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Conserving energy is important to the environment and the wallet.

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- Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills and manage your heating and cooling systems efficiently.
- Replace your air filter regularly to keep your air conditioning system running efficiently.
- Lower your water heater thermostat to 120°F.
- Keep the sun away. Use drapes, blinds and shades to keep the sun out of your home. Use shade trees and awnings to keep the sun from warming the outside of your home.
- Just like your mom always said, turn off the lights when you leave a room. The same goes for TV's, computers, monitors, and other electronic devices.
- Use an advanced power strip for home electronics to reduce the amount of power drawn when these devices sit idle.
- Wash only full loads of laundry and air dry whenever possible.
- Check the seals on your refrigerator door. If you feel cold air when the door is shut you should repair the seals.
- Keep your freezer full to maximize efficiency. Consider freezing containers of water when there is extra space.
- Fix leaky faucets or running toilets. The water use is costly and if the water is heated you're paying more to heat the wasted water.

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Upcoming Steiner Ranch HOA Events

9/14 Fall Community Garage Sale

09/27 Scrap A Thon

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

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www.steinerhousing.com



Monthly HOA Community Meetings

STEINER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Towne Square
Community Center at 6:00pm

STEINER RANCH RESIDENTIAL OWNERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

STEINER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Bella Mar
Community Center at 7:00pm

TRAIL COMMITTEE

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

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Meets on 3rd Tuesday of each month at Towne Square HOA
Office Conference Room.

EVENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Cover Photo

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

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

News from the SRMA Board of Directors



We are excited that the renovations are in process and making such a great improvement in not only appearance but also energy efficiency.

The construction site is set up at the end of the Towne Square parking lot. For safety reasons this area is screened off and we ask that you take caution near the site and at no time should kids be near the site.

The renovation of Westridge Sports Field/Park and Lake Club are completed. Bella Mar bathrooms and Community Center are under renovation now. Portable bathroom-trailers are set up at all locations during the renovations. Thank you for your understanding during construction.

THE RESULTS WILL BE WORTH THE SHORT PERIOD OF INCONVENIENCES...

Remaining Time line (subject to change):

August 26th to September 23rd – Towne Square Tennis Bathrooms and Pool Bathrooms

September 30th to October 4th – John Simpson Pool Bathrooms



Lifeguards At Community Pools Through Labor Day



After Labor Day, lifeguards will no longer be on duty at Steiner Ranch community pools. Please continue to be especially watchful of children around pools. Remember:

- Never leave children unattended in pools.

- An adult should be designated to

supervise children in pool at all times.

- Swimming is a lifesaving skill. Consider enrolling children in swim lessons.

- Do not prop pool gates open for any reason. 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.

Fall Green Waste Pick-Up & Bulky Waste Pick-Up Information

Green Waste Pick-Up:

Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) will provide Steiner Ranch residents with a fall green waste collection pick-up (bagged leaves, brush, limbs and other yard waste) during the week of December 9th to December 13th, 2019.

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

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

Bulky Waste & Bundle Pick-Ups:

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

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

From the Association Office

Compliance Corner: Trash Cans

Per Steiner Ranch rules, trash and recycling containers must be removed from the street and returned to an enclosed structure before nightfall on trash collection day. If stored containers are visible from the street, they need to be screened or moved so they are out of view.

Should you need to report a violation or problem visit ciranet.com and submit it under the Resident Portal. Otherwise simply send an email to steiner@ciramail.com. Physical and/or photographic evidence is helpful in substantiating a violation or problem.

Architectural Approval Required Prior To Making Exterior Changes



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.

Fall Is A Good Time To Trim Trees

The Fire Department reports that there are low hanging branches which are preventing the fire truck from driving on the roads. The tree's canopy should be at least 13 to 14 feet up. Trees must be trimmed to allow for visibility of pedestrians, traffic and traffic signs.

If you have oak trees with branches over-hanging the street, please contact a professional tree trimming company now so that this can be remedied as soon possible. Residents are reminded to trim trees before February, as the risk of oak wilt infection is greatest from February through June.

Regardless of seasonality, residents are encouraged to follow proper pruning techniques. TexasOakWilt.org recommends the following:

- Always paint fresh wounds on oaks, including pruning cuts and stumps, with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning or live tree removal at all times of the year.
 - Clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.
 - Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried.
 - Pruning should be completed before February 1 or after June 30.
- If uncertain about trimming, consult with 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.



