

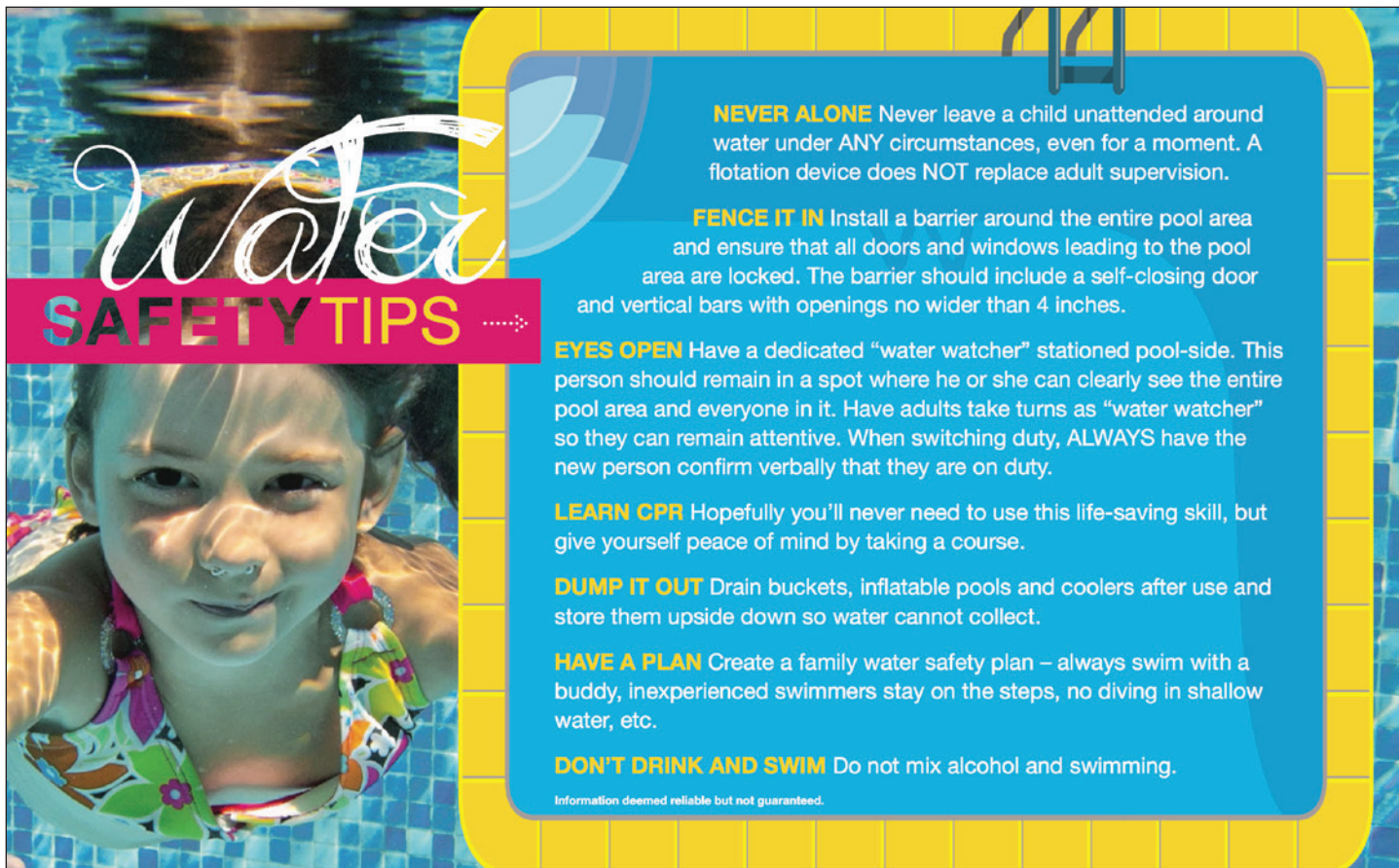
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# Water

