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UPCOMING STEINER RANCH EVENTS

- 4/7 Keep Steiner Beautiful Clean Up Event
- 4/14 Spring Community Garage Sale
- 5/19 Shred Day
- 5/24 New Homeowner Social
- 6/15 Children's Concert
- 7/4 Decorate Your Ride & Independence Day Celebration
- 7/20 Children's Concert
- 8/10 Children's Concert
- 8/18 Concert In The Park
- 9/15 Fall Community Garage Sale
- 10/4 New Homeowner Social
- 10/5 Scrap A Thon
- 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



Enjoy the bluebonnets, which adorn many areas of Steiner Ranch this time of year. They are especially abundant along parts of Quinlan Park Road and

along Flat Top near the park at Westridge. It's spring!

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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love to help you

plan your next

dream vacation."

Tip of the Month

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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

Committee is currently not meeting. HOA will communicate when meetings commence.

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) will hold their annual meetings and elections this month. Both boards consist

entirely of Steiner Ranch homeowners, who are elected by Steiner Ranch homeowners. All Steiner Ranch homeowners should have received annual meeting packets via mail in March. If you did not receive a packet, please contact the association office.

SRMA Annual Meeting & Election - April 17, 2018

The SRMA Annual Meeting & Election will take place on April 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm at Towne Square Community Center.

The SRMA Board consists of seven board members who serve two-year terms. To guarantee participation throughout the SRMA community, one homeowner from five voting districts (see below) is represented on the board. The SRMA Board also consists of two members who serve At Large. At Large board members are elected from any of the five voting districts and all SRMA homeowners may vote for At Large candidates. To avoid electing an entirely new board every two- years, board member terms are staggered.

In April, SRMA homeowners from districts 2, 3, and 4 will elect members from their voting district. SRMA homeowners will also vote for 1 At Large candidate, regardless of their voting district. Newly elected board members will serve two-year terms, except for the elected district 4 seat. The newly elected district 4 board member will serve a one-year term, as the previously elected board member from that district did not complete their term, and one year remains to be served.

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

At Large – Homeowners from any voting district may run for an At Large seat

SRROA Annual Meeting & Election – April 19, 2018

The SRROA Annual Meeting & Election will take place on April

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19, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm at Towne Square Community Center.

The SRROA will elect three members during this election.

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

SRMA & SRROA Candidate Information

Candidate bios and head shots are posted on the Steiner Ranch HOA website for review. Only candidate bios and photos which pertain to a homeowner's voting district will be visible on the online voting website. Specific online voting information is included in homeowner annual meeting & election packets.

Election results will be announced at the SRMA and SRROA annual meetings. Homeowners are encouraged to attend and to vote.

How To Vote

1. Attend the SRMA or SRROA Annual Meeting & Election and cast your ballot.

2. Vote online by visiting your specific voting district website. SRROA and SRMA district specific website information is included in homeowner annual meeting packets, which were delivered via regular mail in March.

3. Vote by proxy. Proxies are included in the Annual Meeting packets which were delivered via regular mail in March.

Meet The Candidates Running For SRMA & SRROA Board Seats

Annual Association Board Elections are important and so is your vote. To review candidate bios, log on to the HOA website and click the 'Board Elections' tab, OR log on to your district's voting site. District specific urls were provided in annual meeting packets which were mailed to homeowners in March. Following are Steiner Ranch Master Association and Steiner Ranch Residential Association candidates.



SRROA Candidate Michael McGovern



SRROA Candidate Karl McArthur (Continued on Page 8)

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SRMA At Large Candidate Dick Clark



SRMA At Large Candidate Robby Roberts



SRMA District 2 Candidate David Doman



SRMA District 2 Candidate Brad Stanton



SRMA District 3 Candidate Naren Chilukuri



SRMA District 3 Candidate Adam Mehevec



SRMA District 4 Candidate Christina Morales

HOA Oak Wilt Policy Prohibits Pruning Oaks February 1 – June 30

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) and Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association (SRROA) oak wilt policies prohibit oak tree pruning from February 1 – June 30, as this is the period in which oaks are most at risk of infection. To view the policy in its entirety, visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website and click 'FAQS' from the top menu, then 'Oak Wilt Policy'.

