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From the Association Office

UPCOMING STEINER RANCH EVENTS

OCTOBER 14th

Pumpkin Patch

OCTOBER 20th

Steiner Clean Sweep Clean Up Event

OCTOBER 26th

Scrap A Thon

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

Cover Photo

Our cover photo was taken at last year's Pumpkin Patch event. Have a photo you would like to see published in the next Ranch Record? For consideration, send pictures to communications@steinerranchhoa.org no later than the 8th of the month prior to publication. Your photo might just be next month's cover!

By submitting your photo you agree to allow your photo to be published in future issues of the Ranch Record and/or other Steiner Ranch communications.

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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).

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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.'

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Updates from your HOA and the Board of Directors



Melinda Schoch, our community manager has been promoted to General Manager for our Community. She brings wealth of experience in community management. She has more than 24 years of business management experience, 9 years of property management experience. In addition, Ms. Schoch has a wealth of experience and knowledge in the following areas: operational management, accounting, communications, and business process controls. Ms. Schoch will be working closely with the BOD on the day to day financial aspects for our community, she will also be responsible for accelerating community enhancements and investments to meet homeowner expectations along with working closely with the ACM/Operational Manager on the day to day operations. She can be reached at melinda@steinerranchhoa.org.

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Desirre Ghebremicael has been successfully coordinating the Lifestyle role for the past 3 years. As of September 1st, 2018, she has been promoted to lead the combined role of Lifestyle and Communication management for our Community. She has a comprehensive experience in Community Recreation Programs Management, a Master's degree in Parks and Recreation Management and a CPRP certification (certified Parks and Recreation Professional). She will be managing all Lifestyle services along with all Community Communications to include printed publications as well as online channels. She will be responsible for creating memorable experiences for our homeowners while maintaining effective and regular communications to keep them up to date with the ultimate goals of cultivating a sense of belonging and ongoing pride in ownership within our Community. She can be reached at desirre@steinerranchhoa.org.



Board director & Secretary Christina Morales is the Community's representative for Traffic, Safety & Security. Please reach out to her with any questions, concerns or feedback. She can be reached at christina@steinerranchhoa.org.



Board director Chris Langevin is the Community's representative for Landscape. He is integrated with Landscape committee which has been spearheading the effort to revamp Steiner Ranch main entrances. Please reach out to him with any questions, concerns or feedback. He can be reached at chris@steinerranchhoa.org.

Congratulations and welcome to Melinda and Desirre in their new roles. A special Thank You goes to the Board of Directors for their very important continued service to the Community.

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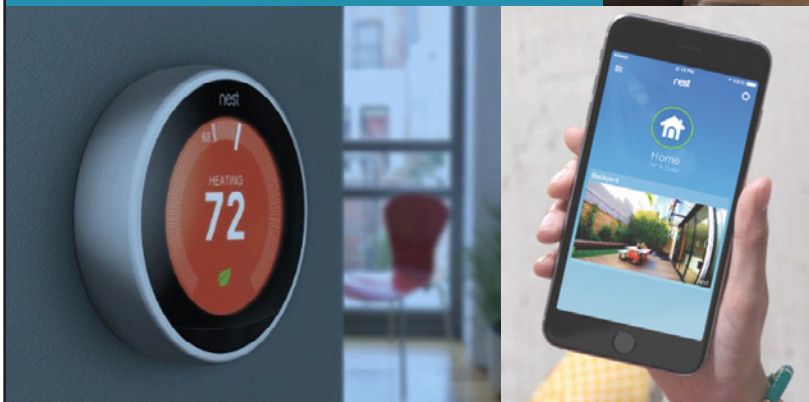
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- Trash containers are to be stored out of sight and should not be visible from the street.
- Parking on the street overnight is not allowed.
- Boats and watercraft must be stored in an enclosed space at all times. Storing

watercraft in driveways or on the street is not allowed.

- Items should not be left in driveways. This includes mulch bags, garden hoses, and sports equipment.

- Any alterations to the exterior of your property (front, back and sides) must be submitted to the HOA office for review and approval.

