

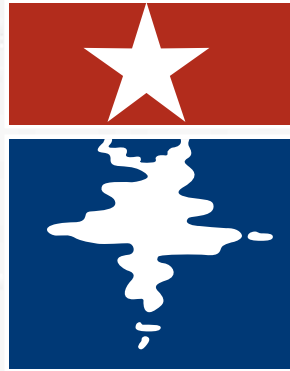
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- 4/11 Easter Egg Hunt
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- 7/04 Decorate Your Ride / Independence Day Celebration
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- 9/25 Spring Scrap A Thon
- 10/25 Trunk Or Treat + Pumpkin Patch
- 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.steinerhanchhoa.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/steinerranchtrails>

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@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.

Special Thanks to the SRMA BOD for their Service

Special Thanks to the Steiner Ranch Master Association Board of Directors for their Service.

The SRMA Board of Directors has worked hard for another year in service to their fellow residents. In the last twelve months they have tackled various projects including renovating Steiner Ranch wide community bathrooms, installing field lighting at the Towne Square Park, new water fountains with pet water bowls at all community parks, front entrances renovations, community monuments landscape enhancements, latest landscape irrigation controllers, new signage, Lake Club enhancements, gated community pedestrian gate locks and more...

The SRMA Board in 2019 consisted of seven Directors (featured on front cover):

- Naren Chilukuri
- Chris Langevin
- Josh Yates
- Jessica Bombra
- Lawrence Spinetta
- Christina Morales
- Raj Singh

Countless hours go into the work involved in governing Steiner Ranch. Please join us in expressing our gratitude for the 2019 SRMA Board of Directors and their dedication and passion to improve our neighborhood.



Elections News SRMA & SRROA 2020 Elections and Annual Meetings:

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

March SRMA Election

The SRMA Board consists of seven board members. The elected members will serve three-year terms. There are four directors representing various districts and three directors for At-Large positions (any SRMA homeowner can stand up for At-Large position irrespective of the district).

In the March election, SRMA homeowners from District 1, and District 2 will elect members from their voting district and vote for a At-Large candidate. The rest of SRMA home owners can only vote for At-Large candidates. Regardless of their voting districts, once directors are elected to the SRMA Board, they represent Steiner Ranch (SRMA) interests as a whole.

Two SRMA Voting Districts open for March election

District 1 – Bellagio Estates, The Headlands, Longhorn Canyon, Majestic Oaks, The Estates at Westridge, The Hills at Westridge, Lakeview, The View, Beverly Ridge, Canyon Glen.

District 2 – UT Golf Community, Casitas, Parkside, River Heights Overlook, Towne Hollow, Shire Ridge, River Heights Grove.

One At-Large Positions open for March election

Any SRMA homeowner may run for At-Large seat on the Board.

If you are an SRMA homeowner and wish to be considered for District 1, 2 Director or At-Large director positions for March SRMA Board election, please email SRMA HOA General Manager at Steiner@ciramail.com. Also include a headshot and short bio in your email. The deadline to submit a candidate application is February 21st, 2020.

April SRROA Election

The SRROA will be electing 2 members during the April election.

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

SRROA homeowners who wish to be considered as candidates should email SRMA HOA General Manager at Steiner@ciramail.com for more information. Also include a headshot and short bio in your email. The deadline to submit a candidate application is March 20, 2020.

From the Association Office

Prevent Oak Wilt - Don't Prune Oaks Feb 1st - June 30th

Information provided by Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources

Oak wilt has claimed the lives of thousands of trees in Central Texas and beyond. Majestic oaks play a large role in this region's beauty and identity; it would be hard to imagine the Hill Country without them. They are an iconic part of many local businesses and neighborhoods, providing shade, beauty, and higher property values. Following simple preventive measures can go a long way towards stopping the spread of this destructive disease.

From February through June, avoid all pruning or cutting of oaks – this is the high season for oak wilt transmission. Any wounds that occur from construction, vehicles, wind, etc., should be painted as soon as they're discovered – ideally within ½ hour of being cut – with commercial tree wound dressing or latex paint. That includes freshly cut stumps and surface roots.

Pruning is least risky during the coldest winter days and extended hot periods in mid to late summer. Any time you prune though, the Texas Forest Service recommends painting all wounds and sanitizing pruning equipment between trees using denatured methyl alcohol (shellac thinner), isopropyl alcohol, or a general purpose household disinfectant such as Lysol, Listerine or Pine-Sol. Household bleach is not recommended.

