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- ✓ Adjust to New Schedule
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The Ranch Record is mailed monthly to all Steiner Ranch residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome. To submit an article for consideration please email it to communications@steinerranchhoa.org. The deadline is the 8th of the month prior to the issue.

COVER PHOTO

Happy Back To School Steiner Ranch kiddos and parents! This month's photo is a reminder that many neighborhood children are walking to bus stops and to school, now that school is back in session. Please be mindful when driving!

Have a photo you would like to see published in the next Ranch Record? Send pictures to communications@steinerranchhoa.org for consideration no later than the 8th of the month prior to publication. Your photo might just be next month's cover!

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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2016 STEINER RANCH EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars Now
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Steiner Ranch Social Events!

SEPTEMBER

9/17 Fall Community Garage Sale
9/24 Father Daughter Dance

OCTOBER

10/6 New Homeowner Social
10/7 Fall Scrap-A-Thon
10/23 Pumpkin Patch
10/30 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

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](https://www.facebook.com/SteinerRanchHOAevents) or visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website at www.steinerranchhoa.org

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THE RANCH REPORT

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a community as a group of people who live in the same area, such as a city, town, or neighborhood, or a group of people who have the same interests, religion, race, etc. I would add that a community comprises residents who take steps to know their neighbors, and look out for and support one another.

Last week I received a complaint from a resident about their neighbor's yard. I called the resident whose yard was in question to find out what the issue was. The resident responded that he was aware of the problem and apologized. He explained that his wife had been diagnosed with stage four cancer last year, and he was busy taking care of her, his young children, and was doing his best to keep up with his job. His yard issue had taken a back seat. Perhaps if his neighbors had known what a difficult time this family was going through, they might have reached out to help with the yard.

Steiner Ranch is facing issues that require neighbors to help neighbors in their community. Oak wilt is the latest matter facing our community and it's going to require neighbors to work together in order to contain, and hopefully stop it from spreading.

The Steiner Ranch Master Association and Steiner Ranch Residential Association Boards met in a joint workshop in August to discuss issues confronting both Associations in an effort to work together to resolve them. Residents of Steiner Ranch have the opportunity to do the same.

Bobby Steiner once said, "Although I have many great memories of the way it used to be, I am more proud of what Steiner Ranch is today. I tell people not only is it home to great schools, stores, restaurants and the legendary University of Texas golf course, but it also has without a doubt, the happiest most positive people of any community I have seen."

Until next time,
Randy Schmaltz
Executive Director
Steiner Ranch Homeowners' Association

OAK WILT UPDATE

The Homeowners' Association organized two presentations to educate the community about oak wilt and ways to prevent and contain the infectious disease, which has been confirmed in Plateau and along Selma Hughes Park Road. Additionally, the Association has received notice from a resident in the Valley of Eastridge that a tree on their property has a confirmed case of oak wilt. Oak wilt presentations took place on July 14, 2016 and August 3, 2016, and were made by Clay Bales, Forester from the Texas A&M Forest Service. Bales discussed the causes of oak wilt and how to prevent, contain and possibly stop it from spreading. If you were unable to attend these meetings, a flyer about oak wilt disease is posted on the HOA website.

Bales explained that oak wilt moves above ground, via beetles, and below ground via infected live oak and red oak tree roots grafting together thus spreading the disease. To stop oak wilt from spreading, infected tree roots must be severed via trenching. Bales explained trenching can be challenging, since to be effective, trenching must be at least 4 feet deep and 150 feet out from trees showing symptoms.

To treat oak wilt, Bales said live oaks may be injected with a fungicide to attempt to preserve tree canopies and save trees from dying. Bales pointed out injections do not stop the spread of oak wilt, but offer an option to homeowners wanting to treat trees they wish to protect. Ideally, trees should be injected 150 feet out from trees showing oak wilt symptoms and be injected in late spring.

Bales urged homeowners with oak wilt, and neighbors nearby, to talk to one another about their treatment plans. During one of the presentations, several residents in Plateau exchanged contact information to stay in touch about next steps in containing oak wilt in their area. Bales recommended treesaregood.com and TexasOakWilt.org as reference sites for homeowners to utilize in finding a trained oak wilt arborist.

The SRMA Board is in the process of determining next steps regarding possible HOA oak wilt policies.



LARGE CAT REPORTS IN STEINER RANCH

Steiner Ranch is home to various wildlife including coyotes, fox, snakes, racoons, and other animals. During the past year, there have been two reports to the Association office about large cat sightings in the greenbelt area of Shire Ridge and at a trail head off of Flat Top. The Association office contacted Texas Parks & Wildlife about the sightings, as both residents who reported the occurrences believed what they saw may have been a Mountain Lion.

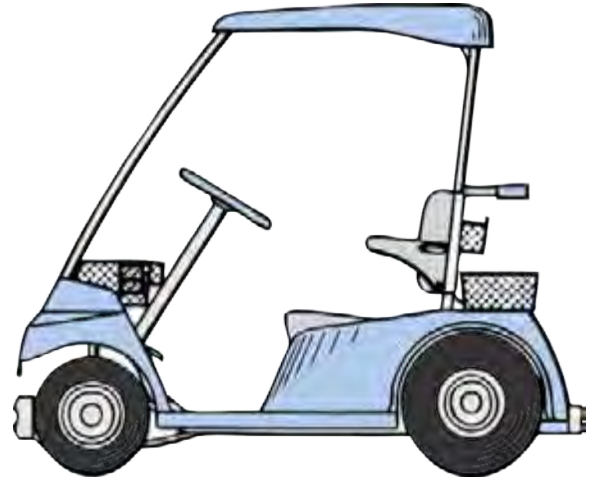
Texas Parks & Wildlife said the possibility of a Mountain Lion sighting in Steiner Ranch is unlikely, although not out of the question. They said most reports they receive of Mountain Lion sightings occur in West Texas. According to the Texas Almanac, Mountain Lions were once found statewide, however they are now found in the mountainous areas of the Trans-Pecos in West Texas, and the dense Rio Grande Plain brushland. The bobcat, however, is found throughout the state in large numbers.

