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COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo was taken at Country Trails Lane, near Laura Busch Elementary and Canyon Ridge Middle School. Please yield to pedestrians and remember that school zones have reduced speed limits. We wish all of our Steiner kiddos a fabulous school year!

Send us pictures you've taken around the neighborhood, and we'll enter you in our monthly photo drawing. The winner will receive a \$20 gift card to a neighborhood business AND their photo will be included in the Steiner Ranch Record. We love receiving pictures from our residents! Playing at the Lake Club, participating in community programs and sports, goofing around at the pools and parks, or capturing a great shot of sunset... the possibilities are endless. Even if you don't win the drawing, your photo may be used in a future newsletter. Say cheese!

So grab your camera and get creative!

For cover photo consideration, our submittal deadline is on the 8th of the month prior to publication. Photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to meredith@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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September is upon us! School is back in session and we are just months away from Christmas. Soon the nights will be cooler, it will be getting darker earlier, and the nip of fall will be on our noses. With all that, it's time to pay close attention to all the children walking to and from our neighborhood schools. Crosswalks are filled with kids who are paying more attention to telling their friends what happened on the playground, than paying attention to the red mustang barreling down Quinlan Park Road. In July, Steiner Ranch narrowly missed a tragedy when a car jumped a curb, drove across two lawns and into the side of a house. Luckily the residents of the home, nor the driver, were seriously injured. However there was serious property damage done to the home and vehicles inside the garage. So please, no one wants to live the rest of their life knowing they crippled or killed an innocent person because of not paying attention. Slow down and watch for those around you.

On a lighter note, I want to thank all of our volunteers, especially Jannine Farnum, who without their support, hard work, and dedication, Concert In The Park would not have taken place. I also want to thank our HOA Lifestyle Coordinator, Desirre Ghebremicael. While new to the position, she stepped in to do her best in preparing for this fun community event. Thank you all. You help make Steiner Ranch the premier community it is.

Be sure to take advantage of the many neighborhood events that are planned this fall. The next scheduled events are the Steiner Ranch Fall Community Garage Sale, and our last Movies In The Park showing, both of which will take place on Saturday, September 12th. Enjoy!

- Randy



Mark Your Calendars 2015 Steiner Ranch

Events

9/12 - Fall Garage Sale

9/12 - Movies in the Park

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? Want to get involved with helping at an event? Desirre Ghebremicael, Lifestyle Coordinator at desiree@steinerranchhoa.org.

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Please submit photos to: meredith@steinerranchhoa.org



RECKLESS DRIVERS *What Can You Do?*

There have been several accidents and many concerns about speeding and reckless driving in the neighborhood. What can residents do? The Travis County Sherriff's Department advises residents to call their Selective Traffic Enforcement Patrol Unit to report areas where speeding is continually observed. Dispatchers will assign an officer to patrol the reported area at an unannounced time.

To reach the Travis County Selective Traffic Enforcement Patrol, call 512-974-0845 and choose option 3. You will then be transferred to a dispatcher.

Remember we are all neighbors – let's look out for one another by paying attention, obeying speed limits and giving pedestrians the right of way. It's the neighborly thing to do AND it's the law!

To remind residents about their speed, the HOA regularly posts a radar speed display at various areas in the neighborhood. Hopefully this helps everyone remember to SLOW DOWN.



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SCHOOL'S BACK SLOW DOWN! Now that students have headed back to school, it's particularly

important to obey traffic laws and drive safely in school zones. If you drive through our neighborhood school zones, please follow these safety tips to keep all students safe this year:

- Obey the 20 mph speed limit in all school zones.
- Be patient during drop-off and pick-up if you drive your student to school or drive near a school. The roadways surrounding schools are congested during these times.
- Yield to pedestrians at all intersections, it's the law.
- Look both ways for pedestrians and bicyclists when turning right on a red light.
- Be aware of students along the road and when backing out of driveways.
- Watch for younger and less predictable children who may dart into the road.
- Stop and wait for school buses when red lights are flashing. Thanks for doing your part to keep students safe in Steiner Ranch!









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FUN AT CONCERT IN THE PARK



Steiner's Annual Concert In The Park was a fun way to bid summer farewell, before the kids headed back to school! Many residents came out to enjoy the festivities, which would not have been possible without our sponsors and volunteers. A huge thank you from the Steiner Ranch community to:

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Volunteers - Big thanks to Jannine Farnum, Steiner Ranch Social Committee volunteer and Desirre Ghebremicael, HOA Lifestyle Coordinator. This event would not have been possible without these ladies. Thank you! Thanks to Allan Rayson, for volunteering his time to be our Steiner Ranch resident Master Of Ceremonies! Thank you to those who helped with car and parking management- your help was greatly appreciated!