Reduce The Chance Of Spreading Oak Wilt!

Know When <u>NOT</u> to Prune - No pruning/trimming oaks from February 1st through June 30th.

Paint – Always paint fresh oak wounds immediately after pruning with wound dressing or latex paint regardless of season.

Sterilize Pruning Tools – Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol between sites and trees.

Properly Dispose of Red Oak Debris – Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped or burned.

If uncertain about trimming, consult 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.



Live Oaks: How To Identify Normal Leaf Drop

Written by Dr. Kevin Ong, Assistant Professor and Extension Urban Plant Pathologist, Texas AgriLife Extension Service; The Texas A&M University System



Live oaks, also known as evergreen oaks, are beautiful and stately trees in the landscape. However, live oaks are NOT true evergreens. They do drop their old leaves as new leaves emerge in the spring. This is NORMAL and NOT a disease problem.

These trees may appear sickly when temperatures begin to rise a

little. Symptoms that are observed typically include yellowing. In many cases, the leaves may have spots or blotches that are brown or black. Quite often, they discolor in a relatively short time. These leaves are senescing (aka dying off). The spots may be due to secondary infections by pathogens. Sometimes, these leaves may even have veins that turn brown while interveinal areas remain green. This symptom might be confused with a disease called "oak wilt". Although the oak wilt fungus may attack the tree in the late winter and early spring, oak wilt symptoms are most often observed in the summer. What do I look for to determine if my tree is experiencing NORMAL leaf drop?

Look closely at the senescing (dying leaves) leaves, particularly for new buds that are found at the base of the leaf petiole. This bud may be very small early on, but they become more prominent as the older leaves begin to die. Shortly after the old leaf drops, you should see new tiny leaves from those new buds. If these buds are present, your tree is most likely experiencing its normal yearly leaf cycle.

If you do not see any buds, check to see if the branches are brittle (snaps when you bend it) and are brown on the inside instead of greenish-white. That branch is most likely dead. In a normal tree, there will usually be some dead branches. However, you may have a problem if you find more that 10% of the branches on your tree are dead. In this case, it is recommended that you talk to a certified arborist or contact your local county Extension office for assistance.

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From the Association Office Spring Green Waste Pick-Up

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 April 23rd.

Each resident may place up to 20 thirty gallon paper bags

of green waste at their curbside on their designated trash pick-up day on April 23 –April 27.

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

Reminder: Aside from scheduled green waste pick-ups and individually scheduled 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 be ordered directly from TDS.

Mulch Bags

The annual Vandegrift High School band mulch fundraiser is a fantastic way for homeowners to support the VHS band while sprucing up their landscaping. Mulch will be delivered in early April. Please spread mulch or move mulch bags out of view as soon as possible. The HOA will send compliance notices to homeowners' who have mulch bags visible from the street beginning in late April. Thank you for your support!



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Please remember and share with all family members the following:

• GREENBELT CUTTING & CONSTRUCTION PROHIBITED

Greenbelts in Steiner Ranch are private property of the HOA. Cutting trees, constructing forts or fire pits, and any other activity which damages greenbelts is prohibited and may result in fines and penalties.

• FIRES PROHIBITED

Fires are absolutely prohibited in Steiner Ranch greenbelts.

• MOTORIZED VEHICLES PROHIBITED

Motorized vehicles are not allowed in greenbelt areas or trails as they pose a safety hazard to walkers and bikers. They also damage the trails, which the Trails Committee and other volunteers graciously maintain.

Should you observe anyone vandalizing the greenbelts or operating a motorized vehicle on the trails, please immediately contact the Travis County Sherriff's Department.

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.

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.

Trash, Recycling & Bulky Waste Pick-Ups:

<u>Texas Disposal Systems</u> (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.

Waste Wizard App

Manage your trash and recycling collection services on the go! 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.