## SAFETY TIPS

- NEVER ALONE** Never leave a child unattended around water under ANY circumstances, even for a moment. A flotation device does NOT replace adult supervision.
- FENCE IT IN** Install a barrier around the entire pool area and ensure that all doors and windows leading to the pool area are locked. The barrier should include a self-closing door and vertical bars with openings no wider than 4 inches.
- EYES OPEN** Have a dedicated "water watcher" stationed pool-side. This person should remain in a spot where he or she can clearly see the entire pool area and everyone in it. Have adults take turns as "water watcher" so they can remain attentive. When switching duty, ALWAYS have the new person confirm verbally that they are on duty.
- LEARN CPR** Hopefully you'll never need to use this life-saving skill, but give yourself peace of mind by taking a course.
- DUMP IT OUT** Drain buckets, inflatable pools and coolers after use and store them upside down so water cannot collect.
- HAVE A PLAN** Create a family water safety plan – always swim with a buddy, inexperienced swimmers stay on the steps, no diving in shallow water, etc.
- DON'T DRINK AND SWIM** Do not mix alcohol and swimming.

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- 5/18 Shred Day
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- 7/04 Decorate Your Ride / Independence Day Celebration
- 8/17 Concert In The Park
- 9/14 Fall Community Garage Sale
- 09/27 Scrap A Thon
- 10/03 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](mailto:steiner@ciramail.com)

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

### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Meets on 3rd Tuesday of each month at Towne Square HOA  
office Conference Room at 6:00pm.

### EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Cups and  
Cones at 9:30am.



## Message from the SRMA Board

Dear Steiner Ranch Residents,

Welcome to the 2019 newly elected SRMA Board Directors! The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) Board of Directors and GrandManors HOA Staff over the past 12 months were able to make investments in many projects along with improvements in operational governance. Following the March annual meeting and appointments, with seven directors seated, the SRMA Board is also exploring various additional investments in our Community this upcoming year.

Key highlights are outlined below:

### Investments in Community enhancement projects

#### Landscape and Aesthetics

- Steiner Ranch entrances (both Quinlan & Steiner Ranch Blvd) monuments' enhancements are in progress that includes landscaping and lighting. \$202,000 were approved last year. The project is expected to be completed by mid-April.
- Planting perennials at all the Community monuments and focal points instead of annuals with an initial investment of \$70,000. Work is in progress.
- Power washed all Community monuments and Community centers in preparation for Spring and Summer activities.
- Landscape enhancement completed along Quinlan Park Road/Sierra Vista with an investment of \$28,000. \$9,600 were approved

in December of 2018 for the Westridge Mailbox kiosk landscape enhancement project.

#### Fields & Courts

- Installed LED field lights at Towne Square Park with \$107,000 investment. Residents can now use the park after dusk.
- New soccer nets and goals installed at all soccer fields before soccer season. Sod replaced in distressed areas of field.
- Installed new nets, windscreens, bulbs, scorekeepers and waste bins on tennis courts and repaired court cracks and gates.

#### Playscapes

- Installed brand new play scape and shades for Canyon Glen Park for a total of \$40,060.
- Installed a new playscape (slide) platform at Majestic Oaks Park for a total of \$6,470.

#### Community Centers & Pavilions

- Lake Club dock repairs, landscaping update and signage in progress at Lake for a total of \$45,000. Stained Lake Club pavilion for a total of \$3,600.
- Repainted inside of all Community centers worth \$6,900 investment

#### Dog Stations

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- Installed 10 additional dog waste stations for a total of \$2,000 Operational Improvements
- Installed latest web-based software on all vehicle gates so it is centrally managed - \$35,904 were approved in January 2019.
- Coordinated Travis County and Meritage Apartments to design a ground water capture system for water flowing onto Quinlan Park Rd. Project to begin April 22nd, 2019.

## Lifestyle, Events & Communications

• Over 20 events were organized in last 12 months such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Community Clean Up Day, Shred Day, 3 Children Front Door Concerts, July 4th Celebration, Concert in the Park, Trunk or Treat, Turkey Trot, Breakfast with Santa, Mother & Son Dance, Camping on the Ranch, to name a few. Approximately 5,000 residents participated between the different events. Events are free to the residents and then there are few that may have a cost to participate to offset the cost of the events. The sponsored HOA events have a budget of \$40,00. Steiner Turkey Trot raised \$4,100 for the Red Cross benefiting Texas Flood Victims.

