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## From the Association Office

# UPCOMING STEINER RANCH EVENTS

- 12/9 Breakfast With Santa
- 1/20 Mother & Son Event
- 2/10 Father Daughter Dance
- 3/3 Run The Ranch
- 3/10 Camping on the Ranch
- 3/23 Scrap A Thon
- 3/31 Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/5 New Homeowner Social
- 4/7 Keep Steiner Beautiful Clean Up Event
- 4/7 Summer Camp Open House
- 4/14 Spring Community Garage Sale
- 5/19 Shred Day
- 6/15 Children's Concert
- 7/4 Decorate Your Ride & Independence Day Celebration
- 7/20 Children's Concert
- 8/17 Children's Concert
- 8/18 Concert In The Park
- 9/15 Fall Community Garage Sale
- 9/28 Scrap A Thon
- 10/4 New Homeowner Social
- 10/14 Pumpkin Patch: Proud Sponsor
- 10/20 Steiner Clean Sweep Clean Up Event
- 10/28 Trunk-Or-Treat
- 11/3 Holiday Shopping Event
- 11/22 Steiner Ranch Turkey Trot
- 12/8 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.

Events are tentative & subject to change or cancel at any time. Events are planned by the Steiner Ranch Event Planning Committee, and are for Steiner Ranch residents in good standing with the association, and their guests only. Final approval to participate in any Steiner Ranch program or event is dependent upon HOA approval. For more information, please contact Desirre Ghebremicael at: desirre@steinerranchhoa.org

For the most up to date information, follow us at: Facebook. com/SteinerRanchHOAevents or visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website at:

#### www.steinerranchhoa.org

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## **COVER PHOTO**



This month's festive cover photo was taken at the 2016 Steiner Ranch Breakfast With Santa event. For details about this year's event, see page 15 or visit us on Facebook at Steiner

Ranch HOA events. Happy holidays!

Have a photo you would like to see published in the next Ranch Record? For consideration, send pictures to communications@steinerranchhoa.org 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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## From the Association Office

## SRMA Board Considering Move To 3rd Party, For-Profit Management Company

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) Board of Directors has held three community town hall meetings to update homeowners on next steps in potentially moving from a self-managed, not-for-profit management model to a 3rd party, for-profit management company. The Board has received at least two RFPs from management companies.

The most recent town hall was held on the evening of November 7th. During the meeting, the SRMA Board of Directors updated homeowners on an evaluation report on current HOA management, and provided residents with a status on proposals submitted by 3rd party management companies.

To review the management evaluation report and submitted management proposals, logon to the Steiner Ranch HOA website and click the 'Board & Committees' tab then select the 'Association Management Evaluation & RFPs' tab.

# **Association Assessment Payments Due January 1st**

Semi-annual assessments for January – July are due on January 1, 2018. Statements will be mailed to each homeowner at the mailing address on file at the beginning of December. If you do not receive a statement, please contact the Community Association Office at 512-266-7553. Homeowners are not exempt from paying assessments or late fees in the event a statement is not received. Payments received after January 31, 2018 are subject to an initial \$25.00 late fee per association and a \$25.00 late fee for each additional month that the assessment remains unpaid. Assessment must be received by January 31st, not postmarked by January 31st. Your escrow account does not pay your assessments.

Online assessment payments may be made at www. steinerranchhoa.org, by clicking the "Online Assessment Payments" link. You can also sign up to receive your statements online.

Payments may be mailed to the address listed on the statement, or may be brought to the Association office at 12550 Country Trails Lane to avoid an on-line fee.

\*\*\*Please note: resident access to pools, facility rental, and attendance at or registration for social functions and programs may be terminated if association account becomes delinquent. \*\*\*



# Monthly HOA Community Meetings

# STEINER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Towne Square Community Center at 6:00pm

## STEINER RANCH RESIDENTIAL OWNERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets on the last Thursday of each month at Towne Square Community Center at 6:00pm

# STEINER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Towne Square Community Center at 7:00pm

#### **EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Cups & Cones at 9:30am

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Bella Mar Community Center at 6:00pm

#### TRAIL COMMITTEE

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Bella Mar Community Center at 6:30pm. The committee also holds monthly trail work days on the fourth Sunday of each month. Meet-up location and time varies monthly. If you are interested in lending a hand, visit the Steiner Ranch Trail Committee Facebook page for the most up to date information. You may also join their newsletter by subscribing at: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/steinertrails.

