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COVER PHOTO

Little Steiner Rancher Adrian Mora-Sanchez had lots of fun in the snow at February's Snow Day event, which took place at John Simpson Park. What a cutie! Photo taken by Amie Harris.

Have a photo you would like to see published? We are always looking for pictures that capture Steiner Ranch and the folks who live here. So grab your camera, get creative, and send your pictures our way! Who know, your picture may be featured on next month's cover.

For cover photo consideration, the submittal deadline is on the 8th of the month prior to publication. Photos should be submitted electronically by the deadline date to communications@steinerranchhoa.org.

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



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RANCH REPORT

This year is flying by; it seems we just finished celebrating the holidays. With the coming of spring, Board elections for the SRMA (Steiner Ranch Master Association) and the SRROA (Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association) are quickly approaching and will take place next month. For those new to the neighborhood, there are two separate Associations in Steiner Ranch, and five Condominium Associations. The SRROA was incorporated in April of 1988 and was the first Association in Steiner Ranch. Hancock Hill, Plateau, Mesa North, Rocky Ridge, Chaparral, The Valley at Eastridge, and The Summit at Eastridge make up the SRROA. In August of 1997 the SRMA was incorporated. As new neighborhoods were constructed they were added to the SRMA. Condominium Associations, (Fairways, Lakeview, The View, The Casitas, and Beverly Ridge Villas) have their own Associations. All of the Associations pay assessments to the Master Association which go toward maintenance of the neighborhood amenities, landscaping, and management.

There is a lot to manage in the Steiner Ranch Community Associations and your help is needed. I believe what is missing in the discussions about volunteering for Board positions is that Steiner Ranch homeowners own a part of the assets of the Associations. As Board members, not Association Management, homeowners dictate the discussion on what happens in Steiner Ranch.

In February the HOA held the first Board Candidate Information Forum. Roughly 30 residents and current Board members attended the event. Clinton Brown, of the law firm Roberts Markel Weinberg Butler and Hailey, took questions and discussed Board functions.

Current SRMA Board member Doug Messer spoke about the reward obtained in guiding the Association into the future. It was a great event and I hope those who attended gained insight into the rewards of serving on the Boards.

For those who have decided to participate, the HOA is holding a candidate workshop in March where Board functions and roles of Board members will be further discussed. I look forward to our Board members leading Steiner Ranch into the future.

Randy Schmaltz

Executive Director

Steiner Ranch Homeowners' Association



From the Association Office

Mark Your Calendars Now For These Upcoming Steiner Ranch Social Events!





Want to get involved? Join the Event Planning Committee! The Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00am at Cups & Cones. Contact Desirre Ghebremicael, Lifestyle Coordinator at desirre@steinerranchhoa. org for more information.

All Events are tentative and subject to change or cancel. For the most up to date information, follow us at: Facebook.com/ SteinerRanchHOAevents or visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website at www.steinerranchhoa.org

MARCH

3/6 Run the Ranch 5K & Kids K3/12 Camping on the Ranch3/26 Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL

4/7 New Homeowner Social4/8 Spring Scrap-A-Thon4/9 Spring Community Garage Sale

MAY

5/7 Mother's Day - Mommy & Me Tea Time5/21 Shred Day5/28 Movies in the Park

JUNE

6/25 Father's Day: A Day With My Hero

JULY

7/3 Decorate Your Ride **7/4** July 4th Celebration

AUGUST

8/13 Concert In The Park **8/20** Movies in the Park

SEPTEMBER

9/17 Father Daughter Dance9/17 Community Garage Sale

OCTOBER

10/6 New Homeowners Social10/7 Fall Scrap-A-Thon10/23 Pumpkin Patch10/30 Trunk or Treat

NOVEMBER

11/5 Camping on the Ranch 11/12 Holiday Sale Shopping Event

DECEMBER

12/8 Volunteer Appreciation Party 12/10 Breakfast With Santa





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From The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA)

Transition and Board Of Directors (BOD) Election

I hope this warm winter is treating all of you well. Viva El Nino. As you have read in the last two Ranch Records, we (the SRMA), have a big election coming up in April. In addition, the BOD for SRMA is working toward a complete transition with the Developer of our Community, Taylor Morrison.

First the Transition: Taylor Morrison will resign its two positions from the BOD. When the 7 Directors are elected by Steiner Ranch residents on April 19, 2016, the SRMA will be 100% run by homeowners. Transition involves more than just positions on the Board of Directors. Taylor Morrison and the SRMA BOD are currently discussing a number of topics including: 1) repairs in the community, 2) modification of the Declarations and Bylaws for the Steiner Ranch Master Association, 3) the disposition of the Lake Club and 4) other items important to all Steiner Ranch homeowners.

