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Rising Stars Joins 4th of July Celebration



The Rising Stars Pediatric Dentistry teams from both the Steiner Ranch and the Lakeline offices celebrated the fourth of July with

the Steiner Ranch community in their annual family-focused event. The event took place in Towne Square Park in Steiner Ranch on July 4th, 2018 from 9 am-noon. This year, team members from Rising Stars Pediatric Dentistry participated in this fun-filled event as one of the official sponsors for the "Steiner Ranch July 4th Celebration."



STEINER RANCH WELCOMES DR. ARWA OWAIS



Having recently joined the team at Rising Stars Pediatric Dentistry, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the provider for your child's dental care at Rising Stars Pediatric Dentistry of Steiner Ranch. I am so excited to join the Steiner Ranch community and look forward to developing long-lasting relationships with you and your family! As not only a pediatric dentist but also a mother of four, I have learned that every child is unique and deserves a quality of care to match that uniqueness.

I have been practicing pediatric dentistry since 1994 and I have worn many different hats during my dental career. I am dual-trained as a Board-Certified Pediatric Dentist and a Dental Public Health Specialist. I have extensive experience with sedation dentistry and treating patients that are medically compromised or have special health care needs. Additionally, I have served as a faculty member and instructor in teaching programs, both stateside and abroad, and am the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Speaker on Medical Management of Dental Caries and the North American Regional Councilor of the Pediatric Oral Health Research Group.

I welcome communication with families so please feel free to reach out to me via email (arwa.owais@sdpmail.com) or by cell at (319) 400-4554 with any questions you may have. My team and I enjoyed participating the Fourth of July Steiner Ranch Celebration and the Texas Mission of Mercy events and cannot wait to meet even more of our neighbors at future events!

Thank you for accepting me, my family, and our practice into your elite community.

Arwa Owais

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FEATURED FAMILY:

Let's Meet the Behrens Family



Please join us in saying hello to Amber and Brandon Behrens and their identical twin sons, Morgan and Garrett. The twins are nearly 5 years old. They also have a pet cat that goes by the name of Mr. Furley. Amber is a stay-at-home-mom while Brandon works as a software developer at Dovetail Software.

Morgan and Garrett currently attend Canyon Creek Preschool. The Behrens moved here almost 4 years ago and currently live on Sun Tree Cove in a beautiful home with a swimming pool in back and the adjacent greenbelt area behind them. Brandon commented

that, when they first bought the home, he wasn't too sure about the pool but now really enjoys it. And of course Amber and the twins love it! Also, living just a few doors down from the park (Sun Tree) has to be a great location that anyone would appreciate!

The family moved here from Central Austin for reasons of affordability (shows how expensive living near downtown Austin is) and to get closer to Brandon's work, not to mention getting away from the ever increasing traffic, especially with the eternal construction on Mo Pac Expressway.

They love many things about River Place. Who doesn't, right? They love their neighbors and the parks and hiking trails and just being in such a great community with lots to offer. They are thankful that their church, ACF

is conveniently located right here at the front of River Place. And then there are the rolling hills and panoramic views of our great neighborhood! Lastly, they are confident that River Place Elementary will be a wonderful place for their twins, once they reach school age. It is comforting to know that all our area schools have a great reputation that creates a strong attraction for families with school aged children.

As hobbies and activities go, Brandon loves to hunt and fish

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To submit an article for the River Review please email it to riverreview@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the issue.



In and Around River Place

Golf Carts Concerns in River Place:

Some residents continue to express concerns that reckless golf cart drivers could cause accidents on our curvy and sometimes busy River Place streets. Leslee Bassman looked into it a bit further and published her findings in a Four Points News article. First, the City does not have ordinances governing golf carts on city streets. Further, the City allows for golf cart use in “master planned communities” where speed limits are 35 mph or less, carts are not driven at night and are within two miles of a golf course.

To change things, we would need to go through the City. One solution would be to require a certain drivers’ age, for example. The River Place HOA though, has decided not to pursue this issue at this time, leaving it in the hands of the City. Luckily, no accidents have occurred yet so let’s hope everyone drives safely and we don’t have any traffic events we might be sorry about.

River Place Cosmetic Surgeon Recommendation:

Kirk Scott of River place gave a strong recommendation for Dr. Eric Rosenberger and Facial Focus Cosmetic Surgery, located right here in River Place. When Kirk suffered from 3 broken ribs and some serious facial fractures, he went to Dr. Rosenberger.