Nesting Season for Endangered Birds





Two endangered species of birds, the Black-Capped Vireo (BCV) and the Golden-Cheeked Warbler (GCW), will again be making their home in Steiner Ranch this spring. These songbirds are native to the area and their nesting seasons begin soon. Why is this important to know? Several of the trails established in Steiner Ranch go through the Balcones Canyonland Preserve (Powerline Hill and Eastridge trails) where many of the birds reside. The birds are especially sensitive to environmental changes during nesting season. The established trail rules were designed to minimize the effect humans have on the birds during this period. Though the Steiner Ranch Master

Association (SRMA) has the right to install and maintain trails in the Preserve, violations of the following rules could force closure of the trails through the end of the nesting season.

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

Please review the following trail rules before your next hike: 1. The trails are for Steiner Ranch residents, their guests,

and persons with written authorization from Taylor Woodrow

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2. Trail hours will be from dawn until dusk. There will be no access of the trails allowed after dark.

3. Use of the trails is at your own risk.

4. Only use of designated trails is allowed. Leaving designated trails is prohibited.

5. No motorized vehicles allowed.

6. No horses allowed.

7. No feeding animals.

8. Bikes are allowed only on Hike-and-Bike Trails. Bikes must yield to pedestrians.

- 9. No loitering.
- 10. No hunting.

11. No cooking, fires, or smoking.

12. No camping.

13. All pets must be on a leash at all times.

14. No littering or dumping allowed.

15. Do not disturb natural landscapes. Be cautious of plants and wildlife in their native habitat.

In addition to the rules above, the following apply only to the Permitted Trails in the Conservation Easement (Powerline Hill and Eastridge trails):

16. No picnicking.

17. No tape recordings of birdcalls or other wildlife.

18. Access permitted at trailhead access points only.

HOA Email Alerts

Sign Up For HOA Email Alerts:

To receive email from the HOA regarding community updates, safety alerts, etc., residents must subscribe via the HOA website at www.steinerranchhoa.org. If you have never requested a resident login, click the login request form link located on the home page under 'Quick Links'. After receiving login information, you're set to sign up for emails:

1. Click 'My Profile'

2. Click the 'My Subscriptions' tab

3. Make subscription choices. If you live in the Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) consider signing up for SRMA alerts. If you live in the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association (SRROA) consider signing up for SRROA alerts. If you would like to receive community-wide emails, be sure to also choose the 'sent to all' subscription.

4. Click the save button at the bottom of the page.

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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 Fire Ster Community Management at 512,237 (535 or

with Five Star Community Management at 512-337-6535 or sselman@firestarcm.com. Steiner Ranch HOA management does not handle commercial issues.



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Steiner Activities & Events

Steiner's Eggstra Special Easter Egg Hunt!

Last month's HOA Easter Egg Hunt & Event was an eggstraordinary eggstravaganza! Much thanks to the Steiner Ranch HOA Event Planning Committee for their work and dedication in organizing this special community-wide event. Kudos to event Egg Wranglers and volunteers who scattered thousands of Easter Eggs!

A big shout out and warm thank you to event sponsors for supporting the 2018 Steiner Ranch Easter Egg Hunt & Event!





Steiner Activities & Events

Keep Steiner Beautiful Clean-Up Event Happening THIS Month!

The Keep Steiner Beautiful event will take place on Saturday, April 7, 2018! Visit the Steiner Ranch HOA Facebook page for information and registration details.

The purpose of the event is to offer an opportunity to residents to help take care of the community by lending a hand - trash clean-up and general trail maintenance will be the focus of the event. This is a great opportunity for children and teens to volunteer in the community and provides an opportunity to earn service points. Much thanks to the HOA Event Planning and Trail Committees for their efforts in planning and organizing this community focused event. Special thanks to Hill Country Bible Church Steiner Ranch for donating food for our hard-working volunteers and for garnering volunteer help.



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Bhangra Workout

This class consists of dance style movements from North India which uses overall body movements. Meets on Saturday mornings at Towne Square Community Center at 8:30am.

Community Yoga

Class meets on most 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.

Insanity & Piyo Workout

Offered by Carriefit, this combo class, focuses on cardio and Piyo! Class meets at Towne Square Community Center on Fridays at 10:00am.

Mountain Biking

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

Real Estate Investment Group

The group typically meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Bella Mar Community Center. See enclosed calendar for the most up to date information.

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.

