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# **BANCH REACED** Official Newsletter of The Steiner Ranch HOA

## Volunteers Help Keep Steiner Beautiful!





The weekend is a great time to tackle a simple project and quickly update your living space. Here are a few ideas for improvements that won't eat up all your spare time.

#### Improve Your Entryway

A splash of color and new hardware can make an old door modern and inviting. Add a bistro table and some potted plants to create a relaxing scene and improve curb appeal.

#### Put Dimmers on Your Lights

Dimmer switches can quickly add ambiance to almost any room in the house. You can use standard incandescent bulbs, but if you prefer fluorescent light, look for special dimmable bulbs.

#### Add Color Without Commitment

Paint isn't the only solution to add color throughout your home. Use fabric, scrapbook paper or wrapping paper to line the backs of built-ins, bookshelves and entertainment centers. Change them out regularly to match the season.

#### Update Your Sink

Tired of your old sink? You don't need to do a full replacement. Try a new faucet and see how easily your kitchen sink is transformed. Make sure the configuration matches the existing sink before making that purchase!



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## From the Association Office

## UPCOMING STEINER RANCH EVENTS

- 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
- 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 Wednesday of each month at 9:30am at the HOA office.

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 features photos of some of the dedicated volunteers who participated in the association's Keep Steiner Beautiful Clean-Up event. For details and additional

photos of this successful community focused event, see page 14. Thank you volunteers and HOA Event Planning and Trail Committee members for your hard work and dedication!

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.

## **INCUBATOR CTX**

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## From the Association Office



### 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 the HOA office 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 Meeting & Election Results

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) and the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association (SRROA) held their Annual Meetings & Elections last month.

#### THE SRMA ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION WAS HELD APRIL 17, 2018

Seven homeowners participated as candidates for four board positions during April's SRMA Board elections. SRMA homeowners elected these volunteers to serve on the SRMA Board:

Robby Roberts - At-large Brad Stanton - District 2 Naren Chilukuri - District 3 Christina Morales - District 4

The SRMA Board is made up of seven elected homeowners 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. Only homeowners who live in specified voting districts may vote for district specific candidates. In addition, two board members are elected At-large. At-large candidates are elected from any of the five voting districts and all SRMA homeowners may vote for these candidates. To avoid electing an entirely new board every two-years, board member terms are staggered. For a complete list of SRMA Board members, visit the HOA website at www. steinerranchhoa.org and click the 'Boards & Committees' tab.

#### 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 WAS HELD APRIL 19, 2018

The following homeowner volunteers will serve as newly elected members of the SRROA Board of Directors: Karl McArthur and Michael McGovern.

The SRROA Board consists of five board members in total, who serve two-year terms. To avoid electing an entirely new board every twoyears, board member terms are staggered. For a complete list of SRROA Board members, visit the HOA website at www.steinerranchhoa.org and click the 'Boards & Committees' tab.

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

### **Association Board Meetings**

Homeowners are encouraged to attend monthly association board meetings and are welcome to bring concerns to the board's attention by speaking during homeowner forum. Please observe the following guidelines should you wish to address the board:

• Please sign in when you arrive if you would like to address the board.

• The homeowner forum is an exchange of ideas. If you are bringing a concern or problem to the board's attention, please provide ideas for a solution.

• If you prefer to not speak during homeowner forum but have a concern you would like to share with the board, put your concern in writing and email Community Manager, Melinda Schoch: melinda@steinerranchhoa.org.

• Only one person may speak at a time. Please respect others' opinions by remaining silent when someone else has the floor.

• Each person will be given no more than five minutes to speak.

• Should a resident require more than five minutes to speak, the association requests comments be put in writing. Include background information, causes, circumstances, desired solutions and other considerations you believe are important.

The board and association management may not be able to resolve homeowner concerns on the spot. Issues must be discussed and voted on before decisions may be made. However, homeowners will be answered before—or at—the next board meeting.

Steiner Ranch Master Association Board meetings take place at 6:00pm on the last Tuesday of each month. Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association Board meetings take place at 6:00pm on the last Thursday of each month. Board meetings meet at Towne Square Community Center.