• Events keeps reinventing and received highest score in the resident survey.

• Communication to residents has dramatically improved and the aim is to keep residents always informed and up to date regarding Community specific business. Almost every Friday a weekly email bulletin is sent out and every Saturday an activities' update for the upcoming week is sent out. In addition, a website update project is being considered and bids requested.

## Organizational Transformation & Improvements

### Professional Management

• Transitioned from self-managed to GrandManors professional management in September 2018. The resulting automation, integrated software systems and operational efficiencies are helping the Association save about \$450,000 annually which is being funneled into projects as outlined in section above.

### Operational & Financial Controls

- Implemented process controls to improve governance and accountability both in day to day operations and finances.
- Created budget workshop and assessment process.

### Policies

- Bylaws revised to 3- year terms for Board of Directors. This ensures stability of the Board.

• Updated bylaws to ensure there is no hung Board (3/3) via automatic elections within 60 days if Board cannot appoint vacant seat (created either by resignation or removal).

• Implemented Board Code of Conduct to improve Board governance and management.

• Developed E-Mail action policy to expedite decision making process among Board members when necessary between Board meetings.

• Developed Committee Charter to provide guidelines and also ensure operational governance, and adherence to Community bylaws by all Committees.

## Annual Dues

• Board was able to keep Master dues (\$808 / annual) same as last year, flat since 2017 with efficient management practices. Board continues to explore ways to make the HOA organization more efficient and effective.

## Looking Ahead

The SRMA Board is actively exploring various investments (to be approved) in our Community using operational savings that are outlined below:

- Renovate Towne Square (TS2.0), add levels, additional rooms, gym
- TVs & Sound Systems in all Community centers
- Upgrade all bathrooms
- Additional Lap pool and splash pad at Towne Square
- Renovate Lake Club
- Enhance security including cameras at key junctions
- RADAR Speed alert signs
- Additional road / exit for Steiner through Travis County investment
- Revamping Steiner Ranch HOA website

The SRMA Board extends their sincere appreciation to all the Committees, volunteers and staff who are working tirelessly in serving our Community. Looking forward to continued investments and improvements in our Community.



Regards,  
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## Association Board Meetings

Homeowners are encouraged to attend monthly Association Board meetings and are welcome to bring concerns to the Board's attention by speaking during homeowner forum. Please observe the following guidelines should you wish to address the Board:

- Please sign in when you arrive if you would like to address the Board. You will be called in the order you entered.
- The homeowner forum is an exchange of ideas. If you are bringing a concern or problem to the Board's attention, please provide ideas for a solution.
- If you prefer to not speak during homeowner forum but have a concern you would like shared with the Board, put your concern in writing and e-mail the HOA's General Manager at [Melinda.schoch@grandmanors.com](mailto:Melinda.schoch@grandmanors.com)
- Only one person may speak at a time. Please respect others' opinions by remaining silent when someone else has the floor.
- Each person will be given no more than five minutes to speak.
- Should a resident require more than five minutes to speak, the Association requests comments be put in writing. Include background information, causes, circumstances, desired solutions and other considerations you believe are important.

The Board and Association management may not be able to resolve homeowner concerns on the spot. Issues must be discussed and voted on before decisions may be made. However, homeowners will be answered before—or at—the next Board meeting.

Steiner Ranch Master Association Board meetings take place on the third Tuesday of each month at Towne Square Community Center. Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association Board meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of each month at Towne Square Community Center at 6:00pm.

## HOA Email Alerts

Sign Up For HOA Email Alerts:

To receive email from the HOA regarding community updates, safety alerts, etc., residents must subscribe via the HOA website at [www.steinerranchhoa.org](http://www.steinerranchhoa.org). If you have never requested a resident login, click the login request form link located on the home page under 'Quick Links'. After receiving login information, you're set to sign up for emails:

1. Click 'My Profile'
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3. Make subscription choices. If you live in the Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) consider signing up for SRMA alerts. If you live in the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners' Association (SRROA) consider signing up for SRROA alerts. If you would like to receive community-wide emails, be sure to also choose the 'sent to all' subscription.
4. Click the save button at the bottom of the page.

