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- Just like your mom always said, turn off the lights when you leave a room. The same goes for TV's, computers, monitors, and other electronic devices.
- Use an advanced power strip for home electronics to reduce the amount of power drawn when these devices sit idle.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and air dry whenever possible.
- Check the seals on your refrigerator door. If you feel cold air when the door is shut you should repair the seals.
- Keep your freezer full to maximize efficiency. Consider freezing containers of water when there is extra space.
- Fix leaky faucets or running toilets. The water use is costly and if the water is heated you're paying more to heat the wasted water.

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UPCOMING STEINER RANCH EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 15th

Fall Community Garage Sale

SEPTEMBER 28th

Scrap A Thon

OCTOBER 4th

New Homeowner Social

OCTOBER 14th

Pumpkin Patch: Proud Sponsor

OCTOBER 20th

Steiner Clean Sweep Clean Up Event

OCTOBER 28th

Trunk-Or-Treat

NOVEMBER 3rd

Holiday Shopping Event

NOVEMBER 22nd

Steiner Ranch Turkey Trot

DECEMBER 8th

Breakfast With Santa

Want to get involved? Join the Event Planning Committee! The Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30am 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](https://www.facebook.com/SteinerRanchHOAevents) or visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website at:

www.steinerranchhoa.org

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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 Thursday of each month at Cups &
Cones at 9:30am

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/steinertails](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/steinertails).

GOLF COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the UT Golf
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SRMA & SSROA Board of Directors

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) and Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association are comprised of elected volunteer homeowners whose purpose is to govern their community.

Following are your SRMA Board of Directors. SRMA Board members may be reached collectively by emailing board@steinerranchhoa.org. Individual board members may be reached via email as follows:

SRMA Board meetings take place on the last Tuesday of each month at Towne Square Community Center starting at 6:00pm. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. For scheduled meetings, see the enclosed calendar within this publication or visit the HOA website at www.steinerranchhoa.org.



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The **SRROA Board of Directors** is made up of the following board members. Board members may be contacted via individual emails. Contact emails are listed on the HOA website under 'Boards & Committees' ~ 'Board of Directors' ~ 'SRROA BOD.'



Rob Carruthers
SRROA Director



Derrick Jones
SRROA Director



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SRROA Director



Michael McGovern
SRROA Director



Alan Lindroth
SRROA Director

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Steiner Ranch Welcomes Nitro Swimming



NITRO
swimming

In August the SRMA Board of Directors signed a contract with Nitro Swimming to provide year-round swim program in Steiner Ranch.

Membership on the Nitro Swim team is open to Steiner Ranch swimmers. They offer several options for the swimmers in your family. Nitro offers once and twice a week options? Team groups start as young as 6 years of age? Nitro even boasts some 5-year old's in their team group called Intro to Nitro.

The Intro to Nitro groups offer 45-minute practices once or twice a week depending on their preference. These are fun, highly instructional. Families don't need to commit to the multiple times a week type groups that are typically thought of in traditional "year 'round" swimming.

Technique and Fitness (TF) options, for 9 and older, once a week or twice a week options exist for them too. They will learn all of the competitive swimming ways of the sport, and be a part of the Team without the multiple days per week commitments. Perfect choice for the busy family.

The more competitive options: Bronze group (up to 3 days a week/ 45 minute practices); Silver Group (up to 4 days a week/ 1 hour practices) and even a Gold Group (up to 5 to 6 days a week/ hour and a half practices with additional time for dryland) for the more serious competitive swimmers aged typically 10 and Older-- with our Nitro Steiner Gold Group option even accommodating Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers. For more information contact Mike Koleber, Mike@nitroswim.com

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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!

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.steinerranchhoa.org and click the "Contact Us" tab.

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

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.

Residential Exterior Changes & Enhancements Require Architectural Approval

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.

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.
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The Fall Steiner Ranch Community Wide Garage Sale will take place on Saturday, September 15th, 2018 from 8am to 12pm. The Association will place an Ad in the Austin American Statesmen and Craigslist. Banners will be posted at the front of the neighborhood to spread the word. Goodwill will be onsite at Towne Square Community Center Parking lot located at 12550 Country Trails Lane, Austin, Texas, 78732 from 12pm to 2pm to accept all unsold items and donations.