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## From the Association Office

## **A Message From The Firewise Committee**

Submitted by Nathasha Collmann, Steiner Ranch HOA Firewise Committee Chair

Have you noticed the Firewise signs as you drive in to Steiner? If you've ever wondered what those signs mean and why you should care, here's the scoop:

In the wake of the 2011 Labor Day fires which destroyed 24 homes in Steiner, several concerned residents formed the Steiner Ranch Firewise Committee. Guided by the Fire Prevention Department at Lake Travis Fire Rescue and Texas Forest Service, these residents worked with the HOA and county officials to establish processes and guidelines for mitigating fuels in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), educating homeowners through publications and personal Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) Assessments, and coordinated efforts between Travis County Natural Resources who manage our Preserve Lands and homeowners to allow access to the Preserve. Through community workdays and Travis County mitigation efforts, we met the required expenses to qualify for certification. Steiner Ranch was officially recognized as a National Firewise Community during the Concert in the Park event in August 2012.

#### What does this mean to you?

• It means the association has a committee of trained volunteers

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"I live in the **Steiner Ranch** area. I'd love to help you plan your next dream vacation."

#### **Tip of the Month**

Looking for a cruise vacation on a small ship that travels to unique destinations? I can help you find that perfect cruise!



who can perform HIZ Assessments on request. Committee volunteers will come to your house and give a private, personalized assessment of suggestions to harden your home against wildfires.

• It means if you live on a greenbelt and are concerned about fuels there, the committee has established a process with the HOA to get permission to access the greenbelt and address those fuels.

• It means if you live adjacent to the Preserve, you have probably already had the LTFR fuels crew doing mitigation work along your fence line. This work is paid for by the county for Firewise communities.

#### We can do MORE but need your help!

• We need to regularly communicate to the neighborhood for education purposes and to organize Firewise events.

• We need to restart the Red Flag Warning day notifications - we just don't have the committee volunteer numbers to communicate to residents on a regular basis through social media and the flag system on the entrance marquis.

• We need to restart regular meetings to discuss publicity, education, and events.

• We need to engage discussions with the HOA Boards to fund additional common area fuel mitigation. This is a huge priority since the National Firewise Program expense requirements to maintain our certification tripled this year! (Remember, that's how we get help from LTFR and Travis County Natural Resources.)

We became Firewise but need help to keep our certification. We are not in the extreme drought conditions we were in in 2011, and thankfully are having a wet spring. But summer will be here soon and the lake is already dropping. Things get extra crispy around here in the late summer - don't get complacent. We need to remain vigilant to protect homes and lives from wildfire!

May 5th is National Community Wildfire Preparedness Day. Make a commit to your community & join the Firewise Committee. For information contact:

Community Manager, Melinda Schoch: melinda@ steinerranchhoa.org or

Interim Executive Director, Scott Selman: scott@ steinerranchhoa.org.





Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property — and their neighborhood — much safer from wildfire.

#### Action steps for around your home:

- **CLEAR** leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.
- SCREEN in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- **REMOVE** flammable materials (wood piles, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. **PRUNE** trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. **DISPOSE** of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair the shingles that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- **COVER** exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves and screen soffit vents using 1/8 mesh metal screening to prevent ember entry.



#### Your Source for SAFETY Information

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### AND Don'T Forget...

The more actions a community takes, the more fire adapted it becomes. Learn how you can make a difference in your community. Visit **www.fireadapted.org** and **www.firewise.org** for more information.



### FACT

- There are more than 45 million homes near or in the wildland.
- () More than **72,000** U.S. communities are now at risk from wildfire.

## From the Association Office

## **Amenity Projects Update**

Spring seasonal maintenance took place at neighborhood pools in April. In addition to regular maintenance, the Bella Mar splash pool was resurfaced. Steiner Ranch pools are ready for resident use during the busy summer swim season – stop by for a swim!

The Lake Club Pavilion recently received a fresh coat of stain. If you haven't visited in a while, make a point to stop by and soak in some quietude at Steiner's facility on Lake Austin– it's one of the many perks of living in Steiner Ranch.



Bella Mar Facility

The association is currently working on the following projects:

• Landscape enhancement at the entrance of 620 & Quinlan Park Road.

• Sand volleyball court installation at John Simpson Park.

• Replacing the playscape and adding sun shades at Canyon Glen Park.

• Replacing monument lights with LED.



Lake Club Facility





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### Spring Is Prime Time For Spread Of Deadly Oak Wilt Disease

#### Texas A&M Forest Service

The big, beautiful live oaks that line your street and shade your home aren't indefensible. There's a silent killer that at this very moment could be creeping down your block, one yard at a time.