To report violations, visit www.steinerranchoa.org and click the "Report a problem" link located in the quick links section on the home page.

Follow Us on Facebook

Want to be in the know about Steiner Ranch events? Follow us on Facebook! Events offered by the Steiner Ranch Home Owners' Association are posted on our events 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:

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Green Waste Pick-Up: Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) will provide Steiner Ranch residents with a seasonal green waste collection pick-up (bagged leaves, brush, limbs and other yard waste) in November. Please follow the HOA Facebook Page at Steiner Ranch HOA Events, the HOA website and the November Ranch Record for the date of pickup.

To participate, residents may place up to 20 thirty gallon paper bags of green waste at their curb on their designated trash pick-up day during the week of green waste pick-up.

NOTE: Green Waste materials are composted and therefore must be bagged in paper bags. Plastic bags will not be picked up.

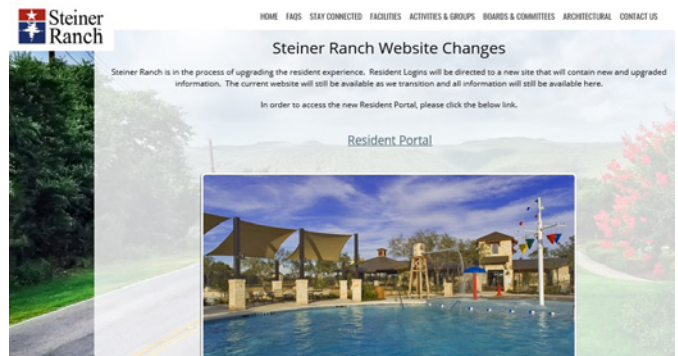
Bulky Waste & Bundle Pick-Ups: Residents may schedule free bulky waste and/or bundle pick-ups twice per year by calling TDS. Bundle pick-ups may include tree, shrub, and brush trimmings; newspapers or magazines securely tied together, not exceeding 4 feet in length or 40 pounds. Bulky waste pick-ups consist of large pick-up items such as sofas, refrigerators, water tanks, etc. Call TDS at 512-329-1752 to schedule individual pick-ups.

Reminder: Aside from scheduled green waste pick-ups and individually scheduled bulky waste/bundle pick-ups, TDS will not pick up items/bags left outside of trash containers, unless bags are tagged with TDS trash tags. Tags are available for purchase, by check, at the HOA office for \$2.50 per bag. Additional trash/recycle carts may also be ordered directly from TDS.

New Resident Portal from GrandManors

By now, residents must have received a letter notifying them of their new GrandManor's login information related to their account, which can be found at www.steinerranchhoa.org. The Resident Portal, will become more and more useful in providing real time information on financials, governing documents, amenities & ACC forms, HOA fees/payments, among many other features and will ultimately replace the back pages of the Steiner Ranch website.

If residents run into challenges in creating the new login for their account, they should contact a Resident Advisor at 1-855-9-GrandManors (1-855-947-2636), 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.





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the pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established. New infection centers begin when beetles carry oak wilt fungal spores from infected red oaks to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks. Wounds include any damage caused by wind, hail, vehicles, construction, squirrels, birds or pruning. Research has shown that both oak wilt fungal mats on infected red oaks and insects that carry oak wilt spores are most prevalent in the spring.

Below is a brief description of how you can reduce the risk of fungal spread when pruning.

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
- Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.
- No pruning or wounding of oaks during the spring (currently defined as February 1 through June 30).

Pruning for general tree health, non-safety related clearance or thinning, should be conducted before February 1 or after June 30.

Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried. Regardless of the reasons or time of year, proper pruning techniques should be used. These techniques include making proper pruning cuts and avoiding injurious practices such as topping or excessive crown thinning. If you are uncertain about any of this information, you should consult with a Texas Oak Wilt Certified arborist, ISA Certified Arborist, or an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service. References (available at <http://www.TexasOakWilt.org>)

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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.