#### **UT GOLF COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the UT Golf Club at 5:30pm

# **Green Waste Pick-Up Happening This Month**

Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) will provide Steiner Ranch residents with a seasonal green waste collection pick-up (bagged leaves, brush, limbs and other yard waste) during the week of December 11th.

To participate, residents may place up to 20 thirty gallon paper bags of green waste at their curb on their designated trash pick-up day during the week of December 11th. Green waste materials are composted and therefore MUST be bagged in paper bags. Plastic bags will not be picked up.

Bulky Waste & Bundle Pick-Ups: Residents may schedule free bulky waste and/or bundle pick-ups twice per year by calling TDS. Bundle pick-ups may include tree, shrub, and brush trimmings; newspapers or magazines securely tied together, not exceeding 4 feet in length or 40 pounds. Bulky waste pick-ups consist of large pick-up items such as sofas, refrigerators, water tanks, etc. Call TDS at 512-329-1752 to schedule individual pick-ups.

Reminder: Aside from scheduled green waste pick-ups and individually scheduled bulky waste/bundle pick-ups, TDS will not pick up items/bags left outside of trash containers, unless bags are tagged with TDS trash tags. Tags are available for purchase, by check, at the HOA office for \$2.50 per bag. Additional trash/recycle carts may also be ordered directly from TDS.



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# Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule

Trash and recycling service for the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day will move to the next service day for the weeks of December 25th and January 1st as follows:

If your regular pick day is Monday, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Tuesday.

If your regular pick-day is Tuesday, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Wednesday.

If your regular pick-day is Wednesday, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Thursday.

If your regular pick-day is Thursday, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Friday.

If your regular pick-day is Friday, your trash & recycling will be picked up on Saturday.

Visit the Waste Wizard widget on the Texas Disposal Systems website to download a customized service calendar by address as well as service alerts and reminders. Visit www.texasdisposal.com/my-account to sign up.

### **Holiday Decorations**

As you plan your outside decor for the upcoming holidays, please observe the following Steiner Ranch rule regarding holiday decorations on the exterior of your property:

Holiday decorations (excluding Christmas) may be put out up to fourteen (14) days in advance of the holiday in question. Decorations must be removed no later than seven (7) days after the holiday. Christmas decorations may be put out beginning November 1st and must be removed by January 15th. Have a wonderful holiday season!

### **Keep Steiner Beautiful**

# CLEAN UP DECORATED COMMUNITY TREES BY IANUARY 1ST

Zany, sweet, unexpected and unusual decorations adorn juniper trees along Loop 360 this time of year. It's part of what makes Austin, well, Austin. It's also an Austin holiday tradition which has been adopted in Steiner Ranch. After Thanksgiving, decorated trees magically appear along Quinlan Park Road, Bella Mar Trail, Flat Top Ranch Road, and other parts of the neighborhood.

If you plan on decorating a tree this year, please do your part to keep Austin, and Steiner, beautiful by removing decorations by January 1st. Keep your tree maintained throughout the season, as the HOA will not maintain decorated trees, and consider using biodegradable decorations. Whatever your décor, be sure to fasten decorations securely in place. No advertising or marketing paraphernalia allowed for tree decorating purposes.

Decorations not removed by the 1st will be recycled or disposed of by HOA staff. Should the HOA have to devote excessive resources to holiday tree décor clean up, this tradition may be in jeopardy. Keep the tradition alive and remove your decorations!



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### **Holiday Crime Prevention Tips**

The holidays are prime time for burglary, theft and vandalism. Take steps to protect your home and vehicles this holiday season. Following are some safety tips to help keep you, your family, and your home safe:

- Don't broadcast your absence. Never leave a post on social media saying, "I'm away on vacation."
- Improve lighting. Motion lights or dusk to dawn detector lights, and timers are all good ideas.
- Trim shrubbery. Trimming shrubbery eliminates hiding places for would be intruders.
- Make your address clearly visible. Doing so makes it easier for emergency personnel to find your home in the event of an emergency.
- Stop all deliveries. Nothing says "I'm not home" like accumulated newspapers or packages at the door.
- Adjust blinds. Leave blinds and curtains in normal positions wherever possible, taking care not to leave expensive belongings visible through windows.
  - Set the alarm. Activate your alarm system.
- Lock up. Ensure all windows and doors are securely locked before you leave. Close and lock your garage door when you are not nearby.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home while you're away. Neighbors watching out for one another is a good way to deter crime.