Red oaks, including Spanish (now Buckley) oak, Shumard oak and blackjack oak, are very susceptible to oak wilt and play a key role in the disease's transmission. Oak wilt is caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, which spreads its spores from "fungal mats" that form under the tree's bark. These mats have a sweet, fruity smell that attracts insects, especially the sap-sucking nitidulid beetle. After feeding and breeding on the fungal mats, these beetles fly away covered in fungal spores. As they visit other oaks, they spread the fungus through open wounds in the bark. The nitidulid beetle is only about the size of a pinhead, but is capable of flying as far as a mile away. While red oaks are the most susceptible to oak wilt, all oaks can become infected.

Fungal mats usually form on standing trees, but can also develop

on logs, stumps and fresh firewood cut from infected oaks. Make sure to remove and either burn or bury infected oaks to prevent mats from forming, and never store unseasoned wood from infected trees near healthy oaks.

The second way oak wilt can be transmitted is through the roots. Live oaks tend to grow together in dense mottes with interconnected roots, so the fungus can be transmitted easily among them. Oak wilt is occasionally transmitted through red oak roots as well, but the movement is slower and occurs over shorter distances than with live oaks. Root transmission can be prevented by cutting trenches four feet deep between infected and healthy trees, but by far the best option is to prevent infection in the first place.

So make sure NOT to prune oaks between February 1 and July 1, and ALWAYS paint wounds on oaks no matter what time of year it is. For more information on preventing and treating oak wilt, please visit texasoakwilt.org, the website of The Oak Wilt Information Partnership, a project of the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Forest Health Protection branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin.



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From the Association Office

February Steiner Ranch Firewise Focus Wood Fences, Stairs and Decks

Submitted by Brian Tarr, Firewise

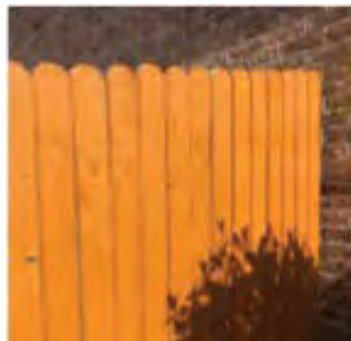
Wood Fence Fire Risk

There is a powerful reason why wood (usually cedar) privacy fences are a Firewise concern. Unfortunately, wood fences are a common feature of many homes in Steiner Ranch, which increases the likelihood of homes being lost when the next serious wildfire impacts Steiner Ranch.

A combustible fence or gate attached to a home is an obvious threat if it catches on fire, since fire will move along the combustible wood fence to the home. This is especially dangerous if the top of the wood fence is close to the eaves of the home, which is very common for many single-story homes in Steiner Ranch.



Fire traveled along this Wood Fence & Ignited the Home



Example Color Matched Dement Board Fire Buffer

Wood fences can burn due to blowing embers igniting flammable debris (e.g. leaves, trash, etc.) collected along the bottom of the fence. Since the bottom of many wooden fence boards are in contact with soil, they will eventually decay, making the bottom of the fence easier to ignite. Also, due to the expense of building a fence, the boards used are relatively thin and spaced out with a small gap between them. These vertical gaps allow blowing embers to lodge between the fence boards and ignite them directly, especially if very thin wood fence boards were used.

Wood Fence Fire Risk Mitigation

- Minimize combustible materials and vegetation adjacent to wood fences.
- Install a non-combustible section, or gate, up to 6ft long next to the home, using:
 - Metal (iron or steel)
 - Cement board (e.g. Hardy Board)
 - Other fire resistant wood substitute materials

(For example, a Firewise conscious neighbor recently built a fence buffer against his house, for less than \$100 in materials, using color matched cement boards; see picture.)

Wood Stairs and Decks Fire Risk

Wood stairs and decks can burn due to blowing embers igniting flammable debris (e.g. leaves, trash, etc.) collected on, around or under stairs and decks.



Embers ignited leaf litter fire spread to the stairs & deck Wood Stairs and Decks Fire Risk Mitigation

- Remove flammable debris (leaves, trash, etc.) on, under and adjacent to stairs and decks
- Spread gravel, or other non-combustible material, under and to 5ft around stairs and decks
- Fully enclose the space under stairs and decks using fire resistant materials
 - Add 1/16th metal mesh screen over any wood lattice enclosed spaces
- Treat existing wood stairs and decks with fire-resistant paint or chemicals
- Use fire resistant material when installing new stairs and decks

Firewise Invitation to the Steiner Ranch Wildlife & Safety Fair – 2/26/2020

Please stop by the Firewise table at the Steiner Ranch Wildlife & Safety Fair, to be held on 2/26/2020 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Towne Square Community Center. Come learn about what you can do to harden your home against ember initiated spot fires, since blowing embers cause the loss of at least 80% of the homes that burn during wildfires.