## Is Your Family Wildfire Ready?

Wildfire preparedness is an important part of living in Hill Country. As the Austin Wildfire Division emphasizes, it's not a matter of if local communities will experience wildfire but when.

A small investment of time will ensure that your family will be ready when the next evacuation order comes.

Besides preparing an evacuation kit and evacuation plan (see list below), there are steps your family can take to prepare your home so that it is less susceptible to fire. For an evaluation of your home's wildfire resistance rating, email [SRFirewise@gmail.com](mailto:SRFirewise@gmail.com) to schedule an appointment. The Steiner Firewise Committee works with Lake Travis Fire & Rescue to perform these vital inspections.

Read on to learn more about what to do before, during and after a wildfire to maximize the safety of your family, your first responders and your community.

From the National Fire Protection Association ([www.NFPA.org](http://www.NFPA.org))

### In your home:

Assemble an emergency supply kit and place it in a safe spot. Remember to include important documents, medications and personal identification.

Develop an emergency evacuation plan and practice it with everyone in your home.

Plan two ways out of your neighborhood and designate a meeting place.

### In your community:

Contact your local planning/zoning office to find out if your home is in a high wildfire risk area, and if there are specific local or county ordinances you should be following.

If you are part of a homeowner association, work with them to identify regulations that incorporate proven preparedness landscaping, home design and building material use.

Talk to your local fire department about how to prepare, when to evacuate, and the response you and your neighbors can expect in the event of a wildfire.

Learn about wildfire risk reduction efforts, including how land management agencies use prescribed fire to manage local landscapes.

Learn how you can make a positive difference in your community.

### During the time a wildfire is in your area:

Stay aware of the latest news and updates from your local media and fire department. Get your family, home and pets prepared to evacuate.

Place your emergency supply kit and other valuables in your vehicle.

Move patio or deck furniture, cushions, door mats and potted plants in wooden containers either indoors or as far away from the home, shed and garage as possible.

Close and protect your home's openings, including attic and basement doors and vents, windows, garage doors and pet doors to prevent embers from penetrating your home.

Connect garden hoses and fill any pools, hot tubs, garbage cans, tubs, or other large containers with water. Firefighters have been known to use the hoses to put out fires on rooftops.

Leave as early as possible, before you're told to evacuate. Do not linger once evacuation orders have been given. Promptly leaving your home and neighborhood clears roads for firefighters to get equipment in place to fight the fire, and helps ensure residents' safety.





Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property — and their neighborhood — much safer from wildfire.

### Action steps for around your home:

- **CLEAR** leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.
- **SCREEN** in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- **REMOVE** flammable materials (wood piles, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. **PRUNE** trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. **DISPOSE** of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair the shingles that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- **COVER** exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
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## FACT

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# Spring Is Prime Time For Spread Of Deadly Oak Wilt Disease

*Texas A&M Forest Service*

The big, beautiful live oaks that line your street and shade your home aren't indefensible. There's a silent killer that at this very moment could be creeping down your block, one yard at a time.

Considered an epidemic throughout Central Texas, oak wilt is one of the most destructive tree diseases in the United States. The infectious disease spreads in the spring, killing all trees that share its name, with red oaks and live oaks most susceptible.

"A live oak is a great survivor against everything that gets thrown at it from wind damage to drought to insects and other diseases, but it's a poor survivor with oak wilt," said Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Forest Health Coordinator Jim Houser in Austin.

Oak mortality has been noted since the 1930s, but oak wilt wasn't confirmed as the cause until the late 1970s. It has since been found in 76 counties — principally in Central Texas though it's crept as far as Amarillo and Houston.

An infected oak can spread the disease to surrounding oaks via their interconnected root systems. When that happens, the only way to stop further spread is by digging trenches to break the root connections.