# Community Compliance Reminders

The HOA office would like to remind residents of the following Steiner Ranch rules:

- Trash containers are to be stored out of sight and should not be visible from the street.
  - Parking on the street overnight is not allowed.
- Items should not be left in driveways. This includes mulch bags, garden hoses, and sports equipment.
- Any alterations to the exterior of your property (front, back and sides) must be submitted to the HOA office for review and approval.

Thank you for abiding by these rules, which are part of Steiner Ranch governing documents.

# Steiner Ranch Commercial Community Contact

The Steiner Ranch Commercial Community (SRCC) handles all community commercial property questions and complaints. To report commercial concerns, please contact Scott Selman, SRCC Manager with Five Star Community Management at 512-337-6535 or sselman@firestarcm.com. Steiner Ranch HOA management does not handle commercial issues.

# Don't Ring In 2018 With Fireworks in Steiner Ranch! FIREWORKS & FIRECRACKERS ARE PROHIBITED

#### **Steiner Ranch Fireworks Policy**

Homeowners are reminded that fireworks within Steiner Ranch are prohibited. There are a number of reasons for this:

- 1) The use of fireworks places homes at serious risk of fire.
- 2) The topography and green space of Steiner Ranch is conducive to fires.
- 3) Federal rules regarding management of the Balcones Canyonlands (which borders Steiner Ranch) impose significant restrictions on activities that may affect wildlife therein. Serious penalties for violation can be imposed by federal officials.
- 4) Homeowners are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of their property.

Should you believe a violation is occurring, please contact the Association Office, at (512) 266-7553 as soon as possible or immediately following an occurrence. Physical and/or photographic evidence is helpful in substantiating a violation.

## **Community Mailbox Improvement Status**

As previously reported, due to community mailbox break-ins last summer, the SRMA Board of Directors voted to replace older model outgoing mailbox doors with solid doors in attempt to minimize future break-ins. According to law enforcement and officials from the U.S. Post Office, thieves are able to use these older model door slots to force open the front facing unit doors, thereby gaining access to personal mail. Replacing doors with solid panels should alleviate this issue.

Several mailbox kiosk locations with the older door units were updated with solid panels last fall. Remaining doors in need of replacement will be addressed once the association is able to coordinate availability with the Lakeway Post Office. Once schedules are determined, the association will notify affected residents via email several days in advance prior to beginning work. Some kiosk locations will have outgoing mail units installed by the Post Office. The association will communicate more as details are provided.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this process to make mailboxes in Steiner Ranch more secure. In the meantime, law enforcement and representatives from the post office have told HOA management that the best way to avoid having your mail stolen is to pick it up every day, or request the post office hold it if you will be out of town.

## From the Association Office

# Prune Trees Before February

Residents are reminded to trim trees in need of attention before February, as the risk of oak wilt infection is greatest from February through June. For those who don't know, oak wilt is a destructive fungus affecting oak trees which causes tree mortality. Unfortunately, the fungus has been identified in Steiner Ranch.

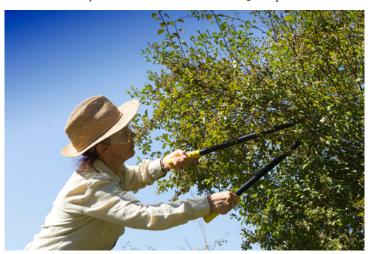
Because the risk for oak wilt is low between July and January, now is a good time to trim trees to allow for visibility of pedestrians, traffic and traffic signs. Limbs which extend over sidewalks and roadways pose a potential hazard and should be addressed, too.

Regardless of seasonality, residents are encouraged to follow proper pruning techniques. TexasOakWilt.org recommends the following:

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.
- Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried.
- Pruning should be completed before February 1 or after June 30.
   If uncertain about trimming, consult with a Texas oak wilt certified arborist, an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government

agency such as the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service, or visit texasoakwilt.org.

The Steiner Ranch Master Association and Steiner Ranch Residential Association each have Oak Wilt Policies in effect. To view each policy in its entirety, visit the HOA website and click the 'Oak Wilt Policy' tab located under the 'FAQ' drop down menu.



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# **HOA Communications: Your Source For HOA Information**

The HOA utilizes several communication tools to keep residents informed. Want to know about upcoming community events? Need information about facility availability or pool schedules? Unsure about Association rules? This information and more is available to residents via the HOA website at steinerranchhoa.org. The HOA also publishes a monthly community newsletter and communicates HOA event information on the only Facebook page affiliated with the Steiner Ranch HOA @ SteinerRanchHOAevents.