EMS: Lake Travis Fire & Rescue & Star Flight

Entertainment - VHS Marching Band, VHS Legacies, VHS Cheerleaders, Shoulda Turned Left & Suede. Thank you for an evening of entertainment and fun!

New Homeowner Welcome & Wine Social

Thursday, October 8, 2015 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 in Steiner, you are invited to a Welcome & Wine Social.

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

Wine & hors d'oeurvres will be served. Please RSVP to Cassie Burgess at cassie@steinerranchhoa.org.

Don't Miss The Last Movies In The Park Event

Saturday, September 12th at 8:30pm!

Big Hero 6 will be playing at the Towne Square fields on Saturday, September 12th from 8:30pm-10:30pm. Come out early to grab a good spot and don't forget your blankets and chairs. Those 18 and older may register for a drawing to win a free iPad before the show begins.

Steiner Ranch Movies in the Park is made possible by Brandy Finnessey a Broker/Realtor with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, Square Cow Movers, Dr. James Waters DDS MSD of Steiner Ranch Orthodontics, School in the Hills a private Montessori school in Steiner Ranch and River Place, and TLC Home Inspections. Thank you for providing this event for our community!



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2015 STEINER RANCH Trunk or Treat & Halloween Event SUN OCT 25 4-6PM TOWNE SQUARE

Calling all Steiner Residents, Clubs, Organizations and Groups! Get your kiddos dressed in costume and your trunks and tailgates decorated for this year's Trunk or Treat and Halloween Event. The event will be held at Towne Square on Sunday, October 25th from 4—6pm. Please be on the lookout for details about this years' event, or email Tracy Miller at tracymlmiller@gmail.com. We hope to see you and your little costumed kiddos on the 25th!

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Saturday, September 12th from 8am - 12pm

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Add your garage sale ad to the HOA website under classifieds/Garage Sale to give your neighbors a heads up on what kinds of items you'll be selling.

Goodwill will be at Towne Square from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to collect unsold items.

6th Annual Steiner Ranch **PUMPKIN PATCH**

Saturday October 18th at John Simpson Park

Mark your calendar for the 6th Annual Steiner Ranch Pumpkin Patch, where all proceeds benefit The Children's Medical Center Foundation of Central Texas. The event will take place from 10:00am – 5:00pm at John Simpson Park and will feature a pumpkin patch, concessions, face painting, a balloon twister, and more. It's sure to be fun!

Interested in sponsoring this worthy event? Please call Brandy Finnessey at 512-698-3366 or Stewart Finnessey at 512-775-9366.

CAMPING on the Ranch

Mark your calendars, register and get ready for Steiner's annual "Camping On The Ranch" event, coming once again this fall.

When: Saturday, November 7th, 2015 at 6:00pm Where: Towne Square Community Fields

Bring your board games, books and story telling talent for a fun night under the stars! You provide your own tent and sleeping bags, we provide the stars and outdoors. Cups & Cones will be selling breakfast tacos and/or kolaches in the morning and the Social Committee will be providing donuts, coffee and hot chocolate, free of charge. Questions, please contact Desirre Ghebremicael at Desirre@steinerranchhoa.org . To register, please visit the Eventbrite page at: http://www.eventbrite. com/e/camping-on-the-ranch-2015-tickets-18048150504.

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Holiday Shopping Event 2015

To get you in the Holiday spirit, the Steiner Ranch Social Committee will be hosting its Annual Holiday Sales event on Saturday, November 14th from 10:00am - 4:00pm at the Towne Square Community Center.

Want to be a Vendor? Do you make fabulous jewelry? Are you an artist? Or do you simply do amazing work or provide exceptional services you want to bring to the community? Then become a vendor! Four areas are dedicated for vendor space:

Inside Community Center at \$ 64.29

Outside, in the covered pavilion at \$43.19

Outside gate at \$32.64 (must provide own tent)

Uncovered Veranda \$22.09 (must provide own tent and table).

Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration opens on September 1st and closes on Nov. 7th. Fees must be paid to reserve your space, and no refunds will be made after Nov. 1st, 2015. Steiner Ranch reserves the right to deny any application based on content, similarities and/ or duplication of products or services. Service providers will be limited to no more than 4. Residents must be in "good standing" with the Association.