As always, for more information or to schedule a home ignition zone evaluation, please contact your Firewise representatives at SRFirewise@gmail.com.



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Trash, Recycling & Bulky Waste Pick-Ups:

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To download a customized trash and recycling service calendar by address, as well as service alerts and reminders, visit the Waste Wizard widget on the Texas Disposal Systems website: www.texasdisposal.com.

Architectural Modifications

Making Exterior Changes? Don't Forget To Obtain Architectural Approval First

Thinking about modifying your deck, adding a pool, or changing the color of your exterior trim? Steiner Ranch governing documents require the submission of plans and specifications for review and approval by the Architectural Committee (AC) before construction or installation begins. Improvements requiring approval include, but are not limited to, playscapes, pools, decks, patios, ponds, new siding or trim colors, planter boxes, arbors, walkways and sheds. Before making exterior changes to your home, please submit a Modification Application, which can be found on the HOA website under the 'Architectural' tab.

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.

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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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Steiner Activities & Events

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

The HOA held its Volunteer Appreciation dinner on Thursday, January 16th, 2020 to recognize the many volunteers who support the Steiner Ranch Community. In attendance there were nearly 30 people from multiple Steiner Boards & Committees: SRMA, SRROA and Casitas Boards, Landscaping, Events, Architecture, Trails and Firewise Committees.

We appreciate the support of so many residents who do their best to serve their fellow homeowners. Some volunteers were unable to attend the dinner and were sincerely missed.

Steiner Ranch wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to all HOA volunteers for their time, service and support. We look forward to another exciting and successful year as we continue our efforts with your help to make Steiner Ranch Community an exceptional place to live.



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Presenting the Steiner Ranch Wildlife & Safety Fair

On February 26th at 6:30pm, the Steiner Ranch HOA will host a wildlife and safety education fair at the Towne Square Community Center. The event is intended to better educate both new and established Steiner Ranch residents about local wildlife, trails, the Balcones Canyonland Preserve, oak wilt, local fire & law enforcement and Steiner Ranch Firewise.

To learn more about topics such as oak wilt, coyotes, snakes, mountain biking on Steiner trails, wildfire & home fire prevention, and much more, please plan to attend this first event of its kind in Steiner.

Hope to see you there!



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Wednesday, February 26th, 2020

6:30PM - 8 PM

Towne Square Community Center

In attendance:

Precinct 2 Constables, Oak Wilt experts, LTFR, Steiner Ranch Firewise, Trails Committee, City of Austin Wildlife division, Balcones Canyon Preserve Representatives and more...

Steiner Activities & Events

Hold The Date For Camping On The Ranch

**SATURDAY MARCH 7TH TO
SUNDAY MARCH 8TH, 2020**

Hold the date and register to attend one of the neighborhood most popular events: Camping on The Ranch! The Steiner Ranch HOA Events Planning Committee is hosting the popular event, just minutes from home but an adventure away.

When: Saturday March 7th starting at 5:00pm to Sunday March 8th at 10:00am

Where: Towne Square Community Fields

The entire family is invited. Kidventure will be sponsoring a movie under the stars and Tiff Treat will give out treats.

In the morning the HOA will give out free donuts and Coffee Beans and Tea Leaves of Steiner Ranch will provide attendees with free coffee and hot chocolate.

Pull out your tents and sleeping bags, join your family and friends for a great evening outdoors.

Registration for this event is required –visit the Steiner Ranch events Facebook page or the below link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camping-on-the-ranch-2020-tickets-90170433193>



Father Daughter Dance

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>



Mother and Son Dance 2020

This year's Steiner Ranch Mother-Son Dance was another successful event, with over seventy moms and sons in attendance. Hosted at the Towne Square Community Center, the dance was the first ever with a theme: Cowboys & their Moms.

Magician "Pete the Adequate" performed, Cups & Cones provided dinner, s'mores and ice cream sundaes and DJ Dexter kept the tunes rolling all night. Moms & their sons also enjoyed limo rides around the neighborhood.