Oak wilt also can be spread from February through June via sap-feeding beetles, which eat spore mats produced by infected red oaks. The disease is spread when those insects fly off to feed on a healthy red oak or live oak with a fresh wound.

Diseased live oaks do not produce the same spores but they can become infected by them.

"We're talking about trees that have been in the landscape for a century or more. We don't replace those trees overnight," Houser said, adding that the death of such majestic trees can lead to drops in property values. "Preventing oak wilt is the key."

A wound is created any time bark is removed and wood is exposed. That can happen with the simplest of tasks — planting flowers, pruning or even pushing a lawn mower over a bare tree root.

That bare wood produces sap, which attracts the sap-feeding beetles, Houser said, stressing the importance of avoiding wounds in the spring, painting tree wounds year round and destroying diseased red oaks that may harbor spore mats on which sap-feeding beetles may feed and spread the disease.

"You don't want to have to manage oak wilt. That means you have it. You want to prevent it from happening," said Houser, explaining that there was no cure for the disease. "An ounce of prevention is worth it to avoid starting oak wilt disease and killing your trees."

For more information about oak wilt and maps detailing which counties are affected, visit [www.texasoakwilt.org](http://www.texasoakwilt.org), Texas A&M Forest Service [www.tfsweb.tamu.edu](http://www.tfsweb.tamu.edu) have a tree tested for oak wilt through the Texas A&M Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic & Laboratory at [www.plantclinic.tamu.edu](http://www.plantclinic.tamu.edu). You may also contact your local municipal forester.

**The Steiner Ranch HOA Oak Wilt Policy Prohibits Pruning Oaks February 1 – June 30**

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# Camping on the Ranch 2019

Over 150 Steiner Ranch residents came out for the 2019 Camping on the ranch event on March 30th at Towne Square Park.

The event had been cancelled several times over the past few years as well as this year due to rain; however, this year the Events Planning Committee decided to give it one more try and reschedule it for the last weekend in March. Even though temperatures dropped on the day of the campout, that did not discourage participants who camped overnight and had a great time.

The evening was made even better by activities hosted by various local business sponsors:

- Kidventure showed the Disney movie 'Moana' and helped everyone to make s'mores.
- The West Austin Chamber of Commerce gave out popcorn.
- Tiff's Treats offered free warm chocolate and snickerdoodle cookies.
- H-E-B Four Points provided donuts for breakfast the next morning
- Coffee Beans and Tea Leaf of Steiner warmed up everyone with free hot chocolate and coffee.

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DR. ZEHRA ZAID WAS BORN IN MANCHESTER, ENGLAND, BUT CONSIDERS HERSELF A PROUD TEXAN AS SHE GREW UP IN SUGAR LAND, TEXAS. SHE STARTED HER COLLEGE CAREER AT 16 WHERE SHE ATTENDED THE TEXAS ACADEMY OF MATH AND SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS IN DENTON, TEXAS. SHE THEN WENT ON TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE IN 2011 WHILE MAJORING IN SOCIOLOGY AND MINORING IN BIOLOGY. DR. ZAID SPENT 2012 AS A MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHER AT SUGAR LAND PREPARATORY ACADEMY. WHEN CONSIDERING DENTAL SCHOOLS, DR. ZAID WANTED TO DEVOTE HER TIME TO HELPING UNDER SERVED POPULATIONS AND ACCEPTED ADMISSION INTO THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY WHERE SHE RECEIVED HER DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE IN 2016. DURING HER TIME IN DENTAL SCHOOL, DR. ZAID HELD NUMEROUS LEADERSHIP ROLES, PARTICIPATED IN MANY OUTREACH PROJECTS INCLUDING EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PATIENTS, AND WAS A BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TUTOR TO DENTAL STUDENTS. SHE WAS THE 2014 RECIPIENT OF THE