Now the elections: On April 19, the homeowners in the SRMA will elect 7 Directors to govern the Association going forward. Thanks to all of the homeowners who are stepping up to run for a Board Director position. I can assure you that, if you are successful in winning a Director position, that it will be a rewarding experience when you volunteer your time to help fellow homeowners and neighbors. You have probably noticed that, for the purpose of voting for SRMA Directors, five (5) voting districts have been created. We did this to make sure there was representation on the BOD from a wide range of neighborhoods within the SRMA. And to ensure the SRMA BOD reflects its entire community, instead of a small portion of it. Homeowners in each District will be allowed to vote for a candidate running for Director in their District. In addition, two At Large Directors will be elected by the entire SRMA. I ask that you vote! Ballots will be mailed to you in March. You may send in your ballot or vote online. This is an important election and we need excellent Directors that will steer the direction of the SRMA for years to come. Please review the information provided on each candidate closely and cast your vote for the SRMA leadership for the next few years.

Bill Menzies SRMA Board President



The HOA is offering several sponsorship opportunities for the upcoming Steiner Ranch Easter Egg Hunt, and annual Concert in the Park event. For details contact Desirre Ghebremicael, Steiner Ranch Lifestyle Coordinator at: desirre@steinerranchhoa.org

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Each resident may place up to twenty 30 gallon paper bags of green waste at their curbside on their designated trash pick-up day on April 11 – April 15.

*Please note: This will be the only green waste pick up this Spring. Residents may schedule bulky waste & bundle pick-ups twice per year by calling TDS directly at 512-329-1752. Bundle pick-ups include tree, shrub, and brush trimmings securely tied together, not exceeding 4 feet in length or 40 pounds.





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Steiner Ranch Board Elections Next Month



The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) and the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association (SRROA) are holding elections in April. For the first time, both Steiner Ranch Boards will be 100% homeowner run, giving residents the opportunity to govern their community. Election Ballots will be mailed to all homeowners in March. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to vote!

The SRROA election will be straight forward: Candidates will run for 2 open seats on the 5 member Board. The SRMA election will be more complex than in years past, as Taylor Morrison, the developer of Steiner Ranch, will be transitioning off of the Board. The SRMA Board, which currently includes 2 developer members, will be run by an all homeowner Board. Because of the size of the SRMA, and the diversity of its residents, the board is increasing in size with the election of 7 Board members. Five of the members will come from newly formed "voting districts", comprised of neighborhoods within the SRMA, that are similar in size and location (see below). The other 2 members will be comprised of SRMA residents who will run to fill "at large" seats on the SRMA Board.

For example: Voting district 4 is comprised of Lakewood Hills, Las Brisas, Rio Mesa, Summer Vista, Savannah Point, and Savannah. Each of the 5 districts will need to nominate at least one candidate to run for the Board. Only homeowners who live in the district can vote for the candidate in that district. Terms for Board members are 1 to 2 years, depending on which seat the member is elected to serve.

There will also be 2 "at large" Board seats, to be elected. These 2 seats will be included on all district ballots. The at large candidates can be homeowners of any of the SRMA neighborhoods, and any homeowner in a district can vote for the at large candidates.

Serving on one of the Steiner Ranch Boards empowers homeowners to govern and make decisions relating to Steiner Ranch, including aspects such as budgets, amenities, facilities, trash and recycling, community safety and improvements. For Board and election information, contact Randy Schmaltz at randy@steinerranchhoa.org.

SRROA

Rocky Ridge, Chaparral, Hancock Hill, Summit at Eastridge, Valley at Eastridge, Plateau, Mesa North

SRMA Voting Districts

District 1

UT Golf Community, The Fairways, Casitas, Beverly Ridge, Lakeview, The View

District 2

Bellagio Estates, The Headlands, Estates of Westridge, Majestic Oaks, Longhorn Canyon, Hills of Westridge

District 3

Canyon Glen, Parkside, River Heights Overlook, Towne Hollow, Shire Ridge, River Heights Grove

District 4

Lakewood Hills, Las Brisas, Rio Mesa, Summer Vista, Savannah Point, Savannah

District 5

The Bluffs, The Grove, Santaluz, Sierra Vista, Monterey, Belcara, Palisades, Emerald Ridge, Mediterra, Tierra Grande



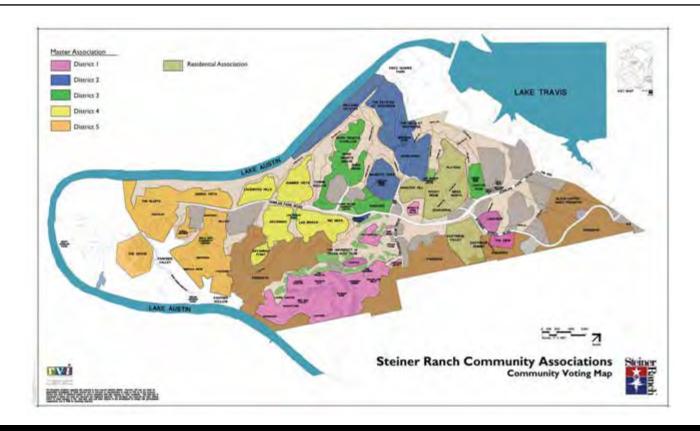
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From the Association Office

