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From the Association Office

UPCOMING STEINER RANCH EVENTS

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:

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COVER PHOTO



Oak wilt is a destructive tree disease which kills oak trees at an exponential rate. Please familiarize yourselves with steps you can take to prevent the spread of oak wilt

infection. Information is included in this issue.

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!

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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 & SRROA Annual Meetings & Elections

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) and the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association (SRROA) have upcoming annual elections. Please note that dates for both meetings will be posted soon. Both boards consist entirely of Steiner Ranch homeowners who are elected by Steiner Ranch homeowners.

SRMA Election

The SRMA Board consists of seven board members. To guarantee participation throughout the SRMA community, one homeowner from five voting districts (see below) is represented on the board. In addition, the SRMA Board consists of two members who serve At Large. At Large board members are elected from any of the five voting districts. To avoid electing an entirely new board each year, board member terms are staggered.

SRMA board positions available in 2018 are Districts 2 and 3. One at large position representing Districts 1, 2, 4 or 5 are also available. A District 4 position is open for a one (1) year term.

If you are an SRMA homeowner in Districts 2, 3 or 4 and wish to be considered as a candidate in the 2018 SRMA Board election, please email Heather Hood at heather@steinerranchhoa.org.

Any SRMA homeowner from districts 1, 2, 4 or 5 may be considered for the At Large seat. If you live in any of these districts and wish to be considered as a candidate for this position, please email Heather Hood at heather@steinerranchhoa.org.

SRMA Voting Districts

District 1 – Beverly Ridge, The Casitas, The Fairways, Lakeview, UT Golf Community, The View

District 2 – Bellagio Estates, The Headlands, Longhorn Canyon, Majestic Oaks, The Estates at Westridge, The Hills at Westridge

District 3 – Canyon Glen, Parkside, River Heights Grove, River Heights Overlook, Shire Ridge, Towne Hollow

District 4 – Lakewood Hills, Las Brisas, Summer Vista, Savannah Point, Rio Mesa, Savannah

District 5 – Belcara, The Bluffs, Emerald Ridge, The Grove, Mediterra, Monterey, Palisades, Santaluz, Sierra Vista, Tierra Grande

April SRROA Election

The SRROA will be electing 2 members during the April election. SRROA homeowners who wish to be considered as candidates should email Heather Hood at heather@steinerranchhoa.org for more information.

SRROA neighborhoods include: Chaparral, The Summit at Eastridge, The Valley at Eastridge, Hancock Hill, Mesa North, Plateau, Rocky Ridge

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The HOA held a volunteer appreciation dinner on January 17, 2018 to recognize the many volunteers who support the Steiner Ranch HOA and community. A heartfelt thank you to all HOA volunteers for your time, service and support.



Prevent Oak Wilt - Don't Prune Oaks Feb 1st - June 30th

Information provided by Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources

Oak wilt has claimed the lives of thousands of trees in Central Texas and beyond. Majestic oaks play a large role in this region's beauty and identity; it would be hard to imagine the Hill Country without them. They are an iconic part of many local businesses and neighborhoods, providing shade, beauty, and higher property values. Following simple preventive measures can go a long way towards stopping the spread of this destructive disease.

From February through June, avoid all pruning or cutting of oaks – this is the high season for oak wilt transmission. Any wounds that occur from construction, vehicles, wind, etc., should be painted as soon as they're discovered – ideally within $\frac{1}{2}$ hour of being cut – with commercial tree wound dressing or latex paint. That includes freshly cut stumps and surface roots.

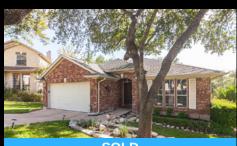
Pruning is least risky during the coldest winter days and extended hot periods in mid to late summer. Any time you prune though, the Texas Forest Service recommends painting all wounds and sanitizing pruning equipment between trees using denatured methyl alcohol (shellac thinner), isopropyl alcohol, or a general purpose household disinfectant such as

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Lysol, Listerine or Pine-Sol. Household bleach is not recommended.

Red oaks, including Spanish (now Buckley) oak, Shumard oak and blackjack oak, are very susceptible to oak wilt and play a key role in the disease's transmission. Oak wilt is caused by the fungus Ceratocystis fagacearum, which spreads its spores from "fungal mats" that form under the tree's bark. These mats have a sweet, fruity smell that attracts insects, especially the sap-sucking nitidulid beetle. After feeding and breeding on the fungal mats, these beetles fly away covered in fungal spores. As they



visit other oaks, they spread the fungus through open wounds in the bark. The nitidulid beetle is only about the size of a pinhead, but is capable of flying as far as a mile away. While red oaks are the most susceptible to oak wilt, all oaks can become infected.

