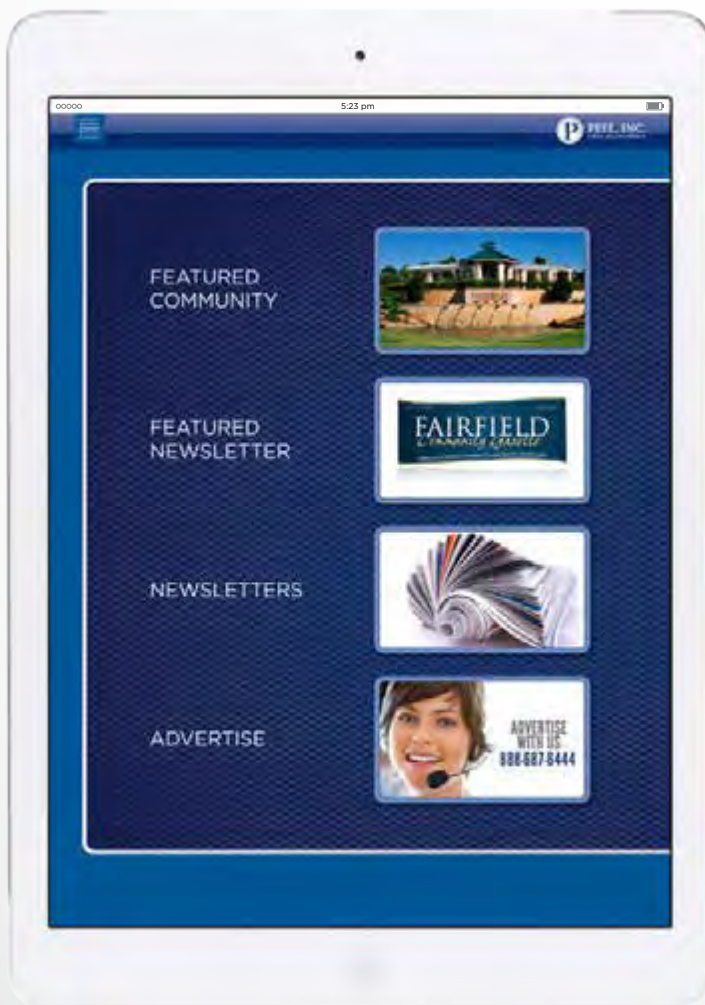
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9:00am – 11:00am

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



2015 Winter/Spring Programs

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

2015 Winter/Spring Programs in Steiner Ranch will begin in January! Registration has opened December 1st for Residents, so go online and look for all program information in the 2014 Program Guide at www.steinerranchhoa.org. Here is a summary at what you will find:

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

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

LEAGUE PROGRAMS

- Neighborhood Sports
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Lone Star Soccer Academy

ELEMENTARY – TEEN PROGRAMS

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Yoga
- Karate
- Tennis
- Zumba
- Carrieffit
- Cardio Bliss
- Ballet Barre Bootcamp

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

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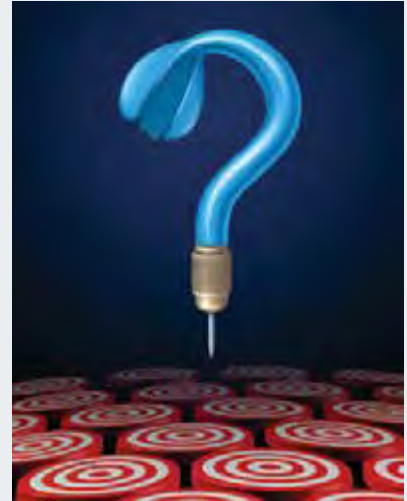
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PRESCRIBED BURNS NEAR STEINER

Why does the City of Austin Conduct Prescribed Burns?

