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## Steiner Ranch Easter Egg Hunt, April 20th



## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR SALE

**DE-CLUTTER** Consider renting a storage unit or "borrowing" a friend's spare room for storage while your home is listed. You'll want to remove personal items and knick-knacks that could make an area seem smaller. Closet floors should be clear, shelves should have extra room, and pantries or cabinets should be sparsely stocked.

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**CLEAN** How do your baseboards look? Buyers jump to conclusions when previewing homes and they may decide that neglected spider webs in the shed indicate a poorly maintained home. Try to look at your home with new eyes and tend to the areas that aren't part of your normal cleaning regimen.

SMALL FIXES If it is broken, fix it. Simple things like torn screens, missing door stoppers or small holes in the wall can give buyers a bad feeling. You'll be better off if buyers don't have small items to nit pick when going through the house.



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## From the Association Office



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

- 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: steiner@ciramail.com

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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## **Steiner Ranch Community Meeting Dates**

#### 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. google.com/forum/#!forum/steinertrails

#### Landscape Committee

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## From the Association Office

## **SRMA Board Update about Route F** Additional Permanent Road for Steiner Ranch Connecting Flat Top Road to FM 620 East of Mansfield Dam

#### **Current Situation**

Steiner Ranch is one of the larger master planned communities in central Texas today with more than 4,500 homes, apartments and commercial complexes. There has been tremendous growth over last 10 years and over 15,000 residents now call it home. Since the catastrophic fires of 2011, our Community has added over 500 homes and two apartment complexes (approximately 600 units in total). Now another 100 homes are being built in the northeast corner of Quinlan Park Road and FM 620. This means that all together, our Community has added more than 2,300 cars and 3,700 residents since the 2011 fires. This is a tremendous amount of growth and traffic added to Quinlan Park Road with no current improvements to our roads' infrastructure. If Quinlan Park Road became blocked before Steiner Ranch Blvd during another catastrophic event (or for any other reason), 70% to 80% of Steiner Ranch residents would have no other evacuation route and alternate commute.

#### Recommendation

Travis County and an independent engineering firm (retained by the County) fully realizes the graveness of our emergency evacuation and daily traffic problems. They have evaluated 12 routes, explored ways to secure a \$7 million investment and overwhelmingly recommended Route F connecting Flat Top Road to FM 620 at east side of the Mansfield dam. To be clear, Route F is the only route option that will be fully funded. Route F will alleviate daily traffic and emergency scenarios for Steiner Ranch residents. Improvements to 620 are also critical and TXDOT is exploring ways to improve the portion of 620 outside of Steiner Ranch. These options include the 620/2222 bypass project and the additional lanes being added to 2222. The Steiner Ranch Board will continue to partner with local organizations, County, City and TXDOT to improve overall traffic patterns in our area. One of the primary responsibilities of the Steiner Ranch Master Association Board is to address the needs of the entire Steiner Ranch Community. After carefully evaluating all the information, considering the safety, evacuation and transportation needs of more than 15,000 residents, 2/3 of the Board voted to support Route F on March 4th, 2019. Questions were raised via email, social media and phone calls by residents prior to and after March 4th, 2019. In order to keep you as informed as possible, we have listed the questions we have received and provided as much information as possible to help every resident understand why the Steiner Ranch board supports the only fully funded evacuation route, Route F.

#### Benefits, Concerns, Mitigations and Q and A

1. Why do we need Route F - Additional permanent road out of Steiner Ranch to 620?

Benefits to Entire Steiner Ranch

• Steiner Ranch community desperately needs another road connecting to 620 away from Quinlan due to tremendous growth over last 10 years.

• There is a serious safety concern for our Steiner Ranch residents if Quinlan Park Road is the only exit out of Steiner Ranch. A method for fast evacuation of more than 15,000 residents from catastrophic emergencies is very much needed.

• Route F will divert a portion of daily traffic on Quinlan Park Road away from Steiner Ranch Elementary School which will help to keep approximately 700 students safer. It will also help minimize the congestion on Quinlan Park Road during peak commute.