DEMLER H. EICHLER SCHOLARSHIP, 2015 FELLOW FOR THE ACADEMIC DENTAL CAREERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, AND THE 2016 RECIPIENT OF THE CLINICAL PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY AWARD; ALL WHILE SPENDING 4 YEARS ON THE DEAN'S LIST. SOME OF DR. ZAID'S MOST MEMORABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE FOUNDING THE ANNUAL MISSION TRIP FOR THE AMERICAN STUDENTS DENTAL ASSOCIATION TO CHICHICASTENANGO, GUATEMALA AND GROWING THE PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY CLUB FROM JUST A FEW MEMBERS TO A GROUP OF OVER 40 ACTIVE MEMBERS TODAY. DR. ZAID EVEN PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE IN "PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY TODAY" HIGHLIGHTING THE CLUB'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING HER TERM AS PRESIDENT. WITH HER PASSION AND PATIENCE FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN, DR. ZAID WENT ON TO COMPLETE A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IN 2018 (CURRENTLY RANKED AS THE #1 DENTAL SCHOOL IN THE COUNTRY, AND #3 IN THE WORLD). DR. ZAID'S MASTER'S THESIS EXPLORED SILVER DIAMINE FLUORIDE AND IT'S USE AS A CARIES ARRESTING MATERIAL IN BABY TEETH.

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# Steiner Activities & Events

## The 25th Annual Steiner Ranch Easter Egg hunt

The 25th Annual Steiner Ranch Easter Egg hunt took place on Saturday, April 20th, 2019, at Towne Square Park and it was organized and hosted by the Steiner Ranch Event Planning Committee.

The event was attended by hundreds of residents and their kids, who took part in the event's many activities: face painting, balloons twisting, a puppet show, games, etc... The event's sponsors offered a variety of activities and freebies for attendees, and a DJ kept everyone dancing with seasonal and pop music. Most popular of all was the Easter Bunny, who took pictures with everyone throughout the morning.

This year, unfortunately the event did not feature pony rides and a petting zoo as they were both cancelled two days before the event after the family that has always provided these attractions was struck by a tornado and their home destroyed. The Events Planning Committee sends their prayers to the family for a speedy recovery.

Additionally, the Steiner Ranch Events Planning Committee had to scramble at the last minute to relocate from John Simpson Park to Towne Square Park, after learning about concerned residents on social media as the Landscaping company in preparation to the Egg Hunt, treated the John Simpson field for ants on Monday that week and because of the rain on Wednesday, retreated it again just the day before the hunt. After making the decision at 7 AM the morning of the event, the news was blasted to the Community via email and social media and many volunteers gathered up to make it happen on time as planned.

Despite the last-minute change, everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed celebrating Easter and the beautiful Spring weather with their families and neighbors.

The Steiner Ranch Events Committee wants to thank our volunteers, sponsors and especially the Community for helping to make our 25th Annual Egg Hunt a SUCCESS!







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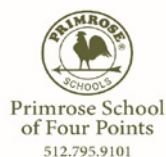
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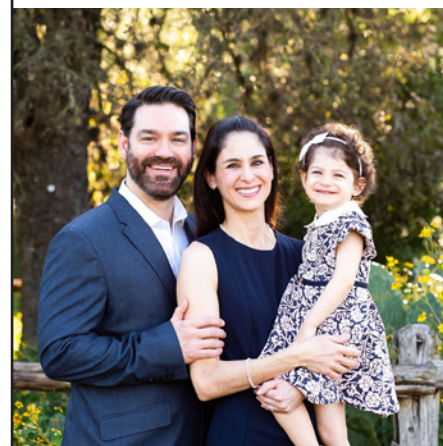
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## Get Ready To Shred!

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 household.



## Steiner Ranch HOA Presents: Free Children's Summer Kick-off Concert!

Back by popular demand - the Association is offering a FREE Children's Summer Concert to Steiner Ranch residents on June 7th, 2019! We've partnered with Front Door Concerts to bring Austin's most popular children's entertainers to the neighborhood.

The concert will take place at Towne Square Community Center at 10:30am at the Towne Square Pavilion. Check out the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook Page or website for details.



## Summer Camps & Programs

School will be out before you know it - start planning now! The Association is pleased to offer the following camp opportunities to Steiner Ranch residents:

### Free Adult Programs (Registration Not Required):

Tai Chi: Offered Monday - Friday 8:15am - 9:00am at Towne Square Pavilion.