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Steiner Ranch Board of Directors Partnership with GrandManors

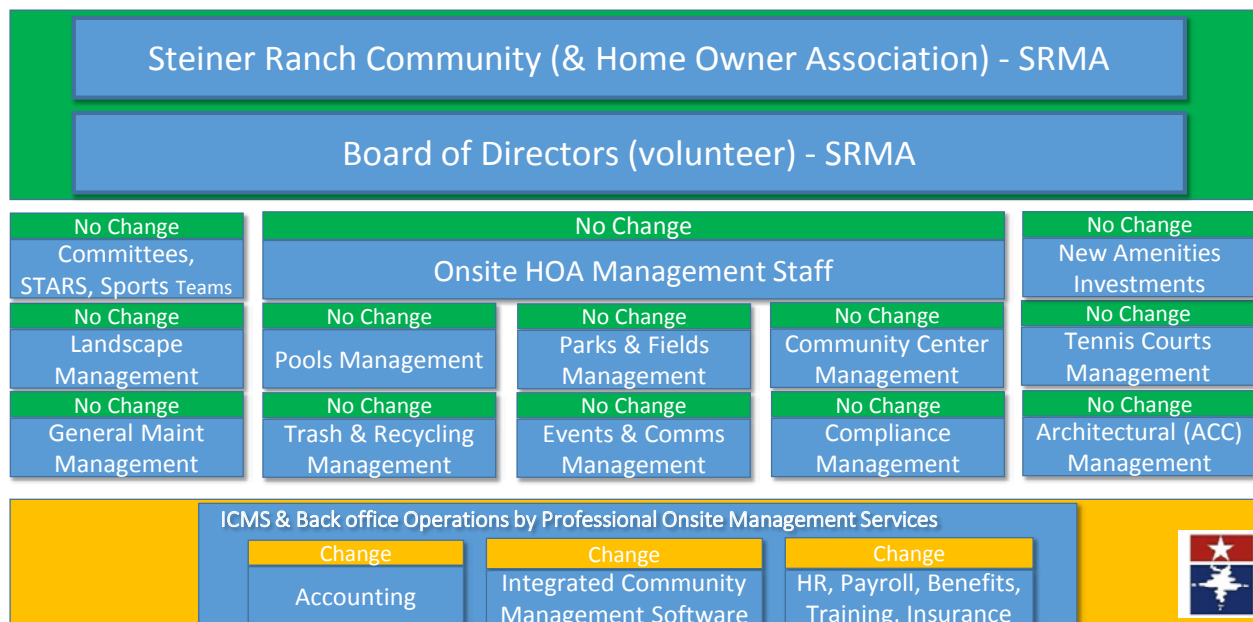
The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) Board of Directors made unanimous decision in July 2018 to partner with GrandManors Professional Onsite Management Company (POMS) in managing our association including accounting & back end operations with expected September 2018 start date. This is a continuation of unanimous board decision made at the end of May 2018 to move away from 100% self-managed to hybrid onsite POMS model. This decision was reached after significant due diligence conducted by the board directors including the new directors by interviewing the POMS, reviewing contracts, proposals, cost/fee structure analysis, consulting current staff leadership, checking references & discussing with independent consultants. The Steiner Ranch Board of Directors will continue to retain full authority & control (as it is today) on decision making in all aspects of community management, including budgets, annual assessments, contracts, HOA staff hiring / termination, & salary-benefits.

Residents will see improved service levels, transparency and ease of doing business leveraging the latest technology that is also mobile friendly. Residents can continue to walk into the HOA office staffed by current onsite team, call in, use internet communications, or even better mobile technology for managing all community management related activities.

HOA Organizational & Operational Transformation is imperative. Once the burden of back office operations including Accounting, Reporting, HR, Benefits, Pay Roll, is taken away from our onsite staff, additional focus can be placed on improving resident services & investments in much needed new amenities, security & landscape. Above operational efficiencies through automation, staff productivity, & POMs along with ongoing operational & staff optimization initiatives are also forecasted to result in cost savings up to \$1.1 million over 3 years. The cost savings are expected to be realized after successful transition a year from now.

Below graphic articulates hybrid POMS management. Green equates no change to current set up & we will have onsite staff. Orange equates management by POMS. Residents still will be able to walk into HOA office or call in.

SRMA Hybrid Professional Onsite Management Services (POMS)



Some community members have expressed concerns in the following below categories. The board has made a priority to address these concerns through contractual negotiations & also ensure board retains full control in all key areas.