• Route F will be available for daily emergencies as Quinlan Park Road can be jammed during peak hours of the day.

• Another 100 homes are being built over the next 3 years at NE corner of 620 and Quinlan. This will add up to 200 cars to

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our current daily traffic exacerbating the current Quinlan traffic.

• Route F is the only fully funded option available to Steiner Ranch.

2. Will Flat Top area residents benefit from Route F?

Benefits to Flat Top area residents

• Residents surrounding the Flat Top road will benefit through Route F implementation.

• Travis County committed to building a 30-car parking lot for the area parks. This will make Flat Top Road much safer because cars will not be parked on the street.

• Residents in the Westridge and Headlands surrounding areas will be able to exit directly onto 620 without having to get into the congestion on Quinlan Park Road. Rerouting cars off of Quinlan Park Road will help to alleviate other neighborhoods whose only way to exit is Quinlan Park Road one direction.

• New walk ways and paths along Route F will benefit the surrounding Flat Top residents.

3. Wouldn't Route F impact residents that use the Westridge park and children walking and riding their bikes to school on Flat Top area?

Concerns and Mitigations

• Travis County is committed to addressing concerns raised by



residents. Additional landscaping, vegetation, including berms, sound barriers and other safety measures will be implemented to improve overall safety, aesthetics and minimize noise.

• Currently Flat Top Road gets packed with cars during sporting events creating hazardous areas for residents and children. The Route F plan includes a 30-car parking lot. This will lower the number of cars parked on Flat Top. Travis County will also take other measures to make the park area safer for children.

• Westridge Park would be no more impacted than Towne Square Park is to Quinlan Park Road. Children cross Quinlan Park Road daily as walkers and bike riders to and from the elementary and middle schools. Those children cross 6 lanes of traffic daily. So much so that Steiner Ranch is working with LISD to expand Country Trails sidewalk to make room for the bikes.

4. When did this initiative start? Were there meetings with the residents and Board prior to the Steiner Ranch Board voting on Route F recommendation?

• This Evacuation route project started early 2018. Yes, multiple meetings were held. Travis County representatives attended the Steiner Ranch Board Meeting in Feb/March 2018 and provided us with an update. There were subsequent open house meetings with all Steiner residents, with effected area residents, with working groups, with neighborhood organizations and their Boards or Board representatives, as well as discussions with community leaders. All of these meetings took place prior to the Steiner Ranch Board's vote to support Route F.

5. Why did the Steiner Ranch Board vote on the Route F recommendation prior to full Traffic study results despite concerns expressed by Flat Top area residents?

• The Steiner Ranch Board's responsibility is to the entire community. The Board learned from Travis County that the full traffic study results would not materially impact the Route F decision. Additionally, initial results indicated that Route F traffic volume will be lower than earlier estimates. Route F is the only route that does not touch any residential driveways.

• The Steiner Ranch Board gathered all the concerns from Flat Top area residents in last few months. Board ensured that commitment is received from Travis County for addressing residents concerns with a proper plan prior to voting on the Route F recommendation on 3/4/2019.

6. Will development (commercial or residential) along Route F be allowed?

• No further development will happen. The land is owned by Steiner Ranch and Travis County. Travis County has confirmed they are not planning on selling the land they have recently acquired. The Steiner Ranch Board will not allow any development on the Steiner Ranch land.

7. Will Westridge Park be gone if Route F is built?

• The park will remain as it is. In addition, a 30-car parking lot will be built next to the park.

8. Will Travis County acquire HOA land to build the Route F?

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• Travis County may use various mechanisms to acquire property for Route F, including right of condemnation / eminent domain. However, Travis County Commissioner's Office explicitly stated that they prefer to collaborate with the Steiner Ranch Board in Route F implementation and work towards mitigating concerns.

9. Why did Travis County recommend Route F out of 12 Routes as another road for Steiner Ranch connecting Flat Top Ranch road to 620 (east side of the Mansfield dam)?