The Austin population has surpassed 931,830 and continues to grow each day. Urban expansion results in fewer natural shelters for animal species. This loss of habitat is the primary reason wildlife is moving into the urban landscape.

To deter wildlife interaction around your home, the City of Austin recommends the following:

- Keep wildlife wild – don't feed them!
- Do not feed pets outside or leave pet food outside
- Check your property for and eliminate potential sources of food and water
- Clean up bird seed on the ground
- Keep barbecue grills clean
- Tightly cover and secure garbage cans and compost bins
- Clean up under fruit and nut trees
- Eliminate artificial water sources
- Trim brush and shrubbery near ground level
- Make sure fences are secure and close off crawl spaces under porches, decks and sheds
- Keep small pets inside if possible and monitor them when outside
- Always follow leash laws and walk dogs on leashes 6' or less in length
- Be aware of possible coyote den sites when in natural areas.
- Coyotes are protective of pups and may view people or dogs (even larger dogs) as interlopers. Coyotes den, mate and birth pups generally from January to June and are most territorial then.
- Install motion activated sprinklers or outdoor lighting around your property

As always, should you feel threatened by wildlife or are in an emergent situation, call 911. If you see evidence of unusual wildlife, contact Texas Parks & Wildlife at 830-896-2500.



Travis County Sheriff's Department Presents Golf Cart Laws To Community

Lieutenant Michael Canales, with the Travis County Sheriff's Department, made a presentation to the community about state golf cart laws on July 26, 2016 at Towne Square Community. Key points from the presentation are below.

- It is illegal to operate a golf cart on sidewalks.
- Any individual operating a golf cart on Steiner Ranch public roads must have a valid driver's license.
- Any person operating a golf cart must not exceed 25mph on public roads.
- Golf carts may not be operated on public roads with speed limits over 35 mph.
- Operators may cross highways with speed limits over 35mph.
- The number of passengers in a golf cart must not exceed the number of seats available.

These laws do not apply to Steiner Ranch gated communities, with the exception of the first bullet point, as roads within Steiner Ranch gated communities are not public roads.

The Travis County Sheriff's Department has received complaints about reckless and potential illegal golf cart use in the community. Law enforcement may stop and ticket any individual, including minors, suspected of illegally or recklessly operating golf carts in Steiner Ranch.

Following are Steiner Ranch HOA covenants, conditions, and restrictions regarding golf carts in the community. Parents who permit their children to operate a golf cart within Steiner Ranch are responsible for educating their children about HOA golf cart rules, as well as state and federal golf cart laws.

- Private golf carts must be registered with the Homeowners' Association.

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From the Association Office

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- Operators of a golf cart are solely responsible for the operation of the golf cart & any damages caused by such operation.
- Private golf cart operators must have a valid driver's license.
- The operator and vehicle is subject to Texas law and must observe safe driving principles at all times.
- The number of passengers which may ride in a private golf cart is limited to the number of seats provided in the vehicle.
- Private golf carts must adhere to posted speed limits and otherwise obey all traffic signage.
- Private golf carts may not be operated on any portion of the golf course.
- Private golf carts may only be operated on paved streets within Steiner Ranch.
- Private golf carts may not be parked on any street within Steiner Ranch
- Private golf carts utilizing any parking lot must be parked within designated areas for automobile parking.
- When not in actual use, private golf carts must be stored in the garage of a residence.
- Private golf carts must be properly lighted between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- Animals shall in no event be transported in a private golf cart.
- All private golf cart passengers must remain seated during operation of the golf cart.

Residents are encouraged to use the "report a problem" tool via the HOA website to notify the Association about golf cart violations. Failure to comply with Association rules is a violation of the terms and provisions of the Association and may be subject to fines or other remedial action by the Association. Law enforcement has advised Association staff to not approach minors due to liability issues. Should a resident see anyone operating a golf cart within the community which they believe violates state law, they are encouraged to contact local law enforcement.



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It's The Neighborly Thing To Do And It's The Law!

There have been several accidents and many concerns about speeding and reckless driving in the neighborhood, especially along Quinlan Park Road. The Association office urges residents to follow posted speed limits and to not drive distractedly.

The Travis County Sheriff'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.

