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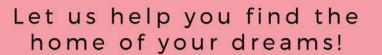
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# From the Association Office



### Mark Your Calendars & Hold The Date For Your Favorite HOA Events

- 2/09 Father Daughter Dance
- 3/01 Scrap A Thon
- 3/02 Camping on the Ranch
- 3/09 Run the Ranch
- 4/04 New Homeowner Social
- 4/06 Community Clean Up Day
- 4/13 Spring Community Garage Sale
- 4/20 Easter Egg Hunt
- 5/18 Shred Day
- 6/07 Children Front Door Concerts
- 7/04 Decorate Your Ride / Independence Day Celebration
- 8/17 Concert In The Park
- 9/14 Fall Community Garage Sale
- 10/3 New Homeowner Social
- 10/13 Pumpkin Patch
- 10/27 Trunk Or Treat
- 11/09 Holiday Shopping Event
- 11/28 Steiner Ranch Turkey Trot



Events are tentative & subject to change or cancel at any time. Events are planned by the Steiner Ranch Event Planning Committee, and are for Steiner Ranch residents in good standing with the association, and their guests only. Final approval to participate in any Steiner Ranch program or event is dependent upon HOA approval. For more information, please contact Desirre Ghebremicael at: desirre@steinerranchhoa.org

For the most up to date information, follow us at: Facebook.com/ SteinerRanchHOAevents or visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website at:

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# **Cover Photo**

This month's cover photo was taken at last year's Steiner Ranch Father Daughter Dance. This year, the event will take place on February 9th, 2019 at Laura W. Bush elementary. To purchase your ticket, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/father-daughterroyal-ball-2019-tickets-52654934326

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.





### Monthly HOA Community Meetings

#### STEINER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets on the third 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

#### TRAIL COMMITTEE

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Bella Mar Community Center at 6:30pm. The committee also holds monthly trail work days on the fourth Sunday of each month. Meet-up location and time varies monthly. If you are interested in lending a hand, visit the Steiner Ranch Trail Committee Facebook page for the most up to date information. You may also join their newsletter by subscribing at: https://groups. google.com/forum/#!forum/steinertrails.

#### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Meets on 2nd Thursday of each month at Towne Square Community Center at 6:00pm.

#### **EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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# From the Association Office

## Message from the SRMA Board

Dear Steiner Ranch Members,

Happy new year! Hope 2018 ended well for all and everyone is looking forward to an amazing 2019! I would like to reflect on what our Association has achieved in 2018 and share with you the journey in 2019 and beyond. Here are some key takeaways:

• Transformed our SRMA (Master HOA) and SRROA community management operations by leveraging GrandManors as our professional onsite management company with integrated systems, processes and excellent onsite staff. Majority of transition activities have been completed but as with any major change we encountered some hurdles and are currently being ironed out.

• SRMA exited 2018 with over half million dollars cash (unaudited) from operations through efficient staff management practices and automated software systems. Beginning this year (2019), pending additional information (including impervious cover requirements) and pending Board approval, we anticipate investing over million dollars (cash from operations without increasing dues) in Community enhancement projects (Towne Square 2.0 including additional heated lap pool, expanded community centers, landscape renovation among other improvements).

• We have completed Community wide resident survey in October 2018. Received great feedback. Staff and Board are working on implementing improvement action plan. Please stay tuned for specifics.

• Gated Golf Community has formed its own management Association (effective Jan 1, 2019) and their Board chose Goodwin as the management company to address all aspects of the gated community. Residents will continue to pay gated community dues and SRMA dues.

• SRMA Board has engaged Travis County Commissioner's Office since mid-December regarding evacuation and permanent road proposal. Concerns were raised and conveyed to the Office by impacted residents about property values, safety and security. We have also requested the County to come up with 2 to 3 proposals backed by strong data with pros and cons and mitigative actions. We are expecting to receive complete information for public / community review by or before mid-March. We will host a meeting with residents and the County for further review.

• 620 & 2222 Bypass Road Project ground breaking ceremony was conducted by TXDOT, Texas House Representative Ms Goodwin, Austin Mayor Mr. Adler, Council Member Mr. Flannigan including Steiner Ranch community leaders. Expected completion date is early 2021.

• Understanding and managing a large-scale master planned community is a significant endeavor and it takes several months to come up to speed. Keeping that in mind, SRMA Board approved unanimously 3-years Board Membership term for new directors who will be elected to the Board in March 2019 (No change to current board members... they will complete their 2 years term). We will continue to have 7 Board Directors (with 4 new districts and 3 at large positions) representing SRMA interests.