He feels the doctor was very intelligent and knew exactly how to proceed to get him fixed up. Kirk adds, “Beyond really big smarts and expertise, in the numerous times I’ve seen him in all my visits and follow-ups, I also found him to be a really great and down-to-earth guy. He is personable and friendly, and very good at what he does.” He commented that the office and other services are top notch as well.

2222 Project Update and More:

Scott Crosby, HOA President, posted on Nextdoor: “I just received the following from Tx Dot. This project will include improvements to the River Place Blvd and 2222 intersection - allowing concurrent left hand lane turns and eliminating the alternating traffic signal in the morning. AUSTIN – A heavily-traveled highway in west Austin is about to expand. At its monthly meeting last week, the Texas Transportation Commission awarded a \$23.6 million contract to move utilities and widen RM 2222, adding a through-travel lane eastbound from Bonaventure to Sitio Del Rio Boulevard and westbound from Ribelin Ranch Drive to Sitio Del Rio Boulevard. The project also includes turn lanes and a raised median. Capital Excavation Company won the contract. The second project, which will add a bypass lane from RM 620 to RM 2222, will go to out for bid next summer.”

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(especially fish!) and is teaching the twins what fishing is all about. They love going out to Leakey, TX to unwind and just float on the river and read. Again, Brandon's preferences are to hunt and fish.

For now, with the boys being so active around the house and pool, the family stays quite busy although they are looking into soccer and other sports for them. Brandon played baseball in college at Southwestern in Georgetown. The boys naturally seem to show an interest in the sport so perhaps once they are in school they will take it up. Both Amber and Brandon have Longhorn roots and hardly ever miss their football games. Go Horns! If you see the Behrens around River Place, be sure to say hello!



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Concerns about Police Response Times:

Please see the separate article in this issue entitled *River Place-City Police Response Times*. I, and I know others, believe in the squeaky wheel (positive) approach. It might be subjective but I believe I've seen an increase in police vehicles cruising around River Place in recent weeks. That's exactly what we need-deterrence!

You may have questions or comments you wish to forward to John Gabrielson, Senior Police Officer 5342 and District Representative. It's good to know they have us in mind and are diligent enough to respond to our concerns. Stay safe!

The Firewise Committee Wants You to be Safe:

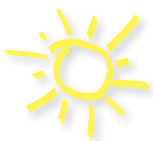
It's not surprising that, with our greenbelts and foliage, dry climate and prevailing winds, we are vulnerable to all types of fires including wildfires. The River Place Firewise Committee is available and willing to assist you by performing a free assessment of your home and property. Take advantage of life-saving recommendations.

Just call 512-339-6962 to speak with a Firewise representative or to schedule an assessment. And if you are interested in learning more or possibly interested in becoming a member of the committee, call or text Randy Jamieson at 512-800-5330. Let's work together to keep River Place safe!

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Homeowner's Corner

Keeping Pets Safe Around Plants

Many plants represent a threat to Fido and Fluffy. Protect them with these tips from our gardening expert. Gardens are wonderful places for pets. They provide entertainment, room to exercise and cool shade in the afternoon. However, many of the most common and seemingly innocuous garden plants are also poisonous to your furry friends.

The apples and oranges we humans enjoy, almost all flowering bulbs and some of the most popular houseplants all share one thing in common: They are dangerously toxic to cats and dogs.



Irises, bottlebrush and daylilies all pose a threat to pets.

Plants ranked ninth on the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' (ASPCA's) list of top pet toxins in 2017. Roughly 5 percent of calls made to the organization's Animal Poison Control Center involved landscaping plants, houseplants and bouquets.

Before we even cover the poisonous plants, let's focus on the biggest dangers. Insecticides ranked seventh on the ASPCA list, and lawn and garden products came in 10th. Keep all chemicals out of reach, and if you're getting your lawn sprayed, allow at least a day before letting your pet on the grass.

Problem Plants for Pets

Many plants are poisonous or otherwise dangerous to pets, but luckily there are many more that are completely safe. At the end of this article are some toxic plants to avoid, followed by safe alternatives. This list is just an introduction and is by no means exhaustive, so refer to the ASPCA website to search for the plant in question.

If you're unsure of the toxicity of a certain plant in your garden, refer to the ASPCA website to find out.

Bromeliads and Echeveria are safe plants to have around your four-legged friends.

Safety Steps

While you needn't tear apart your garden to keep poisonous plants off your dog's menu, you should definitely educate yourself so you can make your own informed decisions.

