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- 2/08 Father Daughter Dance
- 3/07 Run the Ranch
- 3/07 Camping on the Ranch
- 3/27 Spring Scrap A Thon
- 4/04 Spring Community Garage Sale
- 4/11 Easter Egg Hunt
- 5/16 Shred Day
- 7/04 Decorate Your Ride / Independence Day Celebration
- 8/15 Concert In The Park
- 9/12 Fall Community Garage Sale
- 9/25 Spring Scrap A Thon
- 10/25 Trunk Or Treat + Pumpkin Patch
- 11/14 Holiday Shopping Event
- 11/26 Steiner Ranch Turkey Trot
- 12/05 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](https://www.facebook.com/SteinerRanchHOAevents) or visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website at:

www.steinerranchhoa.org



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/steinerrails>

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

This month's cover photo was taken at Community First! Village when the Event Planning Committee visited with Tracee Henneke, Director of Development at Mobile Loaves & Fishes to hand over check of \$4,500 from the Steiner Ranch Turkey Trot proceeds.

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

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

Assessments are due January 1, 2020

(considered late by January 31, 2020)

The January semi-annual Association assessments are due on January 1, 2020. We encourage all residents if you have not done so already to take the opportunity to go on <http://www.steinerranchhoa.org/>, click on "Resident Portal" and register on the CiraNet or use quick payment option. Not only can the assessments be paid with ease through the portal, you can also view associations documents, current/history of your account ledger, association financials and "report a problem" in your Association. While on the portal please verify your contact information such as your mailing address, telephone number and email address.

Semi-annual assessments are due January 1, 2020 and considered late if received after January 31, 2020. Statements will be mailed to each homeowner at the mailing address on file. If you do not receive a statement by January 31, contact the GrandManors Resident Services at 1-855-947-2636.

Residents are encouraged to use one of the following payment methods:

1) ACH/Auto Debit (Recommended**) – Sign Up Today!** (<http://www.steinerranchhoa.org/>, then click on "Resident Portal", register and make payment. You can also do quick payment on portal)

This is the easiest way to pay! The ACH system automatically debits your account for the correct amount when your assessment is due. You will need your GrandManors Community ID; Account #; and Check Digit ID. This is on your assessment statement. For further assistance call 1-855-947-2636.

2) eCheck/Credit Card

You can make a one-time payment using eCheck (electronically debited from your checking account), Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover*. Visit Resident Portal and choose "Make a payment" or call 1-855-947-2636 to pay over the phone. *The bank charges a \$14.95 convenience fee if you pay via a credit card.

3) Check

You can write a check payable to your homeowners' association and mail it along to the address listed below. Please write your homeowner account number on the check:

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Payments received after January 31, 2020 are subject to an initial \$25 late fee per association and for each subsequent month that the assessment remains unpaid.

***Please note: resident access to pools, facility rental, and attendance at or registration for social functions and programs may be terminated if association account becomes delinquent. ***

Help Keep Steiner Facilities Litter Free



Littering has been an ongoing issue at Steiner Ranch community facilities. Please remember these are YOUR facilities. As a resident, it is your responsibility to clean up after yourself and/or your guests and pick up any trash from your event or visit. Please discuss these expectations with family members. Facilities should be left in the manner in which they were found. When reserving any of the community facilities, the following must be complete

prior to leaving that facility:

- All floors clean; swept and mopped (if needed); includes rooms used, entryway, kitchen, porches and restrooms if used.
- All windows in double glass doors shines and clean (with no finger prints)
- All tables and chairs wiped clean
- All decorations, banners, etc. removed from room; all tape etc. removed from table and other approved attached areas
- Restrooms clean
- Refrigerator/ freezer cleaned; emptied and wiped
- Stove and ovens (conventional and microwave) cleaned
- Sinks clean
- No food or serving items remaining in the kitchen
- All smoking receptacles and smoking refuse removed
- All trash generated from event must be removed from area.

Common area receptacles are not to be used for disposing of event trash. Trash must be taken home and deposited in appropriate covered receptacles.