NOTE**Please check attendee list prior to registering. Duplicate vendors will not be accepted (unless approved by Committee Chair). Registration does not confirm your space. Questions? Contact Desirre Ghebremicael at desirre@steinerranchhoa.org. Please visit the Eventbrite page to register: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-shopping-event-2015-tickets-18047815502

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Book Club - The Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Cheryl Howard at cchoward24@gmail.com for information about upcoming selections.

Bridge (Ladies Social) - Ladies Social Bridge meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays in players' homes. If you are interested in playing, please contact Nancy Harger at n_harger@yahoo.com.

Bridge (Couples) - If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Marilyn Frazier atMLLF1223@gmail.com.

Bunco (Ladies) - A fun evening playing this easy dice game on the third Thursday of each month at the Bella Mar Community Center. Currently the group is at capacity. To have your name added to the the Substitute List, please contact Linda Mikolajek at miko4@msn.com or Ruth Isaacson at rcisaacson@gmail.com.

Card-Making - Create beautiful and unique greeting cards. Both experienced crafters and newcomers are welcome. Group leaders provide samples for inspiration and share specialty tools such as stamps, punches and dies. For more information, contact Lori Willoughby at LORIWIL@austin.rr.com.

Canasta (Ladies Daytime) - A casual game of the Hand & Foot version of Canasta is played on alternate Fridays. Easy to learn - we'll teach you. To play with this group, please contact Vicky Bradley at vickylbradley@ gmail.com.

Canasta (Evening) - Join the group of semi-serious Canasta players - both men and women. We play Hand and Foot after enjoying a social time with dessert on the second Monday of every month. For more information, please contact Diana O'Reilly at DBOR46@aol.com.

CLEO (Classy Ladies Eating Out) - On the first Wednesday we meet at a nearby restaurant to enjoy good food, conversation and friendship. Come to lunch, meet people and learn more about Young at Heart. For more information contact Lidia Schmidt at L79D@aol.com.

Dinner Groups - 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. This is a nice way for people to get to know each other better. If you would like to participate, please contact Karen Steans at kjsteans@gmail.com. New groups are being formed now.

Epicureans - This is an activity for people who like to cook, eat and entertain. Demonstrations by chefs, visits to specialty food shops and more. Epicurean events take place 4-5 times a year. For information, contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

Euchre - 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 on alternate Fridays.. Contact Kathy Finley for details at jfinley825@aol.com. Exploring Austin (in the greater Austin area)/Daytrippers (ventures to areas within an hour or two of Austin) - Several times a year Exploring Austin/Daytrippers 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, please contact Ethel Bradford at emb43@sbcglobal.net.

Gourmet Dining - If you enjoy cooking and eating gourmet meals, Gourmet Dining is for you! Featuring theme dinners, regional cuisines, chef-inspired menus, etc, groups of not more than 8 people prepare and enjoy friendship and good food. For more information, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail.com.

Happy Hour - 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. Our next Happy Hour will be September 29th at the home of Beau Theriot overlooking Lake Travis. If you've never been to this fantastic private home with its fantastic view and unique decor, you won't want to miss this! Contact Linda Bergquist at lsbergquist5@yahoo.com for information and to RSVP.

Hiking - We explore the various hiking trails right here in Steiner Ranch. The views are fantastic and the hikes vary in difficulty. For details, please contact Ben Rosin at brosin1023@gmail.com.

International Dining - 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 - 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 iformation, please contact Gail Ellenbogen at gellenbo@yahoo.com.

Mexican Train (Dominoes) - Ladies Daytime - On the first Monday of each month (sometimes changed if holiday conflicts) the group meets to play Mexican Train in the home of one of the players. Mexican Train is a simple Dominoes game with Dominoes placed end to end with matching halves touching each other. A relaxing afternoon of fun! If you'd like to join the ladies, please email Janet Schriner at jgschriner@austin.rr.com .

Mexican Train (Dominoes) - Evening - On the third Monday of every month, a group comprised of both men and women meet for a social time and dessert 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: Gail Ellenbogen at gellenbo@yahoo.com.

Movie Lovers - Contact Diana O'Reilly if you'd like to participate. These movie buffs usually meet on the fourth Tuesday 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 *(Continued on Page 15)*

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see the movie with the group can view it on their own and then meet the group for dinner and discussion. Dates and times are flexible and depend on the availability of the chosen film. 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.

Painting Group - 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.

ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) - 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 - 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.