• The 2018 SRMA Board has functioned really well, Directors deliberated, collaborated heavily and continue to make transformative decisions for good of our broader Community. My sincere thanks to Directors (Brad Stanton, Amy Colton, Christina Morales, Rekha Garapati, Lawrence Spinetta, Chris Langevin), committee members, volunteers and GrandManors HOA staff for their dedicated services and strong contributions.



Looking forward to bringing our Community Vision to fruition in 2019 and beyond! Please reach out to the SRMA Board with any questions or comments.

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# **Spring Field Lottery**

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Register your team by sending an email to desirre.ghebremicael@ granmanors.com. Registration must be submitted by 5:00pm on February 18th, 2019 with the following information:

- Name of coach
- Address
- Phone number
- Organization (CC United, Town & Country, etc.)
- Sport (soccer, baseball, etc.)
- Age group
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice of field, time & day.

#### FIELD OPTIONS:

- Towne Square
- Bella Mar (baseball side or tennis court side)
- John Simpson park
- Westridge Fields (off of Flat Top Ranch Road)

#### TIME OPTIONS:

• One hour weekly beginning at 4:00pm until sunset (daylight savings time starts on Sunday, March 10th)

#### DAY OPTIONS:

• Monday – Friday only

If you are coaching more than one team, please list them separately.

Assigned practice day(s), time(s), and field(s) will be emailed to you by March 1st, 2019. Please note, once you have been awarded a practice day, time and field, changes will not be made until the next field lottery. \*Please Note: If you are with Neighborhood Sports (soccer or flag football), you do not need to register

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### **Prevent Oak Wilt – Don't Prune Oaks Feb 1st – June 30th** Information provided by Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources

Oak wilt has claimed the lives of thousands of trees in Central Texas and beyond. Majestic oaks play a large role in this region's beauty and identity; it would be hard to imagine the Hill Country without them. They are an iconic part of many local businesses and neighborhoods, providing shade, beauty, and higher property values. Following simple preventive measures can go a long way towards stopping the spread of this destructive disease.

From February through June, avoid all pruning or cutting of oaks – this is the high season for oak wilt transmission. Any wounds that occur from construction, vehicles, wind, etc., should be painted as soon as they're discovered – ideally within ½ hour of being cut – with commercial tree wound dressing or latex paint. That includes freshly cut stumps and surface roots.

Pruning is least risky during the coldest winter days and extended hot periods in mid to late summer. Any time you prune though, the Texas Forest Service recommends painting all wounds and sanitizing pruning equipment between trees using denatured methyl alcohol (shellac thinner), isopropyl alcohol, or a general purpose household disinfectant such as Lysol, Listerine or Pine-Sol. Household bleach is not recommended.



Red oaks, including Spanish (now Buckley) oak, Shumard oak and blackjack oak, are very susceptible to oak wilt and play a key role in the disease's transmission. Oak wilt is caused by the fungus Ceratocystis fagacearum, which spreads its spores from "fungal mats" that form under the tree's bark. These mats have a sweet, fruity smell that attracts insects, especially the sap-sucking nitidulid beetle. After feeding and breeding on the fungal mats, these beetles fly away covered in fungal spores. As they visit other oaks, they spread the fungus through open wounds in the bark. The nitidulid beetle is only about the size of a pinhead, but is capable of flying as far as a mile away. While red oaks are the most susceptible to oak wilt, all oaks can become infected.



Fungal mats usually form on standing trees, but can also develop on logs, stumps and fresh firewood cut from infected oaks. Make sure to remove and either burn or bury infected oaks to prevent mats from forming, and never store unseasoned wood from infected trees near healthy oaks.

The second way oak wilt can be transmitted is through the roots. Live oaks tend to grow together in dense mottes with interconnected roots, so the fungus can be transmitted easily among them. Oak wilt is occasionally transmitted through red oak roots as well, but the movement is slower and occurs over shorter distances than with live oaks. Root transmission can be prevented by cutting trenches four feet deep between infected and healthy trees, but by far the best option is to prevent infection in the first place.

So make sure NOT to prune oaks between February 1 and July 1, and ALWAYS paint wounds on oaks no matter what time of year it is. For more information on preventing and treating oak wilt, please visit texasoakwilt.org, the website of The Oak Wilt Information Partnership, a project of the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Forest Health Protection branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin.