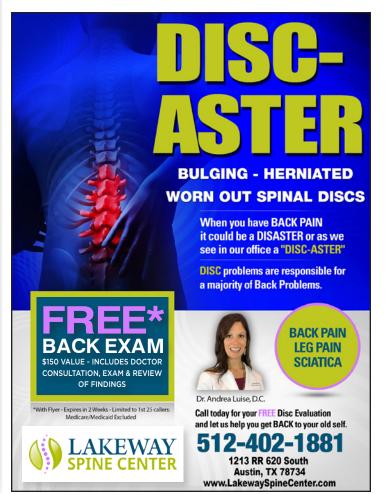
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The annual Steiner Ranch Shred Day event is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th and will take place in the John Simpson parking lot from 10am – 12pm. The Steiner Ranch HOA offers this free opportunity to safely dispose of old personal documents to Steiner Ranch residents. Nonresidents attempting to take advantage of this opportunity will be turned away as this is an HOA funded event.

Community Wide Garage Sale Time to Spring Clean and Declutter!

The spring Steiner Ranch community wide garage sale will take place on Saturday, April 14th from 8am – 12pm. No need to advertise – the association places an ad in the Austin American Statesman and posts signs at the front of the neighborhood to spread the word. So, start cleaning out those closets and get ready to exchange stuff you no longer want or need for cash!

Goodwill will be on site at the Towne Square Community Center Parking lot from 12pm – 2pm to accept unsold items/donations.



Steiner Activities & Events

Brain Fitness Workshops: A Neurodevelopmental Series for Children

SESSIONS MEET AT 6:30PM @ BELLA MAR COMMUNITY CENTER



Improving Reading Speed and Comprehension - April 10

Is your child bright but reading is a challenge for them? Is your child's teacher suggesting you get testing for dyslexia? Is it affecting their self-esteem? Join us to learn how movement affects brain development specifically for developing faster readers.

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controlled study in a public school with kids who were struggling with reading. At the end of the 26 week study, the control group gained twelve words per minute, while the students in the study gained 37—triple the gain in reading speed. The program was all movement based—the kids didn't have to practice reading drills and they loved every minute of it because it was all fun!

Reducing Sensory Issues - May 8

If you are a smart parent who has a child suffering from Sensory Processing Disorder, you're going to want to come to this workshop. You'll finally get an explanation for the cause of it that makes sense, PLUS an effective solution!

If your child can't handle loud noises, bright lights, socks, clothing tags, or even change, you're going to love what you learn in this workshop. Parents will come away with a better understanding of why you don't want to just make compensations for it—you'll want to address the root cause.

About the Instructor: Susan Phariss

Susan Phariss is a Neurodevelopment Consultant, Primitive Reflex Specialist, engineer, and brain development expert. Susan has performed a controlled study in a public school helping kids overcome behavior and learning challenges using neurodevelopmental movements. She specializes in helping bright kids who struggle with learning and behavior challenges with her proven step-by-step process that stimulates higher brain function.

Steiner Ranch Program Guide

Stop by the Association office for a hard copy of the current Steiner Ranch program guide or download it at: **www.steinerranchhoa.org**. Featured programs include:

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Yoga Tai Chi Tennis Fit4Mom Master's Swimming
- Zumba Ballet Barre Fit4Mom Camp Gladiator

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

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Monday - Friday 8:15 am - 9:00 am Towne Square Community Center 12400 Country Trails Ln, Austin, TX 78732

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- Improve Health and Physical Fitness

- Enhance Self Defense capability

Questions : contact 512-470-6978 or rosaliachiu@gmail.com

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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 Community Workshops

Take advantage of this month's free community workshops: April 3rd - How to Protest Your Property Tax Appraisal, 7:00pm @ Towne Square Community Center

If you think your 2018 property tax appraisal is too high, this is the workshop for you. Real estate broker, Craig Smyser, will discuss the protesting process, deadline, and expectations for success. Attendees will receive sales information for their specific neighborhood that can be used to assist with the protest. RSVP helpful, but not required: 512-650-7300 or Craig@RealEstateInAustin.com.