#### How to stay informed:

Steiner Ranch HOA Website: www.steinerranchhoa.org

The HOA website provides a wealth of useful information, including:

- Homeowner documents such as community rules and regulations, by-laws, financial documents, architectural guidelines, and more
- Architectural modification request, variance request, pool addendum and greenbelt addendum forms
  - Community boards & committee information
  - Board meeting agendas
  - Recent community announcements
  - Facility availability and reservation request link
  - Pool schedules
  - Upcoming community events, programs and meetings
  - Neighborhood organizations
  - Report a problem link
- Contact information for HOA staff & SRMA and SRROA Board of Directors

The Ranch Record: The official newsletter of the Steiner Ranch HOA, The Ranch Record is mailed or emailed to homeowners monthly. It contains information from association management, Board of Directors, as well as detailed information about community events. If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, visit peelinc. com and follow the prompts to sign up for delivery via mail or email.

*Facebook*: Follow the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page, the only Facebook page affiliated with the HOA, for the most up-to-date information about HOA community events. The HOA offers a host of events tailored to meet the interests of our homeowners and our Facebook page is an excellent resource to find out what we have planned. Search Steiner Ranch HOA Events to find and follow us.

*Email Alerts:* Sign up to receive HOA email alerts. To sign up, visit the HOA website www.steinerranchhoa.org and login. If you've never requested a login, click the login request form link. Once logged in, follow these steps:

- 1. Click on the menu item "My Profile".
- 2. Then click "Subscriptions".
- 3. Click email alerts you'd like to receive.
- 4. Update your "user profile" information with your current email and mailing address.

*Mailbox Kiosks & Community Marquee:* Monthly board meeting dates and times are posted at the community marquee at the entrance of the community on Quinlan Park Road. Various community information is posted at mailbox kiosks.

# **Trail Committee Installs New Trail Signs**

Volunteers of the Trails Committee donate their time and muscle to maintain and keep Steiner Ranch trails useable for all residents to enjoy. Their efforts are appreciated!

Recently, trail volunteers installed seven new trail signs on trails near Westridge Park at Flat Top Ranch Road. These new signs are part of an ongoing project by the Trail Committee to replace outdated, damaged and old trail signage and posts that are in poor condition.

The Committee needs volunteers to share the work and help maintain Steiner's trails. To find out about planned clean up dates, follow the Trails Committee on Facebook or join their newsletter by subscribing at the following link:

https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/steinertrails

Interested in joining or attending a Trail Committee meeting? The group meets monthly. Meeting dates are published in the Ranch Record and are posted on the HOA website at steinerranchhoa.org.





Events offered by the Steiner Ranch Home Owners' Association are posted on our Facebook page – the only official Facebook page of the Steiner Ranch HOA. Search Steiner Ranch HOA events to find us. To see our posts in your news feed, do the following:

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# Steiner Activities & Events

# Ready To Spread Some Holiday Cheer? Enter The Steiner Ranch HOA Holiday House Decorating Contest

Have you driven through the story of Twas The Night Before Christmas at the Summit at Eastridge? Or seen Santa in the window at a home in Rio Mesa? Remember the Aloha themed light display, complete with volcano, in Hancock Hills last December?

Many Steiner Ranch residents share the spirit of the season by decorating their homes with lights, Santa's, snowflakes, and more. To help residents find these fabulous decked out homes, send us pictures of your favorite holiday themed Steiner Ranch home, and we'll post it to the HOA events Facebook page. If you are the home owner, send us your address and we will share it on our page.

Send photos & address information no later than December 13th to: communications@steinerranchhoa.org

The HOA Event Planning Committee will judge submitted homes and will award 3 winners with yard displays for their efforts!

Winners will be announced on our FB page in December. Good luck!

#### Contest categories:

Most lights
Most cheerful
Most unique





# Steiner's Breakfast With Santa Event Is Almost Sold Out—Get Your Tickets Today!

Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their elves will visit Steiner's Towne Square

Community Center on December 9th for a morning of holiday cheer, breakfast,
treats, crafts, story time, and visits with Santa. Three seating options will be
offered starting at 8:00am. Registration is required. We have a few tickets
remaining - visit the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page for details.
The HOA Event Committee looks forward to hosting this cheerful event!



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## Steiner Activities & Events

#### **Free Activities For Residents**

Take advantage of these free activities - one of the many perks of living in Steiner Ranch!

**Community Yoga** - Provided by Steiner Ranch resident. Meets on certain Wednesdays at Bella Mar Community Center at 7:00pm. See the HOA online calendar for classes.