Considered an epidemic throughout Central Texas, oak wilt is one of the most destructive tree diseases in the United States. The infectious disease spreads in the spring, killing all trees that share its name, with red oaks and live oaks most susceptible.

"A live oak is a great survivor against everything that gets thrown at it from wind damage to drought to insects and other diseases, but it's a poor survivor with oak wilt," said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Forest Health Coordinator Jim Houser in Austin.

Oak mortality has been noted since the 1930s, but oak wilt wasn't confirmed as the cause until the late 1970s. It has since been found in 76 counties — principally in Central Texas though it's crept as far as Amarillo and Houston.

An infected oak can spread the disease to surrounding oaks via their interconnected root systems. When that happens, the only way to stop further spread is by digging trenches to break the root connections.

Oak wilt also can be spread from February through June via sapfeeding beetles, which eat spore mats produced by infected red oaks. The disease is spread when those insects fly off to feed on a healthy red oak or live oak with a fresh wound.

Diseased live oaks do not produce the same spores but they can become infected by them.

"We're talking about trees that have been in the landscape for a century or more. We don't replace those trees overnight," Houser said, adding that the death of such majestic trees can lead to drops in property values. "Preventing oak wilt is the key."

A wound is created any time bark is removed and wood is exposed. That can happen with the simplest of tasks — planting flowers, pruning or even pushing a lawn mower over a bare tree root.

That bare wood produces sap, which attracts the sap-feeding beetles, Houser said, stressing the importance of avoiding wounds in the spring, painting tree wounds year round and destroying diseased red oaks that may harbor spore mats on which sap-feeding beetles may feed and spread the disease.

"You don't want to have to manage oak wilt. That means you have it. You want to prevent it from happening," said Houser, explaining that there was no cure for the disease. "An ounce of prevention is worth it to avoid starting oak wilt disease and killing your trees."

For more information about oak wilt and maps detailing which counties are affected, visit www.texasoakwilt.org, Texas A&M Forest Service www.tfsweb.tamu.edu have a tree tested for oak wilt through the Texas A&M Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic & Laboratory at www.plantclinic.tamu.edu. You may also contact your local municipal forester.

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

### **Excessive Dog Barking**



Steiner Ranch rules prohibit excessive dog barking. Please be considerate of your neighbors and do not allow your dog(s) to bark for prolonged periods of time. Repeated violations may lead to association fines.

To report excessive dog barking, please submit a 'Report A Problem' through the HOA's website: www.steinerranchhoa.org

Residents may also report a noise complaint with the City of Austin by filing a complaint with Austin Municipal Court. A Citizen Complaint Form for noisy animals may be completed at the Municipal Court Website: austintexas.gov. The form may be submitted in person at 700 E 7th Street, or may be submitted via email: https://www.austintexas.gov/email/court, or by mail: P.O. Box 2135, Austin, TX 78768-2135.

For a copy of the procedure on how to file a formal complaint with Municipal Court, contact the court at 512-974-4800.

An officer is no longer required to be called out to the scene as this is considered a civil matter. City of Austin highly encourages citizens to file a complaint with the Municipal Court to get a resolution.





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### **Exterior Home Changes Require Architectural Review**

Any changes or enhancements you make to the exterior of your home requires architectural approval by the association. 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, front door changes, 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

#### TRASH, RECYCLING & BULKY WASTE PICK-UPS:

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.

#### 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.

### **Greenbelt Reminders**

Please remember and share with all family members the following:

## • GREENBELT CUTTING & CONSTRUCTION IS 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 ARE PROHIBITED

Fires are absolutely prohibited in Steiner Ranch greenbelts.

#### MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE 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.

### Overnight Parking, Boats & Watercraft Storage Reminders

Per Steiner Ranch governing documents, no automobile or other vehicle may be parked overnight on any roadway within the community. Boats and watercraft must be stored in an enclosed space at all times. Storing watercraft in driveways or on the street is not allowed.

To report overnight street parking or watercraft violations, visit www.steinerranchoa.org and click the "Report a Problem" tab.

Thank you for helping the association uphold Steiner Ranch rules which serve to protect and maintain the appearance and safety of the neighborhood.

### **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.



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!