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:

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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
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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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Steiner Activities & Events



2018 STEINER RANCH Trunk or Treat & Halloween event Sunday, October 28th, 2018 4pm to 6pm, Towne Square

(12550 Country Trails Lane, Austin, Texas, 78732)

Calling All Steiner Ranch Residents! The HOA Events Planning

Committee invites you to the Annual Trunk or Treat event.

We hope to see you and your little costumed kiddos there!

Decorated Trunks needed for the Steiner Ranch Annual Trunk-or-Treat event

Calling All Steiner Ranch residents, businesses, clubs, organizations and various groups to participate at the Annual Steiner Ranch Trunk-or-Treat event!

This year's event will take place on Sunday, October 28th, 2018 from 4 to 6PM.

This is a spooktacular way of supporting the community! Use your imagination, decorate your cars' trunks and tailgates and bring treats enough for 300 kids.

Trunk-or-treaters will vote for the best Trunk who will win a \$100 gift card.

To register your trunk, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/steiner-ranch-trunk-or-treat-2018-tickets-48827610698>

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The Steiner Ranch HOA Events Planning is proud to announce Steiner Ranch's third community-wide Day of Community Service event, Keep Steiner Beautiful, scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 from 8:00am – 12:00pm. Please arrive at Towne Square between 7:45am – 8:00am to sign a waiver and to be assigned to a work group according to age and ability. The event is intended to help foster community and give residents an opportunity to give back to Steiner Ranch. Everyone's help is appreciated and welcome. Please bring work gloves and water to stay hydrated.

Photos from previous 'Keep Steiner Beautiful' events



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Turkey Trot Sponsorships

Plans for this year's Turkey Trot event are underway! The event will take place on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd from 8-10am at Towne Square Park (12550 Country Trails Lane, Austin, TX 78732) and will focus on families with children. 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.

Last year \$3,100 were donated to the Red Cross to assist those affected by Hurricane Harvey. This was made possible thanks to resident participation and sponsorship collaboration with Austin Christian Fellowship, and the many other generous sponsors that participated at the event.

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

Available sponsorships include:

Presenting partner: Announcement of sponsorship at start and end of event, Large-sized logo in all communication, listed as the presenting partner on site and in all communications. You will also have space provided on site to hand out coupons or goodies, display your products, talents or services. **COST: \$ 2,000 – SOLD OUT**

Event sponsors: Event sponsors provide the funding for us to provide live music, event giveaways, hire off duty officers for the manning of the lights and have a start and finish line. In exchange for this sponsorship fee, you are listed as the activity sponsor on site and in all communications. You will also have space provided on site to hand out coupons or goodies, display your products, talents or services. **COST: \$400.**

Water/food/drinks sponsors: Bring water bottles (SOLD OUT), or food, or drinks and distribute to the people as they walk/run or wait at the start/finish line. The only fee is the cost of a food permit which is \$ 98. You must commit to providing items for 300 people. You are free to label the items with your logo, or distribute coupons in addition to the items that you are distributing. You will need to submit a food permit application at least 21 days in advance to the event organizer by emailing desirre@steinerranchhoa.org

Provide an Activity: Host a Thanksgiving 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 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-steinerranch-turkey-trot-tickets-46745379689>

Run in a themed costume for a chance to win a \$50 gift card.

If you have any other ideas or suggestions for participation, please let us know! If you are interested in participating, please contact Desirre Ghebremicael at desirre@steinerranchhoa.org.



Some of last year's attendees



Runners Kicking Off The Event



Winners of the themed costume contest at last year's event

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Holiday Shopping Event

Get in the holiday spirit by attending the Annual Steiner Ranch Holiday Shopping event on Saturday, November 3rd 2018 from 10am to 12pm at the Towne Square Community Center.

The Steiner Ranch Event Planning Committee has invited artists, business owners, craftsmen and services providers to participate who will be bringing unique items and services for everyone in your shopping list. In addition, you will also be able to take pictures with Santa and get your family Christmas card ready on time for the Holidays.