SWEET (Single Women Enjoying Eating Together) - The Single Ladies

Dinner Group is a small gathering that meets monthly to explore dining choices in and around Austin. A wide variety of restaurants are explored - discover new places while enjoying the company of interesting women. For information, please contact Ellen Honey at eshoney10@mac.com.

Technology Group - At our monthly meetings on the third Tuesdays at the Towne Square Community Center we discuss both PCs and macs and cover such things as Smartphones, Tablets, Photo Sharing, Facebook, the Cloud, Computer Security and more. Our September topic will be "Windows 10". To learn more about this, please contact Ethel Bradford at emb43@sbcglobal.net.

Walking Group - Every Thursday - rain or shine - a large group of men and women meets at Cups and Cones at 8:30 am and branches 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 - 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. Our next Wine Social will be in October.

All Young at Heart activities are announced in the monthly and weekly bulletins emailed to all Young at Heart members. To receive these announcements, please contact Dottie Thoms at dottie.thoms@gmail. com or at 512-820-5980 or at 512-531-9360.



Around Steiner

Nho Are The People In Your NEIGHBORH

By: Adam and Tonya Stahl

HUE Salon, owned by Trina Mallet, is conveniently located in the Shops At Steiner Ranch and got its name from Trina's focus on hair color. She wanted a name that was short, sweet, and interesting. Hair coloring and styling have always been a huge part of Trina's lifeyou could say it's in her roots. Trina grew up working in her parent's barbershop in Arnaudville, Louisiana and by secondary school, Trina was known by her peers as the "go to" girl for great hair styles and treatments. This is when she realized she wanted to pursue a career as a stylist and have a business of her own. Her dream became a reality in 2011, here in Steiner Ranch. Trina created HUE to be a neighborhood salon, serving both male and female clients.

Some describe HUE as a trendy, upscale salon with warm Southern hospitality. That description is just what Trina likes to hear. "Clients should feel free to come into HUE in their workout gear or business attire. HUE is a relaxed environment. Continuing education is a priority here. We are keeping current with the latest trends and techniques," said Trina.

This small town girl from Louisiana, with a big heart for people, is passionate about helping clients create a look they love. When HUE's clients are happy, everyone at HUE is happy and that is what Trina's business is all about.

What's New At HUE

The following specials are offered based on client recommendations: HAPPY HOUR BLOWOUTS

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Tasha Watson has joined the HUE team and brings her expertise in: extensions, weaves, relaxers and Brazilian hair straightening for all hair types.

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If you are over 65 you receive a 15% discount anytime. *Bring your ID - after receiving your new HUE "do" folks may not believe how old you really are!

"LIKE" HUE Salon's Facebook Page for upcoming events, trunks shows, and giveaways.

If you are a business owner in Steiner Ranch and would like to be featured in our next article, please email Adam Stahl at adam@ agrslaw.com or Tonya Stahl at tonya@agrslaw.com. The intention of these articles is to build our community by learning more about our neighbors and supporting local business.

STEINER RANCH fall programs

Need To Sign Up For Fall Programs? There's Still Time!

Visit the HOA office to pick up a copy of the Fall Program Guide or visit our website at www.steinerranchhoa.org to download registration and program information. Classes offered are:

Children's Programs

• Sportball

Yoga

• Tai Chi

• Tennis

- Zumba Kids
- Tap/Ballet/Hip Soccer Hop

• Tennis

- Gymnastics
- Flag Football • Music

Teen/Adult Programs

- Zumba
- Ballet Barre
- Cardio Bliss Fitness Class
- Master's Swimming

For questions or to obtain more information, please contact Desiree Ghebremicael at desirre@steinerranchhoa.org.

CALLING ALL STEINER SCRAPPERS

It's time for our Annual Fall Scrap-A-Thon!

When: Starting Friday October 9th from 6:00 PM to Sunday, October 11th at 4:00PM Where: Towne Square Community Center Cost: \$26.62 for the entire weekend (Does not include meals)

What can you expect?

- No distractions!
- One six foot table for your own working space
- One gift per participant
- A Consultant, with inventory for sale
- Coffee, water & snacks
- Lots of fun!

This event sells out quickly and space is limited to the first 25 registered residents. Registration opens on September 1st and closes October 9th, 2015.

Questions, please contact Desirre Ghebremicael at desirre@ steinerranchhoa.org.