## Steiner Activities & Events

## **Thank You Volunteers For Helping Keep Steiner Beautiful!**

Volunteers came out on a brisk April morning to participate in the association's Keep Steiner Beautiful Clean-Up event. Trash was picked up along Steiner Ranch BLVD (which is a county road and is not maintained by the HOA), two teams worked on trail maintenance, and weeds were pulled at Canyon Ridge Middle



Group who participated in trail work ở maintenance in Bella Mar area

School. This event was organized by the Steiner Ranch HOA Event Planning and Trail committees and was supported by Hill Country Bible Church Steiner Ranch. Thank you volunteers and committee members for supporting your community!



Volunteer hard at work weeding at CRMS



Mom & her boys helping at Keep Steiner Beautiful event



Group who volunteered for trail work off Front Range Trail



Family who participated in weeding project at CRMS



Group who participated in trash pick up along Steiner Ranch Blvd.



Volunteer on trail performing trail maintenance



Tires, bottles, cans, plant containers, and a toilet (!) were a few of the items volunteers picked-up along Steiner Ranch BLVD.

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#### SERVICES OFFERED

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## **Get Ready To Shred!**

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. Please limit to 3 boxes. Nonresidents attempting to take advantage of this opportunity will be turned away as this is an HOA funded event.





## **New Homeowner Social**

#### THURSDAY, MAY 24TH 6:30PM – 8:00PM TOWNE SQUARE COMMUNITY CENTER 12550 COUNTRY TRAILS LANE

Welcome new residents of Steiner Ranch! Please join us for our next New Homeowner Social to:

• Meet new neighbors

• Learn about neighborhood committees and volunteer opportunities

• Ask questions

Hors d'oeurves will be served. Please RSVP to assistance@ steinerranchhoa.org no later than Monday, May 21st.

## Free Activities For Residents

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

#### 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.

## Steiner Activities & Events



## **Free Community Workshops**

Take advantage of this month's free community workshops: May 8th - Reducing Children's Sensory Issues, 6:30pm at Bella Mar Community Center

If you are a parent who has a child suffering from Sensory Processing Disorder, you're going to want to attend 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 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.

#### May 23rd - Cholesterol & Medical Treatment, 7:00pm at Towne Square Community Center

Join physician and resident, Dr. Ben Rosin as he discusses high cholesterol and what is important to know about medical treatment.

### **Sponsors Needed**

The association's most attended event, Concert In The Park, will be here before you know it! Hold the date - this year's event will take place on Saturday, August 18th at Towne Square fields.

Local businesses, organizations and restaurants in the immediate Steiner Ranch and Four Points area are invited to sponsor this community-focused event. Various sponsorship levels are available. Please contact HOA Lifestyle Coordinator, Desirre Ghebremicael for details: desirre@steinerranchhoa.org.

This event is made possible by the efforts of the Steiner Ranch HOA Event Planning Committee.

### **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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#### Steiner Ranch HOA Presents: FREE CHILDREN'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES!

Back by popular demand - the association is offering a FREE Children's Summer Concert Series to Steiner Ranch residents! We've partnered with Front Door Concerts to bring Austin's most popular children's entertainers to the neighborhood.

Concert dates are noted below and will take place at Towne Square Community Center at 10:30am at the Towne Square Pavilion. Check out the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook Page or website for details.

*Concert Series Dates:* June 15th July 20th August 10th #frontdoorconcerts



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<b>6</b> 7:30am – SRC Ride (Cups & Cones)	<b>7</b> 8:15am -Tai Chi (TSCC ) 6:30pm - Adult Yoga (TSCC) 6:30pm - Real Estate Investing Group (BMCC)	8:15am -Tai Chi (TSCC ) <b>8</b> 5:30pm - UT Golf CMTE Mtg (UT Golf Club) 6:30pm - Reducing Children's Sensory Issues (BMCC) 7:00pm - SRNA Mtg (TSCC)	<b>9</b> 8:15am Tai Chi (TSCC ) 9:30am – Event Planning CMTE Mtg (HOA Office) 7:00pm – Community Yoga (BM Pavilion)	l O 8:15am Tai Chi (TSCC )	8:15am Tai Chi (TSCC) 10:00am – Insanity/Piyo Workout (TSCC)	<b>12</b> 7:30am – SRC Ride (Cups & Cones) . 8:30am – Bhangra (TSCC)
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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!



## Summer Camps 👳 Programs

School will be out before you know it - start planning now! The association is pleased to offer the following camp opportunities to Steiner Ranch residents:

Free Adult Programs (Registration Not Required) Tai Chi:

Offered Monday - Friday 8:15am - 9:00am at Towne Square Pavilion.