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# The City of Austin: No-Kill for Pets and Wildlife Alike

The City of Austin does not remove or relocate healthy native wildlife. Instead, the City of Austin's Animal Protection Office works with residents to provide tailored, humane, and long-term solutions to resolve conflict. See below for tips on coexisting with urban wildlife:

#### Don't Give Them a Reason (Preventative Measures)

- Use tight sealing lids on garbage, recycling, and compost receptacles
- Keep extra garbage inside until collecting day
- Keep barbecue grills clean
- Pick up fallen fruit and nuts from trees
- Feed pets indoors

• If pets must be fed outdoors, feed at set time during the day and remove leftover food

• Feeding wildlife and feral cats can attract coyotes. In addition to coyotes eating the food itself, mice and other animals will be drawn to leftovers, which can subsequently attract larger predators

#### Adopt Best Pet Safety Practices

- Monitor small pets when outdoors
- Provide secure shelters for poultry or other animals living outside

• Avoid using extendable leashes; walk dogs on leashes that are 4-6 feet in length

• Avoid letting dogs explore vegetation that you cannot see through

• Haze coyotes: coyotes are not strictly nocturnal, but do not tolerate coyotes in roads, sidewalks, driveways, or yards during the day. You

can influence the behavior of a coyote through a simple process of negative reinforcement called hazing. Doing so will help it relearn to avoid people during the day. To haze, be big and loud: Wave your arms, shout, use noisemakers, or throw non-edible objects in its direction (but not at it), or spray the animal with a hose. For more information on hazing please visit: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/coyotescentral-texas

#### How We Can Help

Call 311 to reach the City of Austin's Animal Protection Office. Our Officers:

- Work with you to keep pets safe and at home
- Assist sick and injured wildlife
- Assess wildlife behavior

• Offer tailored solutions to conflict through yard audits and site visits

• Suggest methods for humane exclusion (encouraging the animal to move on its own)

- Install a game camera prior to physical exclusion
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- Offer fencing assistance
- Investigate rabies exposure
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#### 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.

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.

#### Making Exterior Changes? Don't Forget To Obtain Architectural Approval First

Thinking about modifying your deck, adding a pool, or changing the color of your exterior trim? Steiner Ranch governing documents require the submission of plans and specifications for review and approval by the Architectural Committee (AC) before construction or installation begins. Improvements requiring approval include, but are not limited to, playscapes, pools, decks, patios, ponds, new siding or trim colors, planter boxes, arbors, walkways and sheds. Before making exterior changes to your home, please submit a Modification Application, which can be found on the HOA website under the 'Architectural' tab.

#### Community Compliance Reminders

The HOA office would like to remind residents of the following Steiner Ranch rules:

- Trash containers are to be stored out of sight and should not be visible from the street.

- Parking on the street overnight is not allowed.

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

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

Thank you for abiding by these rules, which are part of Steiner Ranch governing documents.

#### Steiner Ranch Commercial Community Contact

The Steiner Ranch Commercial Community (SRCC) handles all community commercial property questions and complaints. To report commercial concerns, please contact Scott Selman, SRCC Manager

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

# **Follow Us on Facebook**

Events offered by the Steiner Ranch Home Owners' Association are posted on our Facebook page – the only official Facebook page of the Steiner Ranch HOA. Search Steiner Ranch HOA events to find us. To see our posts in your news feed, do the following:

1. Like our page.

2. After liking our page, hover your mouse over the button that says 'Liked.' You'll see a dropdown menu open. Click the option that says 'See First' and our posts will then appear in your feed. Because we are a business, simply liking our page will not necessarily result in our posts appearing in your feed. Thank you for following us!



# Steiner Activities & Events

#### **Buy Your Tickets Today For The Popular Father Daughter Dance!** Join Us For A Magical Evening At Our Third **Annual Father Daughter Royal Ball**

#### When: February 9th, 2019 Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm Fee: \$ 30 per person

This event promises to be a night filled with fun, laughter and dancing. Your ticket to the ball includes dinner, fancy dessert treats, along with music, dancing, a limousine ride and meet and greet with princesses. It is sure to be a night to remember!

Don't delay in purchasing tickets as space is limited and this event typically sells out within hours.