Fungal mats usually form on standing trees, but can also develop on logs, stumps and fresh firewood cut from infected oaks. Make sure to remove and either burn or bury infected oaks to prevent mats from forming, and never store unseasoned wood from infected trees near healthy oaks.

The second way oak wilt can be transmitted is through the roots. Live oaks tend to grow together in dense mottes with interconnected roots, so the fungus can be transmitted easily among them. Oak wilt is occasionally transmitted through red oak roots as well, but the movement is slower and occurs over shorter distances than with live oaks. Root transmission can be prevented by cutting trenches four feet deep between infected and healthy trees, but by far the best option is to prevent infection in the first place.

So make sure NOT to prune oaks between February 1 and July 1, and ALWAYS paint wounds on oaks no matter what time of year it is. For more information on preventing and treating oak wilt, please visit texasoakwilt. org, the website of The Oak Wilt Information Partnership, a project of the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Forest Health Protection branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin.



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Coyote Sightings



Coyote sightings near Steiner Ranch greenbelts are not uncommon, especially during sunset and sunrise. As humans expand their living areas, coyotes attempt to expand their range. The most serious problem with the urbanization of coyotes is they adapt to being around people, which can lead to them losing their innate fear of humans.

Access to food regulates coyote population. Greenbelt areas and lush

home landscapes attract food for coyotes. Urban coyotes feed on rodents, rabbits, household garbage, compost piles, pets, pet food, and water from landscape irrigation runoff.

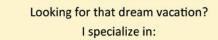
The City of Austin recommends residents do the following around their homes and in neighborhoods to limit coyote/human interaction:

- 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
- 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
- Install motion activated sprinklers or outdoor lighting around your property
- 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.

To report coyote sightings, call 3-1-1. The city's Animal Control Program will gather data related to coyote sightings and provide



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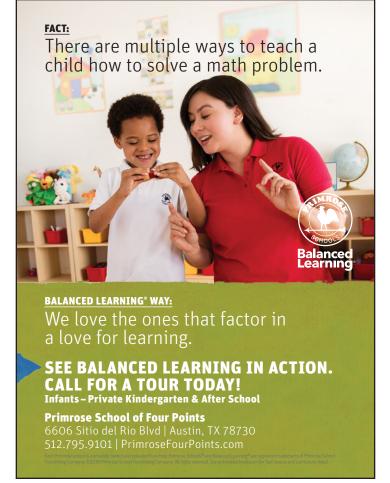
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Trash, Recycling & Bulky Waste Pick-Ups:



TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) is the residential waste services provider in Steiner Ranch. Services provided include weekly trash pick-up, every other week recycling pick-up, HOA scheduled spring and

fall green waste pick-ups, curbside Christmas tree pick-up, and scheduled individual bulky waste pick-ups. Residents may schedule their individual, twice-yearly bulky waste/large item pick-ups, by contacting Texas Disposal Systems directly at 512-329-1752.

To download a customized trash and recycling service calendar by address, as well as service alerts and reminders, visit the Waste Wizard widget on the Texas Disposal Systems website: www. texasdisposal.com.

Making Exterior Changes? Don't Forget To Obtain Architectural Approval First

Thinking about modifying your deck, adding a pool, or changing the color of your exterior trim? Steiner Ranch governing documents require the submission of plans and specifications for review and approval by the Architectural Committee (AC) before construction or installation begins. Improvements requiring approval include, but are not limited to, playscapes, pools, decks, patios, ponds, new siding or trim colors, planter boxes, arbors, walkways and sheds. Before making exterior changes to your home, please submit a Modification Application, which can be found on the HOA website under the 'Architectural' tab.

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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.