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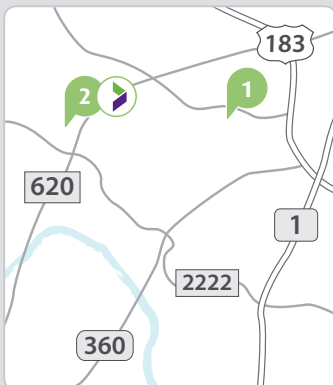


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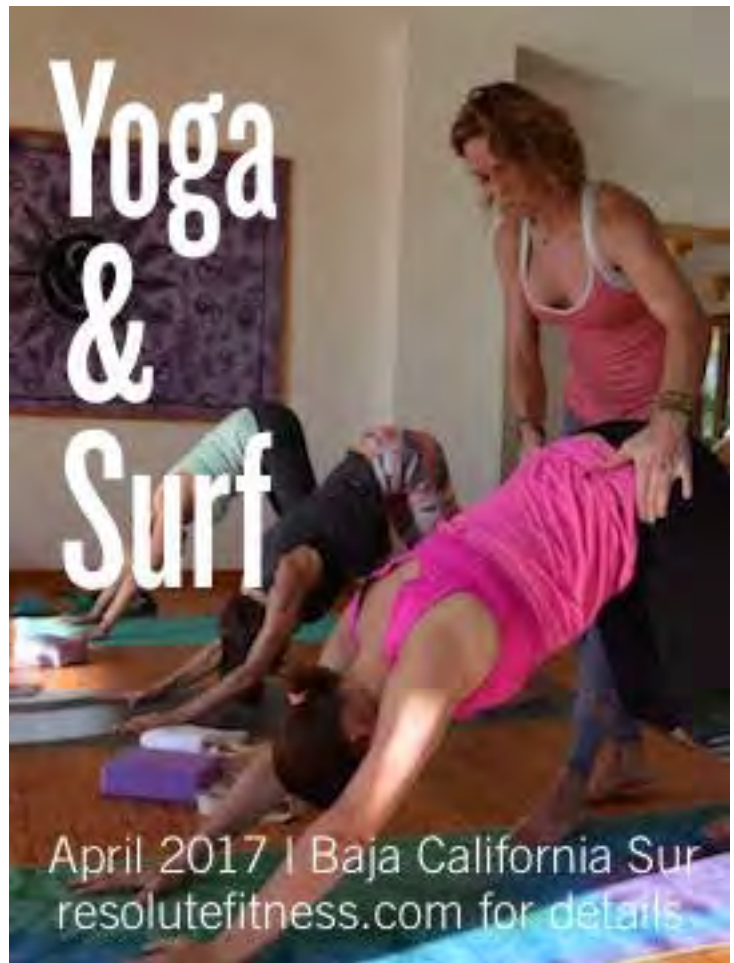
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1. Like our page.
2. After liking our page, hover your mouse over the button that says 'Liked.' You'll see a dropdown menu open. Click the option that says 'See First' and our posts will then appear in your feed. Because we are a business, simply liking our page will not necessarily result in our posts appearing in your feed.

THANK YOU FOR FOLLOWING US!

FAIRWAYS BOARD NOMINEES NEEDED

The Fairways Board of Directors will have one position to fill at their annual meeting on October 12. To make a nomination, please contact Mack Taylor, Steiner Ranch Community Manager at mack@steinerranchhoa.org prior to September 12, 2016.



Steiner Ranch Writers Group

Calling all Steiner writers! Regardless of whether writing is your profession or your hobby, you're welcome to join us. Please bring your laptop or notebook to Cups & Cones for any one or all of our upcoming sessions.

Upcoming Dates & Times:

Wednesday, September 7, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Monday, September 12, 10am - 12pm
Wednesday, September 21, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Monday, September 26, 10a.m. - 12p.m.



Why Do You Love Steiner Ranch?

What do you love about living in Steiner Ranch? The sense of community? Living between the lakes? The beautiful trails? The Association is asking residents to share with us why they love living in Steiner Ranch. We are in the process of revamping our website and would like to include resident quotes about what makes Steiner Ranch the special community it is. To share, please email: communications@steinerranchhoa.org.

The Steiner Ranch Camera Club is planning its first photographic exhibit later this year, which will feature images under the theme "Why I Love Steiner." Prints will be displayed at various community facilities and will provide a visual journey through the eyes of neighbors depicting why residents love calling Steiner Ranch home.