If you are interested in being a vendor at the event, please visit

the following link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-shopping-event-2018-tickets-48826040000>

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).

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News from the Steiner Ranch Trail Committee

The Steiner Ranch trail committee is a team of dedicated volunteers to maintain our trail network of around 20 miles of trails. In addition to regular monthly trail maintenance dates, most of our trails have a dedicated "trail steward" to help look after the trail. In future newsletters, we plan to highlight trails, trail maintenance, and introduce you to the trail stewardship role.

You can find us on Facebook as "Steiner Ranch Trail Committee". We advertise events such as our monthly trail maintenance (fourth Sunday of every month), various mountain bike group rides. Starting over Labor Day weekend, we also started up a regular group hike. We plan to have a hike on both the first and third weekend of the month. The exact date, time, and location will vary as we juggle the leader commitments and gauge interest. Please join our Facebook page, like and share the activity to any smaller neighborhood groups you are a part of."

Some of you may have noticed that the volunteers have been hard at work replacing and improving our trail sign network. Fall is a beautiful time to use our trails. We hope you get out there and enjoy. Feel free to message us or contact us through the HOA if Facebook isn't your thing.



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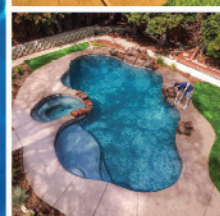
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GUIDED HIKE IN STEINER RANCH BY THE STEINER RANCH TRAILS COMMITTEE

By Sarah Dolittle

The Steiner Ranch Trails committee hosted its first-ever monthly guided hike on the Steiner trails on Saturday September 2nd. Approximately 20 adults and kids came out to enjoy a Sunday morning on the Summer Vista and Bright Sky Overlook trails, learning about local plants and trees along the way.

Anyone wishing to join should plan to:

- Wear closed toed shoes with good traction. Running/walking shoes or hiking boots/trail runners are best.

- Please bring water.

- Please wear sunblock. We will be in direct sunlight for a portion of the hike.

- Hikers of all ages are welcome.


- Pets are welcome on a leash.

- The hike is approximately two miles and will take about one hour.

This month's hikes are scheduled for Sunday, October 7th at 9 am (meeting point corner of Westfalian Trail and Appaloosa Chase Drive) and October 21st at 8am (meeting point John Simpson Park).

Feel free to email Sarah.Doolittle@gmail.com if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!






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News from Goodwill

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Did you know we have several, year-round ways for you to donate? Goodwill Central Texas provides residential pick-ups in your neighborhood on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. We've also placed a donation bin just down the road at 4610 Marshall Ford Road – where you can drop gently-used clothing and small household items at your convenience. To find out more, please visit goodwillcentraltexas.org or call 512.637.7196 to schedule a pick-up.



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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

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

Free Activities For Residents

Take advantage of these free activities offered to Steiner residents only:

Community Yoga - Tuesdays at the Bella Mar Community Center at 7PM.

Tai Chi - Towne Square Community Center Monday to Friday at 8:15AM.

Yoga by Lake Austin Spa - Towne Square Community Center on Mondays at 6:30PM.

Cycling Group - Cups and Cones Saturday and Sunday mornings at 7:30AM.

Bhangra Workout - Bella Mar Community Center 2nd, 3rd and 4th Mondays of the month at 6:30PM.

Insanity/Piyo Workout - Towne Square Community Center on Fridays at 11AM.

*Offered activities are for adults only.

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

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Steiner Ranch Cycling News

The Steiner Ranch Cycling (SRC) members are people like you who ride bicycles for recreation, fitness and sport. The club has riders of all skill levels and we offer several types of regularly scheduled rides, so you can choose the ride that best suits your riding skill. There is no cost to ride, and we welcome new riders.

SATURDAY RIDES – Updated times for Fall/Winter

On Saturdays we host open group rides, currently starting at Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM & 8:00 AM. Our Saturday rides include advanced and intermediate groups.

- The "Fast Ride" rider can expect an energetic yet social 60+ mile ride. Riders should feel comfortable riding close to others in a group, as we might work in pace lines at tempo. Average speed is typically 18-20 mph. Please introduce yourself if you are new to this ride.