Yoga:

Offered Monday evenings at 6:30pm at Towne Square Community Center. Class is taught by instructors for the Lake Austin Spa. Bring yoga mat, towel and water.

**Camps & Programs For Registration:** 

Camp Gladiator: EXERCISE! For registration visit www.campgladiator.com

**Developmental Swimming:** SWIM! For registration visit www.goldstarswimming.com

Idea Lab: ROCK YOUR GRAY MATTER! For registration visit www.austin.idealabs.com

Little Medical School: LEARN! For registration visit www.littlemedicalschool.com

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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!

### Year-Round USA Swimming Club In Steiner Ranch

#### Submitted by Jessica Evans, Lost Creek Aquatics

Lost Creek Aquatics is excited to announce that it will continue offering a competitive USA Swimming swim team this summer in Steiner Ranch (May through August). All practices will be in the late afternoons at the John Simpson pool. We welcome new and returning members and swimmers of all ages and abilities. Practices will resume on our fall team at the Bella Mar pool in mid-August. For more information about swimming with LCA at Steiner Ranch, please visit the LCA website at www.lostcreekaquatics.com. If you have any questions about year-round swim team in Steiner Ranch, please contact LCA at 512-917-2274 or teamadmin@lostcreekaquatics.com.

#### Gold Stars Developmental Swim Team

Gold Stars Developmental Swim Team will take place a John Simpson Pool July 10th - August 2nd, 2018. This is a non-competitive swim team for swimmers ages 5 to 12. We focus on the development of swimming skills in freestyle and backstroke. At the end of the 4-week session, swimmers will be able to measure their improvement at an mock trial swim meet.

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 at least 3 seconds.

Swimmers will need a competitive style swim suit (one piece for girls and jammers for boys). Goggles that fit as well as properly fitting rubber fins (non-ankle strap fins).

#### Dates: July 10th-August 2nd, 2018. When: T/W/Th 8:30-9:30 am 5-8 year olds

T/W/Th 9:30-10:30 am 9-12 year olds

Additional information & registration forms can be found at: https://www.goldstarsswimming.com/developmental-swim.

## **Steiner Ranch Pool Rules**

To ensure Steiner Ranch pools remain fun, safe, and sanitary for all residents, the below rules are in place.

Pools are for residents of the Steiner Ranch Master Association and the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Associations, and up to 4 guests per household without a reservation.

1. Pool gates must remain closed and locked at all times. A facility fob is to be used to access locked facilities during hours of operation. DO NOT PROP GATES!

2. The association may deny access to the pools at any time due to occupancy limits, weather, pool conditions, or if maintenance is required.

3. At the discretion of the association, and as approved by the Board of Directors of the SRROA and/or SRMA, certain periods of the normal open swim hours may be set aside for specialized activities.

4. Use of the pool facilities is at the resident and/or guest's own risk.

5. Lifeguards, when present, have full authority and are responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of all rules.

6. Only lifeguards are permitted on the lifeguard stand.

7. An adult must accompany children 14 years old and under at all times.

8. Proper swim wear is required. Swim diaper and plastic pants must be worn by children who are not completely toilet trained.

9. No diving. Dive blocks are for use by Swim Teams and/ or private lessons approved by the Association.

10. No Smoking.

11. No glass containers of any type are allowed in the pool facility.

12. No pets in pool area.

13. Residents are responsible for any damage they, their guests, or their children cause and for cleaning up any mess or trash created by them prior to leaving the pool facility.

14. Violation of these rules may result in suspension of pool privileges, fines or other charges, and/or legal action.





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

**COST:** 8 classes per month: \$56

#### **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:

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## News You Can Use

### It Takes A Village

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

It takes a village. I didn't completely understand the analogy or appreciate the weight of the comparison until I was a full functioning member of the village that is raising my children. Like so many things in parenthood, much must be experienced first hand to be understood or appreciated.

My very membership status in the carpool is precious to me. I am grateful daily for the moms and driving teens that shuttle my offspring to and from the pool and to and from the school. Like many families in our neighborhood, we meet in the early and late hours to drop or collect our youth. I see them coming and going to Wag a Bag or one of our community center parking lots. Kids get out, grab gear and get into other vehicles. Without this exchange, my children would not be involved in extracurricular activities. Short of teleportation, the carpool is the most magical and perfect thing I can imagine.