Please visit the Eventbrite page to register: https://www.eventbrite. com/e/2015-fall-steiner-ranch-scrap-a-thon-tickets-18047633959

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WATER AEROBICS

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> Mon/Wed @ 6:45 pm Tues/Thurs @ 9:00 am Cost = \$6.00/class 8 classes/month @ \$48 16 classes/month @ \$90 (discounted) (Plus \$5.00 for non-residents of Steiner Ranch)

Classes are 50 minutes long & will incorporate a full body workout in the water. Classes are led by a certified water aerobics instructor. Some of the benefits of water aerobics fitness program are:

*strengthen & improve muscle tone

*enhances muscular flexibility

*increases range of motion

*improves posture & physical appearance

*relieves tension & stress

*increases energy levels & stamina

*burns up calories

*strengthens the cardiorespiratory system (heart, muscles, & brain)

These classes are a great way to start the morning or end a "trying" day at the office or work. Come join us for lots of fun & great workouts to music. It's an opportunity to meet your neighbors & make new friends. These classes are for both adult men & women.

For more information, call Ann @ 512-266-4780 or email askennedy@austin.rr.com. Sign up will take place prior to the first class of every month @ Towne Square Pool.



FALL 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 – Wed. & Fri. 5:30am – 6:45am; Sun. 6:30am – 7:45am

Vandegrift High School Swim Team – Mon. – Fri. 7:30am – 9:15am Lost Creek Aquatics – Mon – Fri 3:45pm – 7:00pm (4 lanes) **TOWNE SQUARE**

Closed Monday until 12:00pm | Open Tues. – Sun. 8:00am – 10:00pm *The following programs will be using the Towne Square pool:*

Towne Square - Water Aerobics Mon/Wed at 6:45pm and Tue/ Thur at 9:00am until the water is too cold to continue.

JOHN SIMPSON

Closed Monday until 2:00pm Open Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm Gold Stars Swimming – Tues. & Thurs. 3:45pm – 5:30pm until

the water is too cold to continue. Please note**Lifeguards are no longer on duty after Labor Day. Swim at your own risk.

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 of your USMS card and check!

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!

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By Thomas Lea

The Steiner Ranch Cycling (SRC) is a group of fun loving cyclist who enjoy the outdoors, burning calories, and meeting new people. Cycling is easy on your body, good for your health and a great way to build community. There is no cost to ride, and we welcome new riders. You probably see us riding around the neighborhood in our Steiner Ranch-themed red white and blue kits.

SATURDAY RIDES

On Saturdays we host an open group ride, starting at Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM. 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 with a typical distance ranging from 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 welcome. Ride details are posted each week to our website at www. steinerranchcycling.com.

The advanced and intermediate groups require a higher level of fitness and experience and there is NO designated sweeper.

SUNDAY COFFEE SHOP RIDE

On Sundays we host a mellow no-drop ride to a local coffee shop outside Steiner, great for new riders and/or recovery rides.

The group will leave Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM, and will target some not-too-far coffee shop for some espresso, pastries, and socialization. The ride will average around 16 mph and should be perfect for those looking to recover from the week's riding, or to extend their range out of Steiner. Our destination is typically Red Horn Coffee House and Brewing Company at 1431 and Parmer which is 18 miles from Cups & Cones. This is a no-drop ride, but you should be able to ride the 38-50 miles at a 16 mph pace.

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

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK RIDE

Every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM we will depart from Cups & Cones for a 20-25 mile Tour of Steiner. It will be a no drop ride, but you should be able to maintain 14-17 mph. We may entertain short, out-of-Steiner excursions, such as River Place/Ski Shores, depending on group consensus. This is a self-led ride with no designated ride leader. Just show up and ride with nice people!

Monthly SRC Oasis Ride

Join us for the third Saturday of each Month when Steiner Ranch Cycling will host a ride starting from Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM, 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 food options from various local food vendors.

OTHER UPCOMING RIDES

The Tour de Cure is September 12-13. This is a club favorite and supports the fight against diabetes. This year there is an epic 2 day

option! Those not wanting to ride for 2 days can opt for shorter single day rides. Please see the events calendar on the Steiner Ranch Cycling website for a link containing more details and how to sign up on the SRC team.

RIDING TIPS: SO YOU WANT TO GET FASTER?

Most recreational riders, even if they ride a lot, basically do the same thing. If they like to climb, they climb; if they like the flats, they ride on the flats. And fast or slow, it's usually around the same speed. First, nothing whatsoever wrong with that, if that's how you enjoy cycling then please have at it! But if you're interested in getting faster, something else may be required...

INTERMEDIATE:

At this level, it's pretty simple: Start doing things you don't usually do. If you don't usually climb, add a few climbs into your ride. If you just cruise along at the same speed, pick spots on your ride where you'll hold a higher speed for a few minutes at a time. Your body adjusts to whatever it receives, so if you ride at the same speed all the time, it will get really good at that. But if you surprise your body with different effort levels, different terrain etc., it will adjust - and you've just added to your abilities!