### Yoga:

1. Offered Monday evenings at 6:30pm at Towne Square Community Center. Class is taught by instructors for the Lake Austin Spa.

2. Offered usually on Tuesday Evenings at 7:00pm at Towne Square Community Center. Class is taught by the Steiner Yoga Community- a not for profit organization and comprises Surya Namaskars, Hatha yoga — Asanas (postures) and Pranayama (mindful controlled breathing).

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### SPONSORS NEEDED!

The Association's most attended event, Concert In The Park, will be here before you know it! Hold the date - this year's event will take place on Saturday, August 17th at Towne Square fields.

Local businesses, organizations and restaurants in the immediate Steiner Ranch and Four Points area are invited to sponsor this

community-focused event. Various sponsorship levels are available. Please contact HOA Lifestyle & Communication Manager, Desirre Ghebremicael for details: [desirre.ghebremicael@grandmanors.com](mailto:desirre.ghebremicael@grandmanors.com).

This event is made possible by the efforts of the Steiner Ranch HOA Event Planning Committee.



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## News from the Trails Committee

The trail committee is indebted to our many volunteers that show up to the monthly trail maintenance. Since I'm writing this article before the actual work day, this is all "weather permitting", but the April event was to finally replace the failing bridge on Headlands trail (close to Majestic Oaks Drive/Majestic Oaks Pass intersection). This bridge has been with us for about 10 years (my memory since I live in that area). It has seen many floods, which were made better when our volunteers came out and cleared the downstream and moved the bridge further upstream to be higher. This happened about two years ago, but the bridge damage had been done.

All that time that the bridge spent underwater before it was moved created rot and the bridge was disintegrating. If everything went well, hopefully you can go down there and see a brand spanking new bridge there. A Cub Scout troop came and helped and improved our trail area as well. It is nice to have the community involved with our trails, fighting for their long term survival.

Continuing my trail spotlight, this month is "Lakewood Hills". Right after I chose this trail, volunteer Dawn Weisman posted a beautiful picture taken from none other than Lakewood Hills, and this picture is featured on this month's front cover! There is a reason why I often mistakenly call this trail "Lakeview" (which is actually a trail near Steiner Ranch Elementary and the apartments).

Lakewood Hills runs parallel to Quinlan Park Rd, starting down at an entrance across from the retirement home. If you can't walk from your home to this trail, try parking at Bella Mar community center as you can take a nice dip in the pool after your hike or bike! The trail starts with a small switchback down and then runs parallel to Lakewood Hills Terrace. Lots of beautiful views overlooking the Colorado River (ok, Lake Austin). You can make it a short ~1 mile hike and come out on Bright Sky Overlook to get back to your car, or you can continue left at that intersection and hike Bright Sky Overlook trail onwards to Summer Vista and even to Westridge Canyon. One, two, and up to four-five mile hikes are easily obtainable. Don't miss some of the benches on the hike with gorgeous views.

When you get to the Lakewood Hills/Bright Sky Overlook intersection, look at the work the volunteers did to bypass what was previously a perpetual problem area and rebuild a bridge. This happened about two years ago. The trail flows much better now.

Lakewood Hills' trail steward is George. I'm calling out George as one of the most active volunteers that we have. I can't even think back to a work day where George wasn't there, and how many trail signs he has personally dug. We strive to have a trail steward for each trail.

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As always, if I see you on the trails, I will try and stop and say hello. See you out there enjoying our wildlife and the views of the river!



## Steiner Ranch Cycling News

### SPRING SATURDAY & SUNDAY RIDES

New 2019 kits have arrived and SRC is looking sharp! May 18th, a few club riders will be headed out to Blanco for the annual Real Ale Ride. It’s a great event and rolls through the hill country with 5 route options available for all types of cyclists. <https://www.bicyclesportshop.com/realaleride>

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.

