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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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Administration Office	.512-266-2533
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#### **STEINER RANCH CONTACTS**

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#### From the Association Office

## UPCOMING STEINER RANCH EVENTS

1/17 - Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

1/20 - Mother & Son Event

2/10 - Father Daughter Dance

3/3 - Run The Ranch: Proud Sponsor

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 cover photo features members of the HOA Event Planning Committee presenting American Red Cross representative, Jaret Schkade, with a check for \$3,100 from proceeds

collected the HOA's first Turkey Trot event. Thanks to resident participation and business sponsorship, this donation will help those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

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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## 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

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

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) Board of Directors held three community town hall meetings last year to update residents on next steps in potentially moving from the current self-managed, not-for-profit management model to moving 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 in November 2017. At that meeting, the SRMA Board of Directors updated homeowners on an evaluation report regarding current HOA management, and provided residents with a status on proposals submitted by management companies. At present, the SRMA Board of Directors has made no decision regarding which direction they will take. Information relating to this topic will be communicated to residents as it becomes available.

To review the management evaluation report and 3rd party 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

Semi-annual assessments for January – July are due on January 1, 2018. Statements were mailed to homeowners at the mailing address on file with the association in December. If you did 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. \*\*\*

## **HOA Welcomes New Community Manager**



The Steiner Ranch Homeowners' Association is pleased to introduce Steiner Ranch Community Manager, Heather Hood. A native Austinite, Heather has worked in association management for over 5 years and is excited to be part of the Steiner Ranch association team. She looks forward to developing strong relationships with homeowners, board and committee members and can be reached by email at heather@steinerranchhoa. org or by phone at 512-266-7553.

## Donation To American Red Cross To Support Victims Of Hurricane Harvey

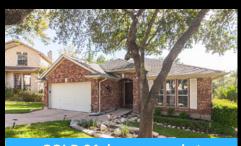
Last month members of the HOA Event Planning Committee presented American Red Cross representative, Jaret Schkade, with a check for \$3,100 from proceeds collected from the HOA's first Turkey Trot event held on Thanksgiving Day. The committee's donation was possible thanks to resident participation and sponsorship collaboration with Austin Christian Fellowship, AllGood Chiropractic, Big Kahuna Donuts, Card My Yard, The Children's Center of Austin, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Cups & Cones, & Thrival Nutrition. The donation will be used to assist those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Thank you!

The American Red Cross submitted the following information about their organization:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the

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generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

The Red Cross estimates so far it has spent more than half of the \$429 million given in generous donations to help people impacted by Hurricane Harvey, and that the organization has spent more money on more people in a shorter time period than in any

response since Hurricane Katrina. As of October 31, the Red Cross has authorized more than \$229 million in direct financial assistance to households impacted by Harvey, and applications continue to be processed.

In addition, the Red Cross is spending an estimated \$45 million on sheltering, meals, relief supplies, health and mental health services. Along with our partners, the Red Cross has provided more than 435,000 overnight shelter stays and served more than 4.5 million meals and snacks in Texas and Louisiana. Red Cross volunteers have provided more than 127,200 mental health and health services to support and care for people in Texas and Louisiana. We've also distributed more than 1.6 million relief items like diapers, bug spray, cleaning supplies, coolers, and comfort kits containing deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other hygiene items, in Texas and Louisiana.

The Red Cross has also budgeted an estimated \$108.5 million for

individual and community recovery programs. This includes additional financial assistance for people who need extra help and programs to help the hardest-hit communities rebuild and prepare for future disasters.

The remaining funds will support efforts across the impacted areas on top of the millions already distributed directly to those in need.

The Red Cross is grateful for the generosity of community partners and donors, like Steiner Ranch, who have made this response possible. The local Red Cross is always in need of volunteers to help fulfill their mission. For more information on volunteering for the Red Cross, visit Redcross.org/Austin.



Members of the HOA Event Planning Committee with American Red Cross representative, Jaret Schkade.