**Cycling Group** - Meets at Cups & Cones Saturday & Sunday Mornings at 7:30am.

**Mountain Biking** - Meets Thursdays & Sundays June - October for group rides at various locations. Beginner & intermediate riders. For information visit Steiner Ranch Riders on Facebook.

**Tai Chi** - Meets at Towne Square Community Center Monday through Friday at 8:15am.

**Yoga By Lake Austin Spa** - Provided by Lake Austin Spa instructor. Meets at Towne Square Mondays at 6:30pm.

\*Offered activities are for adults only. Supply fees may apply.

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#### Tip of the Month

Shake off the winter blues with a warm Caribbean cruise. Please contact me to discuss land or cruise vacations.





## **Holiday Camps**

The Steiner Ranch HOA has partnered with Idea Lab and Sportball to offer several camp options during the December holiday break. Camps will take place at Towne Square Community Center and are designed to give kids the opportunity to have fun and make the most of their holiday break!



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Sportball was one of the first programs of its kind to focus on building developmentally appropriate skills through non-competitive sports, games and activities – and the company keeps evolving to make sure it delivers the best in sports programming for kids under 12. For holiday camp opportunities, visit sportball.us/Austin.



## Residents Start Their Holiday Shopping at the Annual Steiner Ranch Holiday Shopping Event

Many residents got a head start on their holiday shopping last month at the annual Steiner Ranch Holiday Shopping event, organized by the HOA Event Planning Committee. Personalized jewelry, hand poured candles, and homemade bath products were just a few of the items featured at this year's event. Santa also made a visit and added some holiday cheer. Thank you to the Event Planning Committee for organizing this festive event!









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## Steiner Activities & Events

# Hold The Date For Our Popular Father Daughter Dance!

## Join Us For A Magical Evening At Our Third Annual Father Daughter Royal Ball

When: February 10th, 2018

Where: Laura Bush Elementary, 12600 Country Trails Lane, Austin, TX 78732

Time: 6:30pm to 10:00pm

Age: 5 and up

Fee: \$30 per person

Create magical memories with your princess with a night full of fun, laughter and dancing. Ticket will include dinner, desserts, dancing and a limousine ride.

Don't delay in purchasing tickets as space is limited and this event typically sells out

Registration required. Visit the Steiner Ranch HOA events Facebook page for tickets.







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#### HOA Friends & Family Turkey Trot Benefits The American Red Cross: Proceeds Totaling \$3,100 Donated

The First Steiner Ranch HOA Friends & Family Turkey Trot was an amazing success! Thanks to resident participation and sponsorship, the Steiner Ranch HOA donated proceeds totaling \$3,100 to The American Red Cross. Much thanks to the Event Planning Committee for their hard work and to Elizabeth Carrero, Sarah Doolittle, Kristine Lee-Nordin, Desirre Ghebremicael and Meredith Hamrick for volunteering on Thanksgiving morning. Heartfelt thanks to Austin Christian Fellowship, our partnering sponsor, and much appreciation to these gracious sponsors: AllGood Chiropractic, Big Kahuna Donuts, Card My Yard, The Children's Center of Austin, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Cups & Cones, & Thrival Nutrition. Much thanks to all event volunteers who made this event a true success!



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# DECEMBER

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# JANUARY

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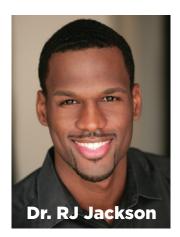
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Moms! Take advantage of this special opportunity to spend one-on-one time with your little man, and join us for an evening planned especially for you and your son. It's sure to be a night to remember!

For tickets: Visit the Steiner Ranch HOA events Facebook page. On sale now!









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## Steiner Activities & Events

# Overcoming Dyslexia, Learning & Behavior Challenges With Neurodevelopmental Movements

Join Susan Phariss on December 7th at 6:30pm at Bella Mar Community Center for information on how you can remove blocks and improve learning and behavior challenges at any age by addressing primitive reflexes. Using neurodevelopmental movements, it's not only possible to build new neural pathways and profoundly change the brain but it can be fun, too!

Susan and her husband have been providing neurodevelopmental movement programs for kids—privately and in schools—for over 25 years. They performed one of the first controlled studies using neurodevelopmental movements in a public school classroom in 2009 resulting in a dramatic 300% higher increase in reading speed than the control group. Susan is passionate about helping kids overcome learning and behavior challenges by addressing the root cause.