• Travis County and the independent consulting firm reviewed dozen Route options (including Routes through Golf Community / Portofino Drive to River Place, end of Quinlan over the Lake to 71). Considering various critical factors, 16 County experts (Safety and Traffic) scored the Routes and overwhelmingly recommended Route F (received highest score). Some critical factors considered in making the decision are:

o VPH – Vehicles (evacuation) Per Hour (F-VPH is 1500, up to 100% more than other options)

o Ease of evacuation (straight line of sight vs winding roads, road width - 44 feet vs 27 ft)

o Land acquisition complexities (Balcones Canyon Lands / Preserve – BCP)

o Topographic complexity (Hills and Canyons)

o Economic feasibility (Costs range from few million to upwards of  $75\mathrm{M}$ 

o Route F is the only route that will be fully funded. This made all other route options impossible to implement which is why the County recommended Route F.

10. Will there be another Open House with both residents and Travis County officials?

• Yes. Travis County is planning an open house with residents in April. Details to follow.

11. How long will the Route F road will take to complete once it is started?

• Once started, the road may take up to 2 years for completion.

12. Where can I find the latest information on Route F (additional Road for Steiner Ranch) ?

• Travis County is committed to post information as it becomes available on this website:

• https://www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/public-works/steinerranch-area-evacuation-route-design

• https://www.traviscountytx.gov/images/tnr/Docs/wr-park-route-f.pdf

• https://www.traviscountytx.gov/images/tnr/Docs/decisionmatrix-all.pdf

13. Where I can go to voice my support for Route F or answer my questions?

• Residents are always welcome to reach out to Travis County via email SteinerRanchEvacRoute@gmail.com to voice their support or address their questions.

#### Key Documents from Travis County

<u>Route F – Additional road connecting Flat Top Ranch Road</u> and 620



Design of Route F connecting to Flat Top Road (Westridge Park with new Parking lot)



Evacuation / Traffic volumes for each road and route options



Comprehensive Route Scoring and Decision Matrix

The Matrix can be found here:

https://www.traviscountytx.gov/images/tnr/Docs/decision-matrixall.pdf

The Steiner Ranch Board will continue to focus on the projects that benefit broader the entire Steiner Ranch community. The Board will keep the residents updated with any new developments. Residents are also encouraged to visit the Travis County website. Thanks for your support!

Regards, Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) Board; email: board@steinerranchhoa.org 12550 Country Trails Lane, Austin, Texas 78732

## **SRROA 2019 Elections and Annual Meetings**

The Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association (SRROA) will hold their elections and annual meeting in April. The Board consists entirely of Steiner Ranch homeowners, who are elected by Steiner Ranch homeowners.

The SRROA Annual Meeting and Elections 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

Candidate bios and head shots will be posted on the Steiner Ranch HOA website as well as the GrandManors Portal for review. Specific online voting information is included in the homeowner Annual Meeting and Election packets.

Elections results will be announced at the SRROA annual meeting. Homeowners are encouraged to attend and to vote.

How To Vote

1. Attend the SRROA Annual Meeting & Election and cast your ballot.

2. Vote online by visiting https://srresidential.ivotehoa.com. SRROA 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.



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The Towne Square Soccer Field with the new installed LED Sport Field lights is available for evening usage to Steiner Ranch residents and organized sports teams (that have agreements in place with HOA). Considering the high demand for the fields from our residents both from organized sports and individual team users, and to maximize the usage, SRMA Board of Directors approved LED Sport Field lights project for Towne Square park in October 2018. HOA staff ensured project was completed in record time by December 2018.

Interested residents can call the HOA office (512-266-7553) or email Steiner@ciramail.com to reserve a time for the field until we implement a comprehensive online reservation system. The following reservation rules apply for use of the field lights:

• Reservations are for Steiner Ranch members only. Steiner Ranch residents can reserve the fields for \$15 per hour up to two (2) hours after dusk until 9:30 PM (this fee will start as close to dusk as possible, determined by the internal clock of the sensor on the lights).

