

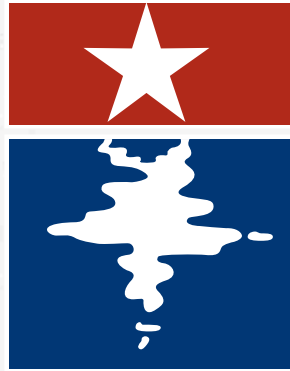
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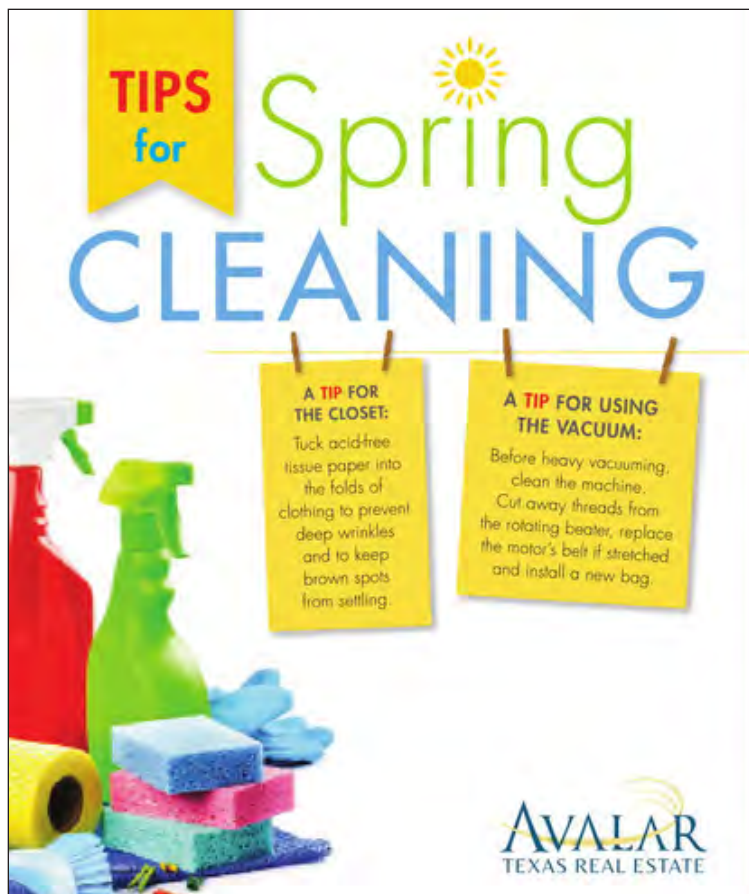
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**TIPS for Spring CLEANING**

**A TIP FOR THE CLOSET:**  
Tuck acid-free tissue paper into the folds of clothing to prevent deep wrinkles and to keep brown spots from settling.

**A TIP FOR USING THE VACUUM:**  
Before heavy vacuuming, clean the machine. Cut away threads from the rotating beater, replace the motor's belt if stretched and install a new bag.

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#### CLEAN REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER

Unplug and sort through the contents. Discard anything past its prime. Add baking soda to the water to deodorize surfaces.

#### CLEAN WINDOWS

Use a soft brush to clean off dust, cobwebs, and dirt. Wash windows inside and out with a squeegee and rag to remove excess water. Choose a cloudy day (if possible) – the sun's heat can dry windows too fast, creating streaks. Use warm soapy water to scrub each window screen with a brush.

#### DUST

Get to all the places that are out of the way or hard to reach. Doorframes, fans, bookshelves (and everything on them). Work from the ceiling down and vacuum the dust that settles to the floor.

#### RENEW CUSHIONS

Rotate and flip mattresses. Thoroughly vacuum them and the box springs. Sofa and chair cushions should also be flipped if their design and construction allows.

#### PERFORM A SAFETY CHECK

Check smoke detector batteries frequently; replace every six months. Also check batteries in carbon monoxide detectors and flashlights; inspect pressure gauges on fire extinguishers.