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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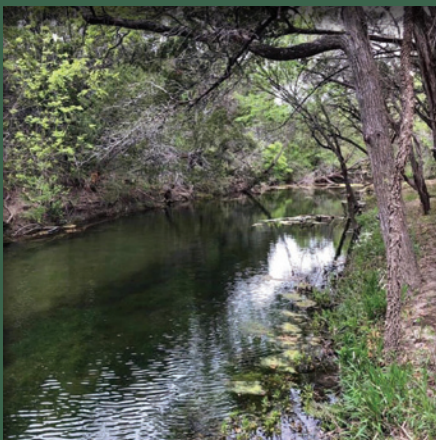


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Our most popular activities include evening Canasta as well as ladies Canasta at the UT Golf Club. In addition, we offer numerous activities to meet varied interests such as: Book Club, Euchre, Mah Jongg, Mexican Train, Bunco, Walking, Hiking, Biking, 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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Prior swim experience is necessary to enroll - Kids will need to be able to tread water for 10 seconds on their own and put their faces under water for at least 3 seconds.

Swimmers will need a competitive style swim suit (one piece for girls and jammers for boys). Goggles that fit as well as properly fitting rubber fins (non-ackle strap fins).

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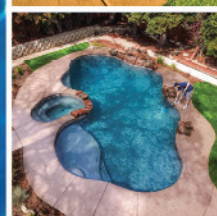
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# Swimming News

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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:

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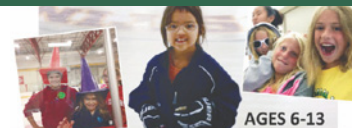
## Cover Photo

This month's cover photo was taken by Dawn Weisman from the Trails Committee. It features Lakewood Hills spectacular trail which is also featured on this month's Trails Committee's spotlight on page 20.

Have a photo you would like to see published in the next Ranch Record? For consideration, send pictures to [communications@steinerranchhoa.org](mailto:communications@steinerranchhoa.org) no later than the 8th of the month prior to publication. Your photo might just be next month's cover!

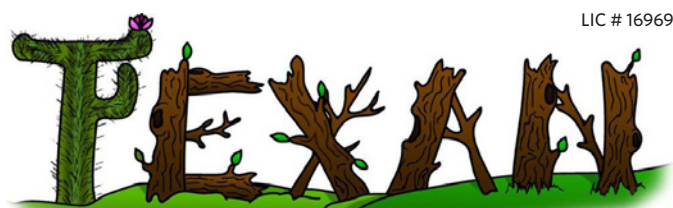
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1. Pool gates must remain closed and locked at all times. A facility fob is to be used to access locked facilities during hours of operation. **DO NOT PROP GATES!**

2. The association may deny access to the pools at any time due to occupancy limits, weather, pool conditions, or if maintenance is required.

3. At the discretion of the association, and as approved by the Board of Directors of the SRROA and/or SRMA, certain periods of the normal open swim hours may be set aside for specialized activities.

4. Use of the pool facilities is at the resident and/or guest's own risk.

5. Lifeguards, when present, have full authority and are responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of all rules.

6. Only lifeguards are permitted on the lifeguard stand.

7. An adult must accompany children 14 years old and under at all times.

8. Proper swim wear is required. Swim diaper and plastic pants must be worn by children who are not completely toilet trained.

9. No diving. Dive blocks are for use by Swim Teams and/or private lessons approved by the Association.

10. No Smoking.

11. No glass containers of any type are allowed in the pool facility.

12. No pets in pool area.

13. Residents are responsible for any damage they, their guests, or their children cause and for cleaning up any mess or trash created by them prior to leaving the pool facility.

14. Violation of these rules may result in suspension of pool privileges, fines or other charges, and/or legal action.



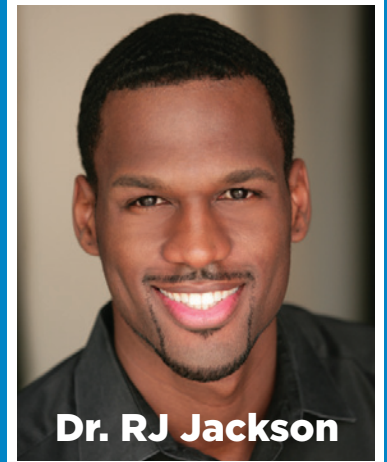
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