ADVANCED:

For advanced riders, specific intervals really help. Build intervals into each ride: For example, if you typically get tired and fade at the end of a long ride, start putting a couple of 20 minute intervals into training rides, where you hold an exertion level that's 10 or 20% higher than cruise speed. If you get dropped during attacks, build in some four minute intervals at a hard pace. Between each interval rest from 100% to 200% of the interval time - in other words, if it's a four minute interval, pedal at a slow cruise for four to eight minutes in-between. Again, you're giving your body something new to react to, and teaching it - and thereby you! - new abilities.

SPONSORS

Please join Steiner Ranch Cycling in thanking the following sponsors for supporting cycling in our community and procuring our group the coolest cycling kits west of the Mississippi:

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RIDE DISCLAIMER: Each rider is responsible for his or her own safety on our rides. Please join us at your own risk. Our weekly rides are open to public participation but ride leaders do NOT assume any liability for your participation. We will ask that all participants follow traffic laws and wear a helmet while on our rides.

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TENNIS NEWS

Fall means cooler temperatures and fall tennis! League play begins this month. Steiner Ranch has teams playing on weekday and Saturday mornings. Good luck to all of our teams!

Residents can reserve courts online via our court reservation system. Visit www.srcourts.com and follow the instructions to request an account. The reservation system allows you to check court availability. During the weekend, the John Simpson courts are for open for walk-on purposes.

Are you looking for league information, neighborhood pros, or someone to string your racket? The SRTA posts information like this on the court reservation system. Once you are logged in, click on "Bulletin Board".

The mission of the SRTA (Steiner Ranch Tennis Association) is to "ensure opportunities for participation in tennis at all skill levels for residents of Steiner Ranch…encouraging fellowship and good sportsmanship."





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From the Association Office

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

Wonder what's going on at the HOA? Attend a monthly Board meeting and find out. The next SRROA Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th at 6:00pm and will meet at the Towne Square Community Center. The next SRMA Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00pm and will meet at the Towne Square Community Center.

What's the difference between the SRMA & SRROA Boards?

The Steiner Ranch Residential Association (SRROA) meets monthly to discuss and make decisions relating to the following community areas:

- Chapparal
- Hancock Hill
- Mesa North
- Rocky Ridge The Summit at Eastridge
- The Valley at Eastridge

• Plateau

• John Simpson Park and facilities

The Steiner Ranch Master's Association (SRMA) meets monthly to discuss and make decisions relating to all other communities in the neighborhood (example: Summer Vista, Canyon Glen, Parkside, etc) as well as the Lake Club, Towne Square and Bella Mar Community Center and facilities.

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend meetings, where they are able to voice questions, concerns or make recommendations during the homeowner forum. Residents will also have the opportunity to listen to the board discuss various items under consideration as well as the status of business relating to that association.

The HOA is always seeking resident volunteers to serve on committees, which are involved in upholding community standards and activities. We hope to see you at one of our next meetings!

Compliance Reminders

Please remember that parking on the street overnight is against HOA rules. Doing so creates a potential hazard and puts your neighbors at risk. Also remember the HOA stipulates that dogs must be on leash when on community property. This is for resident and pet protection. Remember to pick up your pet's waste - your neighbors appreciate it!

HOA OFFICE HOURS

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Please note that summer HOA office hours have ended. Our regular office hours are now in effect as follows:

Monday - Thursday Friday 1:00 – 5:00pm 10:00am – 5:00pm

Telephone: 512-266-7553 | Fax: 512-266-9312 Community Associations Office 12550 Country Trails Lane

FACILITIES & GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

Many improvements were made to our facilities and community areas over the summer. Following is an update:

- Several Sun Shades were installed at the Bella Mar playground- a wonderful update to protect kiddos from the sun while they play!
- The Towne Square tennis courts and Bella Mar & Towne Square basketball courts were resurfaced.
- The pavilion pergola at John Simpson pool was replaced. The pergola inside the pool area was repaired and re-stained.
- Extra security cameras were installed in the Bella Mar pool area.
- Sidewalks at John Simpson Park were repaired.
- To alleviate sidewalk flooding along areas of Quinlan Park Road, a French drain was installed beginning at Quinlan Park Road near Parkside, down to the entrance of Towne Square.
- Flowers were planted in the pool enclosure and outside areas of Towne Square.
- Flowers were planted at the entrance of the Fairways.
- Over 20 Wisteria plants were replaced along University Club Drive.