Christmas Tree Recycling



Texas Disposal Systems will offer curbside Christmas Tree pick-up on resident's regular trash pick-up day from December 26th through January 31st. Trees must be free of décor, must be 4 feet in length, and any cut pieces must be bundled with rope or twine. This recycling service is exclusively for real trees and not artificial trees. TDS will NOT pick up trees that are not within the above guidelines.

Do not drop trees at the entrance of the WCID Water Treatment driveway off of Quinlan Park Road and Logan's Way. Christmas tree recycling at this location is no longer an option. Community Dumpsters are private property and are under surveillance. DO NOT DUMP TREES IN COMMUNITY DUMPSTERS.

From the Association Office

Remove Exterior Holiday Decorations By January 15th

Per Steiner Ranch HOA governing documents, exterior *Christmas decorations must be removed by January 15th.*

Clean Up Decorated Community Trees by January 5th

If you took part in Austin's tradition of decorating an outdoor community tree here in the neighborhood, please do your part to keep Steiner beautiful by removing decorations by January 5th. Decorations not removed by the 5th will be recycled or disposed of by HOA staff.

Community Compliance Reminders

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

- Trash containers are to be stored out of sight and should not be visible from the street.
- Parking on the street overnight is not allowed.
- Items should not be left in driveways. This includes mulch bags, garden hoses, and sports equipment.
- Any alterations to the exterior of your property (front, back and sides) must be submitted to the HOA office for review and approval.

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

Steiner Ranch Fireworks Policy

Homeowners are reminded that fireworks within Steiner Ranch are prohibited. There are several reasons for this:

- 1) The use of fireworks places homes at serious risk of fire.
- 2) The topography and green space of Steiner Ranch is conducive to fires.
- 3) Federal rules regarding management of the Balcones Canyonlands (which borders Steiner Ranch) impose significant restrictions on activities that may affect wildlife therein. Serious penalties for violation can be imposed by federal officials.
- 4) Homeowners are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of their property.

Should you believe a violation is occurring, please contact the Association Office, at (512) 266-7553 as soon as possible or immediately following an occurrence. Physical and/or photographic evidence is helpful in substantiating a violation.

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From the Association Office

Prune Trees Before February

Residents are reminded to trim trees in need of attention before February, as the risk of oak wilt infection is greatest from February through June. For those who don't know, oak wilt is a destructive fungus affecting oak trees which causes tree mortality. Unfortunately, the fungus has been identified in Steiner Ranch.

Because the risk for oak wilt is low between July and January, now is a good time to trim trees to allow for visibility of pedestrians, traffic and traffic signs. Limbs which extend over sidewalks and roadways pose a potential hazard and should be addressed, too.

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.

The Steiner Ranch Master Association and Steiner Ranch Residential Association each have Oak Wilt Policies in effect. To view each policy in its entirety, visit the HOA website and click the 'Oak Wilt Policy' tab located under the 'FAQ' drop down menu.






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Events Committee Wraps up Another Great Year of Service

The Steiner Ranch Events Committee hosted its final event of the 2019 calendar year with its annual Breakfast with Santa on December 14. The breakfast was the 22nd event of the year hosted by the committee, chaired by Desirre Ghebremicael.

Other notable events from the Steiner Events Committee this year included the Mother-Son and Daddy-Daughter Dances, Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July, Concert in the Park, Trunk or Treat and Turkey Trot.

Turkey Trot was especially successful this year as record participation allowed the Steiner community to donate \$4500 to Community First! Village, a housing project in Austin founded by Mobile Loaves and Fishes for those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Seeing the community celebrate holidays together, enjoy fellowship with their neighbors, dance the night away or bond with their kids is what motivates the committee in its efforts each year. Steiner Ranch Events provide a place where residents can connect and play without having to leave the neighborhood.

Thousands of Steiner residents and their kids participate in Steiner Events each year, but the committee remains small with only five active members. For information about how to join the committee, email desirre.ghebremicael@grandmanors.com. Visit the Steiner Ranch HOA website for a calendar of upcoming events at SteinerRanchHOA.org.