• Members will be limited to reserving the field once a month and no more than 30 days in advance.

• Reservations are not permitted on Sundays.

• Organized sports that are currently in a program agreement with the Association will only be able to reserve the field during the times of dusk until 10:00 PM. There will not be additional requests for organized sports to use the field after dusk granted. Organized sports will not be permitted to play between December 1st and January 31st when the grass is dormant.

We hope you enjoy the LED Sport Field lights and the additional playing time on the field.

## **Scoop The Poop**

The HOA has received numerous complaints from residents about neighbors not picking up after their pets. Please – scoop the poop! Pet waste stations are conveniently located throughout the neighborhood and feature waste receptacle, bag dispenser and environmentally friendly degradable bags.

Aside from frustrating neighbors, pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets, and grassy areas can end up in local waterways, leading to water quality problems. It can also cause pet and human health issues such as roundworms, giardia, salmonella and other viruses and parasites. So, the next time nature calls for Fido, please scoop the poop and help keep Steiner Ranch sidewalks, green spaces, and shoes clean.



## 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 –April 19th, 2019

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.



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#### Dr. Zehra Zaid

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## **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.

## **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 Ext. 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.

## 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.

## Nesting Season for Endangered Birds

Two rare birds, the Black-Capped Vireo and the endangered Golden-Cheeked Warbler, will again be making their home in Steiner Ranch this spring. These songbirds are native to the area and their nesting seasons will begin soon. Why is this important to know? Several of the trails established in Steiner Ranch go through the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (J-Canyon, Powerline Hill, and Eastridge trails), where many of the birds reside. The birds are especially sensitive to disturbance, such as from loud noises, during nesting season. The established trail rules were designed to minimize the effect humans have on 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. Nesting Season is March 1st through August 31st

Please review the following trail rules before your next hike:

1. The trails are for Steiner Ranch residents and their guests ONLY.

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

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 (not Preserve 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 (J-Canyon, Powerline Hill, and Eastridge trails):

- 16. No picnicking.
- 17. No playing tape recordings of bird calls or other wildlife.

18. Access permitted at trailhead access points only.

Species status: The golden-cheeked warbler has been on the federal endangered species list since 1990, and continues to suffer from habitat loss due to development. The black-capped vireo was one of the other seven endangered species that the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP) was created to protect. In May 2018, the black-capped vireo was removed from the federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. The delisting does not affect the BCP; the land will continue to be preserved in perpetuity. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's decision to delist the vireo was made with the assumption that protected habitat would remain intact and continue to be managed for the species.

## 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 or simply sign up at:

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**Get Ready To Shred!** 

The annual Steiner Ranch Shred Day event is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th and will take place in the John Simpson parking lot from 10am - 12pm. The Steiner Ranch HOA offers this free opportunity to safely dispose of old personal documents to Steiner Ranch residents. Nonresidents attempting to take advantage of this opportunity will be turned away as this is an HOA funded event. Shredding is limited to two boxes per houselhold.



## **Keep Steiner Beautiful Clean Up Event**



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!

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## Join Us For Our "Eggstra" Special Easter Egg Hunt & Event!

#### 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.

#### Age Group Locations:

Ages 2 & Under (accompanied by parent) Open area between the two mailbox kiosks 3-4 Year Olds Open area between the two mailbox kiosks 5-6 Year Olds In the area to the left of the volleyball court 7-10 Year Olds In the area to the right of the volleyball court and in the playground

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

## 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.

#### FREE PROPERTY TAX WORKSHOP How to Protest Your Property Tax Appraisal



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.





## 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'oeurves will be served. Please RSVP to: Steiner@ciramail.com no later than Monday, April 1st.

## **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: desirre.ghebremicael@grandmanors.com



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#### 2019 Summer Session

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



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

Desirre Ghebremicael, Lifestyle and Communication Manager, at 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.