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:



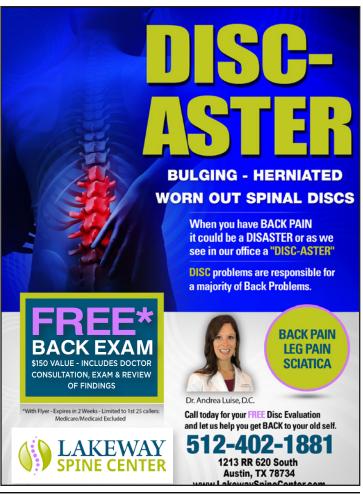
- 1. Click on the menu item "My Profile".
 - 2. Then click "Subscriptions".
 - 3. Click email alerts you'd like to receive.
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Events offered by the Steiner Ranch Home Owners' Association are posted on our Facebook page – the only official Facebook page 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.

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RUN THE RANGH MARCH 3RD, 2018 8:30AM

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to join the 13th annual Run the Ranch 5K & Kids Fun Run. Enjoy a fun-filled morning of racing, kids' entertainment & vendors at the Steiner Ranch Towne Square Community Center. This year's event will again be presented by Hill Country Special Needs Alliance, a local nonprofit committed to helping families/caregivers in the Four Points Area of Austin offset the unique financial challenges affecting those with special needs. Inflatables will be provided by the Steiner Ranch HOA, and a light breakfast will be served! Come out for a morning of fun and fitness! Visit runtheranch.org for more information and to register! Online registration ends on February 11th!

Kick Off Spring Break at Camping On The Ranch!



Start your spring break by attending our popular Camping On The Ranch event! The Steiner Ranch HOA Events Planning Committee is hosting this family friendly event, just minutes from home but an adventure away.

When: Saturday March 10th starting at 5:00pm to Sunday March 11th at 9:00am

Where: Towne Square Community Fields

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

No need to plan dinner or breakfast - Cups & Cones will be selling grilled hamburgers and hot dogs Saturday evening. Breakfast tacos, coffee and hot chocolate will be available for purchase on Sunday morning. Complimentary donuts will be provided by the HOA.

Registration for this event is required. Visit the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page to register and get more information.



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"Eggstra" Special Easter Egg Hunt & Event!

Saturday March 31st, 9am-12pm, John Simpson Park

Children ages 10 and under are invited to the annual Steiner Ranch Easter Egg Hunt and event. Activities begin at 9:00am and will include Face painters, balloon twisters, pony rides, petting zoo and other fun activities.

<u>The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10am sharp.</u> Thousands of Easter eggs will be hidden and placed on the grounds at John Simpson Park. As always, it promises to be a fun family event!

Children should start lining up along the sidewalk next to their dedicated age group at 9:55am. Please wait for the fire truck or air horn to sound for the big start. To ensure all children leave with eggs, we ask each child to limit their eggs to ONE DOZEN. Please keep this in mind when your child is on the hunt. All children will be divided by age group and there will be two "special eggs" per group

Age Group Locations:

Ages 2 & Under (accompanied by parent) Open area between the two mailbox kiosks 3-4 Year Olds

Open area between the two mailbox kiosks 5-6 Year Olds

In the area to the left of the volleyball court 7-10 Year Olds

In the area to the right of the volleyball court and in the playground

You must register your child(ren) by age group. Please visit the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page for registration link.









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Steiner Activities & Events

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Registration is required.

Register by visiting Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page.

Egg Wranglers Needed!

With over 14,000 eggs to hide for the annual Steiner Ranch Easter Egg Hunt, we need your help the morning of the event! Please sign up by visiting the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page and come to John Simpson Park on Saturday, March 31st by 8:00am to hide eggs. Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided for all early morning helpers. This is a great way for older kids to be involved or earn community service points. Questions, please email Steiner Ranch Lifestyle Coordinator, Desirre Ghebremicael at: desirre@steinerranchhoa.org



SPONSORS NEEDED

The Steiner Ranch Homeowners' Association is busy preparing for our upcoming community wide 2018 Easter Egg Hunt and celebration which will take place on Saturday March 31st, 2018 from 9am – noon. We invite you to consider sponsoring this family focused event, which is attended and anticipated by many Steiner Ranch residents.

The morning will feature thousands of Easter Eggs for children to hunt, face painters, petting zoo, pony rides, balloon twisters and other entertaining activities.

This is a great opportunity to take part in a wonderful community event.

Various levels of sponsorships opportunities are available:

MEGA SPONSORS: Mega sponsors provide funding for us to provide the Easter bunny, the pony rides and the petting zoo at the event. In exchange for this sponsorship fee, you are listed as a mega sponsor on site and in all communications. You will also have space provided on site to hand out coupons or goodies, display your products, talents or services. COST: \$400.