This is but one example of the many ways my village is raising my children. The list includes (but is not limited to) support, parenting advice, propping me up when I feel like a parent failure, reminding me of crucial information from the school that I somehow missed, and even feeding my children. This vital network of parents that I am tied to has saved my hide on more than one occasion. How am a part of this system? To be sure, this network was not created overnight. Out of necessity, I have reached out to parents, teachers, and coaches over the past few years. This has connected me with wonderful parents who value the very things I value. They have replied to my texts or calls with advice, resources, and support on countless occasions. Frequently, I am checking to assess if I truly am the "only mom" that does not permit my teen to do something/ go somewhere/ buy something. While I like to think I have some pretty strong opinions about how my children should be raised, I have to admit to myself that this is the first time I am raising a teen and much of the territory is uncharted for me. Am I too strict? Too lenient? Is 14 too young for a tattoo or does every other freshman have one?

As a member of a parent village, I can only hope my contributions to the team are half as valued as the ones I receive. These parents celebrate the achievements of my children as if they were those of their own offspring. They are truly disappointed when my child fails or is unhappy. I have learned that parenting is not for the weak of heart. And, sometimes, it is painfully difficult. Thankfully, I have a village to lean on.

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### **To Conserve Water And Save Money \$\$\$** Know Your Days / Know Your Usage

Water District 17 will be starting two (2) times per week summer mandatory outdoor watering schedule on May 1st. Know your designated watering days and times and follow the schedule to limit your consumption and save money.

FOR ALL CUSTOMERS: NO IRRIGATION ALLOWED BETWEEN 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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Residential: May 1 – September 30 Commercial: Year Round

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#### HOSE END SPRINKLER - ANY DAY

Hose end sprinkler: Garden hose equipped with a removable portable sprinkler which is moved from place to place by hand and turned on and off by hand.

Note: Only for Customers who do not have automated irrigation systems. Allowed any day, no watering between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

#### Notes:

\* Watering with HAND HELD hose, soaker hose, bubbler, drip irrigation or watering can of 5-gallons and less is allowed any day, any time

\* Climate driven irrigation controllers should be turned on

\* No other water uses are restricted under this Stage (Car washing, pool refills, use of outdoor fountains, etc – allowed)

\* Variances may be granted under this Stage



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### Attention Outgoing CRMS 8th Graders! You're Invited to the CRMS 8TH Grade Party!

When: Friday, May 11th from 7pm - 11pm Where: UT Golf Club Outdoor Pavilion What: DJ, Dancing, Food, Photo Booth & more! Dress Code: Boys - khaki shorts or pants & collared shirts. Girls dresses or "going out" attire. Tickets are on sale now through May 4th for \$40. Tickets are \$50 (cash only) at the door. If this is a hardship for your family, please email Cherisse at cherisse@RealEstateInAustin.com. For a link to the registration form please email cherisse@ RealEstateInAustin.com. Spread the word! We want ALL 8th Graders to attend!!



### **Venomous Snake Safety**

Texas is home to over 105 different species and subspecies of snakes. Fortunately only 15 of those are potentially dangerous to humans. Despite this, Texas Parks & Wildlife reports that each year there are more deaths in Texas attributed to lightning strikes than to venomous snakebites. The most common venomous snakes in Texas are: Cottonmouths, Copperheads, Rattlesnakes (of which there are 9 various types) and Coral snakes. Following is information from Texas Parks & Wildlife regarding precautions and responses to snakes:

Learn to recognize the snake species that are likely to be in the area. Understanding what snakes look for in a suitable habitat can help you know when to be wary. Understanding their behavior will help you know what to do if you encounter one. Snakes like tall grass.

• Keep lawn around your home trimmed low.

• Remove any brush, wood, rock or debris piles from around the residence - they make great hiding places for snakes and their prey - rodents.

• Always wear shoes while outside and never put your hands where you cannot see them.

- Be careful when stepping over fallen logs and rock outcroppings.
- Take care along creek banks and underbrush.

Snakes do not prey on humans and they will not chase you, in fact they usually retreat or escape if given the opportunity. The danger comes when they are either surprised or cornered.

#### What to do if bitten:

• Assume envenomation has occurred, especially if initial symptoms are present. Initial symptoms of pit viper bites include fang puncture marks; in addition, they almost always include immediate burning pain at the bite site, immediate and usually progressive local swelling within five minutes, as well as local discoloration of the skin. Initial symptoms of coral snake bites include tremors, slurred speech, blurred or double vision, drowsiness or euphoria and a marked increase in salivation within four hours; however, life-threatening effects from coral snake envenomation may not be evident for 24 hours or longer.