Nesting Season for Endangered Birds

Two endangered species of birds, the Black-Capped Vireo (BCV) and the Golden-Cheeked Warbler (GCW), will be making their home again in Steiner Ranch this spring. These songbirds are native to the area and their nesting seasons begin soon. Why is this important to know? Several of the trails established in Steiner Ranch go through the Balcones Canyonland Preserve (Powerline Hill and Eastridge trails) where many of the birds reside. The birds are especially sensitive to environmental changes while nesting. 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 the following rules could force closure of the trails through the end of the nesting season.

GCW Nesting Season – March 1st through July 31st BCV Nesting Season – March 15th through August 31st

Please review the following trail rules before your next hike:

- 1. The trails are for Steiner Ranch residents, their guests, and persons with written authorization from Taylor Woodrow Communities/ Steiner Ranch, Ltd. ONLY.
- 2. Trail hours will be from dawn until dusk. There will be no access of the trails allowed after dark.
 - 3. Use of the trails is at your own risk.

- 4. Only use of designated trails is allowed. Leaving designated trails is prohibited.
 - 5. No motorized vehicles allowed.
 - 6. No horses allowed.
 - 7. No feeding animals.
- 8. Bikes are allowed only on Hike-and-Bike Trails. Bikes must yield to pedestrians.
 - 9. No loitering.
 - 10. No hunting.
 - 11. No cooking, fires, or smoking.
 - 12. No camping.
 - 13. All pets must be on a leash at all times.
 - 14. No littering or dumping allowed.
- 15. 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):

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SNOW DAY FUN!

Many residents attended the Steiner Ranch Snow Day event last month at John Simpson Park. Snow, hot chocolate, tubing, and a bounce house made for a fun family day in the neighborhood! Photo credit: Amie Harris









Steiner's first Mother and Son event was held in January and proved to be a night to remember! Thank you to Steiner Ranch resident Elizabeth Carrero for volunteering and assisting Desirre Ghebremicael, (HOA Lifestyle Coordinator) and Cassie Burgess (HOA Front Office Coordinator) to make this event a success.



Moms and their Boys, Dinner, Magic Show, S'mores, Dancing = Sweet Fun!







Steiner Activities & Events



STEINER RANCH EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 26th, 2016 Rain or Shine Hunt will start at 10:00am (sharp)

Children ages 10 and under are invited to hunt for the thousands of Easter Eggs which will be hidden and placed on the grounds at John Simpson Park. Children should start lining up along the sidewalk next to their dedicated age group at 9:55am. Please wait for the Fire Truck or air horn to sound for the big start. To ensure all children leave with eggs, we ask each child to limit their eggs to ONE DOZEN. Please keep this in mind when your child is on the hunt. All children will be divided by age group and there will be one "special egg" per group for a great prize.

Age Group Locations:
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In the area to the right of the volleyball court and in the playground

You must register your child(ren) by age group at: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/22nd-annual-steiner-rancheaster-egg-hunt-tickets-21457629347

EGG WRANGLERS NEEDED!

With over 14,000 eggs to hide for the annual Steiner Ranch Easter Egg Hunt, we need your help the morning of the event! Please sign up at: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545aaae2fa1fb6-22nd and come to John Simpson Park on Saturday, March 26th by 8:00am to hide eggs. Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided for all early morning helpers. This is a great way for older kids to be involved or earn community service points. Questions, please email Steiner Ranch Lifestyle Coordinator, Desirre Ghebremicael at: desirre@steinerranchhoa.org







Camping on the Ranch

Spend the day at South by Southwest, then come home for a night under the stars at Camping on the Ranch!

The Steiner Ranch HOA is hosting the popular Camping on the Ranch event so you can have some "Ranch Style" camping fun with your family.

When: Saturday March 12th starting at 4:30pm

Where: Towne Square Community Fields

Mark your calendars for Camping on the Ranch. Pull out your tents and sleeping bags, and come spend a night under the stars. The entire family is invited.

Haven't tried camping with your kiddos? What a great place to try it, just minutes from home but an adventure away. No activities are scheduled, just a great evening outdoors.

The next morning, Cups & Cones will be onsite selling kolaches and/or breakfast tacos and the HOA will be giving away doughnuts and coffee!

Bring your own food, beverages, tent, sleeping bags, games and activities!