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Slow Down & Pay Attention In School Zones!

School is officially in full-swing, which means many children will be walking to and from schools and bus stops within the neighborhood. Please slow down, obey speed limits, and be mindful of the various school zones in the community.

Follow Us On Facebook

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

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From your Steiner Ranch Firewise Committee

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The National Firewise Communities Program is a national program formed with the goal of making communities less vulnerable to wildfire. As the population of the United States has continued to explode over the past century, communities are increasingly being built adjacent to wildlands. Add to that the practice of fire suppression in the U.S. over the past century, which has increased the risk and intensity of wildfires. Firewise can help.

What makes a Firewise Community?

Steiner Ranch has been a Firewise Community since 2012. This means that Steiner Ranch has made a commitment to reducing the risk of wild- and home fires through education and mitigation efforts. The Firewise Committee offers homeowners house and greenbelt inspections, advising homeowners on how best to reduce their risk of losing their homes to wildfire. Prevention is key!

How can I help?

Steiner Ranch is a community of over 4,000 homes yet has a Firewise committee of only five members. The committee would like to see increased community participation in Firewise. More efforts are needed to educate the public as well as to inspire the community to act. Firewise can do more to protect and preserve Steiner Ranch in the event of a fire than an evacuation road ever could. Firewise works in partnership with Lake Travis Fire & Rescue and with the Balcones Canyonland Preserve. If you care about the safety of your home and community, Firewise would love your help.

Why Choose Firewise?

As Austin's Wildfire Division has stated in their public education campaigns, wildfire is not a matter of if but when. Wildfire is a fact of life in Central Texas, but there is much we can do to be prepared. To be part of the solution, or to request an inspection of your property to better know how to protect it from fire, email Sarah Doolittle, SRFirewise@gmail.com.



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Large crowds came out to dance, eat and play at this year's 12th annual Concert in the Park, organized by the Steiner Ranch Events Committee and hosted by Flagship Sponsor, the Steiner Ranch Master Association.

The event opened with performances from the Vandegrift Marching Band, Cheer and dance team the Legacies. The DJ then played until the live band, Dysfunkshun Junkshun, began performing.

Sponsors at the event provided a number of free activities, such as a petting zoo from Platinum Sponsor Austin Baptist Church, and games and giveaways from Gold Sponsors School in the Hills, Nitro Swimming and The Children's Center of Austin as well as from Silver Sponsors Smile Doctors, Austin Christian Fellowship, Austin Diagnostic Clinic, Wild Basin Fitness, Rising Stars Pediatric Dentistry and the Gary Shanahan Agency of State Farm.

Food vendors Lakeside Pizza, Los Pinos, Cups & Cones, Menchies, Galaxy Café, Coffee Beans and Tea leaf and Kona Ice kept attendees fed and ensured that the entire event smelled

delicious.

Kids at the event enjoyed a foam pit, face painting and a euro bungee jumping tower. Lake Travis Fire & Rescue were on hand with a truck for kids to explore, along with the Travis County Sheriff's Office. A highlight of the event was the arrival of the Austin Star Flight helicopter, and attendees got to meet Star Flight crew members and tour their copter.

The Steiner Ranch Events Committee wants to thank everyone who came out to the event. Events like Concert in the Park are a place for residents and businesses alike to gather, connect and celebrate what a wonderful community we have here in Steiner Ranch.

The committee hopes to see you at their next event, Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Patch at Towne Square on October 27th, 2019 4:00pm to 6pm. To learn more about the Steiner Ranch Events Committee and to see a full calendar of Steiner events, visit our Facebook page, Steiner Ranch HOA Events, or visit the HOA homepage, SteinerRanchHOA.org.





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Steiner Activities & Events

Steiner Ranch Fall Event Trunk or Treat & Pumpkin Patch



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Plans for this year's Steiner Ranch Fall Event. This year for the first time, we will be hosting a Trunk or Treat and a Pumpkin Patch event on Sunday, October 27th, 2019 from 4-6pm at Towne Square Park (12550 Country Trails Lane). The event will focus on families with children ages 10 and younger. It will feature a "Trunk or Treat" area and a Pumpkin Patch area with many photo opportunities. If you guess right the weight of the pumpkin, you will be able to take the pumpkin home with you for free! There will also be children's rides and games, DJ music, food and drink and Halloween activities.