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Steiner Activities & Events

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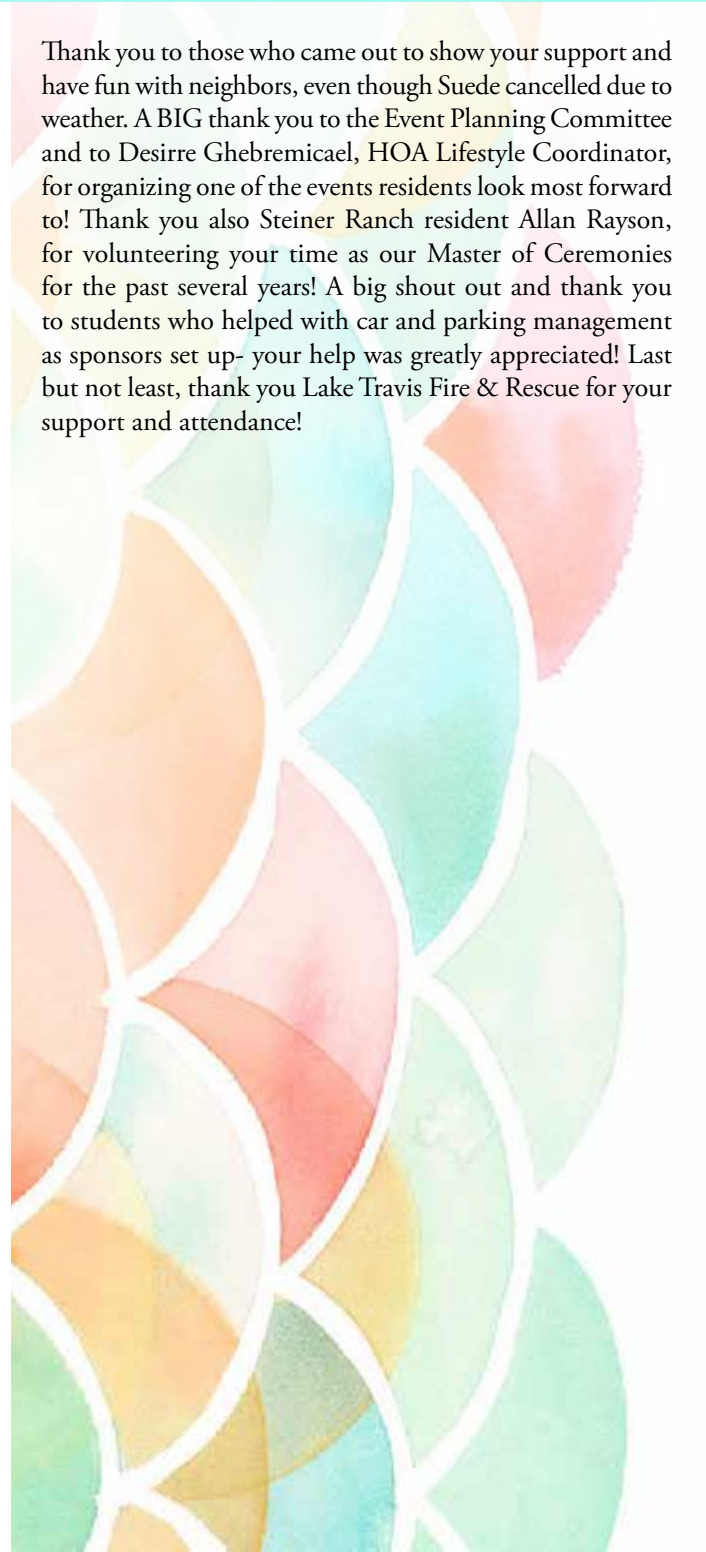
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Vandegrift High School Vipers Band & Vision Dance Co.

Thank you to those who came out to show your support and have fun with neighbors, even though Suede cancelled due to weather. A BIG thank you to the Event Planning Committee and to Desirre Ghebremicael, HOA Lifestyle Coordinator, for organizing one of the events residents look most forward to! Thank you also Steiner Ranch resident Allan Rayson, for volunteering your time as our Master of Ceremonies for the past several years! A big shout out and thank you to students who helped with car and parking management as sponsors set up- your help was greatly appreciated! Last but not least, thank you Lake Travis Fire & Rescue for your support and attendance!





Additional Tickets Added! Get Yours Today!

Join Us For A Magical Evening At Our Second Annual Father Daughter Royal Ball Dance

When: September 24th, 2016

Where : Canyon Ridge Middle School

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Age: 5 and up

Fee: \$25 per person

Demand for our Father Daughter Royal Ball prompted a change of venue and additional tickets to accommodate as many Steiner Ranch princesses and their dads as possible. The event promises to be a night filled with fun, laughter and dancing. Your ticket includes dinner fit for royalty, fancy dessert treats, along with music, dancing, and a horse drawn carriage ride – weather permitting.

Registration required. Please visit the below link or the Steiner Ranch HOA events Facebook page to register:

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- Sportball
- Tap/Ballet
- Gymnastics
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Flag Football
- Music
- Zumba Kids
- Swimming

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- Hula
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For questions or more information, please contact Desiree Ghebremicael, Lifestyle Coordinator, at desirre@steinerranchhoa.org.

2016 STEINER RANCH TRUNK OR TREAT & HALLOWEEN EVENT

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30th, 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 30th from 4—6pm. For sponsorship information, email Tracy Miller at tracymiller@gmail.com. We hope to see you and your little costumed kiddos on the 30th!



SPEND THE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS AT

CAMPING ON THE RANCH



Have you wanted to take the kiddos camping but don't want to venture too far from home? You're in luck! The Steiner Ranch HOA Event Planning Committee is hosting the popular Camping on the Ranch event, just minutes from home but an adventure away.

When: Saturday November 5th starting at 5:00pm

Where: Towne Square Community Fields

The entire family is invited. Pull out your tents and sleeping bags, pack food and beverages, bring a game or two, or perhaps your story telling skills. No activities are scheduled, just a great evening outdoors.

Cups & Cones will be onsite Sunday morning selling kolaches and/or breakfast tacos and the HOA will be giving away doughnuts, hot chocolate, and coffee.

Please register for this event by visiting the url below:
www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-camping-on-the-ranch-2016-tickets-27027482929

Calling All Steiner Scrappers

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

When: Starting Friday October 7th from 6:00 PM to Sunday, October 9th at 4:00PM

Where: Towne Square Community Center

Cost: \$26.62 for the entire weekend (Does not include meals)

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

Please visit the Eventbrite page to register:

www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-fall-steiner-ranch-scrap-a-thon-tickets-27027224155



Annual Steiner Ranch Pumpkin Patch To Raise Money For Dell Children's

Submitted by Stewart Finnessey

Make plans to stop by the annual Steiner Ranch pumpkin patch to buy a pumpkin or two! This year's event will be held on October 23rd at John Simpson Park. The purpose is to raise awareness and funds for the Dell Children's Medical Center Foundation of Central Texas. Last year \$8,022 was raised!