Please register for this event no later than March 8th at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-camping-on-the-ranch-2016-tickets-21456841992



Run The Ranch March 6th

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to join the 2016 Run the Ranch 10K, 5K and Kids Fun Run. Enjoy a fun-filled morning of racing, kids' entertainment and vendors at the Steiner Ranch Towne Square Community Center. Organized by Hill Country Bible Church Steiner Ranch, this is the 11th year the event has taken place. Inflatables will be provided by The Steiner Ranch HOA and free BBQ from the Pig Joint will be provided by Hill Country Bible Church Steiner Ranch. Visit hcbc.com for more information and to register.





Steiner Scrapers Scrap-A-Thon

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

When: Friday, April 8th at 6:00pm to Sunday, April 10th at 4:00pm

Cost: \$26.62 for the entire weekend! (Meals not included)
Where: Towne Square Community Center

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New Homeowner Welcome & Wine Social

Thursday, April 7th 6:30pm – 8:00pm Towne Square Community Center 12550 Country Trails Lane

Welcome new residents of Steiner Ranch! Please join us for our next New Homeowner Welcome & Wine Social to:

- Meet Neighbors
- Learn about Neighborhood Social Groups & Committees
- Hear Presentation by the HOA
- Ask Questions

Wine & hors d'oeurves will be served. Please RSVP to Cassie at cassie@steinerranchhoa.org no later than Monday, April 4th.



Spring Garage Sale

Spring cleaning is just around the corner: It's time to clean out those closets! To help you get rid of the stuff you no longer want, Steiner Ranch is holding its annual spring neighborhood garage sale on Saturday April 9th from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Happy purging!

Post Garage Sale Drop Off Benefitting CRMS

Get organized this year and clear the clutter. It is time for the Steiner Ranch Neighborhood Spring Garage Sale: Saturday, April 9th from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

When the garage sale is over and you are left with unsold items, come on over to the Post Garage Sale Drop-off. The public is invited to drive by and drop off carloads of items for free at the Gene Arant Team Real Estate building. It doesn't get any easier!

The Gene Arant Team is excited to host this community give back tradition for the 8th year in a row. CRMS Theatre Arts student volunteers will also be here again, on-site to collect new and gently used items, such as furniture, books, art, clothing, children's toys, sporting goods, kitchen items, holiday decorations and more. Collected items will be donated to Goodwill who pays out to schools based on total weight of donations. Over the last two years we have been able to raise nearly \$6,000 for CRMS.

EVENT: Post Garage Sale Drop-off WHEN: Saturday, April 9th, 2016, 12:00pm - 2:00pm (no early drop offs, please)

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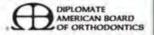
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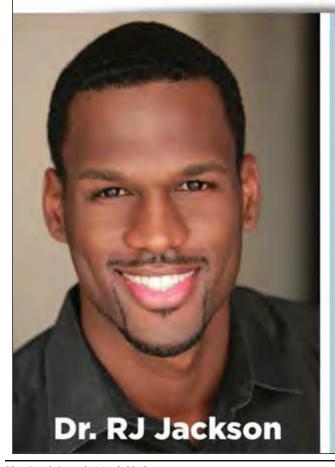


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SPRING PROGRAMS

There's still time to sign up for winter/spring programs! Visit the HOA website (www.steinerranchhoa.org), Facebook page, or stop by the office for program details. Below is a list of offered programs:

CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

- Sportball
- Dance
- **Gymnastics**
- Tennis
- Soccer Shots
- Zumba
- Rhythm & Me

LEAGUE PROGRAMS

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Yoga
- Ballet Barre
- Tennis
- Zumba
- Tai Chi
- Free Run
- Camp Gladiator
- Swimming
- Hip Hop
- Bollywood Fitness
- Senior Rhythm Jam
- Women's Rhythm Spa

SUMMER CAMPS IN STEINER RANCH

It's time to start planning for summer and we have some great camps scheduled. For camp details and registration, visit organizations directly:

- Lonestar Soccer: www.lonestar-sc.com
- Soccer Shots: www.soccershots.org
- Sportball: www.sportball.us/Austin/program-schedules
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- Steiner Tennis: email srtennislessons@gmail.com
- Kidventure: www.kidventure.com
- Mad Science: www.austin.madscience.org

FREE CLASSES!