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

Available sponsorships include:

Presenting Sponsor: A presenting Partner will be partnering with the HOA to bring the event to life and will be recognized across all media as Presenting Partner. In addition, the Presenting Sponsor will have strategic space for two tables at the event for giveaways and promotional items. Recognitions will be as follow:

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- Presenting sponsor verbal name recognition at the start of event
- Opportunity to display two company-provided banners or signage at the event
- Presenting sponsor logo recognition on Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook Page
- Inclusion of Flyers or promotional items from Sponsor in goody bags

COST: \$1,500

Event sponsors: Mega sponsors provide funding for us to provide a bouncy houses, face painting, train rides at the event. In exchange for this sponsorship fee, you are listed as the activity sponsor on site and in all communications and are included in the goody bags. You will also have space provided on site to hand out coupons or goodies, display your products, talents or services.

COST: \$400.

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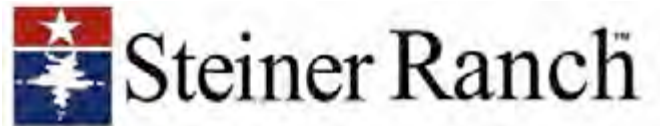
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Trunk or Treat sponsors: Bring your vehicle, throw open your trunk, and distribute goodies to children as they walk from car to car! There is no upfront cost to participate in the trunk or treat, but you must commit to providing items (ex: candy, snack bags, small toys) for 350 children, aged 10 and younger. You are free to label the items with your logo, or distribute coupons in addition to the items that you are distributing. Local residents will also be participating in this event, and spots are limited.

COST: No participation fee, you must provide items for distribution.

To register your vehicle, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/steiner-ranch-trunk-or-treat-2019-tickets-63312032995>

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Scrap-A-Thon

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

When: Starting Friday, September 27th at 6:00pm

Ending Sunday, September 29th at 6:00pm

Where: Towne Square Community Center

Registration is required. Register by visiting the below link or visit the HOA Events Facebook page.

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Accepting Vendors For Our Upcoming Holiday Shopping Event

The Steiner Ranch HOA invites artists, business owners, craftsmen and service providers to participate in our upcoming annual Holiday Shopping Event, which will take place on Saturday, November 9th, 2019 from 10:00am - 2:00pm at the Towne Square Community Center. The Holiday Shopping Event is a well-attended community event, that helps residents get in the holiday spirit. With your help, it will be our best yet.

Four areas are dedicated for vendor space:

Inside Community Center at \$ 60 + Fees

Outside, in the covered pavilion at \$40 + Fees

Outside gate at \$30 + Fees (must provide own tent)

Uncovered Veranda \$20 + Fees (must provide own tent and table).

Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration opens on September 1st and closes on November 1st. Join us!

For registration & more details, visit the Steiner Ranch HOA Events Facebook page or: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-shopping-event-2019-tickets-67536965883>



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Steiner Activities & Events



Fall 2019 Program Guide

The Association's Fall Program Guide puts all HOA activity and program offerings in one place. Stop by the HOA office for a hard copy or visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website to view the guide online: www.steinerranchhoa.org. Featured programs include:

Children's Programs

- Lonestar Soccer
- Nitro Swimming
- Neighborhood Sports
- Gold Stars Swimming
- Water Polo
- Sportball
- Tap~N~Toe
- Tennis
- Robotics

Adult Programs

- Camp Gladiator
- Master's Swimming
- Tai Chi
- Tennis
- Yoga
- Zumba
- Barre
- Bollywood Fitness

Free Activities For Residents

Take advantage of these free activities - one of the many perks of living in Steiner Ranch!

Community Yoga: Provided by Steiner Ranch resident. Meets most Tuesdays or Wednesdays at the Towne Square Community Center at 7:00pm. See the HOA online calendar for classes.

Cycling Group: Meets at Cups & Cones Saturday & Sunday Mornings at 7:30am and 8:30am.

Mountain Biking: Meets Thursdays and Sundays for group rides at various locations. Beginner & intermediate riders. For information visit Steiner Ranch Riders on Facebook.

Tai Chi: Meets at Towne Square Community Center Monday through Friday at 8:15am.

Yoga By Lake Austin Spa: Provided by Lake Austin Spa instructor. Meets at Towne Square Community Center Mondays at 6:30pm.

*Offered activities are for adults only.

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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, Biking, Spanish Conversation, 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!