April 11th – Sexual Abuse Awareness, 6:00pm @ Towne Square Community Center

When was the last time you discussed body boundaries/ safety with your child? According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, as many as one in four girls and one in six boys will experience some form of sexual abuse before the age of eighteen. Statistics indicate that 95% of sexually abused children are abused by someone they know and trust. If children do not know what appropriate boundaries are, they are left on their own and open to other people defining that boundary for them.

Join us on April 11th where professionals will share information and provide tools for parents and caregivers to educate and empower children about this important topic.

April 18th - Appropriate Exercise For the Elderly, 7:00pm @ Towne Square Community Center

Join physician and resident, Dr. Benjamin Rosin as he discusses what is important to know about exercise for those 65+. Strength exercises make your muscles stronger. Balance exercises help prevent falls. Flexibility exercises stretch muscles and can help your body stay limber. And endurance exercise can help keep your heart strong. Come learn more at this beneficial workshop.



Steiner Ranchers Kick Off Spring Break at Camping On The Ranch



Our popular Camping on the Ranch event kicked off spring break for many Steiner Ranch residents. The event took place over the weekend of March 10th with ideal weather, neighborly camaraderie and a fun evening under the stars!



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2018 Summer Camp Offerings

The association is pleased to offer 2018 summer camp choices to residents of Steiner Ranch. For detailed camp and registration information visit each camp's noted website. Happy camp planning!

Developmental Swimming – SWIM! Offered by Goldstar Swimming, program is designed for children ages 5 to 12. Camp focuses on the development of competitive swimming skills in freestyle and backstroke. At the end of the 4-week session, swimmers will be able to measure their improvement at a mock trial swim meet. This is not a learn to swim program. Prior swim experience is necessary to enroll - Kids will need to be able to tread water for 10 seconds on their own and put their faces under water for 3 seconds. For registration, visit: https://www.goldstarsswimming.com/

Idea Lab - ROCK YOUR GRAY MATTER! Idea Lab provides camps ranging from cooking school, robotics, 3D art, engineering, and science. At Idea Lab campers learn through inquisitive hands-on activities utilizing science, math, critical thinking skills and a great deal of IMAGINATION! For registration visit: http://austin.idealabkids.com/camps/

Little Medical School – LEARN! The mission of Little Medical School[®] is to teach elementary school children about the exciting field of medicine. Through hands-on demonstrations, crafts, and games, children are actively engaged as they explore the world of medicine. For registration visit: https:// www.littlemedicalschool.com

Lone Star Soccer – SOCCER! Half and full day camps available to U5-U12 boys and girls of all skill levels. A typical day will include skill

targeted drills, tactical practice, speed and agility training and a World Cup tournament. For registration, visit https://www.lonestar-sc.com/

Mad Science – ALL THINGS SCIENCE! Mad Science presents elementary science concepts to kids in a way that makes sense to them -- with hands-on experiments and eye-catching demonstrations. Kids actually DO science, not just hear about it! For registration, visit: http:// austin.madscience.org/

Sportball – PLAY WITH PASSION, PLAY FOR FUN! Sportball is 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 that it delivers the best in sports programming for kids under 12. For camp registration, visit: https://www. sportball.us/austin/

STEM - BUILD, CODE & PROGRAM. Campers will learn valuable leadership and communication skills while having FUN learning about science, technology, engineering & math. For rising 4th - 8th grade; boys & girls 8 - 12 yrs of age. Sign up for Early-Bird STEM Camp registration notification: https://stemcampusa.com/

Tap & Toe - DANCE! We'll offer princess dance camps for beginner dancers, Mickey Mouse dance camp for dancers 5+, Trolls dance camps for 6 & 7 year olds and So You Think You Can Dance camps for 7-9 year olds and 10-13 year olds. Tap, ballet, jazz and hip hop you summer away! For registration, visit: https://www.tapntoeschoolofdance.com



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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 Ranchthemed 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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RIDE DISCLAIMER: Each rider is responsible for his or her own safety on our rides. Please join us at your own risk. Our weekly rides are open to public participation but ride leaders do NOT assume any liability for your participation. We require that all participants follow traffic laws and wear a helmet while on our rides.