#### REPLACE FILTERS

Vacuum and clean grates (and coils and condensers, if applicable) on furnaces, refrigerators, stoves, and air conditioners. Remove filters in furnaces and air conditioners, and either clean or replace them.

#### DEEP-CLEAN RUGS

Start with vacuuming. Many area rugs can be machine-washed. Air others on a clothesline; beat dirt and dust from them with a tennis racket, then shampoo at home or send out to a cleaner.



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# From the Association Office



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

- 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
- 12/07 Breakfast With Santa



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](mailto: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](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org)**

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## **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 fourth Thursday of each month at Towne  
Square Community Center at 6:00pm. SRROA Annual  
Meeting will be held on April 25th, 2019 at Towne Square  
Community Center.

### **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.  
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### **LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

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# From the Association Office

## Letter from the SRMA Board President

Dear Residents,

The Annual elections are around the corner and with that we will have a new Board starting March 26, 2019.

On behalf of our Board and Community they served, I would like to thank Directors Amy Colton and Rekha Garapati for their dedicated services to our Community since 2017. They were instrumental in developing vision, mission and core values for our Board and the Community, partnered in management change to professional management company leading to automation, operational transparency, improved services levels and saving significant cash from operations. They relentlessly contributed to the Board governance and Community enhancement projects. They made decisions that benefited the diverse Community interests and also the Community as a whole, showed integrity and professionalism through tough debates and in the end, stood with the Board as a

unified voice once decisions were made. Director Amy and Director Rekha will retire from the SRMA Board in March. We will miss them dearly and wish them well!

2018 Board of Directors have done a fantastic job in taking our Board and Community governance to next level. I am optimistic that Board of Directors will continue to make best decisions for our Community as a whole and setting us up for long term success. Looking forward to the new Board in 2019!



Regards,  
Naren Chilukuri  
SRMA Board President  
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## SRMA & SRROA 2019 Elections and Annual Meetings

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) will hold their elections and annual meetings in March and the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association (SRROA) will hold their elections and annual meetings in April. Both Boards consist entirely of Steiner Ranch homeowners, who are elected by Steiner Ranch homeowners.

### March SRMA Election – March 26th, 2019

The SRMA Board consists of seven board members. Considering the complex nature of SRMA Community and operations, need for ramp up time and board stability, the Board unanimously approved three-year terms for new Board members beginning March 2019 and also condensed the Districts to four (were five) to align with annual member voting requirements. There will be four board member positions 1, 2, 3, 4 representing four new Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and three At Large member positions (5, 6, 7). Any SRMA homeowner can stand up for an At Large position irrespective of the District.

In March election, SRMA homeowners from District 3 (was 4), and District 4 (was 5) will elect board members from their respective voting Districts and also vote for two At Large members. SRMA home owners outside of District 3 and 4 can only vote for At Large members. Regardless of their voting Districts, once Board members are elected to the SRMA Board, they represent Steiner Ranch (SRMA) interests as a whole.

The SRMA Annual Meeting and Election will take place on March 26th, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm at Towne Square Community Center.

### Two SRMA Districts are up for March election for Board member positions 3 and 4

District 3 (was 4) – Lakewood Hills, Las Brisas, Summer Vista, Savannah Point, Rio Mesa, Savannah and The Fairways

District 4 (was 5) - Belcara, The Bluffs, Emerald Ridge, The Grove, Mediterra, Monterey, Palisades, Santaluz, Sierra Vista,

Tierra Grande

### SRROA Annual Meeting and Election – April 25th, 2019

The SRROA Annual Meeting and Election will take place on April 25th, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Registration will begin at 6:00 pm at Towne Square Community Center. The SRROA will elect three members during this election.