Remove risky plants, transplant them to pet-free areas of the garden or, if the plant is too big (or special) to easily remove, make it inaccessible to your pet with fencing. Just remember that even fallen

leaves or seedpods are also often poisonous, so acquaint yourself with the symptoms your pet might experience following ingestion so you know what to tell the vet.

You might not need to go out and remove a foundation planting of azaleas tomorrow, but it isn't that big of a deal to replace your toxic aloe plant with a nontoxic (and more attractive) Haworthia.

If your pet shows any worrying symptoms, don't waste time looking at lists like these. Call your vet or visit the ASPCA poison control hotline website immediately.

Article by Steve Asbell from Zillow.

Plant type	Toxic	Nontoxic
Bulbs	Caladium, calla lily, tulip, daffodil, iris, narcissus, crinum, amaryllis, dahlia, lily of the valley, crocus	Canna, muscari, Scarborough lily, ginger
Annuals and perennials	Arum, elephant ear, begonia, sweet pea, coleus, bird of paradise, cyclamen, hellebore, hosta, lantana, chrysanthemum, morning glory, asparagus fern, geranium. Lilies and daylilies are toxic to cats but nontoxic to dogs.	Aster, fern, marigold, gerber daisy, snapdragon, hollyhock, ornamental grasses, nasturtium, nerve plant, petunia, sunflower
Trees and shrubs	Holly, rhododendron, azalea, oleander, sago palm, citrus (lemons, oranges, etc.), apple, apricot, peach, cherry, yucca, black walnut, yew, gardenia, nandina, wisteria	Crepe myrtle, bottlebrush, aralia, hawthorn, pittosporum, mulberry, magnolia, mahonia, rose, hickory, bamboo, banana
Vegetables	Tomato, garlic, leek, onion, shallot, grape	Cucumber, squash, melon, okra, zucchini
Houseplants	Dieffenbachia, Swiss cheese plant, Chinese evergreen, dracaena, pothos, ficus, anthurium, aloe, desert rose, kalanchoe, snake plant, euphorbia, asparagus fern, schefflera	Calathea, areca palm, cast iron plant, Christmas cactus, spider plant, episcia, false aralia, orchid, bromeliad, peperomia, echeveria, haworthia, sempervivum, gynura, plectranthus



Heads Up... From Around the City

Social Media Administrator, Travis County TX, Travis County AGENCY

Travis County is working to create an economic development strategy that responds to the needs and priorities of residents. Your input will help ensure that this strategy effectively addresses economic challenges and opportunities in our community!

- Link to the English version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCEDS>
- Link to the Spanish version: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCEDS1>

Communications & Public Information Office, City of Austin AGENCY

Do you know how to spot common code violations?

(La traducción en español esta abajo) City codes and ordinances have been created to protect the health, safety, and quality of life for the citizens of Austin. The Austin Code Department makes sure these codes are met so Austin continues to be a safe and livable city. We do this by educating, collaborating and partnering with neighborhoods, local businesses, non-profits, and other City of Austin departments. Common code violations include carts left at the curb, work without permit, and accumulated trash. If there is a property with potential code violations in your neighborhood, use the Austin 311 app or call 3-1-1 to submit a service request and an inspector will come to investigate your concern. And remember, you can always call anonymously. Learn more: www.austintexas.gov/code

City Council Ceasing CodeNext Process?

District 10 Alison Alter states: “Over the years the community has invested thousands of hours and millions of dollars. The current process has disheartened residents citywide, alienated many individuals, and undermined both civic discourse and faith in city government. Even after all of this effort and turmoil, Austin still ended up with a bad product.”

She does see opportunity however. She thanked those who have made contributions to the process and points out that she will work with the City Manager and the Council to “create a path forward that aligns with our community’s values and Imagine Austin.” She commented that our land development code needs to be one that embodies concerns for the housing and wellbeing of our lower income and elderly neighbors as well as our fragile environment.

Communications & Public Information Office, City of Austin AGENCY CityWorks Academy 2018

Have you ever wondered how much a fire hose weighs? Or perhaps how many City vehicles operate on alternative fuel or hybrid technology? The Austin CityWorks Academy is an inside look at Austin government – a unique opportunity for Austinites to learn about the City’s governmental processes, its procedures, and the people who deliver these services through a series of 14 weekly classes. Classes are 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays or Wednesdays beginning Sept. 5, 2018, and last through the fall. The classes are FREE and include a light dinner. Applications currently being accepted through July 31. Apply here: <http://www.austintexas.gov/atx-cw-app#overlay-context=atx-cw-app>.