Explorers: Entering 1st Grade-Age 12 Each Week is Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-3:30 PM (options for 7:00 AM-6:00 PM)

#### Young Rembrandts Youth Art

Young Rembrandts is the Art program that is now offering classes this Summer at Steiner Ranch. It teaches fundamental drawing techniques. It is a proven method, step by step curriculum and tiered lessons plans for a sequential, ordered teaching process.

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## Free Activities For Residents

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

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**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

## YOUNG 🕬 HEART

#### 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!



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**Tip of the Month** Don't forget to plan ahead for next year's Spring Break. The best vacation options sell out far in advance. Please let us help you plan your next dream vacation!



## News from the Trails Committee

Submitted by Eric Morton

The trails are blooming with wildflowers and the signs of spring. Creeks are flowing and I see so many people out enjoying the trails.

This month, I want to start highlighting trails. We will start with Phoenix Pass. Phoenix is a relatively short hike at just around a mile, but it sure does pack a punch. It goes down and up the canyon, passing Bear Creek in the middle. Lots of dogs like to take a little water break in the middle. Phoenix is rated black diamond from the need to get past some bigger boulders as well as the steep climb and descent.

Phoenix is one of the few trails in Steiner that does not touch a road. If you're up for a nice loop, try starting at John Simpson Park, hiking down Tumbleweed to get to Phoenix Pass. After, go up either Mustang or Stampede to get back to the park. I also recommend going down Bear Creek from its entrance near Latimer and then you can get back to Steiner Ranch Boulevard at the end or if you're in the mood for even longer if a hike, continue down Headlands trail to the Westridge Park.

All these trails are recently signed and should be easy to follow. Always be on the lookout for poison ivy, especially with the little ones.

The trail committee had one of the biggest turnouts to the recent February trail work day. All the rain we have had made some wet spots on the trail very bad so we spent some time shoreing up Majestic Oaks trail. Lots of the Steiner Ranch Mountain Bike team came out to help and even put up some berm there to help the tight turn. We love the mountain bike team for their dedication to the trails. If you have a kid in grades 6-12, look for their informational ride in the spring. I'm including a picture from this day with just a few of the hard-working volunteers

Hope to see you out on the trails.



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## **Steiner Ranch Cycling News**

#### SPRING SATURDAY & SUNDAY RIDES

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).

On Saturdays we have open group training rides, starting at Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM & 8:30 AM. Come out and join your neighbors on a ride.

• The "Faster Pace" ride can expect an energetic yet social 60+ mile ride with average speed 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.

Steiner Ranch Cycling is powered by Lakeside's awesome burgers, breakfast tacos and refreshed by their beer. Join us there after the ride on Saturday mornings to refuel and recover!

On Sundays at 7:30 AM 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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## Swimming News

## **Steiner Stars Swim Team Signup April 6!!**

Signup for New Families is Saturday April 6 for the most fun summer league in all of Texas!! The registration location will be posted on our website (www.steinerstars.org) at 6:00 am Saturday April 6. Registration begins in person at 7:00 am. Don't miss out!!!

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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## **Red Giants Masters Swim (Adult Swimming)**

Did you know the health benefits of swimming: Keeps your heart rate up but takes some of the impact stress off your body. Builds endurance, muscle strength and cardiovascular fitness. Helps maintain a healthy weight, healthy heart and lungs. Tones muscles and builds strength. Swimming reduces inflammation, builds flexibility. Lowers blood pressure and helps control blood sugar. And just imagine your day getting off to a great start in doing so. That just taps into the many benefits.

Right here in Steiner Ranch for residents 18 and older who want to get more proficient in their swimming. We range from beginner to advance and train using all from strokes. Make your own goals, and we will help you get there. Combined 55 years of swimming experience, our coaches are excited to work with you.

Our swim schedule is as follows at Bella Mar Pool Year round:

- •Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 a.m. until 6:45 a.m.
- •Sundays 6:30 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.