Steiner Ranch Board Retains FULL Control On (as it is today)....



- ✓ Employee Hiring, Retention & Management
- ✓ Salary, Compensation, Benefits
- ✓ All service Levels to residents
- ✓ Change management vendor

- ✓ Association Information / Data
- ✓ Assessments
- ✓ HOA Onsite & phone support
- ✓ All service contracts

Benefits of Onsite Management in Conjunction with POMS



1. Improve staff productivity, service levels to residents through integrated community management system (ICMS) (by automating manual operations, taking away burden of back office operations including accounting, HR, Payroll)
2. Real Time Transparency into business & financial operations through ICMS
3. Additional business & financial management controls
4. Shared VP of Operations from POMS provides additional oversight over business & financial operations in conjunction with Board of Directors
5. Software & Metrics to measure operations & make continuous improvements
6. Leverage & implement best practices from other associations & ongoing customer service improvement training
7. Deeper bench / pool of resources to draw from POMS when there is staff turn over
8. Leverage POMS buying power to negotiate better contracts (Landscape, Trash recycling, & Professional Services)

We, the Board of Directors thank our community for the opportunity to serve in 2018-2019 year. Our sincere thanks also to the HOA staff, committees, volunteers & residents for their contributions, support & cooperation. We are looking forward to significant improvements in our broader Steiner Ranch community as we continue to evaluate, plan & implement various key initiatives.

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 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.

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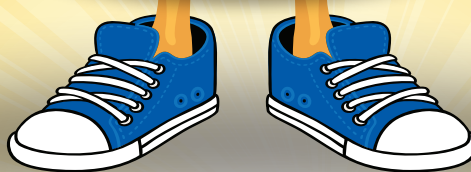
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Steiner Activities & Events

Holiday Shopping Event

The Steiner Ranch Event Planning Committee invites artists, business owners, craftsmen and services providers to participate at the upcoming Holiday Shopping Event to be held on Saturday, November 3rd 2018 from 10am to 12pm at the Towne Square Community Center. The Holiday Shopping Event is a well-attended event that helps residents get in the Holiday Spirit. With your help, residents can get started and even finish up with all their Holiday Shopping needs.

There are four areas available for vendors:

- Inside Community Center at \$ 64.29
- Outside, in the covered pavilion at \$43.19
- Outside gate at \$32.64 (must provide own tent)
- Uncovered Veranda \$22.09 (must provide own tent and table).

Spaces are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration opens on September 1st and closes on November 1st.

For registration and details visit the Steiner Ranch Facebook Page or the event page on Eventbrite at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-shopping-event-2018-tickets-48826040000>



New Homeowners Welcome & Social

Thursday, October 4th, 2018

6:30pm to 8pm

**Towne Square Community Center
12550 Country Trails Lane**

Welcome new residents of Steiner Ranch! If you have recently moved into a home in Steiner Ranch, you are invited to a New Homeowners' Social.

Meet Neighbors

Learn about your Neighborhood Social Groups and Committees and how to get involved.

Presentation by the Community Manager
Questions and Answers session

Wine & Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please RSVP to Desirre Ghebremicael at desirre@steinerranchhoa.org

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 7:00 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, breakfast tacos 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 shops outside Steiner. (rotating locations)

The group will leave Cups & Cones at 7:00 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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Fall Programs

Multiple programs are offered, please stop by the HOA to pick up a program guide or visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website at steinerranchhoa.org to view it online.

Children Programs:

Lonestar Soccer - Neighborhood Sports - Nitro Swimming - Gold Star Swimming - Sportball - Tap-N-Toe - Tennis - Towne & Country Soccer - Zumba - Music Forever Music Together - Water Polo - STEM Camp USA i.e. Robotics.

Adult Programs:

Camp Gladiator - Master's Swim - Tai Chi - Yoga - Zumba - Barre - CarrieFit Fitness

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To register for the event, visit the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page or the event page at Eventbrite at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-fall-steinerranch-scrap-a-thon-tickets-48826986832>



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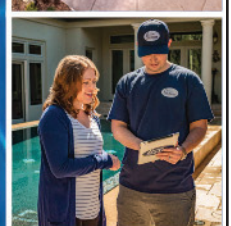
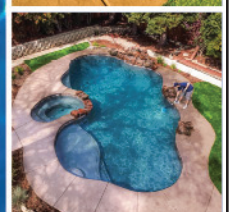
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Steiner Ranch Trunk or Treat

Plans for this year's Steiner Ranch Halloween event are underway! The event will take place on Sunday, October 28th from 4-6pm at Towne Square center (12550 Country Trails Lane) and will focus on families with children ages 10 and younger. The event will feature a "Trunk or Treat" area, children's rides and games, food and drink and Halloween activities.