Communications Unit Austin Parks, City of Austin AGENCY

Portions of Eilers Neighborhood Park will be closing for renovations on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, with the re-opening expected to be in the Spring of 2019. During the renovations, the portion of Eilers Park that contains the play equipment, picnic tables and grills will be closed. The trail entrance to Town Lake Trail, Deep Eddy Pool’s ADA entrance and the lower open lawn space section will remain open.

Communications & Public Information Office, City of Austin AGENCY Have You Registered Your Boat Dock?

City codes and ordinances are created to protect the health and safety for the citizens of Austin, and this commitment to safety extends to those enjoying life on the lake. City ordinance No. 20140626-113 requires proper addressing of boat dock structures on Lake Austin, Lady Bird Lake, and Lake Walter E. Long (§ 25-2-1180).

The Boat Dock Registration Program aims to improve boat dock visibility for public safety personnel when responding to emergency calls for service on and around our lakes and waterways. A registration grace period is available now through September 30 during which there is no registration fee. Take action to address and register your boat dock today! Together, we make the community better.

River Place - City Police Response Times

Many residents expressed concerns on Nextdoor and elsewhere about City police response times since being annexed in December of 2017. A number of you wrote or called representatives or council members. I wrote to Mayor Adler.

Below is the comprehensive and detailed response I received. Let's hope what is explained continues to be the case and the longer term plans are realized.

Citizen Assistance Form
CAF # 12942- Email Response – Austin Police Department
August 1, 2018
Citizen: Robert Martin
mrobertallen@aol.com

Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for your recent email to Mayor Adler concerning police response times in River Place. Please allow me to respond on behalf of Mayor Adler.

I appreciate your concern about police presence and response time since the annexation of River Place in December of 2017. The Austin Police Department strives to provide quality service with the mindset of a guardian and the heart of a servant. The good news is the River Place homeowners association is a safe, strong, and resilient community.

In response to your concern I did my research on crime trends, or areas within the subdivision that may need more focus. I also looked at the number of officers, response time, and the volume of police calls for service since January 2018.

Since January 2018 there have been a total of 16 calls for police service in your subdivision. There were two burglary of residences, two burglary of vehicles, one child custody interference report, one credit card abuse report, one criminal mischief report, four family disturbances, one fraud case, one harassment report, a single report of stalking, one theft of service, and one court order violation. According to the APD priority call list used by dispatch and APD communications the majority of these calls for service were classified as priority threes. In other words, the response times tend to be much longer on low priority calls verses

hotshots and priority one calls.

Hotshot calls require immediate police response because they are crimes in progress, serious injury crashes, or crimes that include ongoing violence and the suspect or suspects are still on scene. The good news is your neighborhood has experienced none of these call types since January 1, 2018 thru July 24, 2018. This is two full quarters of 2018 with no serious or violent crime reported.

I checked the response time for each call I listed above. Some of the response times were no longer than 3 to 5 minutes while others were 45 minutes or longer. Response time is driven by the location of officers, call load, higher priority calls, and the number of officers working. Supervisors normally deploy their troops based on call load and the spots exhibiting crime trends known as focus areas. The good news for River Place is, your subdivision meets none of these criteria. This shows that crime is low in your community and not on the rise.

During my research I learned there are long term plans to establish a North West Substation. I cannot say how long this process will take, but the city is looking to acquire land in the area of HWY 620 and Anderson Mill. A North West Substations addition once built would put officers closer to your subdivision.

As your district representative I will continue to work with your association and address any issues as they arise in a timely fashion. Please direct your concerns to me via email, or phone call. I will also make the field supervisors aware of your concern asking them to share your concerns with their officers. I will encourage them to patrol River Place more frequently during their daily shift.

Again, thank you for bringing your concern to our attention. Should you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,
John Gabrielson
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CoQ10 has been used to treat many different conditions. It helps produce primary sources of compounds used for cellular energy throughout the body. That makes it important for organs with high energy requirements. As such, CoQ10 is used to treat heart failure and other heart conditions, possibly helping to improve some symptoms and lessen future cardiac risks when combined with regular medications. The evidence on this is somewhat confusing however.