The City of Austin is a leader in the nation when it comes to prescribed burns. Leading the way are the Austin Water's Wildland Conservation Division and the Austin Fire Department's Wildfire Division; both programs conduct prescribed burns to meet City properties' land management goals. Prescribed burns safely mimic the natural fire cycle and maintain fire-resilient landscapes for the benefit of people, water, and wildlife. On Austin's Water Quality Protection Lands the goal is often to reduce shrubs and invigorate native grasslands. On Austin's Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, the goal focuses on creating shrubby habitat for the endangered black-capped vireo. The land management goal determines if and when prescribed fire is an appropriate fit.

As the name implies, prescribed burns are those based on a prescription—a carefully written plan that incorporates many factors such as weather conditions, topography, fuel type and desired goals into a calculated process to determine when, how, and if to burn. Prescribed burning is a safe, effective land management tool that can quickly accomplish work over a large area. All prescribed burns have the added benefit of reducing the potential for a more severe, uncontrolled wildfire.

City staff works closely with local fire departments and natural resource partners to ensure that prescribed burns are conducted safely. In a coordinated burn, ensuring the smoke lifts quickly into the atmosphere and disperses rapidly is the primary goal. Attempts are made to minimize the impacts of smoke by limiting the size of a prescribed burn and waiting for ideal wind directions so that smoke is taken away from populated areas. All prescribed burn areas are patrolled for at least a week after the burn to ensure it is completely extinguished. During the winter, cool, short days combined with dormant grass allow for prescribed burns to reduce grass thatch and woody vegetation with less intensity. This winter prescribed burns are planned for the Austin's Water Quality Protection Lands and Balcones Canyonlands Preserves. Specific areas include:

- Near Brodie Lane and FM1626
- Four Points Area
- Between Mopac and Shady Hollow

Burns are only conducted when weather conditions are appropriate, so it is difficult to determine specific dates far in advance. However, before the prescribed burns occur, local news outlets will be notified. Updates will also be available via Austin Water's Facebook and Twitter feeds.



NESTING SEASON

Two endangered species of birds, the Black-Capped Vireo (BCV) and the Golden-Cheeked Warbler (GCW), will again be making their home in Steiner Ranch this spring. These songbirds are native to this area and their nesting seasons begin soon. Why is this important to know? Several of the trails established in Steiner Ranch make their way through the Balcones Canyonland Preserve (Powerline Hill and Eastridge trails) where many of the birds reside. The birds are especially sensitive to environmental changes during nesting season. The established trail rules were designed to minimize the effect humans have on the birds during this period. Though the Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) has the right to install and maintain trails in the Preserve, violations of these rules could force closure of the trails through the end of the nesting season.

GCW Nesting Season – March 1st - July 31st

BCV Nesting Season – March 15th - August 31st

Please review the following trail rules before your next hike:

- The trails are for Steiner Ranch residents, their guests, and persons with written authorization from Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd. ONLY.
- Trail hours will be from dawn until dusk. There will be no access of the trails allowed after dark.
- Use of the trails is at your own risk.
- Only use of designated trails is allowed. Leaving designated trails is prohibited.
- No motorized vehicles are allowed.
- No horses are allowed.
- No feeding animals.
- Bikes are allowed only on Hike-and-Bike Trails. Bikes must yield to pedestrians.
- No loitering.
- No hunting.
- No cooking, fires, or smoking.
- No camping.
- All pets must be on a leash at all times.
- No littering or dumping is allowed.
- Do not disturb natural landscapes. Be cautious of plants and wildlife in their native habitat.

In addition to the rules above, the following apply only to the Permitted Trails in the Conservation Easement (Powerline Hill and Eastridge trails):

- No picnicking.
- No tape recordings of birdcalls or other wildlife.
- Access permitted at trailhead access points only.



Spring Break Camps for Kids

ART CAMP

The art Camp is for children, ages 6-14, and will be limited to 20 students. We will draw and paint three art projects during the spring break workshop which will take place 9:00 - 1:00 each day, Monday – Friday at the Bella Mar Community Room. I will provide the supplies. We will learn good drawing skills and how to shade working with pencil or charcoal, and we will explore color while painting with acrylic paints. The cost is \$120 per student with a minimum of eight students for the workshop to “make”. Contact Katherine Uitz at 512-799-8230 for registration information or questions.

www.katherineuitz.com

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 - 8

½ day 9:00am – 12:00pm \$180 per week

March 16th – 20th

Towne Square Community Center

Registration on-line at www.sportball.us.