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

### SRMA and SRROA Candidate Information

Candidate bios and head shots will be posted on the Steiner Ranch HOA website as well as the GrandManors Portal for review. Only candidate bios and photos which pertain to a homeowner's voting district will be visible on the online voting website. Specific online voting information is included in homeowner Annual Meeting and Election packets.

Election results will be announced at the SRMA and SRROA annual meetings. Homeowners are encouraged to attend and to vote.

### How To Vote

1. Attend the SRMA or SRROA Annual Meeting and Election and cast your ballot.
2. Vote online by visiting your specific voting District website. SRROA and SRMA district specific website information is included in homeowner annual meeting packets, which will be delivered via regular mail in March.
3. Vote by proxy. Proxies are included in the Annual Meeting packets which will be delivered via regular mail in March.

SRROA homeowners who wish to be considered as candidates should email SRMA HOA General Manager at [Steiner@ciramail.com](mailto:Steiner@ciramail.com) for more information.





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## Who Is At Your HOA?

With the recent changes and GrandManors now being the new Management Company, you might have asked yourself who is at your HOA? Who do you reach out to if you need help with Architectural guidelines, or who do you contact to make a facility reservation or start a new fitness program?

You are in a great place as there are some very well prepared and professional people exceptionally serving the Community always ready to deliver excellent service and making Steiner Ranch one of the best master planned Community in Central Texas.

**Please see below for your HOA staff:**



**Melinda Schoch** is the General Manager. Ms. Schoch works closely with the BOD on the day to day financial aspects of the community, she is also responsible for accelerating Community enhancements and investments to meet homeowners' expectations. She also works closely with the ACM/Operational Manager on the day to day operations.



**Sarah Dunlap** is the Operations Manager and Assistant Community Manager. She is responsible for the daily operations related to the maintenance and upkeep of all common areas and amenities. Activities include the daily review of the facilities, responding to issues, ongoing preventative maintenance scheduling and gathering estimates for upgrades and improvements. Additional responsibilities include assisting the General Manager with preparations for BOD meetings and presenting bids to the BOD for approval.



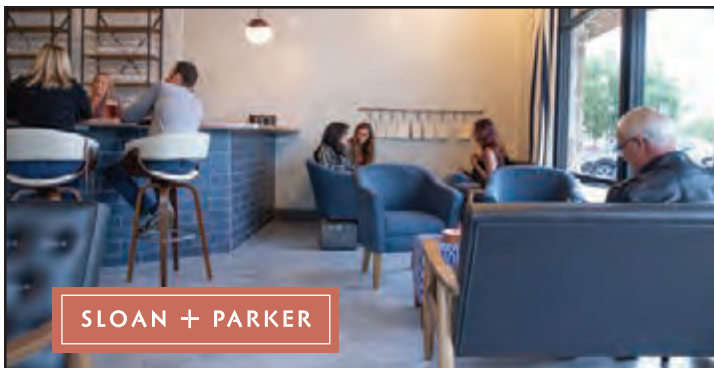
**Desirre Ghebremicael** is the Lifestyle and Communication manager. She manages all Lifestyle services along with all Community Communications to include printed publications as well as online channels. She is responsible for creating memorable experiences for our homeowners while maintaining effective 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 the Community.

**Samantha Dominguez** is the Architectural and Compliance Coordinator. She guides homeowners through the application process for modification requests. She works closely with the ACC Committee assisting in conducting the inspections required to move forward with a homeowners modification. She also ensures Community standards are met and assists homeowners with questions or concerns in regards to community standards. Samantha works closely with the Communities Compliance Inspector and the daily coordination of inspections.



**Cami Porter** is the Front Office Coordinator. She is the friendly smile that greets the homeowners as they walk in the door. Her responsibilities include welcoming new homeowners to register for their amenity access, signing up for trash service and assisting with access to the community website/portal, answering general resident questions and concerns. She also assists homeowners in reserving the amenities for their special events. She ensures all residents and community records are organized and up-to-date at all times.