To create this community-focused event, we are looking to bring in local businesses and organizations to participate. We believe that it will not only add to the fun of the event, but will provide for a great up-close and personal marketing opportunity to the families of Steiner Ranch.

Available sponsorships include:

Event sponsors: Mega sponsors provide funding for us to provide a bouncy houses, face painting, petting zoo, train rides at the event. In exchange for this sponsorship fee, you are listed as the activity sponsor on site and in all communications and are included in the goody bags. You will also have space provided on site to hand out coupons or goodies, display your products, talents or services.

COST: \$400.

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Trunk or Treat sponsors: Bring your vehicle, throw open your trunk, and distribute goodies to children as they walk from car to car! There is no upfront cost to participate in the trunk or treat, but you must commit to providing items (ex: candy, snack bags, small toys) for 300 children, aged 10 and younger. You are free to label the items with your logo, or distribute coupons in addition to the items that you are distributing. Local residents will also be participating in this event, and spots are limited.

COST: No participation fee, you must provide items for distribution.

Provide an Activity: Host a Halloween themed game, activity or craft. You will have space provided on site to hand out coupons or goodies, display your products, talents or services.

COST: \$300, you must provide game, activity or craft.

To register your vehicle, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/steiner-ranch-trunk-or-treat-2018-tickets-48827610698>

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Steiner Activities & Events

11TH ANNUAL CONCERT IN THE PARK A HUGE SUCCESS

By Sarah Dolittle

Steiner Ranch hosted its 11th Annual Concert in the Park on Saturday, August 18th, 2018 at Towne Square Park.

Despite high temperatures throughout the day, the event attracted record crowds, with thousands from the community coming out to eat, play, dance and enjoy an evening with their neighbors.

This year's concert featured two Austin-based bands, jazz/funk ensemble Extreme Heat and Tom Petty cover band The Damn Torpedoes as well as DJ Strat Kat.

As usual, Concert in the Park opened with a performance by the Vandegrift Legacies, Cheerleaders and Marching Band. Hundreds of students gave their Saturday evening to entertain the community after having had their annual March-a-thon early that same morning.

There were new activities for the kids in attendance this year. Bungee jumping was a huge hit, as was the foam pit, and kids covered in bubbly foam from head to toe could be seen throughout the evening. As always, the Austin Baptist Church hosted their ever-popular petting zoo, and kids of all ages snuggled with rabbits, hedgehogs, lizards and more.

Two new food trucks were on hand to sell food, Wholly Kabob and Top Tacos. Their food was popular with attendees, and Wholly Kabob even sold out before the event finished. Crowds cooled down with desserts, choosing from Menchies, Kona Ice, or Randall's frozen watermelon.

The highlight of the event for many was the arrival of Austin Star Flight, who flew in their helicopter and crew members so that kids and adults could experience their work firsthand. Lake Travis Fire and Rescue helped to supervise the safe landing of Star Flight and also brought a firetruck and their Ready, Set, Go! Fire education trailer. The Travis County Constable's Office Precinct 2 Department was also at the event with their community outreach trailer and several deputies meeting with kids and demonstrating their gear.

The Steiner Ranch Events Committee, which organized Concert in the Park, wants to thank the many local businesses who sponsored this year's concert, in particular:

- Steiner Ranch HOA
- Austin Baptist Church
- The Children's Center of Austin
- School in the Hills
- State Farm
- Rising Stars Pediatric Dentistry
- Fetch MD (for humans not for dogs!)
- Randalls
- WBF ATX

Sponsorship is what helps to make all of Steiner's wonderful events possible. For more information about sponsoring an event, contact Steiner Ranch Lifestyle Coordinator Desirre Ghebremicael at desirre@steinerranchhoa.org.

Ghebremicael was pleased with this year's turnout. "This year was our best yet. It was great, and I want to thank our volunteer committee members for all their hard work. As we say, we work hard so you can play hard. It's really fun to see the community enjoying time with their families and friends."