There's evidence that CoQ10 supplements can lower blood pressure slightly. Since blood pressure tends to rise as we age, this could be important, especially if other conditions exist that this supplement could address. Though still controversial, some preliminary evidence suggests that CoQ10 may help to prevent or

treat the adverse effects, such as muscle pains and liver problems, of taking statin-type cholesterol drugs. This may be one of its most important uses. Dr. Oz and other experts have strongly recommended 200 mg daily for anyone taking statin drugs.

Preliminary studies have shown that, due to its cellular impact in the brain, CoQ10 may slow, but not stop, the progression of Alzheimer's disease. Additional research is needed to confirm this effect.

CoQ10 has also been studied as a preventive treatment for migraine headaches, though it may take several months to work. Although CoQ10 is sometimes sold as an energy supplement, there is no evidence that it will boost energy in a typical person. While sometimes recommended for a variety of lesser ailments, we won't list them here as evidence is as yet inconclusive.

So what are the recommended dosages? We typically recommend only modest dosages of any vitamin or supplement so we suggest 100 mg daily if you are not taking statins and 200 mg daily if you are. These levels will help your body get what it needs with little risk. Stay healthy-give CoQ10 a look!

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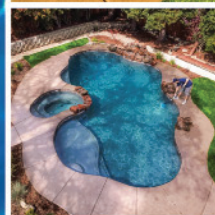
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Tennis Tip of the Month

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When we talk about focus on the tennis court we usually hear: Watch the ball! If only it were that easy, right? If it were, we would all just watch the ball and our shots would be consistent and accurate. But it's not that simple. The ball is moving, you are moving, your racquet is moving and your opponent is moving. There are many distractions and any one might cause you to look away from the ball. So what can we do? Here a few quick and simple tips that might help.

Tennis Tips: To help you do your best to focus, implement the following:

1. While your opponent is hitting the ball, try to read the contact point of the ball coming off the racquet and how the ball is being hit. This can work really well on the serve especially, helping you anticipate the direction and spin on the ball, allowing you to more quickly move to your shot and better prepare to hit your shot.

2. Your next point of concentration is to not only see the ball coming at you in the air but to actually watch the ball bounce. To help with this, try seeing the spinning of the seams and/or the writing on the ball. This attention to minute detail, while difficult, will help you make final split second adjustments in your swing and in contacting the ball.

3. Lastly, in watching the ball bounce and swinging to hit it, you want to make sure to keep your head still. (It's tough to focus on the ball if your head is moving around.) Tucking the chin in slightly and holding it there might help you keep the head and eyes downward toward the ball. Try to get the feel of this by making some slow motion practice swings at home. Keep the head and eyes down all the way through the follow through.

Since this all happens in the matter of a few seconds, it's important to keep it simple. Try to understand each tip and do your slow motion practice swings at home. Do 10 to 20 practice swings on each side-forehand and backhand, keeping the head still and eyes down. In doing so, you might be surprised to find yourself hitting your strokes just like Roger Federer! If you have a question on these techniques, feel free to contact me: Walter: 512-497-9971

"The next point-that's all you must think about" Rod Laver

River Place (Maybe Not So) Clever Quips of the Month

I am a person who wants to do a lot of things trapped in the body of a person who wants to sleep a lot.

11 pm: "OK, if I go to bed now, I'll get a solid 8 hours." 3 am: "Oh wow, according to this Facebook quiz, if I were a kitchen appliance, I'd be a toaster...."

Me: I broke my arm in 3 places. Doctor: You should stay away from those places.

According to current studies, 90% of you are unaware this sentence started with a musical instrument.

Wife: I'm not talking to you. Husband: OK. Wife: Don't you want to know why? Husband: No, I respect your decision.

The creator of autocorrect has passed away. Restaurant in peace.

Despite the old saying, "Don't take your troubles to bed," some wives still sleep with their husbands.

I don't understand why people say hurtful things like, "Want to go for a run?" or "Try this kale."

Went to the Air and Space Museum. There was nothing there.

Internet went down and I had to spend time with the family. They seem like good people.

The inventor of the doorbell obviously did not own a Chihuahua.

If you play a Nickelback song backwards, you'll hear messages from the devil. Even worse, if you play it forward, you'll hear Nickelback.

My friend passed away because his family couldn't remember his blood type to tell EMS. But throughout the ordeal he was a trooper-kept urging everyone to B Positive.