Cost is \$50 per month for residents and you will need to join U. S. Masters Swimming! To be eligible to compete in masters' meets, receive Swimmer magazine, and this accounts for HOA insurance purposes. To join, please go to the United States Masters swimming website, http://www.usms.org/reg and join our team Red Giants Masters Swimming under South Texas. Print your card and email a copy to program lead, Hollie Kenney.

Contact Hollie Kenney at goldstarsswimming@gmail.com for any additional info.

This is a great way to meet new friends and be a part of a fun community of swimmers while reaping the long list of health benefits.





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## Swimming News

## Water Aerobics Classes Start Next Month!

Want to exercise, but can't get motivated? Perhaps the pavement plays havoc on your knees, legs or hips. Or maybe you just don't want to exercise by yourself. Try water aer-obics! Classes go through September at the Towne Square Pool.

WHEN: Monday/Wednesday, 6:45 pm Tuesday/Thursday, 9:00 am

COST: 8 classes per month: \$56

REGISTRATION: Call Ann @ 512-266-4780 or email askennedy@austin.rr.com.

Sign up will take place prior to the first class of every month.

Classes are 50 minutes long, will incorporate a full body workout in the water and are led by a certified water aerobics instructor. Some of the benefits of water aerobics fitness are:

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## Nitro Swimming News

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We offer 5 different groups at our Steiner Ranch location including Intro to Nitro, Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Technique and Fitness. Our short course season at Bella Mar runs until April 26th, and we will be moving to Bee Cave for long course season April 29th-August 18th.

We will return to Bella Mar on August 19th, 2019, and try outs for the new season will be held on August 14th from 5-7:00p, 15th from 5:00-7:00p, and 17th from 9:00-11:00A.

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!



\*REMINDER\* Don't Prop Pool Gates - Although the weather is cooler and many residents are not using community pools, please remember that propping a gate open to one of the community pools is a serious safety issue. It only takes a second for a child to wander into an unattended pool area and drown. Do not prop pool gates open for any reason.

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between municipal and community groups to protect our raw water drinking source, Lake Travis.

Storm drains are designed to remove excess water from streets during rainy weather, vehicle washing, and from over-irrigation of grassy areas. Unlike the wastewater from inside homes and businesses that flows through sewer and treatment plants, outside water runoff flows through manmade components (ditches, pipes, inlets, catch basins, and ponds) and natural components (streams, flood plains, wetlands.) Being on the lookout for storm drain blockages and monitoring what we allow into these drains will help to control the quantity of flow and enhance the quality of stormwater draining directly to Lakes Travis and Austin.



Anyone living in the Central Texas area knows the problems a heavy rainfall or severe thunderstorm can create. Roads become impassable and standing water remains long after the storm passes. As water flows, runoff collects and transports soil, pet waste, pesticides, oil and grease, plastic bags, cigarette butts and other pollutants to the lakes. This contaminated flow pollutes our waterways and is harmful to wildlife, aquatic life, plants and humans. Even during the driest day of summertime in Texas, we produce 14 million gallons of stormwater flows from activities such as car washing and lawn watering.

Please be mindful that all drain inlets must be protected from harmful disposals, even yard trimmings. Yard trimmings can clog a storm drain and cause unnecessary backup of water. What can you do? It is simple! Dump NOTHING down the storm drains that you wouldn't swim in or drink.

As with any new initiative, it will take time for the full effect of the Stormwater Quality Program to be realized. However, substantial improvements in maintenance services and better drainage care should be visible with your watchful eyes helping near your home. Education and teamwork will be key as we move forward together to protect our beautiful lakes

## **Cover Photo**

This month's cover photo features the 2018 Steiner Ranch Easter Egg hunt. The yearly FUN neighborhood Family Event will be on April 20th, 2019 at the John Simpson Park at 9am Shine or Rain. Look inside this issue about details of the event and registration.

Have a photo you would like to see published in the next Ranch Record? For consideration, send pictures to desirre. ghebremicael@grandmanors.com no later than the 8th of the month prior to publication. Your photo might just be next month's cover!

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