The following organizations offer weekly classes at no cost to residents:

Tai Chi

Meets at Towne Square Community Center Monday through Friday at 8:00am

Yoga

Provided by an instructor from Lake Austin Spa. Meets at Towne Square Mondays at 6:30pm

Akido

Meets at Bella Mar Community Center Tuesday evenings at 8:30pm

Run Lab

Coach-led run. Meets at John Simpson Park Friday mornings at 9:30am

Writers Group

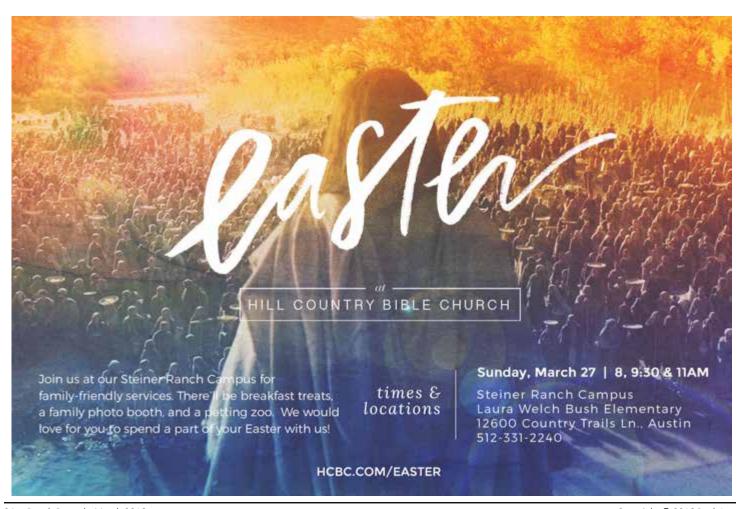
Meets at Cups & Cones every other Monday from 1:00pm – 2:00pm

FREE HEALTH WORKSHOPS

Steiner Ranch resident, Dr.Benjamin Rosin, hosts monthly free health workshops for Steiner Ranch Residents. Join him for these next discussions:

March 22nd at 6:00pm, Towne Square: *History of Coronary Angioplasty and Stenting*

April 20th at 6:00pm, Towne Square: Cardio Vascular Disease in Women: How you are Different



Steiner Ranch Cycling News

The Steiner Ranch Cycling (SRC) is a group of fun loving cyclist that 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. Give us a wave but please don't honk!

SATURDAY RIDES

On Saturdays we host an open group ride, starting at Cups & Cones at 8:30 AM. Our Saturday rides include advanced and intermediate groups.

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 http://www.steinerranchcycling.com, on our Facebook page http://facebook.com/SteinerRanchCycling, and to our email list (sign up on our website).

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

After the ride on Saturdays, join us for discounted burgers and beer at Lakeside Pizza & Grill!

SUNDAY COFFEE SHOP RIDE

On Sundays we host a mostly mellow no-drop ride to a local coffee shop outside Steiner.

The group will leave Cups & Cones at 8:30 AM, and will target some not-too-far coffee shop for some espresso, pastries, and socialization. The ride will average around 16-17 mph and should be perfect for those looking for an easier and more relaxed alternative to our Saturday rides. Our destination is typically Red Horn Coffee House and Brewing Company at 1431 and Parmer which is 18 miles from Cups & Cones. Although this is technically a 'drop ride', we will make great efforts to keep the group together. Note that you should be able to ride the 38-50 miles at a 16-17 mph average pace for the whole ride.

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

SO YOU HAVE A BIKE, NOW WHAT?

Owning and riding a bike is awesome. Some like to ride around neighborhoods alone, others like to ride with a small group of

friends. Here are some suggestions for the 'next step' if you want to embrace the healthy cycling sport and get either more enjoyment or faster and stronger.

- 1. Join a club to meet new folks, learn new skills, and get faster. As is true with many exercise related activities, doing it in groups is a great motivator. SRC has many members across all ability levels and is obviously the best choice here. Join the Facebook page and/ or email list and introduce yourself!
- 2. Use an online ride tracking app. Sites like MapMyRide, Garmin Connect, and Strava store and analyze your ride data. You can compete against yourself (trying to climb that hill just a bit faster than you did last week) or see how you stack up against your fellow riders. If you are the competitive type, these sites can do wonders for increasing your speed and endurance.
- 3. Sign up for a big organized ride. If you are unsure about how your cycling abilities compare to others, try an organized ride! These are NOT races and can be a lot of fun and a great way to ride with others at whatever pace you are comfortable with. They offer a wide range of distances (typically from 15 to 100 miles) and usually benefit a charity. Some SRC favorites include LBJ100, Tour de Cure, and LIVESTRONG. Check them out!
- 4. Do something epic. Throughout the world there are rides that fall into 'epic' categories. These involve travel and typically span a week or so of riding across some countryside with hundreds (or even thousands) of others. SRC had one rider just finish La Vuelta Puerto Rico and many others are riding the famous RAGBRAI this year.

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Steiner Activities & Events



New Steiner Ranch Camera Club Meeting This Month

The Steiner Ranch Camera Club will hold its first official gathering in March. The goal of the club will be to provide an informal, friendly, and supportive environment for photographers, at all levels of experience, and with interests in all genres of photography. This first meeting will be an opportunity to begin laying the foundation for what members would like this club to become.

"Join" us on Facebook at "Steiner Ranch Camera Club" to get involved and keep current on club events, meeting times and locations.