Susan has helped adults and children alike to change their brain and profoundly improve their future at a level most people never imagine possible.



# YOUNG HEART

#### youngatheartaustin@gmail.com

Young at Heart is an active social group open to Steiner Ranch residents ages 50+. We are purely a social organization wanting to share fun times. Joining us is a great way to make new friends, and get to know people your own age in the neighborhood. If you live in Steiner Ranch, you are invited to join us. To become a member, send your name(s), address, phone number and e-mail address to youngatheartaustin@gmail.com.

Our most popular activities include evening Canasta as well as ladies Canasta at the UT Golf Club. In addition, we offer numerous activities to meet varied interests such as: Book Club, Euchre, Mah Jongg, Mexican Train, Bunco, Walking, Hiking, Biking, Spanish Conversation, Painting, Card Making, Ladies CLEO Luncheons (Classy Ladies Eating Out), and our popular ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out). We also get together for happy hours, wine socials and dinner groups. We would love to have you join us!

# Free Tai Chi Group Practice

Monday - Friday 8:15 am - 9:00 am

Towne Square Community Center 12400 Country Trails Ln, Austin, TX 78732

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- Relieve Stress on the body and mind
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# 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, currently 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. There is no designated sweeper for these rides. 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).

Steiner Ranch Cycling is powered by Lakeside's awesome burgers (such as their Bacon Avocado Burger) and refreshed by their beer. 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 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.

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# Swimming News



# **Adult Swimming Program**



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. Print your card and email a copy to program lead, Hollie Kenney.
- 3. Contact Hollie Kenney at holliekenney@austin.rr.com to

As this is a Year Round Program, it's a great way to meet new friends and be a part of a fun community of swimmers and neighbors!

## **Don't Prop Pool Gates**

Although the weather is cooler and many residents are not using community pools, please remember that propping a gate open to one of the community pools is a serious safety issue. It only takes a second for a child to wander into an unattended pool area and drown. Do not prop pool gates open for any reason.



### **Year-Round Swimming** in Steiner Ranch

Submitted by Jessica Evans, Lost Creek Aquatics

Lost Creek Aquatics (LCA) offers year-round swimming for kids and meets at the Bella Mar pool. The organization is accepting new swimmers on a wait list in the event there are drops. To add your swimmer to LCA's wait list, please send your child's name, date of birth, grade, and previous swim team experience to teamadmin@lostcreekaquatics.com.

To learn more about year-round swimming in Steiner Ranch, please visit the LCA website at www.lostcreekaquatics. com and then click the LCA Steiner tab for practice times, group descriptions, and fees. Questions, please call LCA at 512-917-2274.



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# Viper Nation Gala Early Bird Tickets On Sale December 4th! Price increases January 29th!

Viper Nation Education Foundation's 8th Annual Gala will be February 10th at the gorgeous J.W. Marriott in downtown Austin. Tickets are on sale at www.ViperNationEF.org. Advanced sales for VIP tables have been brisk.

Our Valentines-themed evening will include a lovely cocktail hour with silent auction bidding, followed by a gourmet dinner and jazz music from the popular band "TimeOut," led by local Steiner resident Charles Couch. Guests can look forward to another spirited live auction night with high anticipation for top packages like an unforgettable "Car Driving Experience," sponsored by Apple Sport Imports, a private home getaway in Crested Butte, Colorado, and many other luxury packages soon to be announced.

We'll conclude the evening with a fun DJ dance party, thanks to sponsor Four Points News. Says Lynette Haaland-Seitzler, "I'm ready to see everyone having fun on the dance floor!"

Community leaders and families who already stepped forward with generous sponsorships by early November include Independence Title, Cedar Park Pediatrics and Family Medicine, Four Points News, Kim Krant of Engle and Volkers Austin Real Estate, Brigham Minerals, LLC and

Dr. Stephen Whiteside & Tiffaney Whiteside, LasikPlus of Austin. Exciting sponsorships are still available for those wishing to be part of the Foundation's most important fundraiser of the year. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities and to purchase tickets, go to www.ViperNationEF.org or call Executive Director Courtney Johnson at (512) 750-9185.

Early bird tickets go on sale December 4th, starting at \$175 per person. On Monday, January 29th, ticket prices increase to \$200 per person. Proceeds from the event support Impact Grants for teachers at all eight public schools, and the entire portfolio of VNEF-supported academic programs. Tickets may be purchase online at www.ViperNationEF.org.