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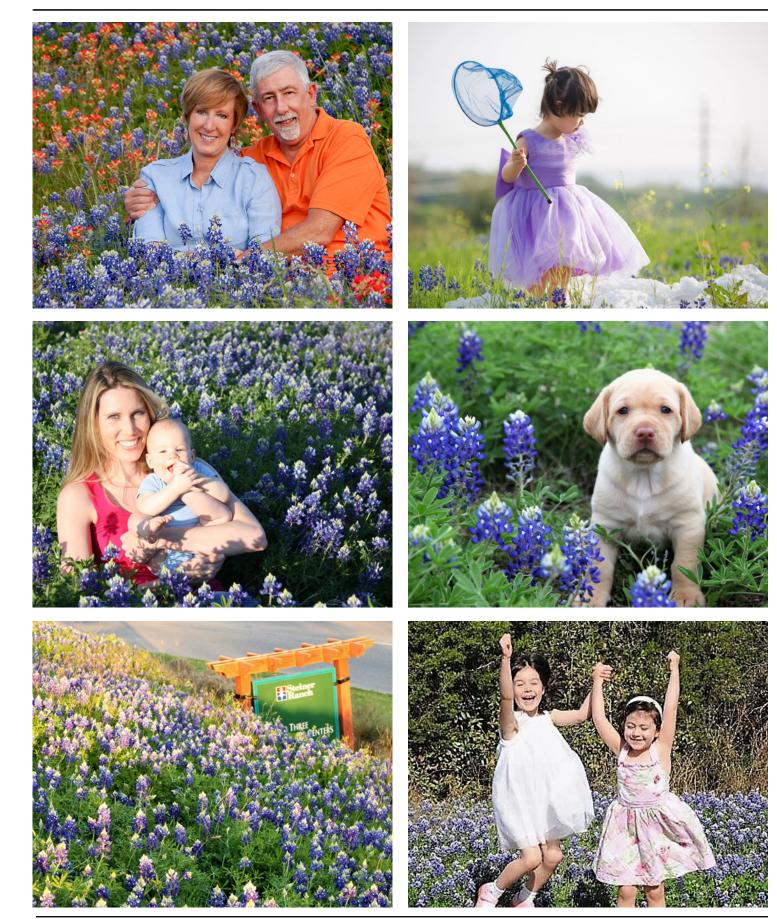
Bluebonnets are speckling Steiner Ranch; it's a sign that spring has arrived! Taking pictures in the bluebonnets is a family tradition for many Central Texas families, and luckily Steiner Ranchers have shared their photos with us over the years. Enjoy these pictures, submitted by your neighbors.

For information about bluebonnets, visit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center website @ www.wildflower.org.





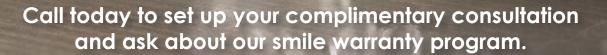




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Steiner Stars Summer League Swim Teams

Registration Details

To register, residents must be in good standing with the HOA and agree to team volunteer requirements. Space in each age group in limited. To participate, swimmers must be 5 years or older by May 1, 2018. Returning family registration took place in March. New family registration is planned for April 7th. See the Steiner Stars website for registration information: www.steinerstars.org.

New Swimmer Evaluations

The Steiner Stars Swim Teams are intended to be recreational, but minimum swimming requirements exist. The Steiner Stars will conduct swimmer evaluations on April 1st, from 2-3:30pm, at Bella Mar Community Pool. All new swimmers are strongly encouraged to attend.

Non-Residents

The Steiner Stars is unable to take new non-resident swimmers. Nonresident swimmers who swam with the Stars in the 2017 season will be grandfathered in.

Stars Practice Schedule During the School Year (April 30th – June 8th):

Starting April 30th, both Steiner Stars summer league swim teams will each being practices twice per week after school. Beginning June 11th, both teams will practice four times per week. The Steiner Stars Red team will practice in the morning and the Steiner Stars Blue team will practice in the afternoon:

Stars Practice Schedule During the School year

Red: Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 to 7:30pm Blue: Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 7:30pm NO PRACTICE on Memorial Day (May 28th)

Stars Practice Schedule After the School Year (June 11th – July 13th):

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

Summer League Prep Class in Steiner Ranch

Lost Creek Aquatics will be offering a summer league prep class at the Bella Mar pool, with afternoon sessions in April. These classes are geared to beginning and experienced swimmers ages 6 and older who want to get going before the summer season begins. Classes will focus on stroke development and technique, and will be taught by certified coaches. For more information about the class days, times, and cost, please visit the LCA website at www.lostcreekaquatics.com. If you have any questions about year-round swim team in Steiner Ranch, please call LCA at 512-917-2274.