News from the Trails Committee

Submitted by Eric Morton



Boy, is it hot out there now! Personally, I'm dreaming of the days that it gets a bit cooler on the trails and the leaves start turning like this picture from our trails. The other problem is that we haven't seen much rain, so many of the creeks are dry or looking a little bit decrepit; so there is less opportunity to stick your feet in and cool off. The heat makes it difficult to get out and do some trail maintenance (and enjoy the trails on bike or foot).

This month, the trail focus is on Westridge Canyon Loop. This trail is very close to my home and I help maintain it. There is a funny story to tell - when we moved into the neighborhood in 2002, I told my girls (then 5 and 2) that the name of the trail was "Dinosaur Bone Trail" and that there were real dinosaur bones down there to find. It got them interested in the trails and our family enjoyed this

trail many times. A couple months ago, I sneaked in a picture from 2006 of them walking the trails to the Ranch Record! We never did find a dinosaur bone though, oddly enough. But later on, I realized that there are some small fossils that can be found on that trail (and likely many others in Steiner). My youngest filled in some of her high school required volunteer hours by cleaning trash on the trail. By the time you read this though, she will be a freshman in college...

Anyway, Westridge starts on Majestic Oaks trail near the end of Majestic Oaks Dr and Grimes Ranch Rd, and over the course of about 2 miles, goes up and down and loops back around to Headland Trail (closish to where you start). There are a LOT of hills on this trail, so you will get your exercise. It also crosses the same unnamed creek three times (and a fourth "sometimes" creek). Don't miss the wonderful waterfall/pool off to your left that I've seen more than a few people swimming in. Probably not recommended until we get a bit more rain though. I love to go mountain biking on Westridge - and it has plenty of technical challenges.

Really, this is one of my favorite trails - because of how convenient it is to me, and the memories on that trail that I will always cherish. Hope to see you out on the trails - maybe when it gets a bit cooler...

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Steiner Ranch Cycling News

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 website).

Team Rides – In October, join us for **Livestrong Challenge on 10/20** and **Real Ale Ride 10/26**. There is still time to sign up!

On **Saturdays** we have open group training rides, starting at Cups & Cones at **7:30 AM & 8:00 AM**. Come out and join your neighbors on a ride.

- The "Faster Pace" ride can expect an energetic yet social ride with average speed typically 18-20 mph.

- Endurance Pace Group pace average is 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.

While each group will be traveling at different paces, each group will tackle typical distances between 45-60 miles.

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

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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.

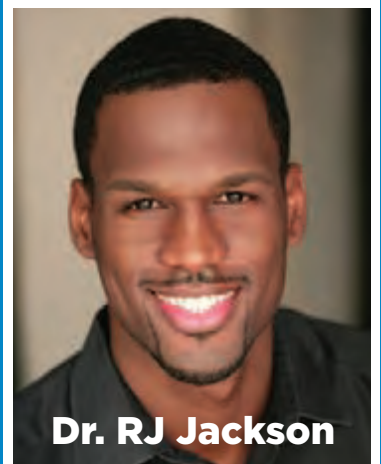
Cost is \$50 per month for residents and you will need to join U. S. Masters Swimming! To be eligible to compete in masters' meets, receive Swimmer magazine, and this accounts for HOA insurance purposes. To join, please go to the United States Masters swimming website, <http://www.usms.org/reg> and join 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.

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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:

- *strengthens & improves muscle tone
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- *increases energy levels & stamina
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Swimming News

Nitro is thrilled to be back at Steiner Ranch this season!

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We offer 6 different groups from the month of August to the end of April at the beautiful Bella Mar Community pool including Intro to Nitro (our beginner group at Nitro), Bronze, Silver, Advanced 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/resources/>

If you are interested in learning more about Nitro Swimming and are a resident of Steiner Ranch please reach out to Coach Claire at claire.rozick@nitroswim.com. Ongoing evaluations are held on Saturdays at 12:30p at our Bee Cave location as well as Tuesdays and Thursdays after 5:45p 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!

-The Steiner Ranch Nitro Coaches



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Steiner Ranch Pool Rules

After September 2nd, 2019, lifeguards will not be on duty at Community pools until summer 2020.

To ensure Steiner Ranch pools remain fun, safe, and sanitary for all residents, the below rules are in place.

Pools are for residents of the Steiner Ranch Master Association and the Steiner Ranch Residential Owners Associations, and up to 4 guests per household without a reservation.