JW Marriott Austin's new luxurious Spa will offer a special Valentine's Spa Package for two, including a couple's massage and facials with the choice of the couple's suite, if desired, for any Gala overnight guests. "Be sure to buy your Viper Nation Gala tickets in December and reserve our "Bed of Roses" Spa package soon – the complete Valentine weekend is certain to be popular," says Spa Director Amy Barton Ray.

Started in 2009, Viper Nation Education Foundation funds academic grants for programs in the eight public schools within the Four Points area (Grandview Hills Elementary, Laura Welch Bush Elementary, River Place Elementary, River Ridge Elementary, Steiner Ranch Elementary, Canyon Ridge Middle School, Four Points Middle School and Vandegrift High School.). To learn more about the organization, visit www.ViperNationEF.org.

### Safely Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Items Before The New Year!

LAKETRAVIS REGIONAL RE-USE & RECYCLING CENTER OPEN 9 A.M.-NOON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

Collection event is 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: the cities of Lakeway or Bee Cave, Village of The Hills, Hurst Creek Municipal Utility District, Lakeway MUD, or Travis County Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) No. 17.

Household hazardous waste items are common everyday products that people use in and around their homes that, due to their chemical nature, can be hazardous to the environment and water supply if not properly disposed. Accepted materials must come in their original containers for transport or be labeled of content.

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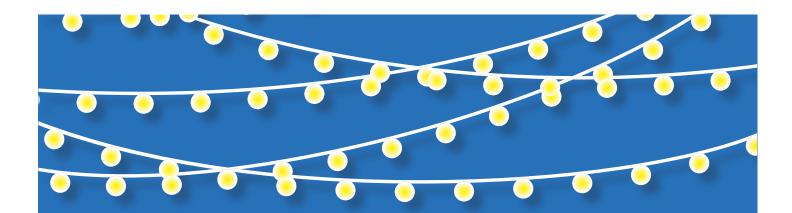
- Household products cleaning products, drain cleaners, oven cleaning solvents, degreasers, polishers, pool chemicals, household batteries, mercury thermometers, gas grill propane tanks;
- Paint products latex and oil-based paints, spray paints, preservatives, strippers, etc.; or,
- Automotive products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

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, etc.;
  - Radioactive waste smoke detectors, etc.;
- Compressed gas cylinders, but gas grill propane tanks are accepted.
  - Tires;
- Appliances small or large; or,
- Technology products computers, printers, televisions, speakers, surround sound, other electronic equipment.

The center also has many free used household products including Lake Travis Slate and Hill Country Mocha, two latex paints made at the Lake Travis Regional Re-Use and Recycling Center. Both paints are available to nonprofit organizations for civic projects and the public for individual projects at no charge.

These reuse items are available not only at this event, but also by scheduling an appointment with Lakeway Public Works at 512-608-9000 or WCID No. 17 at 512-266-1111, ext. 115.



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Jordan Lamb, a Junior at Vandegrift High Schoolhas partnered with the Boys and Girls Club in East Austin for her Girl Scout Gold Award project. She is providing used bikes as a reward for kids' academic achievement. Many of these children have never owned a bicycle so the potential of earning one is a thrill and motivator for them! Jordan has organized a bike lock donation to give to each bike recipient.

If you are interested in donating a gently used, but still functioning, bike for a 1st – 8th grader please contact Jordan to arrange a pickup of your bike. She will be collecting bikes until January 31st and hopes to be able to provide 70 bikes. Text Jordan at 512-539-7587.



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Center's For Disease Control and Prevention

The holidays are a good time to reflect on the gift of health. Following are some tips from the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to keep in mind for a healthy and safe holiday season.

Wash your hands often - Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water, and rub them together for at least 20 seconds. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.

**Stay warm** - Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems, especially in infants and older adults. Stay dry, and dress warmly in several layers.

**Manage stress** - The holidays don't need to take a toll on your health and pocketbook. Keep your commitments and spending in check. Balance work, home, and play. Get support from family and friends. Keep a relaxed and positive outlook. Make sure to get proper sleep.

**Travel safely** - Whether you're traveling across town or around the world, help ensure your trip is safe. Don't drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive. Wear a seat belt every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt appropriate for his/her height, weight, and age.

**Be smoke-free** - Avoid smoking and breathing other people's smoke. If you smoke, quit today! Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or talk to your health care provider for help.

**Get check-ups and vaccinations** - Exams and screenings can help find potential problems early, when the chances for treatment and cure are often better. Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Schedule a visit with your health care provider for needed exams and screenings. Ask what vaccinations and tests you should get based on your age, lifestyle, travel plans, medical history, and family health history.