LONESTAR SOCCER SPRING MINI CAMP

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March 16th – 18th

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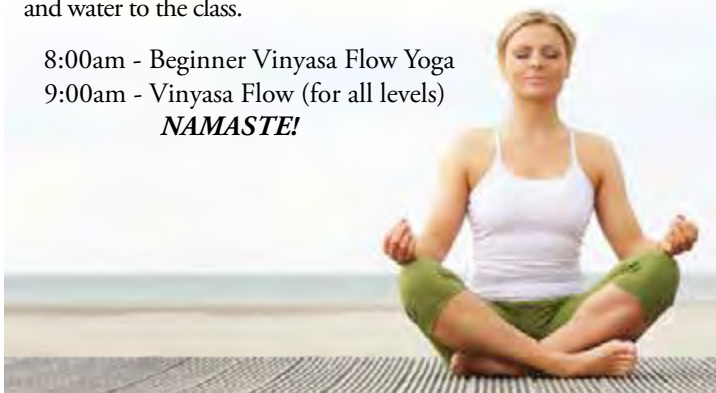
Free Yoga

Steiner Ranch has offered Free Yoga every Monday night, hosted by Lake Austin Spa instructors for the last 12 years! I'm excited to announce a new FREE Yoga class, hosted by resident, Vicky Collins, beginning January 8th which will run every Thursday until the end of May at the Bella Mar Community Center. Please bring a Yoga mat and water to the class.

8:00am - Beginner Vinyasa Flow Yoga

9:00am - Vinyasa Flow (for all levels)

NAMASTE!



SUMMER CAMPS

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

- Lonestar Soccer Camp
- Brown's Gymnastics Camp
- Tap-N-Toe Hip Hop Camp
- Sportball Multi-sport Camp
- Steiner Tennis Camp
- Kidventure Camp
- Mad Science Camp
- Culinary Cooking Camp



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RSVP: Nadia Bening drnadiabening@gmail.com

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presented by Dr. Ben Rosen.

TSCC 7:00pm.

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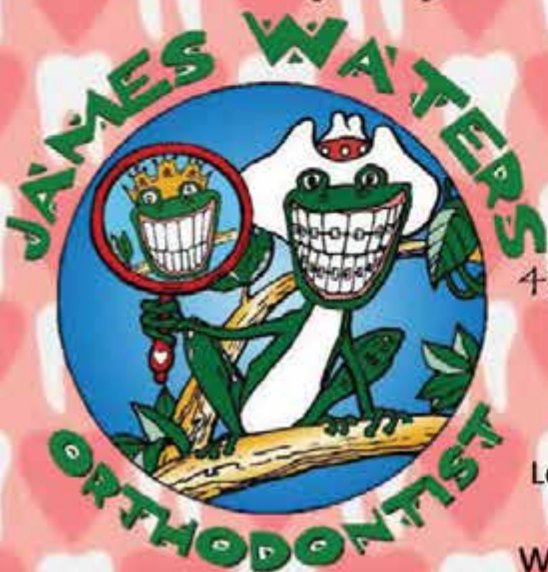
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STEINER RANCH

By Kimberly McLaughlin

Neighbor Spotlight

Okay so even I make mistakes. Yeah I know crazy right? If you read last month's article and were wondering why the photos didn't line up with the story – well you were right. One of the photos I sent in was the wrong photo. These first two photos are related to converting that large, open, mostly un-useful “formal dining” and “formal living room” into something very useable.