• Identify the species of venomous snake that inflicted the bite, if possible. Identification is not necessary, but may be helpful.

• Keep the victim as calm as possible. This helps reduce the spread of venom and the onset of shock.

• Keep yourself and other members of the group calm as well. This will help reassure the victim and ensure that the appropriate first-aid measures are followed, as well as preventing anyone else from becoming injured.

• Know and be alert for the symptoms of shock, and institute the proper treatment should it ensue. Difficulty in breathing and/or kidney failure are frequent symptoms of envenomation.

• Wash the bite area with a disinfectant if available.

• Remove jewelry such as rings and watches, as well as tight-fitting clothes, before the onset of swelling.

• Reduce/prevent movement of a bitten extremity, using a splint if possible; this helps decrease the spread of venom. For the reason, position the extremity below the heart.

• Get the victim to a medical facility as soon as possible and begin treatment with intravenous antivenom, crystalloid solutions and antibiotics. Antivenom treatment is generally most effective within the first four hours of envenomation, and is ineffective after 8-10 hours.

#### What NOT to do if bitten:

• Do not make incisions over the bite marks. This can result in significant damage to already traumatized tissue, and can damage intact structures such as nerves and blood vessels, enhance bleeding caused by anticoagulant components of venom and increase the rapid spread of venom throughout the body if the circulatory system is compromised. A suction device, such as the Sawyer ExtractorTM, may be used without making any incisions. This device may remove significant quantities of venom, although its efficacy has yet to be conclusively determined.

• Do not use a tourniquet or other constricting ban except in extreme cases of envenomation, and then only if properly trained in the technique. Such devices are of no value if applied more than thirty minutes after the bite, and if improperly used they can restrict

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blood vital blood flow to the traumatized tissue and possibly result in the amputation of an extremity. Unbearable pain can also result, and the improper loosening of such devices can allow sudden systemic absorption of venom.

• Do not use cryotherapy (including cold compresses, ice, dry ice, chemical ice packs, spray refrigerants, and freezing) for the same reasons that the tourniquets should be avoided, and also because it can increase the area necrosis.

• Do not use aspirin or related medications to relieve pain, because they increase bleeding. A pain reliever not containing aspirin, however, may be used.

• Do not use the pressure/immobilization technique, which consists of firmly wrapping the entire limb with an elastic bandage and then splinting, especially for pit viper bites. The theory behind this treatment is to confine the venom to the area of the bite until reaching a medical facility, but studies have shown the technique to be ineffective or worse with venoms which produce local swelling and tissue damage.

For more information on Texas snakes visit:

http://tpwd.texas.gov/education/resources/texas-juniornaturalists/snakes-alive/venomous-texas-snakes





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## Pet Place Reasons to "Scoop the Poop"

Dogs are a very popular pet and are found in many households. There are 70 million pet dogs in the United States alone. Opening up your home to a dog also means accepting responsibility for that pet, including cleaning up their waste.

Most people have heard the term "scoop the poop" but some people may not have heard the reasons why this is so important. Some people view dog feces (or what most people call dog poop) as a good fertilizer, but this is actually a myth. Dog diets mostly contain animal products such as chicken and turkey. Thus, a dog's waste contains substances created by the breakdown of the animal products. It does not enrich the soil for plants such as grass. If not picked up, dog feces can enter waterways via storm drains after it rains. Nitrogen in the feces depletes the oxygen from the water, and the water is made harmful to fish

and other aquatics. It is often listed as the third leading cause of water pollution. Dog feces are also considered an environmental pollutant as it contains harmful organisms. One gram of dog feces may contain as much as 23 million bacteria. Harmful bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli can be found in dog feces. Parasites such as Giardia, Cryptosporidium, roundworms, hookworms

and whipworms may also be found. Many of the parasites (usually in a resistant egg form) linger in the environment for years, even if the rest of the dog feces breaks down over time. Both bacteria and parasites are health hazards for both humans and animals that come in contact with them.

Besides the "ick" factor of stepping in dog poop and the unpleasant odor of it, dog feces can serve to attract pests (such as flies) and rodents (such as rats). Being

a responsible pet owner and scooping your dog's poop is important for the community health of both humans and animals. It helps Improve local

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