Santa & The Elves Visited Steiner Ranch

This year for the first time Santa and the Elves visited with Steiner residents at the new Hill Country Bible Church campus for a morning of visits, breakfast, treats, crafts, and cheer. A heartfelt thanks goes to the Steiner Ranch HOA Event Planning Committee for hosting and organizing this cheerful event, to Austin Kids Retreat of Steiner Ranch for hosting the craft room and to Tiff's Treats of Steiner Ranch for donating warm chocolate chip cookies and to Hill Country Bible Church for hosting the event at their beautiful campus!



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Steiner Activities & Events

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Spreads Cheer

Much thanks to Steiner Ranch residents who participated in this year's Holiday Home Decorating Contest. This year 10 homes entered the contest. The Event Planning Committee enjoyed having the opportunity to drive by all of the festive homes that were submitted and selected the below homes as this year's most cheerful, unique and bedazzled Steiner Ranch holiday homes. Congratulations event winners and thank you for sharing the spirit of the season!



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Fall 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 Swim - Neighborhood Sports: soccer and flag football - Swimming bootcamps and lessons - Sportball - Tap-N-Toe - Tennis

Adult Programs

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



Dance Planned for January 18th, 2020!

Calling All Cowboys & their Moms!

Polish your boots and brush off your cowboy hats to join us for an evening dedicated to moms and their boys.

Complete with dinner, s'mores, entertainment and a ride in a limousine, this warm-hearted event wouldn't be complete without music and dancing, too.

Moms, dress yourself and your little man up in western attire and take advantage of this special opportunity to spend one-on-one time with your little man. It's sure to be a night to remember!

For tickets, visit the Steiner Ranch HOA events Facebook page or visit the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mother-son-event-2020-tickets-81776352271>

On sale now, get yours before the event sells out. Hope to see you there, pardner!

Free Activities For Residents

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

Community Yoga: Provided by a 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.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The association will host a volunteer appreciation dinner on January 16th, 2020 to recognize the many volunteers who support the Steiner Ranch HOA and community. Invitations will be sent via email during the first week of January.



Steiner Activities & Events

Hold the Date for the Steiner Ranch's Father Daughter Dance!

Join Us for A Magical Evening at Our Fifth Annual Father Daughter Royal Ball

When: February 8th, 2020 • Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm • Fee: \$ 30 per person

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

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

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/father-daughter-royal-ball-2020-tickets-86740762957>



FREE Health Workshops

Topic: The ABC of ABA

Join Dr. Jennifer Haak, founder of Steiner Ranch Behavior Therapy, as she discusses ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis): what it is and how your child can benefit. This is a free workshop presented by Hill Country Special Needs Alliance. Register: www.hcsna.com

Sunday, January 12th at the Bella Mar Community Center starting 2pm

Topic: "Importance of Balance" and Treating LDL Cholesterol

Presented by: Dr. Benjamin Rosin and Physical Therapist Cassie Chonko

This free workshop will be held on Thursday, January 15th at Towne Square Community Center starting at 7:00pm.

Steiner Ranch Cycling News

SATURDAY & SUNDAY RIDES

'Tis the "off season" for cycling, however this may be the best time to build up some solid base miles. "Base training is the foundation upon which everything else rests," says Danny Suter, USA Cycling coach. When you ride for two or more hours (or less for new riders) at a steady pace—a typical base ride—your body responds with changes that allow you to use more oxygen and burn more fat as fuel, says coach Joe Friel. Base-building rides tend to be the most social and fun, so you can just enjoy being on your bike, hanging out with friends, and recharging your batteries without worrying about going hard or being dropped.

Ride route details are posted each week to our website at <http://www.steineranchcycling.com>, Facebook page <http://facebook.com/SteinerRanchCycling> and to our email list (sign up on website).

On Saturdays/Sundays we have open group training rides, starting at Cups & Cones times in the winter will vary depending on weather conditions. Typically rolling between 7:30 - 8:30 AM.

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 after the ride on Saturday mornings to refuel and recover!

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Young At Heart



Young at Heart is an active social group open to Steiner Ranch residents only ages 55+. 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. 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, 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!