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## HOA Oak Wilt Policy Prohibits Pruning Oaks February 1 – June 30



The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) and Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association (SRROA) each have oak wilt policies which residents are responsible for following. The policies specifically state that oak tree pruning is prohibited from February 1 – June 30, as this is the period in which oaks are most at risk of infection. To view the policy in its entirety, visit the

Steiner Ranch HOA website and click 'FAQS' from the top menu, then 'Oak Wilt Policy'.

### **Reduce The Chance For Spreading Oak Wilt**

**Know When NOT to Prune** – No pruning/trimming oaks from February 1st through June 30th.

**Paint** – Always paint fresh oak wounds immediately after pruning with wound dressing or latex paint regardless of season.

**Sterilize Pruning Tools** – Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol between sites and trees.

**Properly Dispose of Red Oak Debris** – Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped or burned.

If uncertain about trimming, consult a Texas oak wilt certified arborist, an oak wilt specialist from a city, county or state government agency such as the Texas Forest Service or Texas AgriLife Extension Service, or visit [texasoakwilt.org](http://texasoakwilt.org).

## Spring 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) during the week of April 15th, 2019.

Each resident may place up to 20 thirty gallon paper bags of green waste at their curbside on their designated trash pick-up day on April 15th – April 19th, 2019.

**\*\*Please note:** This will be the only green waste pick up this Spring. Residents may schedule bulky waste, and bundle pick-ups twice per year by calling TDS. Bundle pick-ups include tree, shrub, and brush trimmings securely tied together, not exceeding 4 feet in length or 40 pounds. Call TDS at 512-329-1752 to schedule individual pick-ups.

Reminder: Aside from scheduled green waste pick-ups and individually scheduled 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 be ordered directly from TDS.

## Greenbelt Reminders

Please remember and share with all family members the following:

- Greenbelts in Steiner Ranch are private property of the HOA. Cutting trees, constructing forts or fire pits, and any other activity which damages greenbelts is prohibited and may result in fines and penalties.

- Fires are absolutely prohibited in Steiner Ranch greenbelts.
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed in greenbelts or trails as they pose a potential safety hazard to walkers and bikers. They also damage the trails, which the Trails Committee and other volunteers graciously maintain.

Should you observe someone vandalizing the greenbelts, please contact the Travis County Sheriff's Department.

## 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.

## VHS Mulch Delivery

The annual Vandegrift High School band mulch fundraiser is a fantastic way for homeowners to support the VHS band while sprucing up their landscaping. Mulch will be delivered by band members on April 4th and 5th, 2019. Please spread mulch as soon as possible. The HOA will send compliance notices to homeowners' who have mulch bags visible from the street after April 22nd. Thank you for your support!

## 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.

# From the Association Office

## 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.

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## 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@firestarcmm.com](mailto:sselman@firestarcmm.com). Steiner Ranch HOA management does not handle commercial issues.

## Nesting Season Approaches for Endangered Birds

Two endangered species of birds, the **Black-Capped Vireo** (BCV) and the **Golden-Cheeked Warbler** (GCW), will again be making their home in Steiner Ranch this spring. These songbirds are native to the area and their nesting seasons begin soon. Why is this important to know? Several of the trails established in Steiner Ranch go through the Balcones Canyonland Preserve (Powerline Hill and Eastridge trails) where many of the birds reside. The birds are especially sensitive to environmental changes during nesting season. The established trail rules were designed to minimize the effect humans have on the birds during this period. Though the Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) has the right to install and maintain trails in the Preserve, violations of the following rules could force closure of the trails through the end of the nesting season.

**GCW Nesting Season – March 1st through July 31st**

**BCV Nesting Season – March 15th through August 31st**

Please review the following trail rules before your next hike:

1. The trails are for Steiner Ranch residents, their guests, and persons with written authorization from Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd. ONLY.