YOUNG PHEART

youngatheartaustin@gmail.com

Young at Heart gives Steiner Ranch residents- mostly in the 50+ age group- opportunities to meet other people with similar interests. Our organized activities are planned to give everyone a chance to get to know each other in casual social settings. Many friendships have been formed while playing cards and games, walking, hiking and participating in more than a dozen other interest groups. If you live in Steiner Ranch full time or part time, you are welcome to join us. To become a member, just send your contact information including name(s), address, phone number and e-mail address to youngatheartaustin@gmail.com.

Among our many activities are Book Club, Canasta, Euchre, Mah Jongg, Mexican Train (Dominoes), Bunco, Walking, Hiking, Biking, Spanish Conversation, Technology, Painting, Card Making (creating unique greeting cards), and Ladies CLEO Luncheons (Classy Ladies Eating Out). We also get together for happy hours, wine socials, International Dining, dinner groups, and our very popular ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out). New groups are added when there is interest.

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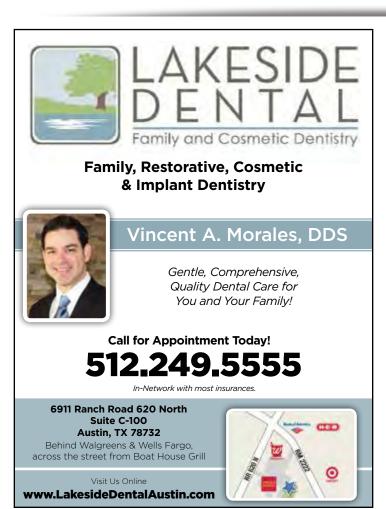
Calling all writers! Poets, novelists, memoirists, songwriters, and anyone who has ever wanted to try- join us for an hour of work and friendly support from 1:00pm - 2:00pm at Cups & Cones on Monday, March 7th and 21st. Bring something you are working on for the first half of the meeting -our writing time- and then the second half, we'll chat and get to know the other writers in our community. If you haven't started a project, bring your idea and your laptop/notebook and get started in the silence of writers actually writing. This will not be a workshop, but it might be a great way to meet a new writing partner or the reader for your finished manuscript. Absolutely free. Bring your work and join us!

It's Time To Wag and Walk

Save the date to walk with your dog at the Steiner Ranch Community Wag and Walk, benefiting Wags, Hope and Healing. Even if you don't have a dog, come out for the fun!

Saturday, April 2nd

Time To Be Announced on the HOA website, HOA events Facebook page & April's Ranch Record John Simpson Park





13-14 Girls Neighborhood Sports Steiner Ranch Steelers Win NFL Flag Football National Championship

Submitted by Galan Manske

The Denver Broncos weren't the only team to win a Super Bowl in San Francisco last month. In addition to the "Big Game", the NFL hosted its 2015 NFL Flag National Championships at Golden Gate Park and at the NFL Experience in San Francisco. The NFL Flag Football National Championships are comprised of the best 32 youth flag football teams in the nation, 8 regional champions across 4 different age brackets: 9-10 Co-ed, 11-12 Co-ed, 13-14 Girls, and 13-14 Boys. To advance to Nationals, a team must win one of the 8 regional tournaments hosted by NFL cities across the US. All of the Nationals participants are Regional Champions from the Fall 2015 tournament season.

This year, the 13-14 Girls Neighborhood Sports Steiner Ranch Steelers advanced to Nationals for a record fourth year in a row, having finished 3rd in 2012, 2nd in 2013, and 1st in 2014.

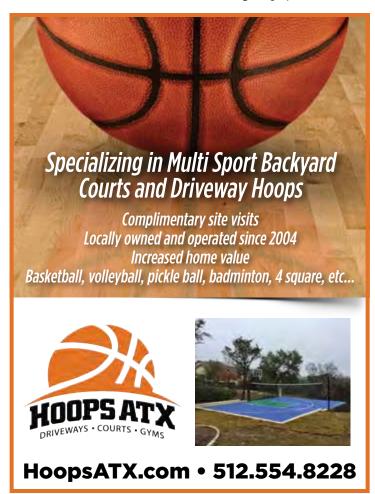
The 2015 squad featured 5 players and coaches from Steiner Ranch, with additional talent from across the greater Austin area. The dynamic roster was a mix of experience and youth, and was likely the youngest team in its age bracket this year.