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#### **Help Keep Steiner Facilities Litter Free**

Littering has been an ongoing issue at Steiner Ranch community facilities. Please remember these are YOUR facilities. As a resident, it is your responsibility to clean up after yourself and/or your guests and pick up any trash from your event or visit. Please discuss these expectations with family members. Facilities should be left in the manner in which they were found. When reserving any of the community facilities, the following must be complete prior to leaving that facility:

- All floors clean; swept and mopped (if needed); includes rooms used, entryway, kitchen, porches and restrooms if used.
- All windows in double glass doors shines and clean (with no finger prints)
  - All tables and chairs wiped clean
- All decorations, banners, etc. removed from room; all tape etc. removed from tables and other areas
  - Restrooms clean
  - Refrigerator/ freezer cleaned; emptied and wiped
  - Stove and ovens (conventional and microwave) cleaned
  - Sinks clean
  - No food or serving items remaining in the kitchen
  - All smoking receptacles and smoking refuse removed
- All trash generated from event must be removed from area. Common area receptacles are not to be used for disposing of event trash. Trash must be taken home and deposited in appropriate covered receptacles.



Pictured: Litter at Bella Mar facilities.



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#### Tip of the Month

In this New Year, the best time to book your vacations is NOW. Please contact me to discuss land or cruise vacations.



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#### **Community Tire & Rim Thefts**

Public Information Officer Kristen Dark with the Travis County Sheriff's Office has confirmed that law enforcement is working several cases involving tire and rim thefts in Steiner Ranch. Unfortunately, several residents have had their tires and rims stolen from their vehicles while the vehicles were parked outside overnight. Dark says high-end vehicles are targets for these kinds of thefts because they draw a higher aftermarket value. Locking lug nuts are a good theft prevention tool, but according to Dark, the best option to prevent being targeted is to park your vehicle in your garage.

#### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

Texas Disposal Systems (TDS), trash provider for Steiner Ranch, will offer curbside Christmas Tree pick-up from January 1 – January 31 on resident's regular trash pick-up day. Trees must be free of décor and must be 4 feet in length for pick-up. Any cut tree pieces must be bundled with rope or twine.

Do not drop trees at the entrance of the WCID Water Treatment driveway off of Quinlan Park Road and Logan's Way. Christmas tree recycling at this location is no longer an option.

#### **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.

Several mailbox kiosk locations with the older door units have been updated with solid panels. 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.





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#### **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.

#### **New HOA Office Hours**

Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) Board members voted at the November board meeting to extend association office hours effective January 2nd. With the start of 2018, the Steiner Ranch HOA office will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm. The office is located at 12550 Country Trail Lane.





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#### From the Association Office

#### Remove Exterior Holiday Decorations By January 15th

Per Steiner Ranch HOA governing documents, exterior Christmas/ holiday decorations must be removed by January 15th. Thank you for following association rules!

#### Time To Clean Up Holiday Trees

If you took part in Austin's tradition of decorating an outdoor community tree here in the neighborhood, please do your part to keep Steiner beautiful by removing decorations by January 1st. Decorations not removed by the 1st will be recycled or disposed of by HOA staff.



## 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.

#### **Sign Up For HOA Emails**

To receive email notifications from the HOA, residents must subscribe to HOA email via the HOA website. To do so, visit the HOA website www.steinerranchhoa.org and login. If you've never requested a login, click the login request form link located on the home page. 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.



## **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.

#### **Holiday Trash Schedule**

Texas Disposal Systems (TDS), trash provider for Steiner Ranch, will run on a holiday schedule for the week of January 1st. All trash service will move to the next service day as follows:

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

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

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

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

If your regular pick-up day is Friday, your trash 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.



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:

- 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!

## Fireworks & Firecrackers Prohibited In Steiner Ranch

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.



## AS WE WELCOME A NEW YEAR, WE REMEMBER 2017 IN PICTURES. HAPPY NEW YEAR STEINER RANCH!























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## Santa & Mrs Claus Visit Steiner Ranch!

Mr. and Mrs. Claus visited Towne Square Community Center last month for a morning of visits, breakfast, treats, crafts, and cheer. Due to demand, this year's event grew to three seating offerings. A heartfelt thanks to the Steiner Ranch HOA Event Planning Committee for hosting and organizing this cheerful event!

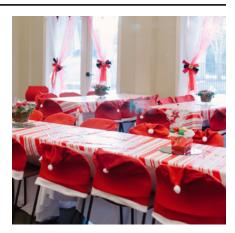










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#### Steiner Activities & Events



#### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The association will host a volunteer appreciation dinner on January 17, 2018 to recognize the many volunteers who support the Steiner Ranch HOA and community. Invitations will be sent via email.