The Steiner Ranch Events Committee wants to thank everyone who attended. Seeing Steiner moms and sons enjoy time together is part of what makes planning events so special. Coming up next: our annual Daddy-Daughter Dance on February 8 at Hill Country Bible Church. For more information and to register, visit the Steiner Ranch Events Committee Facebook page.



Steiner Activities & Events

Scrap-A-Thon

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

When: Starting Friday,
March 27th at 6:00pm
Ending Sunday, March 29th at 6:00pm

Where: Towne Square Community Center
Registration is required. Register by visiting
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Inflatables will be provided by the Steiner Ranch HOA, and a light breakfast will be served as well! Come out for a morning of fun and fitness! Visit runtheranch.org for more information and to register!



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starting at 7:00pm. The workshop
topic will be about Alzheimers
Disease.

Free Property Tax Workshop: HOW TO PROTEST YOUR PROPERTY TAX APPRAISAL Presented by: Craig Smyser



This free workshop will be held on
Wednesday, April 22nd, 2020 at Towne
Square Community Center starting at
7:00pm.

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Free Activities For Residents

*Take advantage of these free
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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.

Winter and Spring Programs

Children Programs:

Lonestar Soccer - Neighborhood Sports - Nitro Swimming - Gold
Star Swimming - Sportball - Tap-N-Toe - Tennis - Towne & Country
Soccer - Zumba - Music Forever Music Together - Water Polo.

Adult Programs:

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

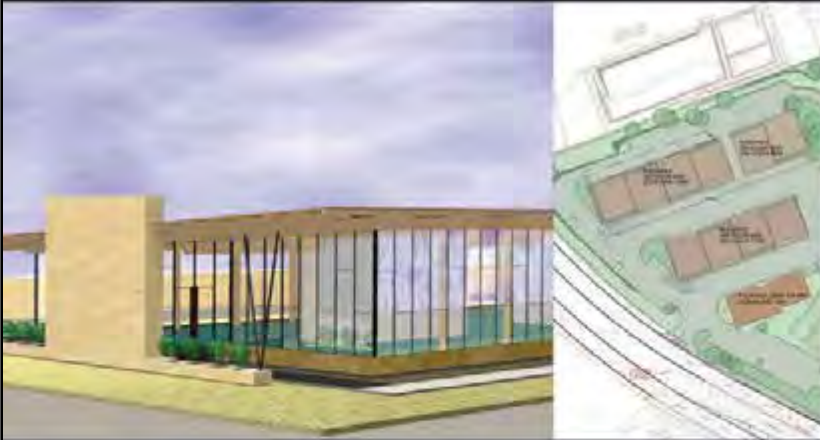
For more info, contact Desirre Ghebremicael at:
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Summer Camps

Multiple camps with full day and half day options are available
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Kidventure - Mad Science - Lonestar - Neighborhood Sports -
Steiner Stars - Gold Stars Swimming.

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Steiner Activities & Events

KIDVENTURE'S CAMP STEINER

JUNE 1 - AUGUST 7, 2020

Kidventure has become an integral part of the Steiner Ranch community and its children with a summer program rooted in adventure, learning, and growth. Set at Towne Square, Camp Steiner provides exceptional athletic and educational amenities in an inspiring setting. Get ready for an unforgettable summer.

Registration begins February 7th, 2020 at 9 AM



EXPLORERS

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Trails Committee News

Submitted by Eric Morton

Speaking as both a mountain biker and a hiker, the Fall of 2019 has been spectacular for our trails. We've had a good amount of rain, but not "too much" to do damage; and the weather has been really good for getting out there and enjoying a hike or bike.

I feel obligated, since I'm the trail committee "social chairman" to be "social" whenever I'm out on the trails. I have stopped and talked to many of you, and the overwhelming are extremely happy with our trail system. It truly is a gem. I hear compliments about the new bridges, the new signs, and the bypasses that have been built around troublesome areas due to poor drainage, etc. But still, I feel like we must be having less than 5% of the Steiner Ranch community out there on a regular basis. The more people use the trails, the easier they are to maintain to be honest. The added traffic helps keep the trails from being overgrown, which is our biggest issue.

So I proclaim this entire decade (yes, it started on 2020 - don't give me that) to be "get your neighbors out on the trail decade". When you go out for a hike or ride, drag that neighbor of yours along with you! Let them see how wonderful our trail system is. Show them how your stress is immediately decreased as soon as you step off the road, with drivers going way too fast (and probably looking at their cell phones). Show them how much better mountain biking is than that road biking (and does anyone understand the appeal of gravel biking while we are at it?)