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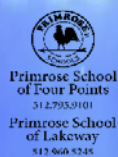
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Steiner Activities & Events

Steiner Ranch Turkey Trot

Plans for this year's Turkey Trot event are underway! The event will take place on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd from 8-10am at Towne Square Park (12550 Country trails Lane, Austin, TX 78732). The event will feature a 5K run and a kids fun run, live music, food and drinks. This is the Community opportunity to give back, and proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross.

To create this community-focused event, which will also give back to a great cause, we are looking to bring in local businesses and organizations to participate. We hope you will consider partnering with us for these well attended event. Your sponsorship will support the community and will give your business visibility within Steiner Ranch and Four Points residents. Last year thanks to the various sponsors and the attendees \$3,100 were donated to the Red Cross for Hurricane Harvey's victims.

This year, multiple Sponsorship levels opportunities are available, please contact Desirre Ghebremicael at desirre@steinerranchhoa.org for more information.

To register for the Run, please visit the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page or the event page on Eventbrite at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-steiner-ranch-turkey-trot-tickets-46745379689>

Free Activities For Residents

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

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.

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

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Our most popular activities include evening Canasta as well as ladies Canasta at the UT Golf Club. In addition, we offer numerous activities to meet varied interests such as: Book Club, Euchre, Mah Jongg, Mexican Train, Bunco, Walking, Hiking, Biking, Spanish Conversation, Painting, Card Making, Ladies CLEO Luncheons (Classy Ladies Eating Out), and our popular ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out). We also get together for happy hours, wine socials and dinner groups. We would love to have you join us!



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Swimming News

Adult Swimming Program

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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!



Gold Star Swimming

Congratulations to Jami O'Toole for completing 100 miles of swimming for the 2018 year. 100 miles equals out to about 6,600 lengths in the pool. Jami started the Red Giants Masters 100 mile challenge in early January and completed 100 miles at the end of July. She will continue swimming Masters Swim the remainder of the year in training for triathlons. Jami was awarded much deserved gift cards to the Steiner Ranch Steakhouse for her awesome efforts.

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Nine years ago, a group of about 75 people living in Steiner Ranch and attending Hill Country Bible Church at the Lakeline campus desired to have a church located in the heart of their neighborhood to focus on, and serve, this tight community. Shortly after, a church location was established at Laura Bush Elementary. As the church has grown over the years to a community of several hundred, this desire to have a church in Steiner has only grown.

On Sunday, July 29, Hill Country Bible church broke ground on a new, permanent location in Steiner Ranch on the hill behind Randalls, near the Tacara apartments. They plan to open the doors to the new campus during the fall of 2019. The building will offer a number of state of the art meeting spaces that will be available for the four points community. In addition, the campus will have a playground, hiking trails, and many different resources for residents at all stages of life. Hill Country Bible Church hopes this building will be a resource and connection point for our community for years to come: "We want to be a church that is for the entire community

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17 has to be able to easily read your meters, and if the fire department needs to use a fire hydrant, every second counts.

Every now and then, our employees find hydrants and water meters that are hidden by surrounding bushes or overgrown shrubs. If you have fire hydrants or water meters on or near your property, WCID 17 asks you to maintain the proper clearance. Water meters must be clear six feet (6') above the meter box, two feet (2') to each side, and have "free and clear" access, which means our technicians can easily access the meter. Fire hydrants must be visible from the street. All obstructions to a fire hydrant must be trimmed or removed, maintaining three feet (3') behind and five feet (5') to each side. Ground clearance of hydrant ports must be 18 inches (18") to the ground. Never paint a hydrant! Fire hydrants are color coded in accordance with the class of fire flow the hydrant provides for the fire department to quickly identify.

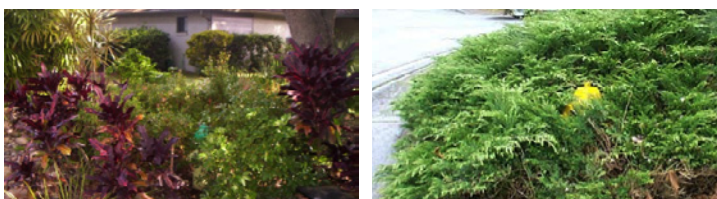
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Texas 4000 for Cancer



Hello !! My name is Maria Krychniak, and I am a first-generation American, a homegrown Austinite, and a former student at Vandegrift High School where I played volleyball and was recognized with the "Second To None" award by my teammates. I am now a fourth-year Honors Mathematics major at The University of Texas at Austin but my family still resides in the Steiner Ranch community.