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.

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!

Water Aerobics Classes Start Next Month!

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

WHEN: Monday/Wednesday, 6:45 pm

Tuesday/Thursday, 9:00 am

COST: 8 classes per month: \$56/\$7 per class

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

Sign up will take place prior to the first class of every month.

Classes are 50 minutes long, will incorporate a full body workout in the water and are led by a certified water aerobics instructor. Some of the benefits of water aerobics fitness are:

*strengthens & improves muscle tone

*enhances muscular flexibility

- *increases range of motion
- *improves posture & physical appearance
- *relieves tension & stress
- *increases energy levels & stamina
- *burns calories
- *strengthens the cardiorespiratory system

Join us for lots of fun and great workouts to music. It's an opportunity to meet your neighbors and make new friends, while getting/staying in shape. Adult men and women welcome. This program is available to Steiner Ranch residents only.

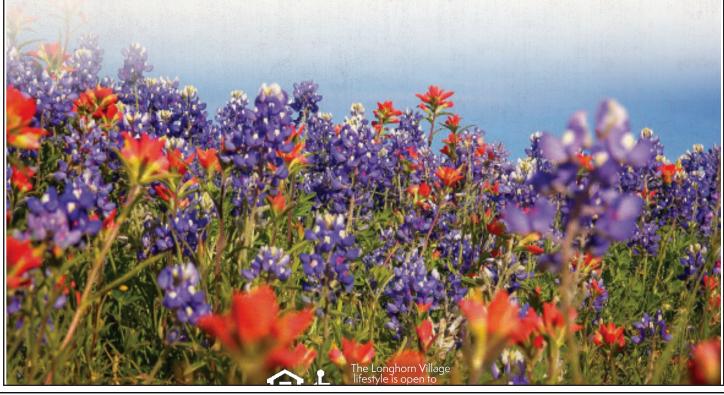
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11Th Annual Lake Travis Springfest Returns To The Hill Country Galleria In Bee Cave On Saturday, April 28Th

BEE CAVE, TX (MARCH 6, 2018) – The Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce will bring SpringFest back to the Hill Country Galleria. Presented by St. David's Emergency Center, SpringFest will be bigger and better than ever. The full day community festival filled with shopping, food, music and fun for the whole family is always "The Biggest Time in the Smallest Town".

SpringFest kicks off at 11AM on Saturday, April 28th with unique shopping, a KidZone the size of a football field, kiddo performances and LIVE music in the NEW Central Plaza area (former amphitheater), the latest in watercraft at the Boat Expo and tasty craft beers and Texas wines in the BrewHaus and WineStomp.

Back by popular demand are the Educate & Engage vendors at the event. Participating vendors will educate and engage our attendees at a higher level. "We have created a unique experience that we think will appeal to all of our festival attendees," says Will Mitchell, festival chair. "Everything from how to create authentic Louisiana Gumbo to keeping your kids safe on the water; we feel like there is something for everyone." Check out the Educate & Engage page on the SpringFest website. www. LakeTravisSpringFest.com.

Stroll through 100+ local and regional artisan vendor booths for an experience that is only found in South Lake Travis. Everyone is welcome

and admission and parking are FREE! Bring the kiddos; they will have hours of fun playing in the KidZone with loads of rides and attractions. ALL DAY PLAY PASSES will soon be available online at a discounted rate or may be purchased onsite. A HUGE thank you to the Church at Lake Travis for sponsoring and running the KidZone with volunteers!

SpringFest anticipates welcoming 9,000-10,000 attendees to this year's event. The phenomenal line up of performing arts and live music includes TexARTS, barre 3, Champions Gymnastics, 620 Dance Centre, Echo's Edge, the Lucas Johnson Band and the ever popular cover band SUEDE closing out the event. Performances begin at 11:00am and the last band ends at 7:00pm. See the SpringFest site for the full line-up. LakeTravisSpringFest.com.