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Why Firewise is now a priority for me and should be for you

Submitted by Bill Hamm

We moved to Texas to be with our son and his now expanding family in June of 2017. We got the standard handouts every new resident gets, which included information on the Firewise program. I thought it was interesting, but I wasn't too concerned. After all, there is a fire station about a mile from our home and there is a fire hydrant almost right on my property and we are a Firewise Certified Community.

The activity around the debates concerning the second evacuation route led me to learn about the 2011 fires in Steiner, which destroyed 23 homes, led to 1 death, and called for a large scale evacuation of the community. At the same time, another catastrophic fire was occurring nearby; the Bastrop County Complex fire, which was the most destructive wildfire in Texas history. Four people were killed by the fire, which destroyed 1,673 homes and inflicted an estimated \$325 million of insured property damage. After hearing of these two incidents, I decided that an evaluation of our home was a must. I contacted SRfirewise@gmail.com and arranged for something called a home ignition zone evaluation. Sarah Doolittle came and did a

very thorough job of both evaluating our home. More importantly, she gave me an education on the importance of having a fire resilient home, especially with respect to ember resistance and elimination of so called ladder fuels around the house.

I quizzed Sarah about how many home evaluations she has done. Unfortunately, it is a small number, fewer than 10. I also found out that she was the only one on the Firewise "committee", which, at one time consisted of 8 residents. Sarah recruited me, and I've recruited some others and, as noted in the last Ranch Record, we now have a Board approved committee.

We are now working with Lake Travis Fire Rescue, the Fire Marshalls office and the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP) personnel to both create a new assessment of wildfire risk in Steiner Ranch and a plan to mitigate the risk. We are a Firewise Certified Community, but as the number of home evaluations indicates, we are doing the minimum to maintain that certification, despite the strong efforts of Sarah. I also have learned that being a Firewise Community doesn't mean low risk. Assessments of risk done to date including one recently performed of the Golf Club community indicating that it is at high risk.

The new residents on the committee have taken a course and are learning a lot about wildfires in central Texas. A lot of this is very eye opening to me. For example, that fire station that I expected to come to my rescue, may be over extended as there can be several wildfires in different locations due to embers. There are typically several homes at risk at the same time, creating a chaotic situation that may prevent the fire truck from pulling up to my individual home. Just this past week I learned that my nearby fire hydrant isn't typically used in a wildfire situation. The firefighters bring their own water. They want to be mobile and don't want to be tied down with a hose connection. This is very understandable to me now as a key danger is embers, which can up to a mile or further from the head of a fire, and can spark new fires.

So, my knowledge and attitude has changed significantly and my level of concern has been raised significantly. Yours should too. Schedule a HIZ inspection and come to our upcoming community education event, which is currently being scheduled, and is expected to occur in February. Hope to see you there.



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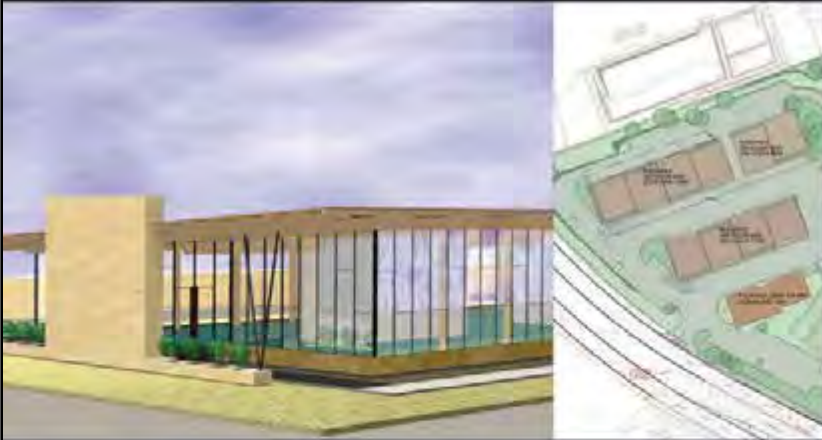
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Steiner Activities & Events

News from the Trails Committee

Submitted by Eric Morton

I have been excited to see so many people on the trails these days. So many people have written in or commented on how great the two new bridges in our community have been, and I think this has encouraged people to take advantage of the trails more frequently.