Future improvements include resealing the John Simpson parking lot, which will take place on Monday, September 14th. Please plan accordingly, as the parking lot will be closed during project completion.



NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION

Welcome to Steiner Ranch and congratulations on the purchase of your new home! As a member of the Steiner Ranch Home Owners Association, you will enjoy access to the three community centers which include two junior Olympic-sized pools, a resort pool, splash pool, splash pad and two baby pools. Also located at the community centers are eight lighted tennis courts and four basketball courts. In addition, you have exclusive access to the Lake Club conveniently located on Lake Austin, seven parks and four multi-purpose sports fields. Along with over 20 miles of serene hiking trails, Steiner Ranch is lined with extensive and manicured landscaping throughout the community.

In order to help us maintain these benefits, you are charged semiannual assessments that are due on January 1st, and July 1st of every year. If you have questions concerning your assessments you may contact the HOA Office and speak to the Accounting Coordinator at 266-7553 ext 23.

Another unique asset of Steiner Ranch is our on-site Community Associations Office with a full management team! For questions regarding the community, please stop by our office at 12550 Country Trails Lane. Our office hours are 1:00pm – 5:00pm, Monday through Thursday, 10:00am – 5:00pm on Friday. You may also reach us by phone at 512-266-7553 during business hours.

Here is a quick check list for you to get acquainted with your new neighborhood:

Stop by the HOA office and pick up a new resident packet that includes your facility key fob, gate tags (if you live in a gated community), and complete a lake club agreement. Be sure to bring your settlement statement. Get your login & password for the "member" section of the HOA website. Go to www.steinerranchhoa.org and "request a login". Once there, go to the "My Profile" section and be sure to sign up for subscriptions so that you can get informed about activities, safety and community relations.

"Like" the Steiner Ranch Social Committee Facebook Page.

COMMUNICATION:

The HOA will communicate with residents via:

Website – www.steinerranchhoa.org Monthly newsletter The Ranch Record

Email alerts (be sure the HOA has your correct email). Activity alerts are weekly, sent every Monday. Community Relations alerts are monthly and as needed. Safety alerts are sent out as needed.

Monthly Board of Directors meetings - Residents are welcome to attend and observe and/or sign up to address the Board. See the website for dates, times and agenda.

Committee Meetings – We have many committees that you can become involved in and are welcome to attend. From getting involved with the Social events through the Social Committee, to helping with the recommendations of the Facilities Committee, there is a committee for all interest.

New Resident Welcome & Wine Social – This is an opportunity to get to meet members of the HOA management team and many of your neighbors. The next Welcome & Wine is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th at 6:30pm at Towne Square Community Center. If you have any questions about how you can become involved in the community or just want more information, please contact the HOA office at 512-266-7553.



School News

The College Search & Application Process: Some Words of Wisdom for Juniors, Seniors and their Parents

By Steiner Ranch resident Bridget M. Larrabee

For many, the return to school also means embarking on (if you're a junior), or continuing with (if you're a senior) the often daunting, and seemingly mystifying college search and application process. After working for many years as an admission officer at a private research university where I reviewed and evaluated thousands of applications, and as a college counselor at a small independent secondary school where I advised hundreds of students, I know well the anxiety both parents and students often associate with the entire process.

Regardless of where you are in the college search and application process, if you understand the admission process is mostly art and only a bit of science - more qualitative than quantitative – than you will already have a greater comprehension of the process and how it works. If too much information leaves you dizzy, believing the world of admission is little more than an unyielding maze, do not lose hope. The good news is that you, the applicant, have a great deal of freedom to plan your own course of action. By understanding the general process of admissions, remaining positive, and taking one step at a time, you will feel a greater sense of confidence, and ultimately, control.

Generally speaking, most colleges and universities are interested in five key aspects of the application including:

- Your high school record/transcript
- Standardized test scores
- Essay and/or personal statement
- Letters of recommendation from teachers
- Extracurricular activities: anything you devote your time to outside the classroom

Although variation exists from school to school, most admissions officers agree the high school record is the single most important factor in the entire process. Schools are interested in the grades achieved in the classes you have taken, and in any trends such as an improvement in grades from freshman through senior year, or a change in the level of courses (for example, taking standard classes in the first half of high school, then switching to intermediate

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or honors classes). It is better to push yourself in more difficult courses, perhaps risking a lower grade, than it is to take easy classes and earn all A's. Students and parents often find this truth difficult to believe, but I promise you, this one stands true – take the tougher class!