My family is my inspiration for everything that I do and everything that I am. I was raised by my parents, Piotr and Mari, alongside my two sisters, Nathalia and Aleksandra. My sisters inspire me with their creativity and free-spirits and have always encouraged me to take advantage of the experiences life has to offer. My parents are both immigrants; my dad is from Warsaw, Poland, and my mom is from Maracaibo, Venezuela. I was brought up trilingual and cherish all aspects of my unique heritage and culture. My parents worked extremely hard to build a life for our family and are my biggest support systems in everything that I do.

I am reaching out to my community members who have shaped me into the person that I am today, that I have recently have been selected to be a part of Texas 4000 for Cancer, where I will be biking from Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska and fundraising a minimum of \$4,500 (a dollar for every mile) for cancer research and cancer support services in the summer of 2019.

This might seem like something crazy to do, but this cause is incredibly important to me. I consider myself extremely lucky to wake up every day with the health and life that I have, but I know others are not as fortunate. This is why I ride.

My first experience with cancer came from hearing stories about my grandfather, Abuelito Luis, who passed away from prostate cancer before I was born. Abuelito Luis was the father of eight children, and I grew up hearing stories about his sense of humor and unconditional love. Similarly, my Tía Luisa, a wonderful woman who spent her life helping others as a doctor, passed away from breast cancer, but at the time of her passing, I was too young to fully understand what death and cancer entailed. I lost a grandfather and an aunt, but my mother lost a father and a sister. As someone who grew up with two sisters, a mom, and a dad, I cannot fathom what it would be like to lose any of them as my mom did. This is why I ride.

Outside of my family, I have never been particularly close to someone who has been diagnosed with and/or passed away from cancer, however, I have witnessed the ripple effect this disease has, destroying the people around it and the people suffering from it.

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Around Steiner

What is Houseboat?

<http://www.fourpointsnews.com/2018/01/03/steiner-houseboat-place-men-connect-share/>

How did Houseboat start? About 12+ years ago, several guys from the Lake Travis area went to a Wild at Heart boot camp. They came back and started meeting on a guy's houseboat routinely to enjoy a good meal and get real life about life. It's grown a bit since then and saved many marriages and helped guys get through some really hard times. Now, if you go to the original Houseboat that meets at Lake Travis each month, you're liable to find yourself surrounded by 120 other guys.

The number of Houseboat locations has greatly increased in the past two years. June 2017 the Steiner Houseboat was launched. Now there is a Houseboat in North Austin, Chicago, Minneapolis, and LA.

Why are guys drawn to Houseboat? It's uncommon to find a group of guys who have no other agenda other than to have fun, meet new friends, and be authentic.

How can you help? The Steiner Houseboat meets the last Tues of every month. I post it on Nextdoor and the Steiner Dudes page on Facebook. Anything you can do to help increase awareness would be appreciated!

When is the next Houseboat? Tues, Apr 24th from 6-9pm

What other activities do the Houseboat men do?

- Annual ski trip – this year 50 guys went to Winter Park, CO
- Father-daughter boating/80s night
- Annual dove hunt
- Annual couples night

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I have witnessed what cancer does to mothers, brothers, fathers, daughters, grandparents, and friends, and though I have always strived to help people throughout my entire life, I have witnessed myself feel helpless and hopeless when it comes to comforting some of my best friends and family members left in cancer's destructive wake. This is why I ride.

Luckily, Texas 4000 is built on hope: hope for a better future in which we are no longer afraid of cancer. I want to do more in the fight to end cancer, and Texas 4000 gives me the opportunity to help people—both around me and beyond my reach—fight for a cancer-free future. I have seen how cancer can tear people apart, but I have also seen how cancer can bring people together. Texas 4000 brings people with all different types of stories, backgrounds, and motives to stand together in the fight against cancer. This is why I ride.

I ride so that my good friends and family members don't have to lose people that they love, because they, like everyone else, deserve better than that. I ride so that I can listen to and learn from the stories of those battling cancer. I ride for my mom and her losses and the people cancer claimed before I could meet them. I ride to inspire others, and I ride because everyone deserves a second chance at life. I ride to push myself, mentally, physically, and emotionally, and I ride to see the difference I can make in this world with love, determination, and a bike. I ride for strangers, friends, and loved ones. I ride for the mission of Texas 4000, for all of my teammates, and for the people who cannot ride for themselves. This world and everyone in it deserve a cancer-free future, and I ride with the hope that one day this will become a reality.