EVENT SPONSORS: Event sponsors provide the funding for us to provide the balloon twisters and face painters at the event. In exchange for this sponsorship fee, you are listed as an event sponsor on site and in all communications. You will also have space provided on site to hand out coupons or goodies, display your products, talents or services. COST: \$300.

EASTER BASKET SPONSORS: Easter Basket sponsors help support our general event efforts and receive the opportunity to provide materials that will be put into the Easter basket that will be won by those that will find the golden egg, 3 baskets per age group for a total of 12 baskets. These baskets will be handed out to the winners at the event and will go directly into the hands of Steiner Ranch residents on the day of the event. COST: \$200

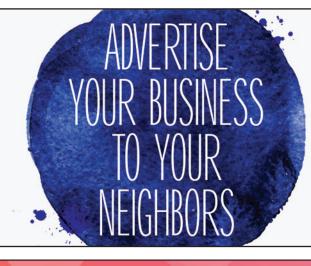
ACTIVITY SPONSORS: Host an Easter themed game, activity or craft. You will have space provided on site to hand out coupons or goodies, display your products, talents or services. COST: \$200, you must provide game, activity or craft, no duplicates with activities already provided. Please check before confirming.

For more details and registration, please contact Desirre Ghebremicael at desirre@steinerranchhoa.org



FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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MARCH

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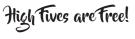
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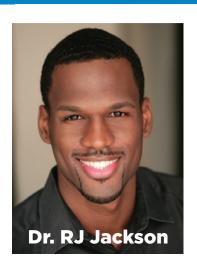
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When: February 21, 2018 starting 7:00 pm Where: Towne Square Community Center

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.

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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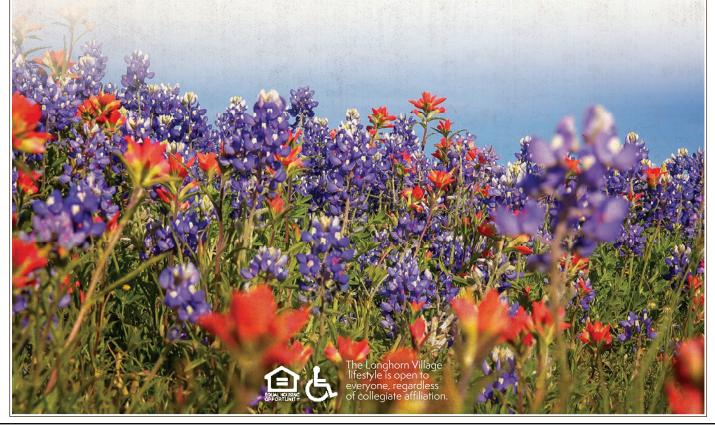
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Steiner Activities & Events

Spring Field Lottery Registration Due By February 9th

Any Steiner Ranch neighborhood team wishing to use John Simpson, Bella Mar or Towne Square fields this spring must participate in the 2018 HOA spring field lottery. Here's what you need to know:

- 1. Register your team by sending an email to desirre@ steinerranchhoa.org.
- 2. Registration must be received by 5:00pm on February 9th with the following information:
 - Coaches name
 - Home Address
 - Phone number
 - Organization (CC United, Town & Country, etc.)
 - Sport (soccer, baseball, etc.)
 - Players age group
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice of field, day & time. See below for available fields.
- 3. If you are coaching more than one team, please list each team separately.
 - 4. Emails containing field assignment(s) will be sent to coaches

no later than Monday, February 27th. Please note, once field and time have been assigned, change requests may not be made until the fall field lottery.

Available Fields:

- Towne Square
- Bella Mar (baseball side or tennis court side)
- John Simpson Park
- Westridge (off of Flat Top Ranch Road)

Times To Be Assigned:

• One hour each weekly beginning at 4:00pm until Sunset (Daylight Savings Time begins March 11th)

Days To Be Assigned:

• Monday – Friday only

For more information, please contact Desirre Ghebremicael at desirre@steinerranchhoa.org.

*Note: If you are with Neighborhood Sports (soccer or flag football), you do not need to register your team for the spring field lottery as representatives from that organization will be attending the lottery on your behalf.



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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!