Registration required. For Tickets, visit the Steiner Ranch HOA events Facebook page or the Eventbrite link below:

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# Steiner Activities & Events

# **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

The HOA held its volunteer appreciation dinner on Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 to recognize the many volunteers who support the Steiner Ranch Community. In attendance there were the SRMA, SRROA Board members, Committees members (i.e. Landscape, Event Planning, Architecture, Trails and Tennis).

We appreciate the support of so many of you and do our best to do what is in the best interest of all homeowners. Some volunteers were unable to attend and sincerely missed.

A heartfelt thank you to all HOA volunteers for your time, service and support and we look forward to exciting and successful times as we continue our efforts with your help to make your Steiner Ranch Community the best master planned Community to live in.





# Living side-by-side with wildlife

By your Steiner Ranch Firewise Committee

Steiner Ranch is located in what is known as a Urban Wildlife Interface (UWI), where homes border directly on greenbelt land. While there are more benefits than harm that can come from such an interface, there are risks for both communities.

For wildlife, there is the risk of human-set fires, whether through carelessness or by accident. Fires can have many benefits for wildlife, but they also displace many species from their homes in plants, trees and grasses.

For humans, fires present the obvious risk of property damage, destruction and even death, with families displaced for months and their lives disrupted.

There is much we can do, however, to mitigate these risks for both communities.

To reduce the risk of starting a wildfire, take the following simple precautions:

• Don't dump ashes from a fireplace or grill in or near the greenbelt. Before disposing of ashes on any flammable surface,

such as grass or mulch, ensure they are completely cooled by wetting and stirring them then placing your hand on the cooled embers.

• Cars can start wildfires when metal sparks on blacktop. Make sure your car has any necessary repairs and ensure that chains or other metal do not drag from your vehicle.

• Do not throw lit cigarettes from your vehicle or in the greenbelt.

• Maintain a safe distance from the greenbelt when grilling or starting a fire. Have a fire extinguisher on hand for emergencies.

• Do not start any kind of fire in the greenbelt. Fires are illegal in the Steiner Ranch greenbelt and anyone starting a fire can be subjected to fines or other penalties.

• If you see anything in the greenbelt that looks like a fire risk, contact the HOA at 512-266-7553 or by reporting it on the website, SteinerRanchHOA.org.

Steiner Ranch residents are fortunate to enjoy the many benefits of living close to nature. By taking sufficient precautions, homeowners can help to ensure that the humanwildlife relationship is one of mutual harmony and not harm.



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### Hold The Date For Camping On The Ranch Saturday March 2nd to Sunday March 3rd, 2019

Hold the date and plan to have a staycation here in the neighborhood with our popular Camping on The Ranch! The Steiner Ranch HOA Events Planning Committee is hosting the popular event, just minutes from home but an adventure away.

When: Saturday March 2nd starting at 5:00pm to Sunday March 3rd at 10:00am

Where: Towne Square Community Fields

The entire family is invited. Kidventure will be sponsoring a movie under the stars and Tiff Treat will give out treats.

There will be a Café Ybor Cuban sandwich food truck with food and drinks for purchase.

In the morning the HOA will give out free donuts and Coffee Beans and Tea Leaves of Steiner Ranch will provide attendees with free coffee and hot chocolate.

Pull out your tents and sleeping bags, join your family and friends for a great evening outdoors.

Registration for this event is required –visit the Steiner Ranch events Facebook page or the below link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camping-on-the-ranch-2019-tickets-55064191479



# Scrap-A-Thon

Steiner Scrapers - You're invited to the Spring Steiner Scrapers Scrapbooking Marathon!

When: Starting Friday, March 1st at 6:00pm Ending Sunday, March 3rd at 6:00pm

Where: Towne Square Community Center Registration is required. Register by visiting Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page or by visiting the link below.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019spring-steiner-ranch-scrap-a-thontickets-54960049989



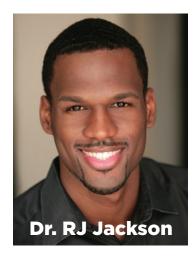
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# <u>Steiner Activities & Events</u> Easter Egg Hurt Sponsors Needed

The Steiner Ranch Homeowners' Association is busy preparing for our upcoming community wide 2019 Easter Egg Hunt and celebration which will take place on Saturday April, April 20th from 9am – noon. We invite you to consider sponsoring this family focused event, which is attended and anticipated by many Steiner Ranch residents.

The morning will feature thousands of easter eggs for children to hunt, face painters, petting zoo, pony rides, balloon twisters and other entertaining activities.

This is a great opportunity to get in front of the Steiner Ranch community and take part in a wonderful community event.