The 2015 Nationals Tournament featured great plays in a beautiful

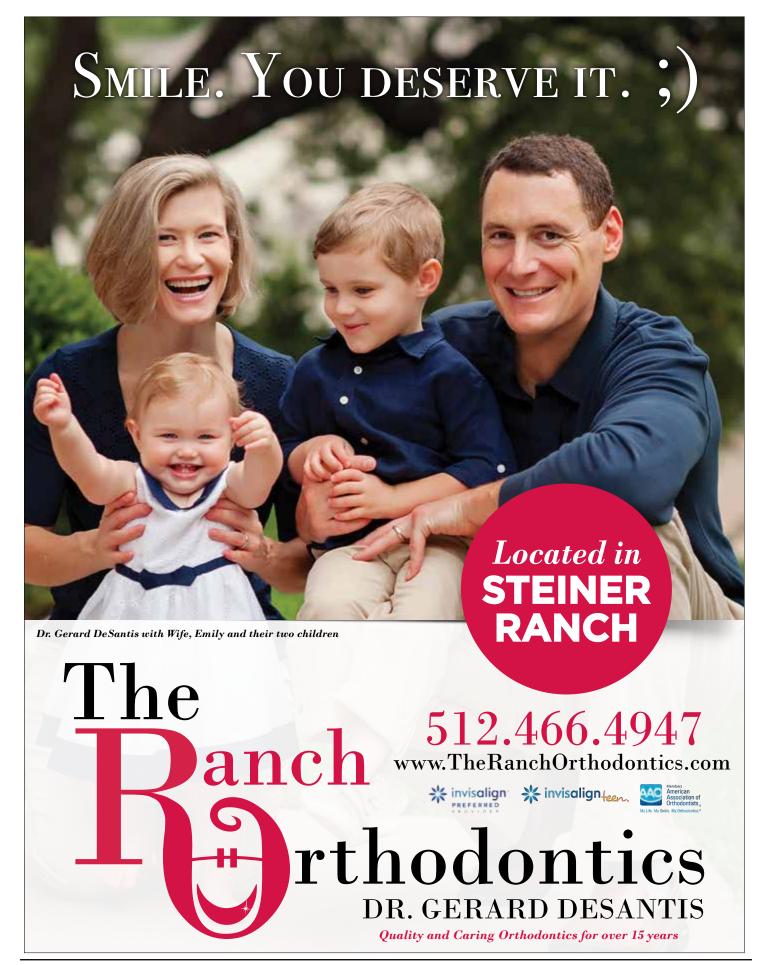
setting, with preliminary rounds held at Golden Gate Park on Sunday, January 31st. Strong breezes off the San Francisco Bay impacted many teams' passing games. The Steiner Steelers were ready, responding with an unstoppable ground game mixed with short passes to minimize the weather's impact. On the defensive side, their strong flag pulling, blitzes, and pass defense led to two shutouts against high powered teams. Dominating performances in pool play and the playoff rounds led to a return to the title game on Monday, February 1st at the Moscone Center NFL Experience.

As fate would have it, just as in the professional NFL, the flag football Steiner Ranch Steelers battled their arch rival – the Bengals from Ohio. The controlled environment of the Moscone Center favored the older Bengals prolific passing game. But the Steiner Steelers defense played their best game of the tournament, denying several scoring opportunities and even putting up points of their own – a "Pick 6" by veteran Dee Dee Gregory tied the score at 6-6 late. A precise pass in traffic from quarterback Sydney Franklin to center Jaedyn Sapinoro for the extra point put the Steelers ahead

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Around Steiner

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7-6. After giving up a long pass, the Steelers defense tightened, denying the Bengals on 3 plays from scoring position to seal the victory. The 13-14 Girls Neighborhood Sports Steiner Ranch Steelers, 2015 NFL Flag Football National Champions, and Back-to-Back winners!

Steiner Ranch and the Austin area can be proud of these girls and all they have accomplished. Football is a sport that teaches important life lessons, the value of teamwork, and leadership. Flag Football provides an outlet for boys and girls to excel. The words of Assistant Coach Jennifer Purvis capture it best: "I have a passion for girls to be strong leaders in the business world and social community, and football teaches them the skills they need to succeed."



Photo Caption (standing left to right): Head Coach Galan Manske, Alyson Tekippe, Dee Dee Gregory, Madelyn Bailey, Sydney Franklin, Trinity Henderson, Jaedyn Sapinoro, Paige Tekippe, Addison Orsborne, Assistant Coach Jennifer Purvis, Ashlea Klam, Assistant Coach David Lapping, Honorary Captain Pittsburgh Steeler running back DeAngelo Williams (front)



Chinese New Year Celebrated in Steiner Ranch

Several Steiner Ranch families gathered to celebrate the Chinese New Year, which took place on February 8th, 2016. The families also celebrated a baby shower for the Rock Chinese Church youth pastor, Paul Wang and his wife Larina Wang. Everyone enjoyed food, fun games and good company. Photo provided by Ling Yuan.



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STEINER STARS SUMMER LEAGUE SWIM TEAMS

It may only be spring, but summer and its heat will be upon us soon. We invite you to be a part of the Steiner Stars family.

Starting on May 2nd, the two recreational competitive summer league teams will practice two times per week after school. Beginning June 6th, both teams practice four times per week. Stars Red practices in the morning and Star Blue practices in the afternoon.