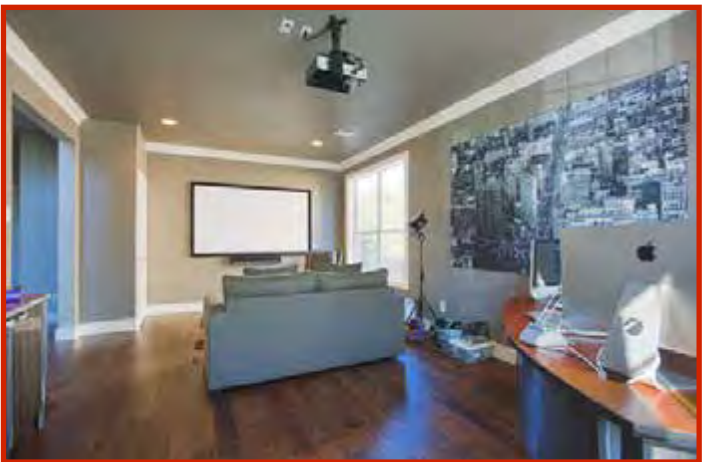
In this photo you will see the beautiful sliding door I referred to last time. This allows the home owner to close the room off when privacy is required or leave it open. Either way, it makes for a beautiful design feature that is also functional.

I have seen a trend recently in homes with large offices to include a large screen pull down TV and sitting area. This can make presentations or working more effective especially if you need to watch stock prices during the day. Then in the evenings (off hours), it can dual as a family movie room.

Now I will talk about the photo I inadvertently published last week to round out my article this month. This picture shows an upstairs game room that you basically walk through to get to the kids rooms. This is also very common in the homes in Steiner Ranch. This home owner was really clever is adding a drop down movie screen over the archway in the back of the room. You have to look closely in the photo but it is that black line you see above the archway. I thought this was an exceptionally clever use of the space. It allows you to have a multi-purpose movie room and not take up an entire wall with a theater screen.

Tune in next month to see a beautiful kitchen remodel with some very clever cabinet features.

Looking forward to next month's article? If so, I need your help! I need leads for future articles. If you, or any friends you have, have done something in your home that I could feature in a future article big or small, please contact me at Kimberly@REDinAustin.com. The only requirement is that the home be in Steiner Ranch.



Photos by John Bishop, Forefront Foto

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.
- \$50 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!

DON'T BLOCK THE GATES

The Steiner Ranch HOA wants to remind you that blocking a gate open at the pools is a MAJOR safety concern. It only takes a second for a child to wonder off and make their way into an unattended pool area.

If you are attending a soccer game, visiting the playgrounds or pools, and you see a gate propped open, help us avoid the unthinkable risk of a child drowning. PLEASE close the gate!

For information on childhood drowning, read the story of Colin Holst, who, only a few years ago, tragically drowned at an Austin pool at the age of 4. <https://www.colinshope.org/>

WINTER POOL HOURS

The following hours will apply:

BELLA MAR

Closed Monday until 2:00pm

Open Tue- Sun 7:00am – 10:00pm

The following programs will be using the Bella Mar lap pool:

Master's Swim Program – Wednesday & Friday 5:30am – 6:45am; Sunday 6:30am – 7:45am

Vandegrift High School Swim Team – Monday – Friday 7:15am – 9:30am

(February exceptions –practice 8am – 10am 2/2 & 2/3; no practice 2/6 or 2/20)

Lost Creek Aquatics – Mon – Fri 3:45pm – 7:00pm (6 lanes)

TOWNE SQUARE

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Open Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm

*Please note**Lifeguard are no longer on duty after Labor Day.
Swim at your own risk.*

STEINER STARS SUMMER SWIM PROGRAMS

With the cold weather, you probably are not thinking of summer or your summer plans. No worries...the Steiner Stars organization is preparing for its 2015 summer swim activities.

Last year, 500 swimmers swam on our recreational competitive swim teams. Two recreational competitive summer league teams for swimmers ages 5 through 17 years exist in Steiner Ranch. The season runs from May through mid-July. Swim meets are held on Saturday mornings. Swimmers with qualifying times have the option to swim at an Invitational meet at the end of the season. Don't forget to join the Stars at our annual Stars Wars swim meet between Stars Blue and Stars Red. If you are interested in joining a team this summer, please go to the Steiner Stars website for information about the upcoming season and registration.