#### **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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## Mother Son Event Planned For January 20th!

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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!





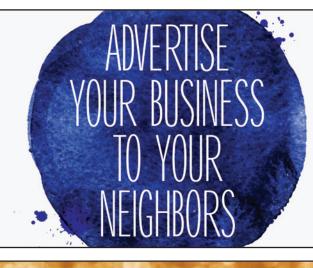




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## **JANUARY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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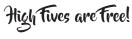
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Our most popular activities include evening Canasta as well as ladies Canasta at the UT Golf Club. In addition, we offer numerous activities to meet varied interests such as: Book Club, Euchre, Mah Jongg, Mexican Train, Bunco, Walking, Hiking, Biking, 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 Health Workshop: Controlling Weight & Tips To Reach Your Goal

If you're like many people, one of your New Year's resolutions includes losing weight. Join homeowner and physician, Dr. Ben Rosin for this month's timey topic: The challenges of controlling weight & tips to succeed in reaching your weight goals. This free workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 24th at Towne Square Community Center starting at 7:00pm.

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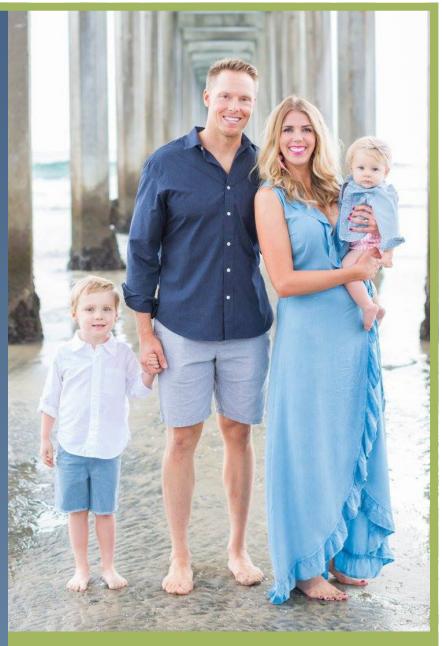




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#### **SATURDAY RIDES**

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**



## **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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#### 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 register.

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.

#### 2018 Red Giants Masters 50 & 100 mile Swim Challenge

Did that get your attention? Sounds crazy, doesn't it? But this challenge is completely possible, and it's done throughout the 2018 year right here in Steiner Ranch. Red Giants Masters Swim is conducting two swim challenges for the year. One is a 50 mile challenge and the other is a 100 mile challenge. This will be accumulated throughout the year. Swimmers will send in their weekly swim distances to be accumulated on our master spreadsheet. Red Giants Masters will be recording distances in sign in book at each practice. Additional swims will be sent in to be added in.

Cost for the 50 miler: \$25 for Red Giants Masters Members \$50 for non-members Cost for the 100 miler: \$50 for Red Giants Masters Members

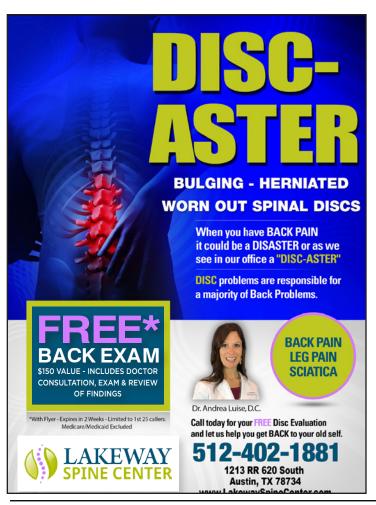
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How long will this take you? As long as you need in 2018. Distance for 1 mile = 66 lengths of the pool (1650). Swim 1/2 that distance 2 times a week and take off two of those weeks, it will take you the full year for the 50 miler. Swim 1 mile, 3 times a week and it will take you 17 weeks to get to the 50 miler. Anything is possible and we are here to support you through this.