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

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

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

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

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

6. Only lifeguards are permitted on the lifeguard stand.

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

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

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

10. No Smoking.

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

12. No pets in pool area.

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

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



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The WCID 17 Stormwater Committee is working with the local community to ensure that all state and federal regulations protecting our drinking water resources are being met. The committee develops and implements stormwater pollution monitoring, control and outreach efforts in order to form an alliance 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. Should you be interested in contributing to or even joining our Stormwater Committee, please feel free to reach out to our Stormwater Program Manager Delilah Salinas at dsalinas@wcid17.org.

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News from Hill Country Bible Church

Just over one year after Hill Country Bible Church broke ground on a new, permanent facility at the front of Steiner Ranch, the campus anticipates opening its doors to the Four Points community. For ten years, the campus has met at Laura Bush Elementary and has grown from about 75 to several hundred in regular attendance.

The new building features a modern worship space with a capacity to seat 350 adults. The building also includes an outdoor playground as well as classrooms and large group meeting areas designated for children and student ministries.

The campus is designed to serve as a multi-functional resource for Steiner residents and the surrounding community. As the campus grows, Hill Country Bible Church hopes to continue to adapt the space to best serve the needs of its neighbors whether that be a place for a business meeting or a spot for friends to connect over coffee.

“It is our desire that this church building is a space where people can see and experience God’s love not just on Sundays but every day of the week. Our hope is that it is a place where people can make deep relationships and find meaning, hope, and direction.”

– Josh Howard, Campus Pastor

A community-wide Grand Opening will take place on Sunday, September 8th with services at 9:00am and 10:45am. Families are invited to stay after for food trucks, inflatables, and more following both services.

Address is 4310 N Quinlan Park Rd.



Bergquist at the building's blessing



New building signage



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Tips for Packing a Healthy School Lunch

by Stephany Pando, *cooksmarts.com*, edited for space

Packing lunches for your back-to-schoolers is no easy task. It takes time and planning. Plus, every parent knows that just because you pack it, doesn't guarantee your kids will actually eat it.

However, this doesn't mean you have to fill your kids' lunchboxes with pizza and cookies everyday. Below we offer 5 tips for how to pack a nutritious lunch that your kids will look forward to eating and you'll feel good about giving them.

Tip #1: Get Your Kids Involved

- Give your kids healthy food options from each food group and let them make the final decisions on what goes in their lunch.
- Take your child grocery shopping with you and let them have a say (to a certain extent) in what goes into the cart. This promotes feelings of responsibility and empowerment.
- Designate a part of your kitchen as the "lunch packing station" and spend some time there with your kids the night before to get lunch ready for the next day.

Tip #2: Turn Healthy Foods into Fun Foods

- Use cookie cutters to make shapes out of bread, deli meat, cheese, or a melon-baller for fruit.
- Use kid-friendly skewers to make colorful food kebabs.
- Create a theme for the day and have all of the foods in their lunch relate to the theme

Tip #3: Make Your Own Snacks – and limit processed ones

Kids rely on snacks to keep their energy up, but the type of snack is important to consider. Packaged snacks tend to lack important nutrients and can be high in sugar, sodium and saturated fats. Take control of what is in your kids' snacks by making them yourself!

Tip #4: Incorporate All Food Groups

A balanced diet includes all of the food groups. Luckily, there are so many different ways to enjoy each food group:

- Fruits: fresh, frozen, dried, canned, baked (think apple chips!) or pureed.
- Vegetables: fresh, frozen, or baked (think kale chips!)
- Lean protein: baked chicken, deli meats, hard boiled eggs, beans or nuts (be aware of nut allergy regulations at your child's school).

- Low-fat dairy: milk, cheese or yogurt
- Whole Grains: pita, sandwich bread, tortillas, wraps, and pastas

Tip#5: Encourage Hydration

It's recommended that school-aged kids drink between 6-8 cups of water a day (even more in hot weather or if their activity level is high).

- Let your child pick out their favorite water bottle and encourage them to drink the whole thing at least twice at school. They'll be more inclined to do it if they feel like they are completing a challenge!
- If the "flavor" of water is too boring for them, throw in a few pieces of frozen fruit to sweeten it up – and keep it cooler.

With these tips in mind, you and your child are ready to start out the school year on the right foot. Good luck – and happy packing!



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