Residents must be in good standing with the HOA in order to register and agree to volunteer requirements to participate in the league. Space in each age group is limited. Swimmers must be 5 years or older by May 1, 2015, to participate. Returning Family Registration will be online sometime in March, exact dates will be listed on the website in February. New Family Registration information will be posted on our website:www.steinerstars.org.

In 2014, 100 children participated in Shooting Stars. For those who do not want to participate on a recreational competitive swim team, Shooting Stars is an opportunity for swimmers ages 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 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 have changed up a little and now include an advanced and intermediate group. The advanced group will have average speeds from 18 – 20 mph and the intermediate group will average between 15 - 17 mph. While each group will be travelling at different speeds each group will be tackling the same course and the typical course has distances between 45 up to 60+ miles. The turnout is typically between 10 – 20 riders depending on weather. Come on out and have some fun. Everyone is welcomed. The advanced and intermediate groups require a higher level of fitness and experience and there is NO designated sweeper.

SUNDAY COFFEE SHOP RIDE

Please join us for the weekly Coffee Shop Ride! This is a mellow ride to a local coffee shop outside Steiner, great for newer riders and/or recovery rides. The group will leave Cups & Cones at 8:30 a.m., and will target some not-too-far coffee shop for some espresso, pastries, and socialization. The ride will average around 14 – 15 mph and should be perfect for those looking to recover from the week's riding, or to extend their range out of Steiner. Each week we will pick a different destination, but they will typically be around 15 miles from Cups & Cones. This is a no-drop ride, but you should be able to ride the 30 – 40 miles at a 14 – 15 mph pace.

Please visit our website at www.steinerranchcycling.com to check out what is going on in the Steiner Ranch cycling community.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

SRC Oasis Ride

Join us for the third Saturday of each Month when Steiner Ranch Cycling will host a ride starting from Cups & Cones, covering 50-70 miles and ending at the Oasis Brewing Company. Bring your bikes up on the deck and enjoy views of Lake Travis with discounted beer and lunch options from the Noble Pig. This is another new ride option ending with beer (looks like a trend!), and it's a great time.

Jack & Adam's Steakhouse Ride

Third or fourth (based on holidays and events) Sunday of the month, Steiner Ranch Steakhouse. Wheels Down at 8:30. Please check Jack & Adam's webpage (<http://blog.jackandadams.com>) for additional details. Jack & Adam's Bicycles and Steiner Steakhouse have teamed up once again to bring you a once a month beautiful bike ride of 15 miles and 34 miles through the hills of west Austin. We break into three groups, Advanced, Intermediate, and the No Drop entry level ride. We will roll out of the Steiner Steakhouse parking lot at 8:30 a.m. for two distances of 15 miles and 34 miles.. At the end of each ride there are 2 choices of long climbs to go down and back on.

FEBRUARY RIDING TIPS

Intermediate: When pedaling, practice pushing forward through the top of the pedal stroke, and pulling back through the bottom. When you push the pedal down, you're naturally using your strongest leg muscles;

but in between each downward push can be a pedaling dead spot. By continuing to push the pedals throughout the entire circle, you'll go faster, and longer. It may feel a bit strange at first, but pretty soon you'll see your ability – and speed! – increase.

Advanced: When transitioning from sitting to standing (e.g. while climbing), stand up by stomping hard on a downward pedal stroke. When you first stand up your bike will naturally "stall" a bit, which will at best startle the rider behind you. If you stand on a hard pedal stroke, you'll keep your speed – and the flow of the pack.

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- Click on the menu item "My Profile".
- Then click on "Subscriptions".
- Check off all the email alerts you'd like to receive. You must be specific here. If you want to receive "activity" alerts, then check that box. If you leave it as "all", then you'll only receive emails that are specifically sent to every email on file.