NEW HOMEOWNER

Welcome & Wine Social

Thursday, October 6, 2016

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 & Committees

Presentation by the HOA

Question & Answer Session

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



Steiner Activities & Events

STEINER RANCH CAMERA CLUB

PHOTO EXHIBIT LATER THIS YEAR: WHY I LOVE STEINER



The Steiner Ranch Camera Club continues to grow – come out and join us! In recent months, we've had presentations on portrait photography, iPhone-ography and more. In August, our topic was macro (close-up) photography along with creative options.

Right now, the Steiner Ranch Camera Club is planning its first annual photographic exhibition to take place at the end of this year. Club members will submit images under the theme "Why I Love Steiner" and prints will be made to display as an exhibition here in Steiner Ranch then at various community facilities. It will

be a great visual journey through the eyes of your neighbors seeing why we all love this place we call home.

The Steiner Ranch Camera Club provides an informal, friendly and supportive environment for photographers of all levels of experience – beginners to professional – with interests in all types of photography.

The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. To get involved, "Join" us on "Facebook" at "Steiner Ranch Camera Club". There, you can chat with other club members, post pics, ask technical questions, and keep up with our meeting/event schedule.

If you have questions, contact Jeff Wagner at jeffamy3@mac.com, or Tim Babiak of Exquisite Photography, at tim@exquisite.photo. You can also reach us on Facebook at the "Steiner Ranch Camera Club" group page.



HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT VENDOR REGISTRATION

To get residents in the holiday spirit, the Steiner Ranch Event Planning Committee will be hosting its Annual Holiday Sales event on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 10:00am - 4:00pm at the Towne Square Community Center.

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 is open now through November 7th, .

Fees must be paid to reserve your space. No refunds after November 1st, 2016

Steiner Ranch reserves the right to deny any application based on content, similarities and/or duplication of products or services. Residents must be in "good standing" with the Association.

**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

To register visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-shopping-event-2016-tickets-26905802981>



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Towne Square Community Center
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 or rosaliachiu@gmail.com



FREE WORKSHOPS

The following free workshops are offered this month to Steiner Ranch Residents:

September 21st at 7:00pm, Towne Square: The Value of Antioxidants, Discussion by Steiner Ranch resident and physician, Dr. Benjamin Rosin

September 22nd at 5:00pm, Towne Square: Principles for Successful Long Term Investing, presented by Tim Krudwig, AAMS of Edward Jones located at the Shops at Steiner Ranch, and Jessica Peressini of JP Morgan. Refreshments will be provided.

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Steiner Ranch Campus
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 2900 N Quinlan Park Rd Ste 260, Austin, TX 78732

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 7:30 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 50 up to 70+ 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.

Steiner Ranch Cycling is powered by Lakeside's awesome burgers (such as their Bacon Avocado Burger) and refreshed by their beer (we prefer Austin's own Independence Brewing Stash IPA which is on tap now). Join us there after the ride on Saturdays to refuel and recover!

SUNDAY COFFEE SHOP RIDE

On Sundays we host a mostly mellow ride to a local coffee shop outside Steiner.

The group will leave Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM, and will target some not-too-far coffee shop for some espresso, pastries, and socializing. The ride will average around 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 20 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.

Upcoming Organized Rides in the Area



There are lots of great organized rides in the area that cater to cyclists of all abilities (beginner to expert). Even if you don't ride with SRC, you should consider participating in some of these. Big group rides are fun!

- Sept 17/18 Tour de Cure (<http://tour.diabetes.org>) A great ride for a great cause. One of our favorites.
- Sep 17 Conquer the Coast (<http://www.conquerthecoast.org>) We live where there are hills. This ride has no hills. Pancake flat, man.
- Oct 16 Livestrong Challenge (<http://www.livestrong.org>) Love him or hate him (probably the latter), this is still a great ride for a great cause.
- Oct 29 Armadillo Hill Country Classic (<https://bikeaustin.org/events/armadillo>) Beautiful hill country views.
- Nov 5/6 Tour de Gruene (<http://www.tourdegruene.com>) Some of the best of the Texas Hill Country.

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SEPTEMBER

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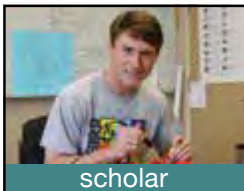
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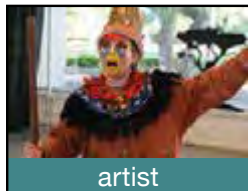
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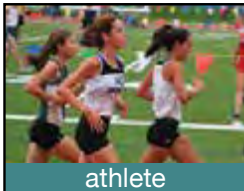
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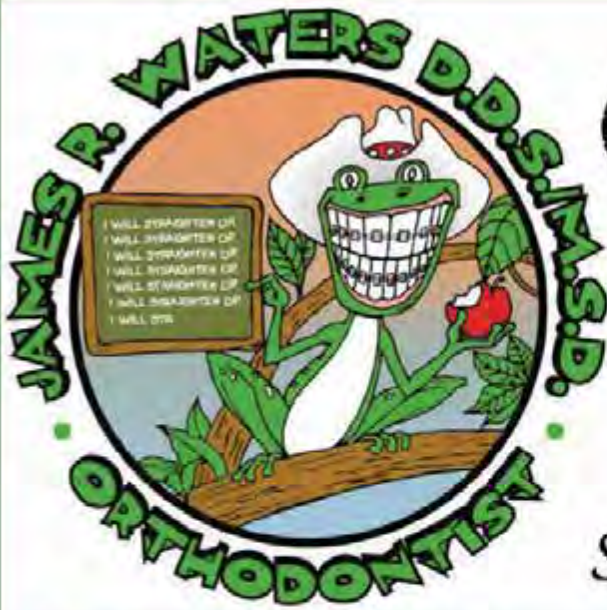
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When: September 7, 2016 from 9am – 12pm

Where: 3207 NEIDHARDT DRIVE, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78734

This collection event is free and open to residents and utility customers. To drop off items, residents 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.