2. Trail hours will be from dawn until dusk. There will be no access of the trails allowed after dark.

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3. Use of the trails is at your own risk.
4. Only use of designated trails is allowed. Leaving designated trails is prohibited.
5. No motorized vehicles allowed.
6. No horses allowed.
7. No feeding animals.
8. Bikes are allowed only on Hike-and-Bike Trails. Bikes must yield to pedestrians.
9. No loitering.
10. No hunting.
11. No cooking, fires, or smoking.
12. No camping.
13. All pets must be on a leash at all times.
14. No littering or dumping allowed.
15. Do not disturb natural landscapes. Be cautious of plants and wildlife in their native habitat.

In addition to the rules above, the following apply only to the Permitted Trails in the Conservation Easement (Powerline Hill and Eastridge trails):

16. No picnicking.
17. No tape recordings of birdcalls or other wildlife.
18. Access permitted at trailhead access points only.



*Black-Capped Vireo (BCV)*



*Golden-Cheeked Warbler (GCW)*

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**Saturday, April 20th, 2019**

**John Simpson Park (Rain or Shine)**

**Activities begin at 9:00am • Egg hunt starts at 10:00am (sharp)**

Children ages 10 and under are invited to the annual Steiner Ranch Easter Egg Hunt and event. Activities begin at 9:00am and will include Face painters, balloon twisters, pony rides, petting zoo and other fun activities.

The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10am sharp. Thousands of Easter eggs will be hidden and placed on the grounds at John Simpson Park. As always, it promises to be a fun event!

Children should start lining up along the sidewalk next to their dedicated age group at 9:55am. Please wait for the fire truck or air horn to sound for the big start. To ensure all children leave with eggs, we ask each child to limit their eggs to ONE DOZEN. Please keep this in mind when your child is on the hunt. All children will be divided by age group and there will be two “special egg” per group for a great prize.

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5-6 Year Olds

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7-10 Year Olds

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*You must register your child(ren) by age group. Please visit the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page or visit the following link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/25th-steiner-ranch-easter-egg-hunt-tickets-56649727861>*



# Steiner Activities & Events

## Egg Wranglers Needed!

With over 14,000 eggs to hide for the annual Steiner Ranch Easter Egg Hunt, we need your help the morning of the event! Come to John Simpson Park on Saturday, April 20th by 8:00am to hide eggs. Coffee and hot chocolate will be provided for all early morning helpers. This is a great way for older kids to be involved or earn community service points. Questions, please email Steiner Ranch Lifestyle Manager, Desirre Ghebremicael at: [desirre.ghebremicael@grandmanors.com](mailto:desirre.ghebremicael@grandmanors.com) or simply sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0545aaae2fa1fb6-25th>



## Mother and Son Dance

Limo rides, magic show, dinner and dancing – all were enjoyed at January's Steiner Ranch Mother Son event, graciously organized and hosted by the HOA Events Planning Committee. Special Thanks to the Event Planning Committee and all the other volunteers for volunteering their time, hard work and dedication. Because of them, many Steiner Ranch moms and sons made life-long memories.



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# Steiner Activities & Events

## Keep Steiner Beautiful Clean Up Event

The Event Planning and Trail Committees have partnered to organize a Keep Steiner Beautiful Clean-Up event, scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 6th, 2018 in Steiner Ranch. Visit the Steiner Ranch HOA Facebook to register so that we can arrange work teams and plan clean-up jobs.

The purpose of the event is to offer an opportunity to residents to help take care of the community by lending a hand - trash clean-up and general trail maintenance will be the focus of the event. This is a great opportunity for children and teens to volunteer in the community and provides an opportunity to earn service points. Please hold the date and sign up! Please visit <https://goo.gl/forms/JnsX3ftdd86xKMOE3>

*Pictured: Volunteers who participated in last year's fall community clean-up event. Join us for our spring event in April!*



## Community Wide Garage Sale - Time to Spring Clean & Declutter



The spring Steiner Ranch community wide garage sale will take place on Saturday, April 13th from 8am – 12pm. No need to advertise – the Association places an ad in the Austin American Statesman and posts signs at the front of the neighborhood to spread the word. So, start cleaning out those closets and get ready to exchange stuff you no longer want or need for cash!