It's that simple! While you are in "my profile", go to "user profile" and update your information. Especially your neighborhood! This is a great tool for the HOA to be able to send email directly to your neighborhood. Maybe there is a county street closure, or we need to send a reminder to your street or neighborhood.

The website is a great tool for homeowners, so get to know it! You can do a variety of functions, including looking up facility reservations, reporting a problem, obtaining homeowner Documents, rules and regulations and the latest budgets!

WANT A QUICK TURN AROUND ON YOUR MODIFICATION REQUEST WITH THE HOA?

In order to provide fast and efficient reviews of your Architectural Modification request (this includes any changes to the outside of your home), the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association is looking for a few good volunteers to serve on the Architectural Control Committee.

What does it take to be a Committee Member?

You do not need to have experience. The Community Standards Coordinator can guide you through all the steps and provide you with all the design guidelines needed. This committee will meet on an "as needed" basis only, as most AC reviews can be done via email.

What is the purpose?

The purposes of the Architectural Control Committee is to ensure that standards for construction, modification, or improvements are in compliance with the Declaration of Covenants, and that they preserve the aesthetic values of the community; to promote development and maintenance which enhances the aesthetic quality of the Steiner Ranch community, and which enhances homeowner property values; and to represent and assist the Board of Directors in the oversight and enforcement of the Declaration of Covenants, as they pertain to residential development, improvement and maintenance.

Upholding community standards has a very positive impact on all of us! If you're interested in more information, contact Mack Taylor at 512-266-7553 Ext. 25 or mack@steinerranchhoa.org.

Note This is for members of the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners who live in these neighborhoods; Plateau, Hancock Hill, Mesa North, Rock Ridge, Chaparral, the Valley at Eastridge and the Summit at Eastridge.*

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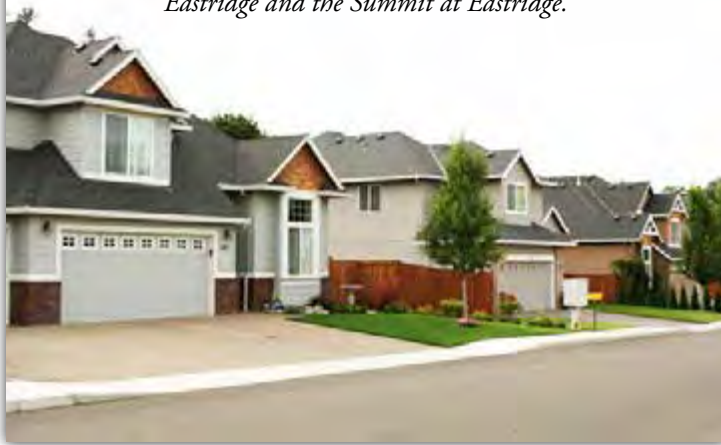
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Please be a responsible pet owner by doing your part to keep Steiner Ranch a pleasant, clean, and safe neighborhood for all.

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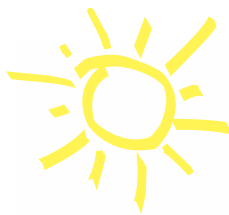
Latch the leash – not only is it safer for your dog, but others around you (and it's a law in Travis County)

No excessive barking – be courteous of your neighbors and keep your barking dog quiet.

Report Violations – go to our website at www.steinerranchhoa.org and click on the link "Report a Problem" if you know someone violating the rules.



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Register your team*** by sending an email to sharon@steinerranchhoa.org. Registration must be in by 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 11th with the following information:

- Name
- Coach name (if different)
- Address
- Phone number
- Organization (CC United, Town & Country, etc.)
- Sport (soccer, baseball, etc.)
- Age group
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice of field, day & time. (See below)

If you are coaching more than one team, please list each team separately. On Thursday, February 12th, I will be contacted by email with assigned field.

FIELDS:

- Towne Square
- Bella Mar Baseball Side
- Bella Mar Tennis Court Side
- Westridge Fields (off of Flat Top Ranch Road)
- Laura Welsh Bush Elementary

TIMES:

- Hourly beginning at 4:00pm until Sunset (Daylight Savings Time begins March 10th)

DAYS:

- Monday – Friday only
- Saturday – Game Days

No field assignments on Sunday to leave open for Resident recreational use.