- Endurance Pace Group leaves at 8:00am paced average between 14-16 mph. The purpose of this group is to have fun and get a good fat burn workout. You can be new to cycling or just looking to get back into it. We are going to do our best to make this a NO DROP ride but you are expected to have some basic level of fitness.

Ride route details are posted each week to our website at <http://www.steinerranchcycling.com>, Facebook page <http://facebook.com/SteinerRanchCycling> and to our email list (sign up on our website). 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.

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 mornings to refuel and recover!

SUNDAY COFFEE SHOP RIDE

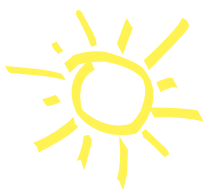
On Sundays we host a mostly mellow ride to a local coffee shops outside Steiner. (rotating locations)

The group will leave Cups & Cones at 7:30 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. Note that you should be able to ride the 38-50 miles at a 17 mph average pace for the whole ride.

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

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Steiner Ranch Mountain Bike Team Registration Now Open

The Steiner Ranch Mountain Bike Team for Middle/High School students has opened their registration for the 2019 season. Middle and High school students with an interest in mountain biking are encouraged to sign up and take part in what's sure to be an amazing season! Beginners as well as experts are welcome!

We practice on Steiner trails three times per week from November through April, we race five times each season at race venues in Central Texas (racing is optional) and we have lots of fun! Last season 42 students participated, led by 12 coaches.

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The American Association of Orthodontics and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentists recommend that all children be evaluated for orthodontic needs at age 7. This does not mean that all children need early treatment. Since some orthodontic problems can cause irreversible damage and some can only be treated before the skeletal structure is mature, it is important to identify which children may need treatment:



Early or late loss of baby teeth



Asymmetric face



Underbite



Severe crowding



Overbite, or protruding upper teeth



Crossbite in the front or back



Prolonged finger sucking habit



Irregularly erupting permanent teeth

In many instances, Dr. Arnold and Dr. DeSantis will recommend postponing orthodontics until all the permanent teeth are in, usually around middle school. We will monitor your child's growth and development over the following years until orthodontic treatment timing is right. These visits are always complimentary. If we do recommend an early round of treatment, it is often for one or more of the following reasons:

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- Reduce the chance for permanent tooth extraction
- Correct oral habits that alter the shape of the jaw bones
- Reduce the need for jaw surgery
- Simplify adolescent orthodontic treatment
- Improve appearance

Bottom line - you have nothing to lose by having your child evaluated for orthodontics. At a minimum you can rest assured that either no early treatment is needed, or if it is, that we didn't miss the window to intervene.

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Nitro Swimming

Submitted by Mike Koleber



You may have noticed some swimming activity at the Bella Mar pool this school year. Nitro Swimming, 13 time Texas Age Group Swimming Champs, and one of only three USA Swimming "Gold Medal" clubs in the entire state of Texas, was chosen by the Steiner HOA Board to bring their USA Swimming program into the neighborhood for this season and hopefully beyond! It was no

easy feat to have a program up and running with Coaches, a solid practice schedule, and the ability to accommodate most levels of competitive swimming within two and a half weeks of getting the nod that Nitro was the selected program, but here we are!

I just want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped this happen, and to say how excited we are to bring our brand of swimming into the Steiner community.

Our Coaching staff includes Claire Rozick, who has been with Nitro for a while now and is very well versed in all things Nitro and Swimming; Kristen Chozick, Steiner HOA member and Mom, long time competitive swimmer; Diana Aleman, another Steiner HOA member and Mom, former Mexican National Swim Team member, and Co-Head Coach of the Steiner Stars Red Team; and lastly, Jeff Fellows, Head Coach of The Steiner Stars Blue Team, who has a few years under his belt as a Nitro coach along with several years of competitive swimming experience including at the NCAA level.

We're happy to be here and look forward to meeting you! Let's go NITRO!