After reviewing the high school transcript, different schools will place different value on the remaining components. Some will place great credence on letters of recommendation while others may be more or less interested in your standardized test scores. As for the essay or personal statement, most college admissions professionals concur, a great essay rarely makes up for a weak academic record, and a mediocre essay won't necessarily consign your application to the deny list. But, a great essay forces the admission officer to focus on you for a critical period of time, and often, it generates increased curiosity about your candidacy. It is that quantity of time and quality of curiosity that can make the difference.

Some general words of wisdom for juniors who may be beginning the process:

- Start early! Takes SATs, SAT IIs, and ACTs by the end of junior year.
- Self-reflect: Think about who you are and what is important to you. Ask yourself how, where, or if any of this will fit into

finding a school that is the right match for you.

- Do your research: Read the college mail that will soon inundate you, visit schools' Web sites, establish a relationship with your college counselor (or whichever school official can help you with this process).
- Create a preliminary list of schools in which you may be interested.
- Schedule campus visits: Attend information session, take campus tours, and meet with admissions representatives.
- Become discerning: Begin to eliminate schools in which you may no longer have interest.
- Continue to focus on your academics. Although the college search and application process quickly takes on a life of its own, do not let your grades slip or opt out of challenging classes. Junior year grades and course selection are of great importance.

Though junior year can be critical, don't be overly concerned if you are a senior just beginning to think about this process. Many students complete most, if not all, of the admissions steps during the fall of their senior year. No matter where you are in the overall process, you can and will be successful. I encourage each of you to be honest, sincere and thoughtful throughout the entire college search and application process. If you stick to these core principles, you will remain true to yourself while also presenting your best self to those who will be reading and evaluating your applications. Best wishes!

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News You Can Use **The Birth Order Effect** *By Steiner Ranch Resident Shelley Coleman M.A., L.P.C.-S.*

In the 1950's, Alfred Adler argued that the birth order of a child influences his personality. Today some researchers believe that birth order is nearly as important as genetics. As a parent of two children, I can attest that my kids have not had the same parenting experience.

As new parents to our first child, we did everything by the book. We "interviewed" pediatricians and left a five page "instruction manual" with caregivers. On the contrary, when our second child was born, we realized that she was not going to break and that we did not have to call 911 in response to every minor scrape. We engaged in a more "laid back" parenting style. And, like most siblings, our children are very different.

So what are some of the traits of children who exit the womb in first, second, or third place? First born children are frequently described as reliable, conscientious, and cautious. These high achievers are often put under a lot of pressure to succeed by their first time parents. Even in her pre-kindergarten class, my firstborn's teacher described her as a "class leader" who struggled with turn taking.

When the second child comes along, he may be the "peacemaker" among siblings. The middle child is characterized as understanding, cooperative, and competitive. Neither the baby nor the oldest, this child usually receives the least amount of parental attention.



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Of course there are exceptions to all theories. Twins, divorce, blended families, adoption, and length of time between births effect all family roles and personalities. And, as we know, our personalities are influenced by many factors. Some would argue that the role of birth order and sibling relationships are the biggest influence on a child's temperament. But as a parent of two wonderful children, I believe that the influence of the primary caregiver and attachment to that caregiver provides the greatest impact. And, if we can know our children just a little bit better based on the family roles they are in, we can truly support their journey and bring our "A" game to our important jobs as parents.

Shelley Coleman is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Supervisor. She is in private practice in Lakeway where she provides play therapy, child and adolescent counseling, family therapy, group therapy, and parent education.





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Follow the rules. Restrictions on water use are to ensure that water is available for critical community needs such as fire-fighting, and health care facilities. Save it for these important services!

Check for leaks. Make sure your faucets, toilets, and showerheads are not leaking and check your sprinkler system. If you find leaks, fix them immediately. Leaks can rob your home of thousands of gallons of water each month, and they add up to more than 1 trillion gallons wasted across the United States each year!

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Go the extra mile. If you've done all you can to be water-efficient, get creative:

Don't waste a drop. Collect water from your shower or kitchen chores and reuse it to water your flowers.

Shave off a gallon or two. Turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth and shave; you could save more than 5,000 gallons of water per year, as well as the energy used to heat that water.

Rev up recycling. Wash the car with dishwater from a bucket, or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.

Even if the rains return this fall, your water-saving ways shouldn>t go away. Avoiding water-wasting habits will help you save water, energy, and money and help our community save water for the future.





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