THE CENTER WILL NOT ACCEPT:

- Asbestos products — including linoleum tiles containing asbestos from older homes;
- Industrial waste — anything from a business;
- Medical waste — needles, prescriptions, etc.;
- Ammunition or explosives — fireworks, dynamite, flares, etc.;
- Radioactive waste — smoke detectors, etc.;
- Compressed gas cylinders — except for gas grill propane tanks;
- Tires;
- Appliances — small or large; or,
- Technology products — computers, printers, televisions, speakers, surround sound, other electronic equipment.

Fluorescent Bulb Recycling CANNOT be accepted at the Lake Travis Regional Reuse & Recycling Center, but The Home Depot has an ongoing recycling program for fluorescent light bulbs (cfl's). You can take your expired bulbs to any location.



Steiner Activities & Events

YOUNG HEART

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.

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS

The following activities are offered to Steiner Ranch residents at no charge:

- Aikido** Meets at Bella Mar Community Center
Tuesday evenings at 8:30pm
 - Cycling Group** Meets at Cups & Cones Saturday
& Sunday Mornings at 7:30am
 - Run Lab** Coach-led run meets at John Simpson Park
Friday mornings at 9:30am
 - Tai Chi** Meets at Towne Square Community Center
Monday through Friday at 8:15am
 - Yoga** Provided by Lake Austin Spa instructor. Meets at
Towne Square Mondays at 6:30pm
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Steiner Ranch Pool Rules

The Steiner Ranch pools are for your use and enjoyment. Residents must advise children and their guests of the rules and safety precautions. The following rules must be observed at all times.

The common areas are owned by the Steiner Ranch Master Association (“SRMA”) and the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Association (“SRROA”). They are available to residents, in good standing, of the SRMA and SRROA and their guests.

The pool hours during summer season are as follows:

Bella Mar Pools

Monday 2:00pm – 10:00pm

Tuesday - Sunday 7:00am – 10:00pm

Towne Square Pools

Monday 12pm – 10:00pm

Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm

John Simpson Pool

Monday 2:00pm – 10:00pm

Tuesday – Sunday 8:00am – 10:00pm

- ♦ Non-potty trained children are NOT allowed in the Bella Mar Lap Pool at any time.
- ♦ The pool gate must remain closed and locked at all times. A facility tag is used to access locked facilities during hours of operation.
- ♦ Facility tags may be obtained at the Association office. If a facility tag is lost or stolen, a replacement facility tag may be issued at the Association Office for a \$20 replacement fee.
- ♦ The Association may deny access to the pool at any time due to occupancy limits, weather, pool condition, or if maintenance is required.
- ♦ At the discretion of the Association, and as approved by the Board of Directors of the SRROA and SRMA, certain periods of the normal open swim hours may be set aside for specialized activities. These activities will be open to all registered participants. When scheduled, times for these activities will be posted.
- ♦ Use of the pool facilities is at the resident or guest’s own risk and by use of the facility the user agrees to hold SRROA and SRMA harmless in regard to liabilities of any kind related to the use of the facility.
- ♦ Each resident household is entitled to host four (4) pool guests at any time SRROA or SRMA pool facilities are available.
- ♦ Lifeguards, when present, have full authority and are responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of all rules. Residents will work cooperatively with lifeguards in enforcing the rules for the safety of everyone. No person may verbally abuse, shout at or in any manner distract a lifeguard, except in the case of emergency.
- ♦ Only lifeguards are permitted on the lifeguard stand.
- ♦ A member resident who is eighteen (18) years of age or older must accompany guests at all times.
- ♦ An adult must accompany children under fourteen (14) years of age at all times.
- ♦ Designated lap lanes are for lap swimmers only. Lap swimmers will have the right-of-way.
- ♦ Double diapers (swim diaper + plastic pants) must be worn by children who have not been completely toilet trained.

- ♦ Only children 5 years of age and under are allowed in the baby pool.
- ♦ Proper swim wear is required. No cut-offs are allowed.
- ♦ Chewing gum is prohibited in the pool facility.
- ♦ Swimming with an open sore or a communicable disease is prohibited.
- ♦ No running, roughhousing, general horseplay or disorderly conduct that will endanger the safety of others is allowed. No diving, somersaults, back dives, cannon balls, backwards jumps, can openers, or similar type entries from the edge of the pool are permitted.
- ♦ The discharge of firearms, pellet guns, bow and arrows, sling shots and other hazardous items is prohibited.
- ♦ No Smoking.
- ♦ No glass containers of any type are allowed in the pool facility.
- ♦ No pets or animals of any type are allowed in the pool facility. (Except seeing eye dogs).
- ♦ No bikes, skateboards or roller skates/blades are permitted in the pool facility. Children’s strollers are permitted.
- ♦ Floating devices may be allowed in the pool at the lifeguards’ discretion. Water wings and small floats for non-swimming children are allowed only if the child is within arm’s reach of an adult.
- ♦ Toys and balls of any type may only be allowed in the pool at the lifeguards’ discretion when they are on duty.
- ♦ Residents and their guests must refrain from any activity which is either a nuisance to other guests, residents, lifeguards, or pool staff, or in any manner damages SRROA or SRMA property.
- ♦ Residents are responsible for any damage they, their guests, or their children cause while using SRROA or SRMA facilities and for cleaning up any mess or trash created by them prior to leaving the pool facility.
- ♦ The Association must approve the use of Association facilities by large groups at least seven (7) days prior to the event.
- ♦ Violations of these rules may result in suspension of pool privileges, fines or other charges, and/or legal action against the violator.
- ♦ Emergencies, complaints, concerns, and compliments should be addressed to the Association at 266-7553, or in person at the Community Associations Office located at 12550 Country Trails Lane, Austin, Texas 78732.