Goodwill will be on site at the Towne Square Community Center

Parking lot from 12pm – 2pm to accept unsold items/donations.

## Creating Memories

The Steiner Ranch HOA Event Planning Committee hosted its fourth annual Father Daughter Dance last month. This special event featured a catered dinner, music, dancing, an appearance by three well-known princesses, sweets, photos, father/daughter caricature drawings, selfie stations and a limousine ride! 226 dads and daughters attended this sweet event.

A big thank you to the Event Planning Committee and all the other volunteers for volunteering their time, hard work and dedication. Because of them, many Steiner Ranch dads and little girls made life-long memories.





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## Spring Programs

### 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 - IdeaLab.

### Adult Programs:

Camp Gladiator - Master's Swim - Tai Chi - Yoga - Zumba - Barre - Bhangra Fitness - Water Aerobics

For more info, contact Desirre Ghebremicael at:  
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## New Homeowner Welcome & Wine Social

Thursday, April 4th, 2019

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Towne Square Community Center  
12550 Country Trails Lane

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

- Meet Neighbors
- Presentation by the HOA
- Presentation by the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve for Travis County
- Learn about Neighborhood Social Groups & Committees
- Ask Questions

Wine & hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please RSVP to Cami at [cam.porter@grandmanors.com](mailto:cam.porter@grandmanors.com) no later than Monday, April 1st.

## Spring Break Camps

Lonestar Soccer and Robotics will offer Spring Break camps in Steiner Ranch during the week of March 18th:

Lonestar: <https://www.lonestar-sc.com/>

For boys and girls ages U5 - U12 (divided in age groups), from beginner level, designed as an introduction to soccer, to the more advanced player. Designed to enhance the player's technical development.

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## Steiner Ranch Summer Program Guide

Stop by the Association office for a hard copy of the current Steiner Ranch Summer program guide or download it at: [www.steiner ranchhoa.org](http://www.steiner ranchhoa.org). 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

### For questions or more information, please contact:

Desirre Ghebremicael, Lifestyle and Communication Manager, at [desirre.ghebremicael@grandmanors.com](mailto:desirre.ghebremicael@grandmanors.com).

### Kidventure's Camp Steiner is Back

We are proud to announce that Kidventure Summer Camp is returning to Steiner Ranch for the summer of 2019. Camp Steiner will offer 9 weeks of active and rewarding summer camp for all children ages 6-12. Families have the opportunity to register for any of the camp weeks, but each is designed to be a unique adventure, providing your child with outstanding opportunities for athletic, educational and personal growth.

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## Where Can Embers Ignite Your Home?

*From the Steiner Ranch Firewise Committee*

In the event of a wildfire, embers present a risk to those both near the fire and far away. When driven by high winds, live embers can travel for miles before alighting on structures or other wildlands.

Furthermore, the greatest risk to homes is not the embers from wildfires but from other burning homes and structures. Wildfires burn with relative speed whereas homes burn for hours and generate enormous heat, putting anything nearby in danger of igniting.

Embers need to land on flammable materials or surfaces in order to continue to burn. They can also be blown into small gaps or cracks in a home's facade, where they can smolder for as long as there is sufficient fuel and oxygen. For example, think of a dryer duct full of lint or an attic stacked with boxes.