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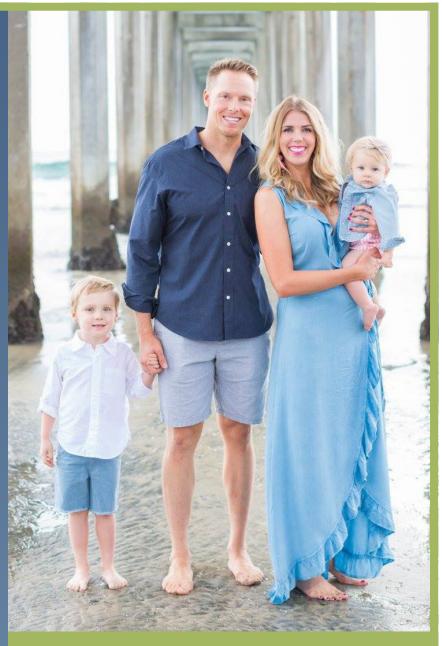
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Steiner Stars Summer Swim Teams

Submitted by Shawn Stanton

With the cold weather, you probably aren't thinking of summer or your summer plans. No worries...the Steiner Stars organization is already preparing for it's 2018 summer swim activities, hoping you will join us.

STEINER STARS SUMMER LEAGUE SWIMTEAMS

Last year, 500 swimmers swam on our recreational competitive swim teams, which consist of two recreational competitive summer league teams for swimmers ages 5 through 17. The season runs from May through mid July with swim meets held on Saturday mornings. Swimmers with qualifying times have the option to swim at an invitational meet at the end of the season, and the Stars hold an annual end of season Stars Wars swim meet between Stars Blue and Stars Red teams.

If you are interested in registering your child on a team this summer, please visit the Steiner Stars website for information about the upcoming season at www.steinerstars.org.

Residents must be in good standing with the HOA in order to register and agree to volunteer requirements to participate in the league. Space in each age group is limited. Swimmers must be 5 years or older by May 1, 2018, to participate. Returning family registration will be online sometime in March, exact dates will be listed on the website in February. New family registration information will be posted on the Steiner Stars website: www.steinerstars.org.



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.



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 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 \$100 for non-members

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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PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM EXCESSIVE WATER PRESSURE; CHECK YOUR PRESSURE REGULATING VALVE (PRV)

Submitted by WCID 17



A critical part of your home's water system is the installed pressure regulating valve or PRV. Many home owners are unaware they have a PRV, its' purpose or the simple checks they can perform to ensure the PRV is providing protection for their

home water system.

Many of our customers are unaware that water systems in the Hill Country have widely varying pressure because of the uneven terrain. Water pressure in the large mains can range anywhere from 55 to over 150 psi (pounds per square inch) depending on the elevation of the area. In the highest pressure areas, District 17 has installed pressure reducing valves, however, these valves can sometimes fail, and individual pressure regulating valves (PRV) are required to be installed at each home.

Without some sort of regulator, high pressure can cause serious problems to plumbing and appliances. Any pressure exceeding 80 psi can damage appliances such as water heaters, commodes, faucets and dishwashers. A high enough pressure can even cause water pipes to leak at their joints.

A water pressure regulator is typically installed by a plumber, and is ideally set from 45 to 60 psi. Regulators are adjustable to accommodate the needs of different homes. The adjustment is made by removing the brass cap and moving the adjusting nut up or down. The average homeowner can usually accomplish this themself, but should refer to a plumber if they have any questions.

Over time (usually five to 10 years) even the highest quality water regulator will need replacing. Depending on the level of comfort with do-it-yourself projects, homeowners can often perform this task themselves and no permit is required.

Some of the first signs of a failing pressure regulator will likely be a leaking water heater or commode. The water coming from a faucet may also exit with such force that splashing or water "hammering" may occur. If water pressure starts out strong but quickly drops off to a trickle, suspect a bad pressure regulator, as this pressure drop is a classic sign.

Frequent repair of leaking faucets is a sign of water pressure that is above the suggested level. In many cases, adjusting the regulator itself will correct the problem. If the adjustment is unsuccessful, it is probably time for a new regulator.

A periodic test of the incoming water pressure is easily performed by attaching an inexpensive gauge to any faucet that has threads; usually an outside hose bib works best. By making this a part of routine home maintenance, you can greatly extend the life of the water-related devices in your home.

Again, your home's water pressure should be set no higher than 80

psi in order to protect your pipes, and if you do not have a pressure regulating valve (PRV) installed, you are required to install one to reduce the main pressure to a proper level for your home. If you already have a PRV installed, you should check it regularly to make sure it is working.