Please note that a resident in “good standing” is defined as a resident in that is current with their Association assessments and has no outstanding violations. Those residents who are not in good standing with the Association may lose resident privileges such as amenity access, facility rental, attendance at, or registration for, social functions and sponsored programs.

Don’t Prop Pool Gates

Propping a gate open to one of the pools is a serious safety issue. It only takes a second for a child to wander into an unattended pool area and drown. Pool gates may not be propped open for any reason.

WATER AEROBICS

Want to exercise, but can't get motivated? Perhaps the pavement plays havoc on your knees, legs or hips. Or maybe you just don't want to exercise by yourself. Try water aerobics! Classes go through September at the Towne Square Pool.

WHEN: Monday/Wednesday, 6:45 pm
Tuesday/Thursday, 9:00 am

COST: 8 classes per month: \$48
16 classes per month: \$96

REGISTRATION: Call Ann @ 512-266-4780 or email askennedy@austin.rr.com.

Sign up will take place prior to the first class of every month. Classes are 50 minutes long, will incorporate a full body workout in the water and are led by a certified water aerobics instructor. Some of the benefits of water aerobics fitness are:

- *strengthens & improves muscle tone
- *enhances muscular flexibility
- *increases range of motion
- *improves posture & physical appearance

- *relieves tension & stress
- *increases energy levels & stamina
- *burns calories
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- Never leave children unattended in pools.
- An adult should be designated to supervise children in pool at all times; that should be their only task –reading, texting or playing games on phones can wait.
- Lifeguards are trained to scan the entire pool area- they are not keeping an eye on only your child.
- Swimming is a lifesaving skill. Enroll children in swim lessons.
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The event was held July 15, 2016 - July 22, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia and marks the 14th annual WWBA National Championships.



*Drew Nelson, 2016 WWBA National Championship
All-Tournament Team Player*

STORM DRAIN PROTECTION

Submitted by WCID 17

You may have seen two young men going through neighborhoods this summer installing blue medallions to storm drain inlets. General Manager Deborah Gernes explained that “one of the best practices WCID 17 is working on is Public Education, Outreach and Involvement. A current project of labeling storm drain inlet structures to increase public awareness regarding water quality is nearing completion this summer.” Gernes explained that the installation of storm drain medallions on the curb offers an excellent opportunity to educate the public about the link between the storm drain system and receiving waters as well as help deter littering, excess fertilizer use, dumping and other practices that contribute to nonpoint source pollution and urban runoff. “Many people are simply unaware of where these drains go,” Gernes stated. She went on to say the message on each medallion you will find throughout curbed communities such as Steiner Ranch, Flintrock Falls and the Ridge at Alta Vista read, “No Dumping Drains to Lake.” Even though a medallion may not be on every drain inlet, be mindful that ALL drains must be protected from harmful disposal.

Please be mindful that all drain inlets must be protected from harmful disposals, even yard trimmings. Yard trimmings can clog a storm drain and cause unnecessary backup of water. What can you do? It is simple! Dump NOTHING down the storm drains that you wouldn't swim in or drink.

Travis County WCID17 is designated a Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. This designation means that WCID 17 is responsible for water quality protection and is responsible to regulate drainage inlets, ponds, and construction activities which might have runoff to lakes and streams within its boundaries. WCID 17 also takes action to prevent illegal dumping of hazardous materials and other activities which could cause pollution of the lakes and streams. Thank you for your participation.

LETTING OUR CHILDREN SUCCESSFULLY FAIL

Submitted by Shelley Coleman M.A., L.P.C.-S.

Are we allowing our children to experience failure? Are our constant attempts to rescue our children from frustration creating a generation that is not able to manage or even tolerate distress?

These are the questions I contemplate as my 10 year old bursts into tears of utter defeat when she is given the task of packing her own suitcase for a vacation. Complaints of “not knowing what to bring” and not being able to locate an item of clothing are strung together in a high pitch whine that sends our dog into his kennel. In my state of parental guilt and self doubt, I realize that she has rarely (if ever) packed her own bag as I have micro managed this (and countless other) tasks.

My goal as a parent has always been to raise independent, self reliant human beings. Like most parents, I am forever trying to expose my children to new and valuable experiences. I have encouraged them to take challenging classes, try new sports, eat weird foods, and make new friends. I dump on the praise in heapfuls when they work hard and try their best no matter the outcome. But have I been neglecting the day to day tasks that a 10 year old should be completing independently? In a word, yes. I pack the lunches, make the meals and snacks, do the laundry, and make sure that everyone has what they need at all times. Do you have your goggles/ sunscreen/ permission slip/ homework/ running shoes/ water bottle/ project? Not only do I ask these questions repeatedly, I write down reminders and place them where my kids will (hopefully) see them.