Stars Practice Schedule During the School Year: May 2nd - June 3rd

Blue: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30pm Red: Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 7:30pm NO PRACTICE on Memorial Day (May 26th)

Stars Practice Schedule After the School Year: June 6th - July 10th

Blue: Monday through Thursday from 1:30 to 6:30pm Red: Tuesday through Friday from 7:30am to 12:30pm NO PRACTICE on Independence Day (July 4th)

Registration Details

Residents must be in good standing with the HOA in order to register and agree to volunteer requirements for participation in the league. Space in each age group is limited. Swimmers must be 5 years or older by May 1, 2016, to participate. Returning Family Registration will be online from March 19th through March 26th. At this time, New Family Registration is planned for April 9th. As the date approaches, information will be posted on our website: www.steinerstars.org.

New Swimmer Evaluations

The Steiner Stars Swim Teams are intended to be recreational but minimum swimming requirements exist. The Steiner Stars will conduct swimmer evaluations on April 3rd from 2-3:30pm at Bella Mar Community Pool for non-USAA swimmers. All new swimmers are strongly encouraged to attend.

Shooting Stars

We will no longer be offering the Shooting Stars development team.

Non-Residents

We will no longer be able to accept new non-residents onto the Steiner Stars swim teams. We are able to grandfather those non-resident families that swam in the 2015 season.

www.steinerstars.org.

YEAR ROUND SWIMMING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

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Our swim schedule is as follows:

- Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 a.m. until 6:45 a.m.
- Sundays at 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.
- \$55 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!



WCID 17 Refinances Some Steiner Ranch Bonds: Saves Over Half-a-Million Dollars In Debt Service

Submitted by WCID #17

January 21, 2016 - Taking advantage of the recent very favorable bond market, WCID 17 Board of Directors authorized a refunding of a number of Steiner Ranch tax bonds in Series 2009 and 2009A. The bond interest was reduced from an average of 4.61% to 2.84% and the amount refinanced was \$11,574,998. This action resulted in annual debt service savings of \$43,951 and an overall savings of \$659,261 (net present value of \$512,195) over the life of the bonds without extending the final maturity date.

The Board has directed the financial advisors to routinely test all debts for possible refinancing opportunities which meet the criteria of significantly reduced interest rate, debt service savings, and no increase of final maturity date.

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

When: Saturday, May 7, 2016, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Where: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center 4801 La Crosse Avenue Austin, TX 78739

This event is free, but seating is limited! Lunch and beverages provide Register at:

Wildfire Survival Symposium

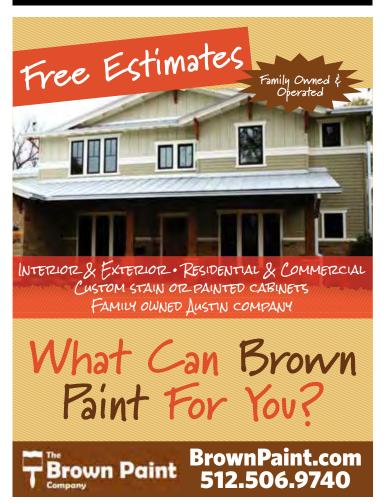
Topics covered will include:

- Evacuation Readiness: Key to Surviving Wildfire
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Hazardous Household Product Drop Off Reuse & Recycling Center

The Lake Travis Regional Reuse & Recycling Center collects hazardous waste products and is free to Steiner Ranch Residents.

Collection Dates for 2016 are Wednesday's, from 9:00am – Noon as follows:

March 2, 2016 June 1, 2016 September 7, 2016

The center is located at: 3207 NEIDHARDT DRIVE, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78734

Household hazardous waste is common everyday products, used in and around homes that, due to their chemical nature, can be hazardous to the environment and water supply if not properly disposed.

Collection events are free and open to residents and utility customers. To drop off items, a resident or customer must present a driver's license or utility bill with an address in the jurisdictional boundaries of one of the following partners: the City of Lakeway, the City of Bee Cave, Village of The Hills, Hurst Creek Municipal

Utility District, Lakeway MUD, or Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) No. 17. "We invite residents and utility customers of the center's partners to properly dispose of household hazardous waste to prevent pollution that could endanger human health, wildlife, and the environment," center spokeswoman Julie Oakley said

THE CENTER WILL ACCEPT:

- Household products cleaning products, drain cleaners, oven cleaning solvents, degreasers, polishers, pool chemicals, household rechargeable batteries, mercury thermometers, gas grill propane tanks:
- Paint products latex and oil-based paints, spray paints, preservatives, strippers, etc.; or,
- Automotive products antifreeze, car batteries, oil, oil filters, transmission fluid, brake fluid, etc.

Accepted materials must be labeled and preferred to come in their original containers for transport.





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