To address these risks, take these few simple precautions:

- Inspect your roof for lifted tiles and replace any that do not form a tight seal with surrounding tiles.
- Many homes have what are called "weep holes" in their stone or brick exterior walls that allow for drying and venting after rain. Plug these holes with metal mesh screening material.
- Clean your ducts to remove any dust and debris.
- Check that vents, such as attic vents above your garage or the soffits underneath your roof overhang, do not have openings greater than ¼ inch. If they do, line them on the interior or exterior with metal mesh screening.
- Check your garage and other exterior doors for cracks or openings that lead to the interior of the structure. Seal these with caulking or weatherstripping.
- Wooden decks and fencing are often dry and cracked, creating an abundance of openings for embers. Sand and seal or paint any wooden structures, especially those in direct contact with your house.
- Clean your gutters and remove any debris from the roof.
- Remove flammable landscaping plants and materials such as shrubs, tree branches and wood mulch from direct contact with the house.
- Remove any flammable materials you are storing against the structure, i.e., piles of firewood, lumber, etc.

Without a place to land and burn, or a way into your home, embers present a significantly lower risk to your family.



*Examples of places embers can enter your home: 1. Vent holes in soffits are vulnerable to embers and ignition from nearby branches 2. Cracks around the garage door 3. Shrubs can ignite next to windows and shatter the glass 4. Weep holes*

## Free Health Workshop: Presented by: Dr. Benjamin Rosin



These free workshops will be held on :

1. Thursday March 7th at Towne Square Community Center starting at 7:00pm. Topic: Flu Immunization-The Pros and Cons.

2. Thursday April 11th, Importance of Activities to prevent disability with aging, and Difficulty today combating Obesity.

## 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](mailto:Craig@RealEstateInAustin.com).

## 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** – Towne Square Community Center, every Saturday at 8am.

*\*Offered activities are for adults only.*

For more info, contact Desirre Ghebremicael at [desirre.ghebremicael@grandmanors.com](mailto:desirre.ghebremicael@grandmanors.com)



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# Steiner Activities & Events

## Steiner Ranch Cycling News

The club is targeting to support a few upcoming charity rides as a team. Mark your calendars and join us for the LBJ100 and Real Ale rides. March 30 is LBJ <http://www.lbj100.bike/> and Real Ale ride is May 18 <https://www.bicyclesportshop.com/realaleride>.

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY RIDES

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

- The "Faster Pace" 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.

- Endurance Pace Group leaves at 8:30am paced average between 15-17 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.steineranchcycling.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!

On Sundays at 7:30a we host a mostly mellow ride to a local coffee shops outside Steiner. (rotating locations) 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.

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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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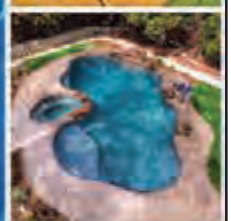
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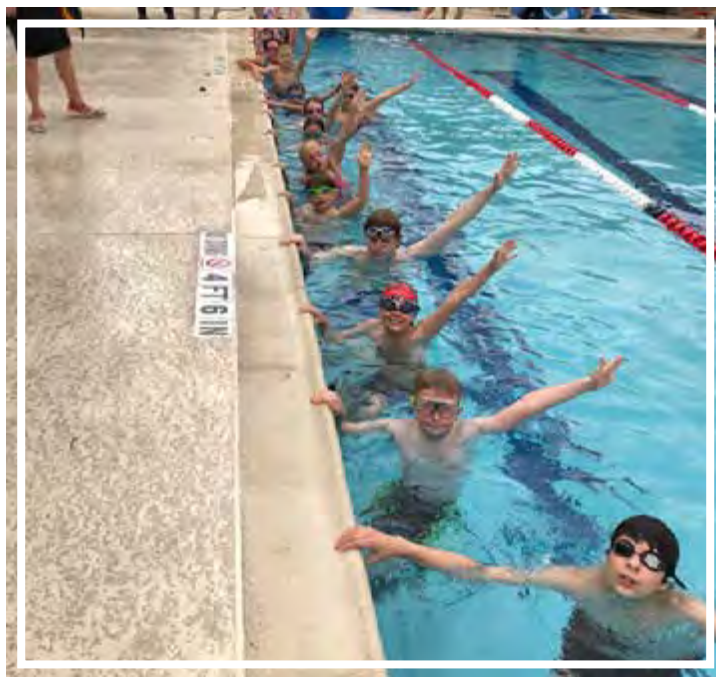
# Swimming News

## 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](http://www.goldstarsswimming.com) and find our paperwork under the Class Schedule link or e-mail Hollie at [goldstarsswimming@gmail.com](mailto:goldstarsswimming@gmail.com)



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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.