This month's trail spotlight is Tumbleweed Run. This trail runs just slightly northwest of John Simpson park, running mostly parallel to the road called John Simpson Trail. This is one of the original trails that has always been marked as "hike-only". The other hike-only trails (Dry Gulch, Bear Creek, and Phoenix Pass as well as the trails in the preserve area) tend to be narrow or very hilly and challenging, but Tumbleweed is significantly less so. This makes it a nice hike for intermediates. The other advantage of Tumbleweed is that you are always very close to a road and there are several entrances and exits along the path.

For those that are up for a bit of exploration, at the bench about halfway down Tumbleweed, look for a bit of a "secret trail". This trail isn't on our trail map but will connect you to Mustang or loop you around to the top of Phoenix Pass. The trail is definitely not as improved as the named trails. It is unclear how exactly the trail got there - some of it was existing trail from when this was a working ranch, and some of it happened just by people out exploring.

At the end of Tumbleweed, you can see some of the remnants of the September 2011 fire. The fire ripped up the trail segment, and left several burned areas very close to that trail. The trail then "dead-ends" in an intersection where you can head right to Bear Creek or left to go to Phoenix Pass (and hit the other end of the above unnamed trail).

While the trail is rated as a blue (intermediate) section, it is only due to a few small hills. Overall, the trail is one of our easier blue trails and is a great one for families. You get some beautiful views of the area, especially at the end.

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and I encourage you to make the trails part of your 2020 resolutions and plans. They are great exercise after all.





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Turkey Trot Raises Record Donation for Community First! Village



The Steiner Ranch community was able to donate \$4500 to Community First! Village thanks to record participation in the 2019 Turkey Trot, hosted on Thanksgiving morning by the Steiner Ranch Events Committee.

Hundreds of runners of all ages came out to enjoy the 5K and kids' fun run. Some came in costume and others in warm layers, bundled up against the morning cold. For the first time, this year's run featured make-your-own bibs, and everyone used their bibs to express thanks for the many blessings enjoyed by those of us living here in Steiner.

Community First! Village, a housing project in Austin founded by Mobile Loaves and Fishes for those experiencing homelessness and

housing insecurity, was this year's designated beneficiary thanks to event sponsor Austin Christian Fellowship.

Other sponsors included Nitro Swimming, Card my Yard, Four Points Vipers Football & Cheer, Randall's and Bridges Academy Austin. The Events Committee also wishes to thank Lake Travis Fire & Rescue and the Travis County Sheriff's Department for their participation and ongoing support.

The Events Committee gives thanks this year as always for the opportunity to serve our neighbors and to celebrate the many gifts life in Steiner Ranch has to offer.

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- Name of coach
- Address
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- Sport (soccer, baseball, etc.)
- Age group
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice of field, time & day.

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• One hour weekly beginning at 4:00pm, 5:00pm, or 6:00pm
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DAY OPTIONS:

- Monday – Friday only

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

Assigned practice day(s), time(s), and field(s) will be emailed to you by March 1st, 2019. Please note, once you have been awarded a practice day, time and field, changes will not be made until the next field lottery.

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

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

Cost is \$50 per month for residents and you will need to join U. S. Masters Swimming in order to be eligible to compete in masters' meets, receive the Swimmer magazine, and to satisfy the HOA insurance requirements.

To join, please visit 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 at goldstarsswimming@gmail.com.

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.



Propped 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.

Nitro Swimming News



Are you looking for a year round swim program in the Steiner Ranch neighborhood?

Nitro Swimming is a USA year-round competitive swim team offering high-quality professional coaching and technique instruction to all of our groups. The goal of our

team is to provide every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills and achieve success at his or her level of ability. Swimming is a life long skill that our athletes come to cherish.

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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/or would like your swimmer evaluated please contact the lead coach Claire Rozick at claire.rozick@nitroswim.com. Evaluations for the Steiner Ranch branch are available at the Bella Mar pool upon request or at our Bee Cave location every Saturday at 12:15p. Swimmers must be residents of Steiner Ranch.

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AVG SOLD \$/SF.....	\$173	\$174.82	↑1.0%
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