What do you get? Well, of course bragging rights for a year. Second - Your name in the Ranch Record. If you don't want to brag, we will brag for you. Third - a super fit body with a killer cardiovascular system. I mean, who does't want that awesome side affect. If that's not enough, a gift card to Steiner Ranch Steakhouse for anyone who completes the 50 and 100 miler to celebrate. Additional prizes to the first three of each distance.

It's this simple: Contact Hollie Kenney, head coach for Red Giants Masters, at goldstarsswimming@gmail.com to sign up info and additional info. Then, start swimming your way to your desired distance.







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## Helping Teens Develop A Healthy Relationship With Time Management

Submitted by: Shelley Coleman MA, LPC-S



With advanced courses, dual credit classes, sports, volunteer work, part time jobs, and chores, some teens are managing schedules comparable to those of their parents. In addition, the stress and workload of the average school day rarely ends when the last bell rings. Many teens race from the high school parking lot to an extracurricular activity. I have personally witnessed kids exiting our high school at a blistering pace. While this is partly a function of avoiding gridlock at the parking lot exit, I know this is also due to extremely tight schedules. After practice, if they do not have a performance or a game, teens head home for a long night of homework. If their sport or activity requires morning practice, they will leave the house before dawn to practice prior to the school day.

Some adolescents have found a manageable balance of commitments. For others, they are over scheduled, exhausted, and anxious. For all teens, they are navigating uncharted territories where they will have to make choices and prioritize obligations. Where is the balance and how can we help our teens prioritize their responsibilities as well as identify when they are overscheduled and set limits?

Have realistic expectations. Is it realistic for an entering freshman to manage a full caseload of advanced classes, a school and club sport, involvement in religious activities, volunteering and a part time work? In most cases, it is crucial for parents to help teens identify priorities and make choices among them.

Involve your teen in the decision making and information gathering process. If your teen is interested in an advanced course or new club, have them talk to the instructor or peers already enrolled in the activity. Asking questions about homework or time requirements can yield valuable information to aid in decisions. As the parent of a freshman, reaching out to more experienced parents of upperclassmen has been invaluable in my own information gathering process.

Periodically assess the activity. Does the teen truly enjoy the activity? Is it worth the time commitment? As children grow, interests and talents may change. While a particular activity may have been a good fit in elementary and middle school, high school may hold different options for a teen's valuable time. What once was a focus of afterschool and weekend hours, may become a leisure time pursuit.

Encourage self advocacy. Learning to be our own advocate is a lifelong process. When we help our teens to set limits, say no, and advocate for themselves, we are empowering them to manage their own time and recognize when they are overscheduled.

According to developmental psychology, the period of adolescence is when we develop a sense of who we are. It is a time to try novel things and gain new experiences. Vandegrift High School offers 44 student let clubs, 20 student organizations, 8 sports, and 4 fine art activities. In addition, we are fortunate to have a dual credit program and approximately 30 advanced placement class to choose from. Yep. In the "new experiences" department, we have many to choose from!

High school is a time to explore these options and experiences. Our task as parents is to raise balanced individuals that are not merely measured by their class rank or the number of extracurricular activities they participate in, but by the whole person they are becoming. And, hopefully, that is a person who is comfortable saying "no" and setting limits with their valuable time.

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# NEW YEAR TRADITIONS & HISTORY

"Happy New Year!" That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks of 2018. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1. The celebration of the new year was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, the Babylonian New Year began with the first new moon after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring). The beginning of spring seems a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.

The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, and the Romans observed the new year through late March, although their calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors so that the calendar soon became out of synchronization with the sun. In order to set the calendar right, the Roman senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1 to be the beginning of the new year. And thus, January 1st marks New Year's Day of each year.

Traditions of the season include the making of New Year's resolutions. That tradition also dates back to the early Babylonians. Popular modern resolutions might include the promise to lose weight or quit smoking. The early Babylonian's most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment. The tradition of using a baby to signify the new year was begun in Greece around 600 BC. It was their tradition at that time to celebrate their God of Wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, representing the annual rebirth of that God as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth.

The song, "Auld Lang Syne," is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year. At least partially written by Robert Burns in the 1700's, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. Early variations of the song were sung prior to 1700 and inspired Burns to produce the modern rendition. An old Scotch tune, "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."



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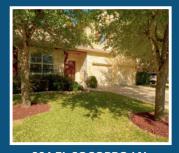
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