Watch the kids - Children are at high risk for injuries. Keep a watchful eye on your kids when they're eating and playing. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, choking hazards (like coins and hard candy), and other objects out of kids' reach. Learn how to provide early treatment for children who are choking. Make sure toys are used properly. Develop rules about acceptable and safe behaviors, including using electronic media.

**Prevent injuries** - Injuries can happen anywhere, and some often occur around the holidays. Use step stools instead of climbing on furniture when hanging decorations. Leave the fireworks to the professionals. Wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or skateboarding to help prevent head injuries. Keep vaccinations up to date.



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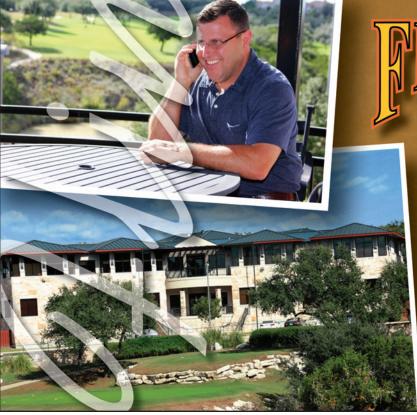
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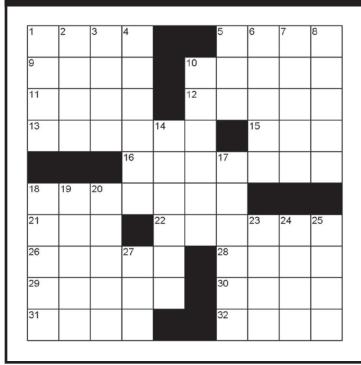
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- 21. Trail
- 22. Humorous
- 26. Bets
- 28. Information
- 29. Vista
- 30. Paradise
- 31. Animal group
- 32. Lady

#### DOWN

- 1. Hit
- 2. State
- 3. Tai
- 4. Saucy Girl
- 5. Tyrannosaurus
- 6. Speak
- 7. Eved
- 8. Tiny insects
- 10. Wears mesh mask to fight
- 14. Tax
- 17. Worn
- 18. Cheeky
- 19. Small measurement 1/16 of a pound
- 20. Whoop
- 23. Cipher
- 24. Object
- 25. Walking stick
- 27. The \_\_ (final word)

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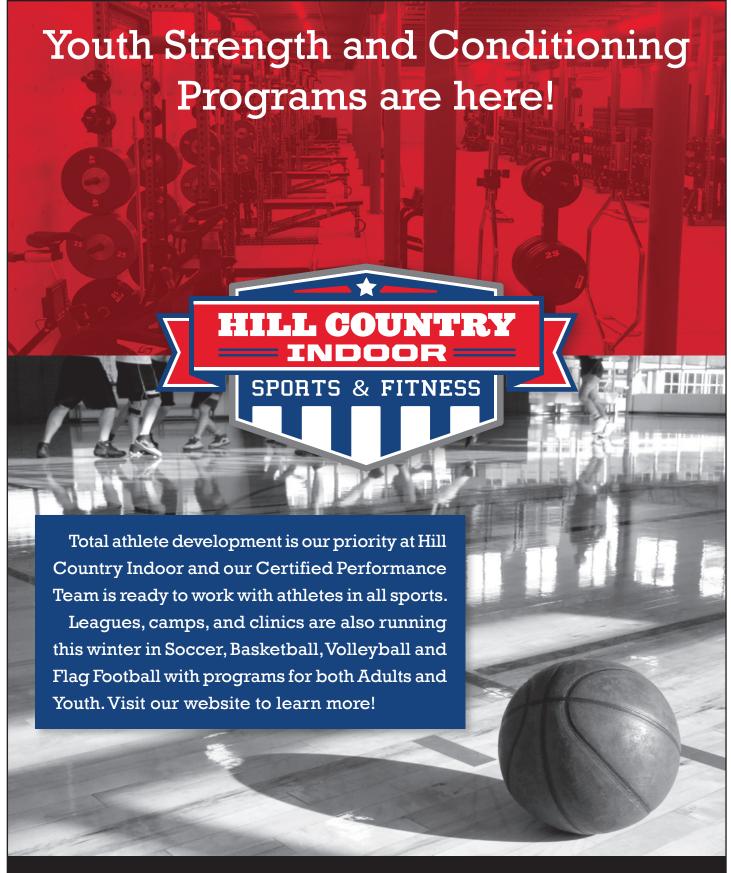
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