For more information, please contact Sharon Adams at 512-266-7553 or sharon@steinerranchhoa.org.

**** Please Note*** If you are with Neighborhood Sports (soccer or flag football), or Viper Lacrosse, you do not need to register your team for the lottery. Representatives will be attending the lottery on your behalf.*

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VHS BAND & VISION MULCH SALE

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Deliveries are scheduled for March 27 and March 28. The mulch is 100% Organic and comes in bags of 2 cubic feet. Two types are available: Black Velvet Hardwood and Hardwood Bark. There is a discount for cash and check sales.

Online Pricing is as follows:

5-26 bags @ \$4.90 per bag | 27-51 bags @ \$4.65 per bag

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Contact your friendly neighborhood Band/Vision Student to get the cash and check discount!

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There is a minimum order is 5 Bags. Students and parents of VHS Band participate in all aspects of this fundraiser from order taking to delivery. All funds raised go towards band equipment, marching show design, scholarships, competition fees & supplies, transportation, and uniforms.



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Prior to his election in November 2012, Congressman Williams served his country in a number of ways and brings a unique background to Congress. He was raised in the Fort Worth area where he graduated from high school and later played baseball for Texas Christian University. After a brief stint in pro baseball, he began working in the family car business and has owned



and operated the business for 40 years.

In the House of Representatives, Williams has been the voice of business owners across America and has championed legislation to roll back bureaucratic red tape and onerous regulations, streamline Medicare payment processing, and eliminate unfair taxation. He has recently been appointed to the House Committee for Financial Services for the 114th Congress. The committee oversees issues regarding the economy, banking

system, housing, insurance, and securities and exchange.

Tickets for the meeting are available for \$15.00 for members, and \$20.00 for guests. Reservations can be obtained by calling 512-261-0722, or by email at wwarmuth@austin.rr.con. A lunch Buffet will be served.

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is asking everyone to "Nip Drips" during the annual "Fix a Leak Week" that will fall from March 16 to 22, 2015, during World Water Month, March. Leaking faucets, showerheads, toilets, and irrigation equipment can raise a family's water bill by 10 percent. If citizens, Nationwide, will check for leaks, twist your way to leak-free fixtures, and replace when necessary, household repairs could save more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually.

Check for Leaks. One way to detect leaks is to evaluate your water use during the winter (when irrigation is not being used.) A household of four generally doesn't consume more than 12,000 gallons of water per month during winter months. If your family is using more than that, leaks might be the culprit. Stop by the WCID 17 Administration office for free leak detection tablets to check toilet tanks. Another method is to check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when water isn't being used to verify whether the reading changes. If it does, a leak is likely.

Twist your way to leak-free fixtures. Once

you've identified any leaks, tighten hose and pipe connections and faucet valves, or wrap showerheads with pipe tape if needed to form a good seal. Dripping faucets are easily remedied by replacing worn-out gaskets and washers. To save even more water, twist a WaterSense labeled aerator onto your bathroom sink faucets. Finally, check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

Replace when necessary. Most toilet leaks are the result of worn-out flappers, which are cheap and easy to switch out with new ones. And if you still can't nip that drip in the bud, it might be time to replace the fixture. Look for the WaterSense label when considering a new toilet, faucet, or showerhead to ensure water savings with the performance you've come to expect.