Various levels of sponsorships opportunities are available:

**MEGA SPONSORS:** Mega sponsors provide funding for us to provide the Easter bunny, the pony rides and the petting zoo at the event. In exchange for this sponsorship fee, you are listed as a mega 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.

**EVENT SPONSORS:** Event sponsors provide the funding for us to provide the balloon twisters and face painters at the event. In exchange for this sponsorship fee, you are listed as an event 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: \$300.

**EASTER BASKET SPONSORS:** Easter Basket sponsors help support our general event efforts and receive the opportunity to provide materials that will be put into the Easter basket that will be won by those that will find the golden egg, 3 baskets per age group for a total of 12 baskets. These baskets will be handed out to the winners at the event and will go directly into the hands of Steiner Ranch residents on the day of the event. COST: \$200

**ACTIVITY SPONSORS:** Host an Easter 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: \$200, you must provide game, activity or craft, no duplicates with activities already provided. Please check before confirming.

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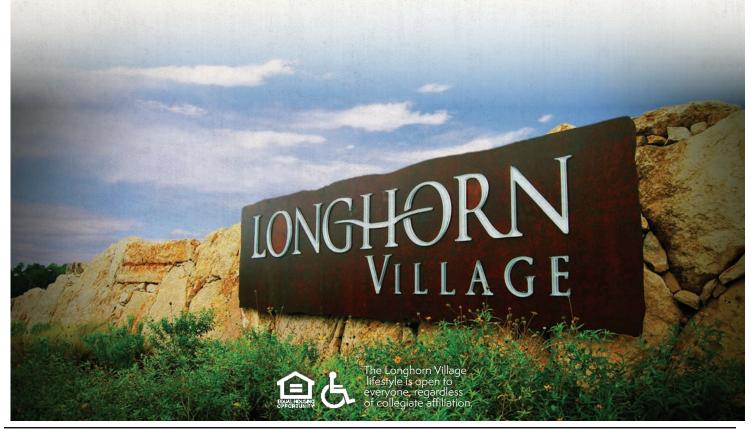
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# Steiner Activities & Events Run the Ranch March 9th, 2019 @ 8:30 a.m.

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to join the 14th annual Run the Ranch 5K & Kids Fun Run. Enjoy a fun-filled morning of racing, kids' entertainment & vendors at the Steiner Ranch Towne Square Community Center. The event is presented by Hill Country Special Needs Alliance, a local nonprofit committed to helping families/caregivers in Four Points and Cedar Park offset the unique financial challenges affecting those with special needs.

Inflatables will be provided by the Steiner Ranch HOA, and a light breakfast will be served as well! Come out for a morning of fun and fitness! Visit runtheranch.org for more information and to register!





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#### Tip of the Month

Alaska is a popular destination for Texas summer travelers. Please call us to discuss your vacation options.



#### **Winter and Spring 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 - IdeLab.

#### Adult Programs:

Camp Gladiator – Master's Swim – Tai Chi – Yoga – Zumba – Barre – Carrie Fit Fitness.

For more info, contact Desirre Ghebremicael at desirre. ghebremicael@grandmanors.com.

#### Summer Camps

Multiple camps with full day and half day options are available starting June 3rd, 2019 for the entire Summer season.

Kidventure – Mad Science – Lonestar – Neighborhood Sports – Steiner Stars – Gold Stars Swimming - Young Rembrandts Youth Art - IdeaLab

### Free Activities For Residents

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

**Community Yoga** - Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays (depending on week) at the Towne Square 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

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# STEINER DEALS

EXCLUSIVE TO STEINER RESIDENTS



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#### Free Tai Chi Group Practice

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

#### Benefits of Tai Chi:

- Relieve Stress on the body and mind
- Improve Health and Physical Fitness - Enhance Self Defense capability

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



#### youngatheartaustin@gmail.com

Young at Heart is an active social group open to Steiner Ranch residents ages 50+. We are purely a social organization wanting to share fun times. Joining us is a great way to make new friends, and get to know people your own age in the neighborhood. If you live in Steiner Ranch, you are invited to join us. To become a member, send your name(s), address, phone number and e-mail address to youngatheartaustin@ gmail.com.

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

# Free Health Workshop:

Importance of Exercise with Aging and Difficulty Weight Controlling in the New Year



Presented by: Dr. Benjamin Rosin This free workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 at Towne Square Community Center starting at 7:00pm.