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# Swimming News

## 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](http://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](http://www.steinerstars.org)



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Where: Lake Travis Reuse & Recycling Center, 3207 Neidhardt Drive, Austin, TX 78734

Household hazardous waste (HHW) consists of common everyday leftover household product(s) which have any of these potentially hazardous characteristics: flammable, corrosive, toxic, or reactive. These kinds of products require special disposal and may be safely disposed of at the Lake Travis Regional Reuse & Recycling Center.

Collection events are FREE and open to residential customers of the utility partners. To drop items off, residents must present a valid driver's license or utility bill from WCID # 17. There is a 30-gallon limit per customer per event.

Why is proper disposal important? Improper disposal of HHW includes pouring products down the drain, on the ground, into storm sewers, or in some cases putting them in the trash. The dangers of such disposal methods might not be immediately obvious, but improper disposal of these materials may pose a potential health hazard or may pollute the environment causing adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, people, and drinking water.

Tips for properly handling HHW:

- Sort your items first - please do not bring boxes of trash to the center

- Latex paint can(s) with a small amount of left-over paint should be opened and left to dry out so they can be thrown away in your residential trash pickup

- Items not in their original container need a readable label

- Never mix products as incompatible products may react, ignite, or explode

- Follow instructions for use and disposal provided on product labels

The Center will accept:

- Household products such as cleaning products, drain cleaners, oven cleaning solvents, degreasers, polishers, pool chemicals, household rechargeable batteries, mercury thermometers, gas grill propane tanks;

- Paint products such as latex and oil-based paints, spray paints, preservatives, strippers, etc. • Automotive products such as antifreeze, car batteries, oil, oil filters, transmission fluid, & brake fluid

For more information visit <http://www.wcid17.org/services/reuse-recycling-hhw/>



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## Detect And Chase Down Leaks

### March is World Water Month

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is asking everyone to “**Fix a Leak Week**” during the week of **March 18 to 24, 2019**, the World Water Month, March. Leaking faucets, showerheads, toilets, and irrigation equipment can raise a family’s water bill by 10 percent. If citizens, Nationwide, will check for leaks, twist your way to leak-free fixtures, and replace when necessary, household repairs could save more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually.

**Check for Leaks.** One way to detect leaks is to evaluate your water use during the winter (when irrigation is not being used.) A household of four generally consumes no more than 12,000 gallons of water per month during winter months. If your family is using more than that, leaks might be the culprit. Stop by the WCID 17 Administration office for free leak detection tablets to check toilet tanks. Another method is to check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when water isn’t being used to verify whether the reading changes. If it does, a leak is likely.

**Twist your way to leak-free fixtures.** Once you’ve identified any leaks, tighten hose and pipe connections and faucet valves, or wrap showerheads with pipe tape if needed to form a good seal. Dripping faucets are easily remedied by replacing worn-out gaskets and washers. To save even more water, twist a WaterSense labeled aerator onto your bathroom sink faucets. Finally, check your garden hose for leaks at its

connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

**Replace when necessary.** Most toilet leaks are the result of worn-out flappers, which are cheap and easy to switch out with new ones. And if you still can’t nip that drip in the bud, it might be time to replace the fixture. Look for the WaterSense label when considering a new toilet, faucet, or showerhead to ensure water savings with the performance you’ve come to expect.

Household leaks are a drain on resources and your wallet, but fixing them is relatively easy and saves water, energy, and money. CELEBRATE WORLD WATER DAY, Friday March 22nd, 2019.



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