Currently, my personal goal is to raise \$9,000 for cancer research, cancer support services, and Texas 4000's mission of spreading hope, knowledge, and charity. I am reaching out to you, my community members, to help me reach my goal, as I will be the first member of the Steiner Ranch community to participate in Texas 4000 and make the bike ride to Alaska. Your support and donations really do make a difference, and I thank you for all your love and support for a cancer-free future.

If you'd like to donate, you can go to the link <https://tinyurl.com/maria4000> or mail a check payable to "Texas 4000" with "Maria Krychniak – 2019" in the memo line to the following address:

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If you have anyone in your life that has been affected by cancer that you would like me to ride for, please feel free to reach out to me at maria_krychniak@utexas.edu.

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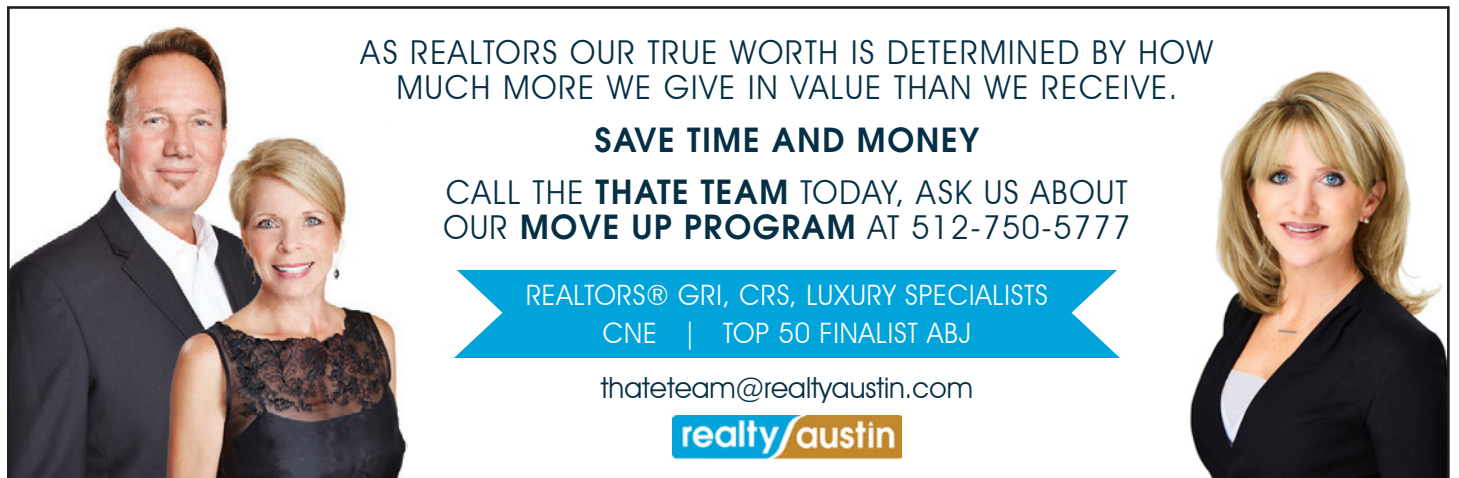
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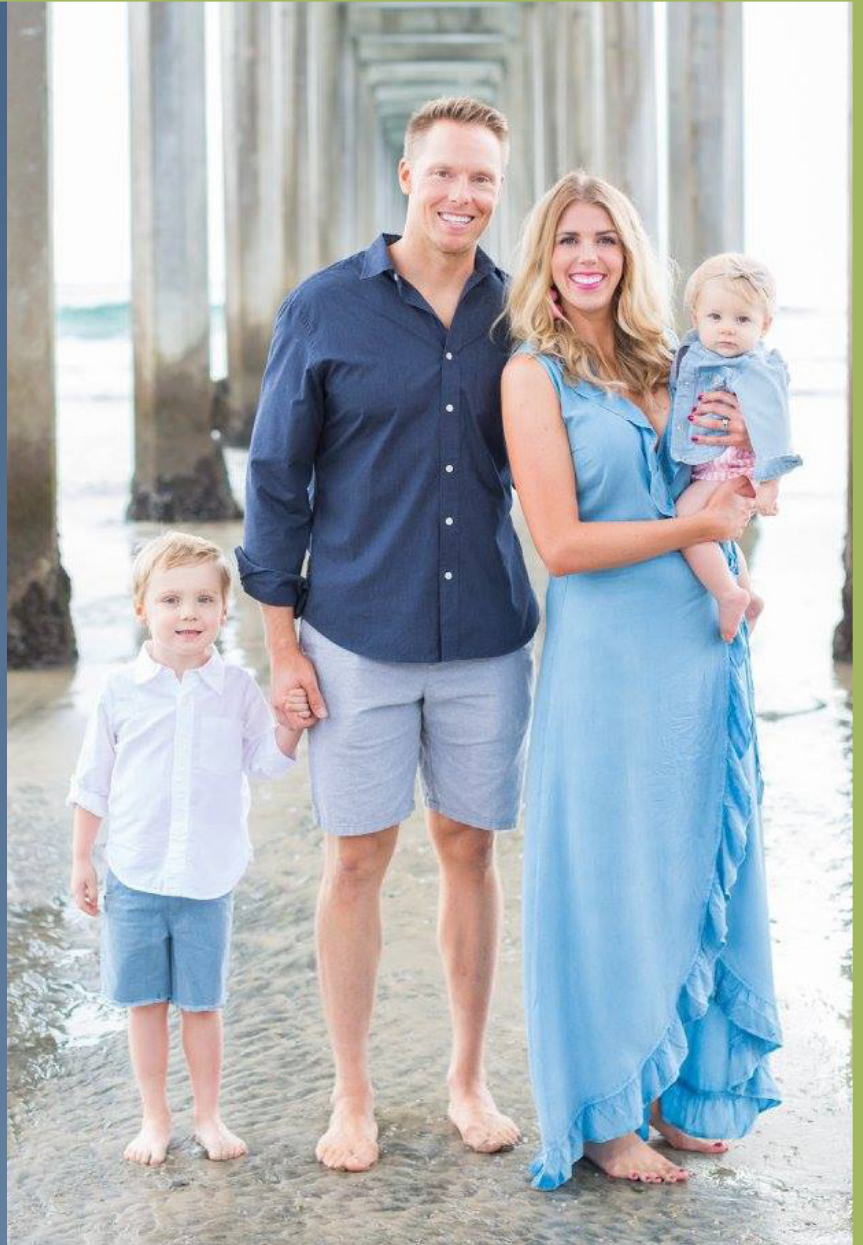
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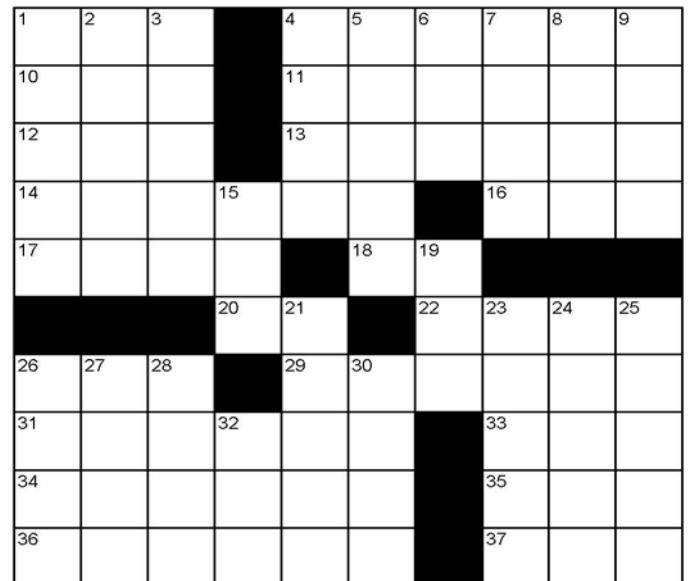
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13. Serf
14. Flower
16. Poem
17. Monetary unit
18. Atomic number
20. Paid (abbr.)
22. Package label
26. Punching tool
29. Esc
31. Fine
33. Modern
34. Cat mystery writer Braun
35. Lingerie
36. Elevate
37. Sign language

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2. Swanky
3. Award
4. Marry
5. Abraham's son
6. Mr.'s wife
7. El ___ (Texas city)
8. Precede
9. Women's magazine
15. Brim
19. American Football Conference (abbr.)
21. Coffee shop order
23. Ballroom dancing
24. Aromas
25. Particular style
26. American Civil Liberties Union (abbr.)
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