Now in its 6th year, the wildly popular Craft BrewHaus and WineStomp brought to you by The Ginger Man will be in the Central Plaza area and open from 12:00pm – 7:00pm. Sip, taste and savor local and regional craft beers and wine. Tickets may be purchased at the event.

For more information on live music show times, vendor and sponsor information for SpringFest, visit LakeTravisSpringFest.com. For additional information, please contact the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce office via email at SpringFest@LakeTravisChamber.com or (512) 263-5833.



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The WCID 17 Stormwater Committee is working with the local community to ensure that all state and federal regulations protecting our drinking water resources are being met. The committee develops and implements stormwater pollution monitoring, control and outreach efforts in order to form an alliance between municipal and community

groups to protect our raw water drinking source, Lake Travis.

Storm drains are designed to remove excess water from streets during rainy weather, vehicle washing, and from over-irrigation of grassy areas. Unlike the wastewater from inside homes and businesses that flows through sewer and treatment plants, outside water runoff flows through manmade components (ditches, pipes, inlets, catch basins, and ponds) and natural components (streams, flood plains, wetlands.) Being on the lookout for storm drain blockages and monitoring what we allow into these drains will help to control the quantity of flow and enhance the quality of stormwater draining directly to Lakes Travis and Austin. Anyone living in the Central Texas area knows the problems a heavy rainfall or severe thunderstorm can create. Roads become impassable and standing water remains long after the storm passes. As water flows, runoff collects and transports soil, pet waste, pesticides, oil and grease, plastic bags, cigarette butts and other pollutants to the lakes. This contaminated flow pollutes our waterways and is harmful to wildlife, aquatic life, plants and humans. Even during the driest day of summertime in Texas, we produce 14 million gallons of stormwater flows from activities such as car washing and lawn watering.

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

As with any new initiative, it will take time for the full effect of the Stormwater Quality Program to be realized. However, substantial improvements in maintenance services and better drainage care should be visible with your watchful eyes helping near your home. Education and teamwork will be key as we move forward together to protect our beautiful lakes.



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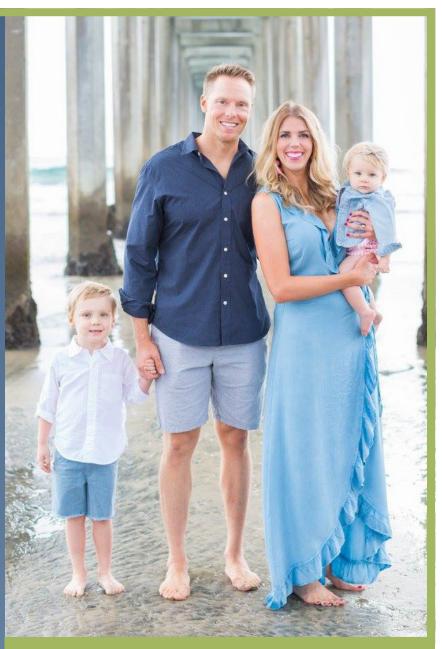
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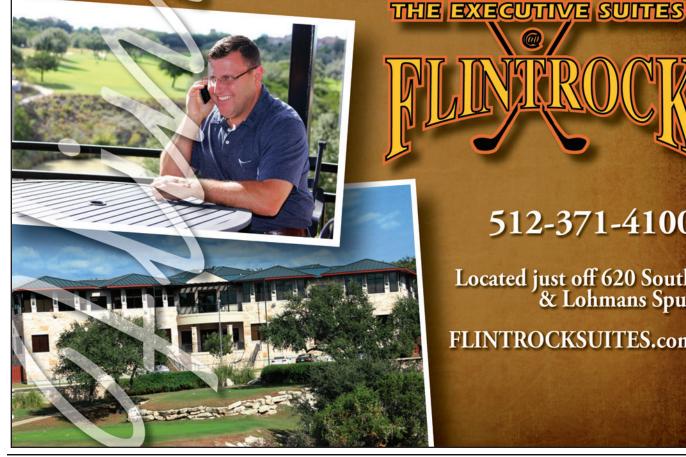
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