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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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

We ask residents to keep the below safety tips in mind before heading out for trick-or-treating. Happy Halloween!

- Steiner Ranch is dark at night, with limited street lights. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers or have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- Slow down and be especially alert while driving in the neighborhood. Children will be excited to get from house to house- which means they may run into streets unexpectedly.
- Cross the street at corners and enter and exit driveways slowly.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths and avoid walking in the street. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
- Young children should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out alone, they should stick to familiar areas and trick-or-treat in groups.

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Tip from WCID17 No One Likes a Broken Water Pipe!

As you mulch your outdoor beds and think about winter coming, fall is the perfect time to take a walk through your home and yard to make sure you won't be faces by broken water pipes this winter. You can cross outdoor winterizing off your list of worries by taking a few simple precautions in late October or early November while it is still warm:

- Drain and insulate irrigation backflow valves (RPZ);
- Disconnect and drain outdoor hoses;
- Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas;
- Seal off access doors, vents and cracks;
- In severe cold weather, open the cabinet doors that have plumbing pipes inside to allow heat to help protect them;
- Consider allowing a faucet to drip a small continuous stream or shut your water off at the master shutoff; and
- Make sure you can locate your master water shutoff.

What if you prolong or you wake up one morning and find the pipes have frozen anyway? Have the plumber's phone number handy. If you think you know where the freeze up occurred, and want to try thawing it yourself, the easiest tool is probably the hair dryer with a high heat setting. Wave the warm air back and forth over the pipe, not on one spot. Be careful, because the pipe may already be broken. It's not leaking because the water is frozen. When you thaw it out, the water could come gushing out. Be ready to turn off the water if necessary, or better yet, shut the valve off before thawing the pipe.



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HAND TO HOLD ANNUAL BABY SHOWER



Mom, GMA Meteorologist and Dancing with the Star's GINGER ZEE Takes the Stage for Hand to Hold's Annual Baby Shower on Nov. 2

Honorary Chair Camila Alves McConaughy to co-host Fifth Annual Baby Shower Luncheon, helping Hand to Hold care for families of premature and medically fragile infants

A beloved tradition for growing families, baby showers are celebrations to welcome

new life. Yet when one out of eight Austin babies arrive too soon, families' dreams are replaced with painful realities: life in the hospital, continual anxiety, debilitating fears of loss and death, and the stress of life-or-death medical decisions. That's why Austin-born nonprofit Hand to Hold is leading the way to help families get the support and best care when their fragile babies are born too soon.

Hand to Hold welcomes GINGER ZEE, a writer, dancer and Good Morning America Chief Meteorologist, as she headlines its fifth annual Baby Shower – Seasons of Life: Gathering Strength from the Storm in the Grand Ballroom of the JW Marriott in downtown Austin on Friday, November 2, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Hand to Hold Baby Shower raises funds to provide support and programs for families in Central Texas and beyond. Hand to Hold's resources and programs for families provide Peer Support, Psychological & Emotional Support, Whole Family Care and NICU & Beyond programs.

Two leading causes of disability or death among newborns are premature birth and birth defects. Premature birth – a baby born before 37 weeks of gestation -- affects 54 families each week in the Greater Austin Area - Travis, Williamson, Bastrop, Hays and Caldwell Counties (Texas Department of State Health Services, 2012.). Other babies may be referred to the NICU because of a defect or other health concern -- five percent (5%) of all Texas babies are born with one or more birth defects (Texas Birth Defects Registry, 2011).

ZEE will inspire guests with her message of resilience and self-care, leaving attendees feeling renewed, empowered, and intensely moved by her raw, poignant chronicle of life as a Natural Disaster.

“When babies need intensive care and an extended hospital stay, we are right there with parents and families to make sure their emotional needs are met, too,” says Kelli Kelley, Austin resident and co-founder and executive director of Hand to Hold. “When hospital care centers on the whole family, their babies also do better. We help parents cope with in person support, podcasts and online information so that they have hope, courage and wisdom to parent their medically fragile child.”