If your water pressure fluctuates drastically, drops off suddenly, or goes extremely high, you should immediately check your PRV.

This PRV should be located on the customer side of the meter box after the shut off valve. The required type of regulator will have a built-in thermal expansion bypass, (for example, the WATTS series LFX65B). The District requires use of a valve with an all brass body and top, because other materials such as aluminum or plastic deteriorate rapidly in the soil. The valves may be purchased at any home improvement store or at the District Office.

If you need any further information, please contact the District office at (512)266-1111.

Freeze Protection Tips

Submitted by WCID 17

With freezing weather being a possibility this time of year, WCID 17 is reminding customers to protect their property and prevent property damage from uncontrolled water loss due to frozen or broken water pipes by following these tips.

Before Freezing Weather

- * Wrap all exposed pipes located outside or in unheated areas of the home.
 - * Remove garden hoses from outside faucets.
 - * Cover vents around the foundation of your home.
- * Know where your property owner's cut-off valve is located and how to use it. The valve is located adjacent to the water meter box under a 6" metal lid.

In Sub-Freezing Weather

- * Drip outside faucets 24 hours a day 5 drops per minute. This is not necessary unless temperatures are expected to be 28 degrees or below for at least 4 hours. (Be sure to turn off the faucets after the threat of freezing weather.)
 - * Open cabinet doors under sinks adjacent to outside walls.
 - * In unheated garages, shut off water to washing machines.
- * In sustained sub-freezing weather, let water drip slowly from inside faucets.
 - * Take extra precautions to protect pipes that have frozen in the past.

If You Are Not Going To Be Home

- * Shut water off at the property owner's cut-off valve.
- * Drain all outside water faucets if your house will be unoccupied for several days.
 - * Or, leave home heating system on at a low setting.
 - * Open cabinet doors under sinks adjacent to outside walls.

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February Is American Heart Month

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Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States with 1 in 4 deaths caused by the disease. The good news is that heart disease can often be prevented and managed by making healthy lifestyle choices and by managing health conditions.

> For more information about heart health visit the following websites:

> > www.theheartfoundation.org www.heart.org





ANNUAL AUSTIN EVENTS HAPPENING THIS MONTH

Following is a list of annual events taking place in in February:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2/1/18 - 2/28/18

Various Venues

To commemorate black history month, various events will be taking place throughout the city to celebrate important people and moments in African-American history. For a list of events, visit http://www.austintexas.gov/department/events/288

CARNAVAL BRASILEIRO

2/10/18

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Carnaval in Austin is one of the biggest Brazilian Carnaval celebrations outside Brazil. Brasileiro-style samba and costumes can be seen in the heart of Texas.

www.sambaparty.com

AUSTIN MARATHON & HALF MARATHON

2/18/18

Downtown Austin

One of the country's premier races attracts nearly 20,000 participants from around the world. Events surrounding the marathon include a 5K, live music, finish line festival and beer garden.

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2/24/18

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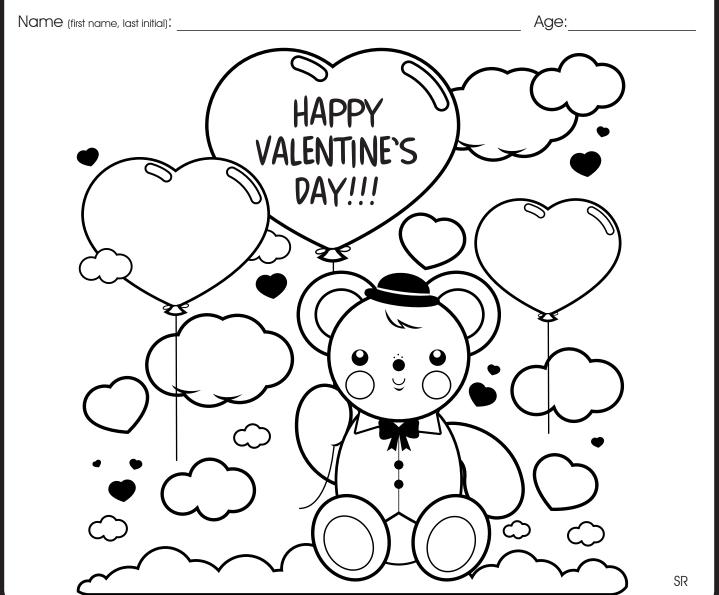
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