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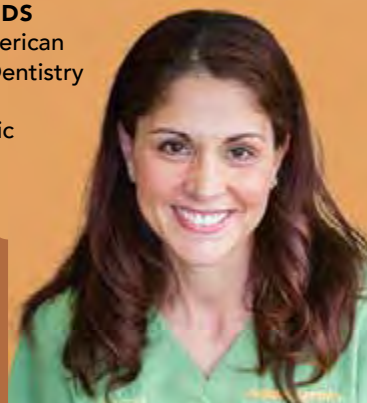
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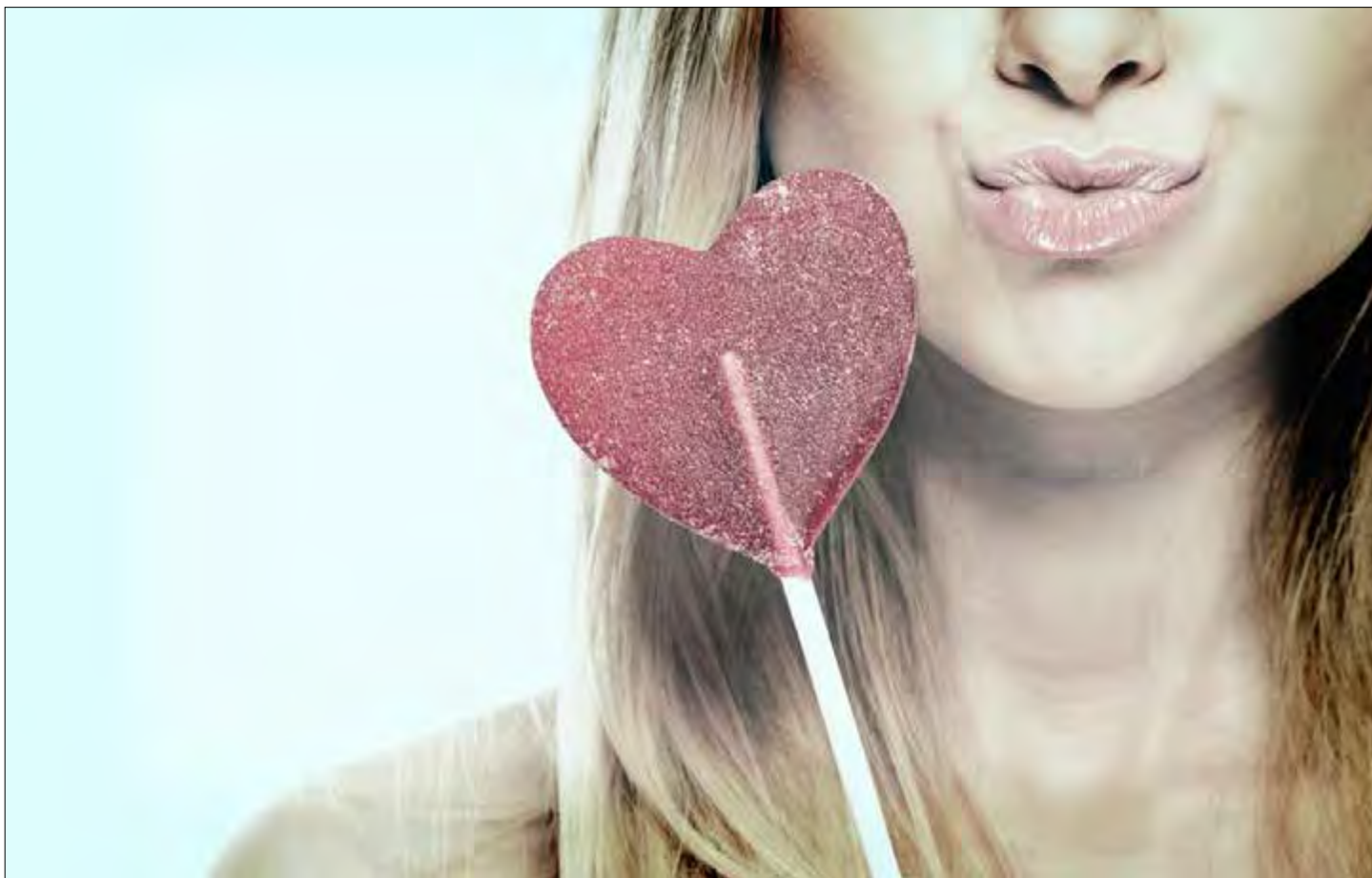
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