Baby Shower guests represent many families who have experienced life with a baby in neonatal intensive care and also, infant loss. With luxury prizes from jewelry and spa treatments to fine dining, Hand to Hold's fanciful Baby Shower games will delight and surprise guests – some of whom didn't have their own baby showers due to premature birth or loss -- as they gather to raise support NICU families and also honor their own birth and parenting experiences.

Seasons of Life: Gathering Strength from the Storm is hosted by neonatal ICU Parent Graduates Heather Nichols and Beth Cohen, Co-Chairs with Honorary Chair Camila Alves McConaughy; Hand to Hold Founder and Executive Director Kelli Kelley; and a committee of 25 Central Texas volunteers.

Guest speaker GINGER ZEE is an Emmy Award-winning chief meteorologist at ABC News and the face of our nation's weather headlines on Good Morning America and across all ABC News broadcasts and digital platforms. She is also the New York Times bestselling author of Natural Disaster: I Cover Them; I Am One. Since joining ABC News, Zee has covered almost every major weather event and dozens of historic storms. A mother of two, Zee lives in New York City with her husband.

Tickets for the Fifth Annual Baby Shower Luncheon are available at www.handtohold.org/babyshower.

Hand to Hold is a national nonprofit that helps families before, during, and after NICU stays and infant loss by providing powerful resources for the whole family, and most importantly, one-on-one mentoring from someone who has been there. Hand to Hold resources include in-hospital programs, articles and blogs, social networks, trained peer mentors, and its popular podcast, NICU Now. All were designed with the emotional, physical, and social needs of the whole NICU family. Hand to Hold was the 2012 recipient of the Becky Hatfield Family Support Award, given by the National Perinatal Association. In 2015, Hand to Hold was ranked as one of the top 10 resources for NICU parents by About.com. All services are offered without charge.

3 Ways to Bring a Taste of Autumn Into Your Home

By MarLee Berry, *TexasHillCountry.com*

Autumn is finally here and for those of us living in the heart of Texas, we know what that means. Absolutely nothing, because it is still 90 degrees outside. Although our great state is famous for many things, a predictable seasonal pattern is not exactly one of them. However, for many people, the thought of cooler weather, colorful scarves, and pumpkin spice gives them all the warm and fuzzies. Below are three ways you can make the inside of your home feel totally fall-like even when it still feels like summer on the outside.

1. Bring In the Scents of the Season

The first step toward creating an autumnal haven is incorporating the scents of the season. From potpourri mixes and wax melts to candles and essential oil blends, there are a number of ways to bring cozy fall aromas to your home. The key is to look for hints of cinnamon, vanilla, or nutmeg. A good rule of thumb: let your nose be your guide. If the smell makes you think of grandma's apple pie or a relaxing walk through the woods on a cool, crisp morning, then you have probably found the perfect match.

2. Add a Touch of Color

A key part of fall that many people love is the changing colors

of foliage. Reds, yellows, and oranges in various shades all around evoke a sense of anticipation as the promise of cooler weather seems just around the corner. A great way to harness that energy is by bringing the colors of fall indoors. A simple red throw blanket casually draped across a chair or a selection of autumn-themed throw pillows strategically placed can add just a tasteful hint of seasonal decor without going over the top.

3. Decorate With Nature's Bounty

The final step in getting your home ready for fall is to incorporate nature's bounty. A quick walk through your neighborhood might yield a multitude of materials. Leaves in all kinds of shapes, sizes, and colors, used in conjunction with twine or ribbon, can create a simple banner. Acorns, or other nut varieties, placed inside a clear vase or mason jar can become beautiful centerpieces. Of course, pumpkins and gourds are oftentimes found at your local grocer and are wonderful items to utilize in your autumn decor.

Here in Texas, the seasons tend to keep us on our toes as we never know exactly what might be thrown our way. However, regardless of what might be happening outside, you can still make your home feel like a fall paradise on the inside.