# Free Prenatal Education



This free workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 27th, 2019 at Towne Square Community Center starting at 6:30pm.

Presented by: Dr. Christopher Saenz with ADC

This class is for expecting parents, both first time parents and experienced parents who have questions or want to know about current standards of care.

Dr. Saenz will cover normal newborn care, immunizations, what to expect when baby arrives, which newborn care products should moms and dads purchase (and which ones you shouldn't), and any other topics that the expecting parents would like Dr. Saenz to cover.

#### Free Property Tax Workshop: How to Protest Your Property Tax Appraisal



Presented by: Craig Smyser

This free workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, 2019 at Towne Square Community Center starting at 7:00pm.

'If you think your 2019 property tax appraisal is too high, this is the workshop for you. I'll discuss the protesting process, deadline, and expectations for success. All attendees will receive sales

information for their specific neighborhood that can be used to assist with the protest.'

RSVP helpful, but not required. 512-650-7300 or Craig@ RealEstateInAustin.com.

# STEINER RANCH CYCLING NEWS

Upcoming group destination rides for the spring are coming. Look on our website under Events for a few of our favorite Central TX rides and mark you calendars.

#### SATURDAY RIDES

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

• The "Show and Go" ride can expect an energetic yet social 60+ mile ride and places an emphasis on training, bike handling, teamwork and riding in a paceline. Average speed is typically 18-20 mph. Please introduce yourself if you are new to this ride.

• Endurance Pace Group leaves at 8:30am paced average between 15-17 mph. Too often we get suckered into taking riding seriously - maybe even a bit too seriously- and that's why this ride is different. 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 and 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 average pace for the whole ride.

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# Swimming News

### Would you like to get a head start on Summer Swimming or Swim Team?



Gold Stars Swimming will be conducting their annual Spring Fling/Stars Prep program for the 2019 year March 26th - April 25th. This program is directed towards swimmers ages 5 - 18 who want to get a head start on their summer swimming or swim team. In the four weeks, the program will go over all 4 strokes, including starts, finishes, proper stroke technique, breathing, etc. Minimum requirements are that

swimmers who register must have prior swim experience.

We will meet at Bella Mar Pool on Tuesdays/Thursdays from 6:45-7:45 PM. This is a popular program, so please register early.

For more information, you can visit www.goldstarsswimming.com and find our paperwork under the Class Schedule link or e-mail Hollie at goldstarsswimming@gmail.com



### **Nitro Swimming News**

Guess who's making waves at the Bella Mar pool!

Nitro Swimming is a USA Swimming year-round competitive swim team offering high-quality professional coaching and technique instruction to all of our groups. The goal of our team is to provide every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills and achieve success at his or her level of ability. Swimming is a life long skill that our athletes come to cherish.

We offer 5 different groups at our Steiner Ranch location including Intro, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Technique and Fitness.

Practice schedules vary by day, so please refer to our schedule online at: https://www.nitroswim.com/nitro-swim-team/

If you are interested in learning more about Nitro please stop by the Bella Mar pool. Evaluations are held on Saturdays at 12:15p at our Bee Cave location as well as M-Th after 5:15p at the Bella Mar pool.

So come see for yourself why Nitro is the #1 choice for swimming in the Austin area. We look forward to meeting you!

### Steiner Stars Summer Swim Team!



It's time to sign up for the most fun summer league in all of Texas!!

The Steiner Stars swim team wants YOU to come join us in the pool this summer for the most fun you'll have all year. Our team consists of Steiner Ranch kids aged 5-17. We've been around more than ten years and we probably have between 400 and 500 of your friends, neighbors and classmates already on the team. Our swimmers range from

beginners to experts and everyone is welcome!

The season runs from May through mid-July. We split the team in two to fit in the pool. Red team practices in the mornings and Blue team practices in the afternoons. Swim meets are held on Saturday mornings. Swimmers with qualifying times can compete in the Invitational Meet held at Texas A&M in July!

Our emphasis is on building strong swimmers and having fun doing it. Please go to www.steinerstars.org to get more info about the team and registration, and be sure to check out our video to get a glimpse of what awaits you!

Residents must be in good standing with the HOA to register and agree to volunteer requirements to participate in the league. Space in each age group is limited. Swimmers must be 5 years or older by May 1, 2019, to participate. Returning Family Registration will be online Saturday March 9. New Family Registration will be in-person Saturday April 6. Much more info at: www.steinerstars.org

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