In the scheme of things, this parenting crime does not seem so large. I have never counted this one as a “top 5” by any means when I examine my parental mistakes. Recently, however, I have been reading about the longterm effects of parental “rescuing” and considering moving this infraction onto the list. Last week, a trusted “mom-friend” sent me eye opening article. The article was titled “Three Parental Acts That Hinder Students from Becoming Leaders” and reminded me of the importance of failure and mistakes. The author, Tim Elmore, called me out directly. He noted that by not letting our children fail and by solving their problems, we are hindering their ability to become resilient leaders. This trend has been observed in classrooms and college campuses. Dan Jones, Former president of the Association for University and College Counseling Center Directors, recently reported in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. He noted: “Students haven’t developed skills in how to soothe themselves, because parents have solved all their problems and removed the obstacles. They don’t seem to have as much grit as previous generations.”

In my own home, this has manifested as a meltdown in response to “pack your suitcase.”

It seems I have forgotten the value of setbacks and failure. As an adult, I have learned a lot from my own mistakes. In fact, my personal failures have motivated me to be resourceful. They have given me a sense of empowerment and resolve on many occasions. Surely my

children should be afforded this same opportunity. Providing my children the opportunity to fail will build competence and resilience.

Raising a productive human is a marathon, not a sprint. There will be times where it is appropriate for me to provide reminders or suggest solutions. Also, there will be many more times in the future where I force myself to step back and let my children figure it out. Which, I am happy to say, that I did in response to the suitcase crisis. Of note, my child packed a different set of pajamas for every day and a bathing suit for every day. It was not a severe consequence that only one pair of underwear and no socks were included as a bathing suit was the daily attire for the duration of the vacation. And, a toothbrush can easily be purchased at a host of locations.

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. She can be reached at shelleycolemalpc@gmail.com



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- ½ cup fennel bulb, chopped
- ½ cup green onion chopped
- 1/3 cup chopped mint
- 2 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups cranberry juice
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- The first Labor Day Parade in the United States was held in New York City in 1882. Since then, the tradition has attracted thousands to the Big Apple as the parade travels up Fifth Avenue from 44th Street to 72nd Street.
- According to the US Department of Labor, the first celebrated US Labor Day was on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City, planned by the Central Labor Union.
- Oregon was the first state to celebrate Labor Day as a legal holiday in 1887.
- The decision to make Labor Day the first Monday of September was approved on June 28, 1894.
- Americans worked 12-hour days seven days a week during the 19th century.
- The Adamson Act was passed on September 3, 1916 to establish an eight-hour work day.
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Location: Harker Heights High School

9/23 - 7:30p Westlake (Austin, TX)

Location: Vandegrift High School

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Location: Lehman High School

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Location: Vandegrift High School

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Location: Vista Ridge High School

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Children's Center of Austin Names Tanya Saenz

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Highly regarded Austin-area child-care and education center creates new Head of Schools position to direct growth for all three of its campuses; promotes Tanya Saenz to fill roll.

AUSTIN, TX (July 28, 2016) — The Children's Center of Austin announced today that Tanya Saenz has been named the institution's first Head of Schools. In this roll, Saenz will oversee the management of all the Children's Center of Austin schools including fiscal, personnel, curriculum, quality assurance, and customer relations, as well as the overall administrative success for all schools.

"I am excited about my next chapter with the Children's Center of Austin," said Saenz, who was promoted from the Regional Director position. "We have an amazing school system with incredible families, teachers, and staff

all working together to ensure the physical, social, and intellectual needs of every child are met on a daily basis. My goal is to build upon this solid foundation and pave a path for our students to have the most well-rounded, safe, and caring start to their education."

Some of the new initiatives Saenz will be addressing early on include physical upgrades to some of the schools such as outdoor sport courts for enhanced student activity and health. Also, she will continue to seek out the best ongoing educational and training opportunities for teachers to stay atop their fields and continue to provide the best care for all students.

Saenz brings 17 years of early childhood education and management experience to the newly appointed Head of Schools position. Six of those years have been spent at the Children's Center of Austin serving as Curriculum Coordinator, School Director, and Regional Director. She holds a degree in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in Infant and Toddler studies from Del Mar College, and is working towards a second degree in Business Administration from Concordia University.

Prior to joining the Children's Center of Austin, Saenz worked in schools in south Texas as well as three years with the Lake Travis Independent School District. Now, in the newly appointed position as Head of Schools, Saenz will rely upon that experience to continue the growth of the Chil-

dren's Center of Austin, its staff, and students, as well as provide continuity of management across all campuses.

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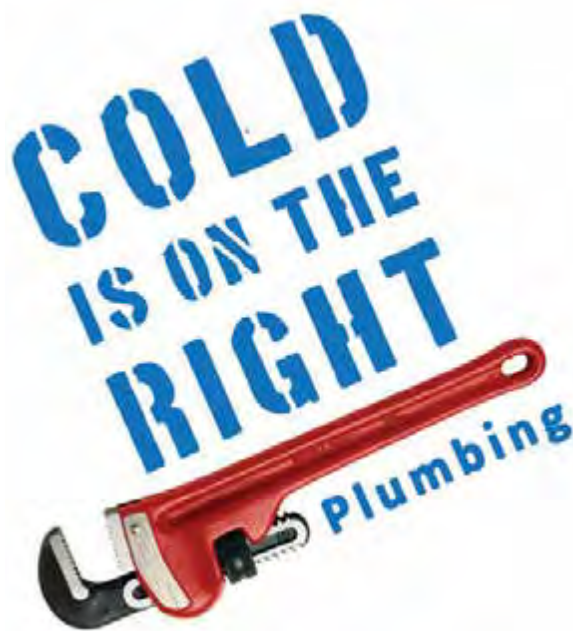
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