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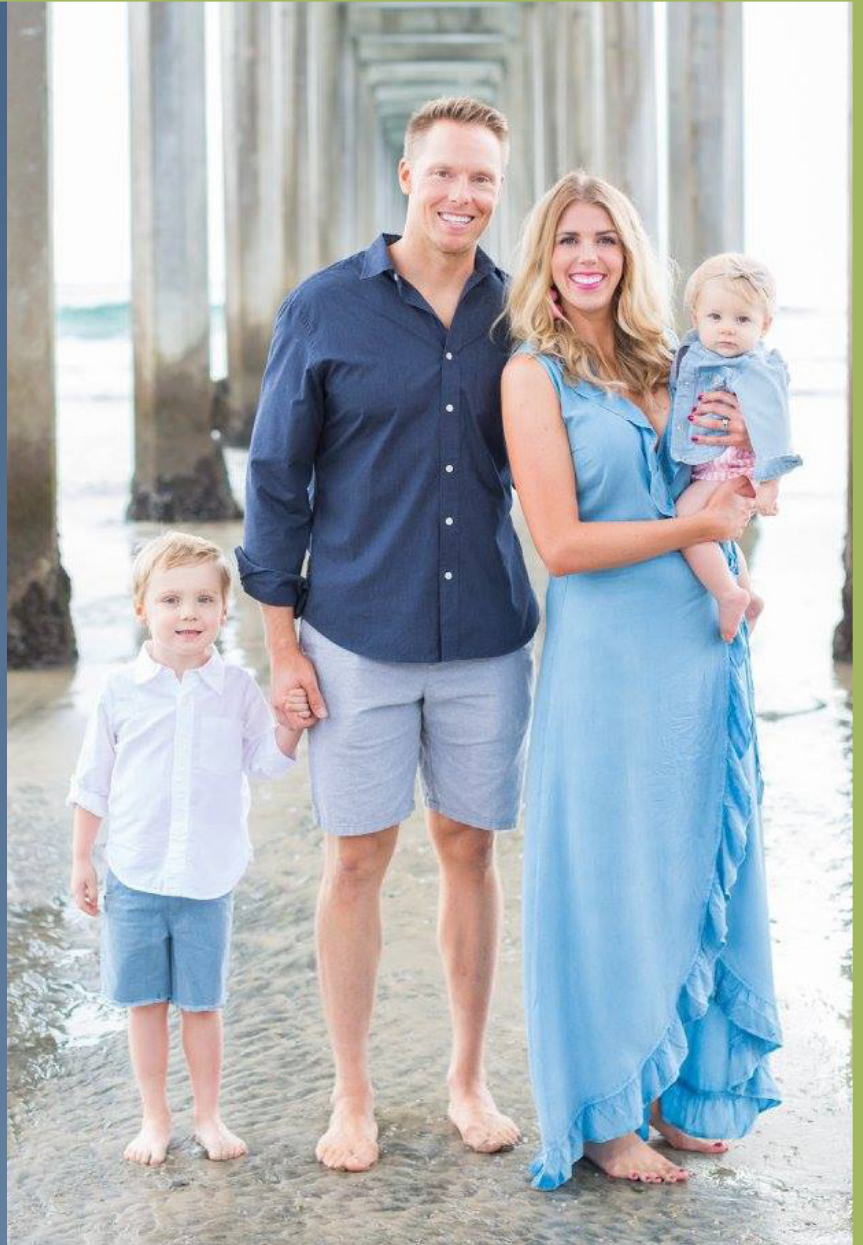


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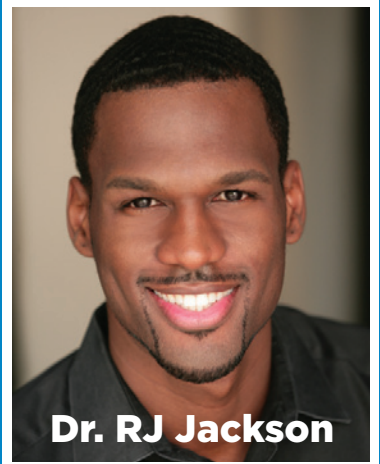
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