"When I let go of who I am, I become what I might be." - Lau Tzu



2018-2019

DISTRICT CALENDAR



Calendar Key

- Student/Teacher Holiday
- Staff Dev./Student Holiday
- New to LISD Staff Dev.
- Bad Weather Makeup Day*
- Proposed Testing Dates
- ER Early Release Day - All levels
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- [] First/Last Day of School
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Important Dates

First Day of SchoolAug. 16
 Labor DaySept. 3
 Staff Dev./Student Holiday Oct. 8-9
 Fall BreakNov. 19-23
 Winter BreakDec. 24-Jan. 4
 MLK Jr. Day Jan. 21
 Presidents DayFeb. 18
 Spring Break March 18-22
 Student/Teacher Holiday April 19
 Bad Weather Makeup Day April 22
 Memorial Day May 27
 Last Day of School May 31

Proposed Testing Dates

STAAR (high school only).....Dec. 3-7
 STAARApril 9-12
 STAAR May 6-17

*Bad Weather Makeup Days are holidays unless the assigned day is needed due to bad weather, which will be communicated in advance.

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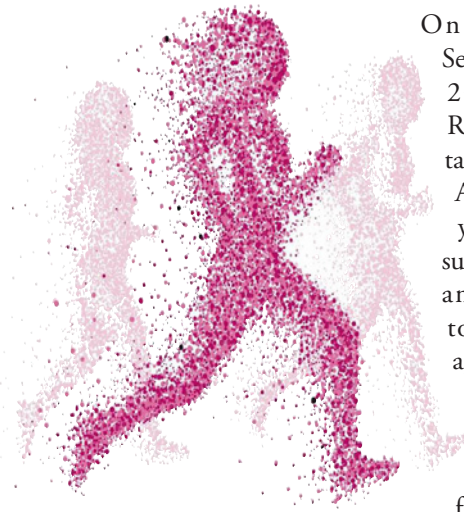
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River Place Ice Cream Social 2018

This year our Ice Cream Social was held at Woodlands Park from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, August 18. To celebrate its namesake, there was an ice cream truck offering all types of ice cream and popsicles, including some dairy free and nut free options. Seems they had something for everyone!



The 20th Annual Race for the Cure Returns to Austin



On Sunday morning, September 30, 2018, the 2018 Komen Austin Race for the Cure will take place in downtown Austin. For the 20th year, local community survivors, fighters, thrivers and supporters come together in the battle against breast cancer.

This important annual event raises significant funds for the for the breast cancer movement, thanks to supporters and survivors around the world who step up and take action by fundraising for the cause.

Komen Austin serves the women and men in the city's five-county area battling breast cancer by removing barriers to care for the uninsured and underinsured. Of the funds raised annually, Komen Austin invests up to 75 percent into local community health care grants and educational initiatives; the remaining 25 percent is invested into global research to find the cures for breast cancer.

Additional features of this year's event include:

Hope Village:

A special space for all who are registered as a breast cancer survivor, currently fighting breast cancer, or thriving with metastatic breast cancer.

Mission Possible Tent:

Be sure to visit to learn where your fundraising dollars are making an impact. Be prepared to be inspired and take action.

MoreThanPink Tent

Fundraise \$25 or more and receive access to special treatment and hot breakfast with other everyday heroes in this tent.

VIPink Patio & Tent

Fundraise \$250 or more and gain entry to the VIP tent with perks and swag for our biggest impact makers.

Promise Path

Remember or celebrate your favorite breast cancer survivors with a flag displayed on the Promise Path. Available for purchase during registration or here.

Paws for the Cure

Bring your pooch with you for your morning stroll by adding Fido to your registration.

Kids for the Cure

Race morning is family friendly and the Kids for the Cure area will offer a petting zoo and fun activities for the 12 & under crowd.

Entertainment

This year's Austin's Race for the Cure will feature a performance by Courtney Santana on the Main Stage, DJ's along the Race Course, and more.

This year's race route will start at Race Village, located at the Austin Statesman Headquarters, and extend down historic Congress Avenue to the Texas State Capitol and back. All are welcome to walk, jog, run, or even participate virtually.

Susan G. Komen® Austin is an Austin-based nonprofit committed to saving lives locally and fighting breast cancer globally. Komen Austin is the only local breast cancer organization attacking the disease on all fronts – education, screening, treatment, follow-up care, survivorship, support, advocacy, and research.

As the largest nonprofit funder of breast cancer research outside of the U.S. government, Komen Austin's goal is to reduce the number of U.S. breast cancer deaths by 50% by 2026. The Race for the Cure is the primary fundraising event for local breast healthcare grants and global research grants.

Visit the Komen Austin Race for the Cure website to register, and for more information on the event, fundraising, and the Susan G. Komen organization.

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