If you haven't joined our Facebook page (search for "Steiner Ranch Trail Committee"), come and join the fun. We have regular "where in Steiner am I" 'contests'. The winner of every contest gets to maintain a trail for the month! Just kidding, they're just for fun. Post if you're looking for a companion on the trail.

Our picture this week is a shot of our MTB team going down Stampede. How many of you know that the "lighthouse" in the back of this picture is really just a water tower painted up to look like a lighthouse? I think I lived in Steiner 10 years before I found that out!!!



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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Swimming News

Would you like to get a head start on Summer Swimming or Swim Team?



Gold Stars Swimming will be conducting their annual Spring Fling/Stars Prep program for the 2020 year. Two options for classes. We have T/Th 6:45-7:45PM class from March 24th - April 23rd. And, we have a Saturday only class program from March 28th- April 25th 8:45am-10am.

This program is directed towards swimmers ages 5 - 18 who want to get a head start on their summer swimming or swim team. In the five weeks, the program will go over all 4 strokes, including starts, finishes, proper stroke technique, breathing, etc. Minimum requirements are that swimmers who register must have prior swim experience.

This is a hugely popular program, so please register early. Discounts for registering prior to February 14th.

For more information, you can visit www.goldstarsswimming.com or e-mail Hollie at goldstarsswimming@gmail.com

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.

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/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.

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

Steiner Stars Summer Swim Team!

It's almost time to sign up for the most fun summer league in Texas!

The Steiner Stars swim team wants YOU to come join us in the pool this summer for the most fun you'll have all year. Our team of Steiner Ranch swimmers aged 5-17 has been building strong swimmers and encouraging friendly competition for almost 20 years with 450 of your friends and neighbors. Our emphasis is on building strong swimmers and having fun doing it. Swimmers of any ability from beginners to experts are welcome.

This year's season starts practice in late April and runs to the end of June. We split the team in two to fit in the pool. Red team practices in the mornings and Blue team practices in the afternoons with swim meets on Saturday mornings here in Steiner Ranch and away in Georgetown, Round Rock Anderson Mill, and other pools. Swimmers with qualifying times can compete in the Invitational Meet planned for June 28th.

Please see our webpage: www.steinerstars.org for more info about registration and be sure to check out our video to get a glimpse of what awaits you.

Residents must be in good standing with the HOA to register and agree to volunteer requirements to participate in the league. Space in each age group is limited. Swimmers must be 5 years or older by May 1, 2020, to participate. Returning Family Registration will be online starting March 7. New Family Registration will be in-person Saturday April 4th, 2020.

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Still cleaning up after the holidays?

Take advantage of the upcoming FREE recycling center collection event

Drop off your household hazardous waste at the next FREE collection event at the Lake Travis Regional Re-Use and Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. The center is located at 3207 Neidhardt Drive, just off General Williamson Drive behind Lake Travis Fire Rescue Station 601. This is one of four free events scheduled this year.

The collection event is open to residential utility customers. In order to drop off items, a resident must present a valid driver's license or utility bill with an address in the jurisdictional boundaries of one of the following: the cities of Lakeway or Bee Cave; Village of The Hills; Hurst Creek Municipal Utility District; Lakeway MUD; or Travis County Water Control and Improvement District (WCID) No. 17. Outside customers will be charged \$40 to drop off products. No one is allowed to drop off more than 30 gallons or 300 pounds. Gallons are calculated on the size of the container, not volume. A 5 gallon paint can may only contain 4-inches of old paint, however, it is considered 5 gallons.

Household hazardous waste items are common everyday products that people use in and around their homes that, due to their chemical nature, can be hazardous to the environment and water supply if not properly disposed. **Accepted materials must come in their original containers for transport and be labeled properly.**

The center **will accept:**


- Household products — cleaning products, drain cleaners, oven cleaning solvents, degreasers, polishers, pool chemicals, household batteries, mercury thermometers, gas grill propane tanks;
- Paint products — latex and oil-based paints, spray paints, preservatives, strippers, etc., or;
- Automotive products — antifreeze, car batteries, oil, oil filters, transmission and brake fluids, etc.

The center **will not accept:**

- Asbestos products — including linoleum tiles containing asbestos from older homes;
- Industrial waste — anything from a business;
- Medical waste — needles, prescriptions, etc.;
- Ammunition or explosives — fireworks, dynamite, etc.;
- Radioactive waste — smoke detectors, etc.;
- Compressed gas cylinders, but gas grill propane tanks are accepted.
- Tires;
- Appliances — small or large; or,
- Technology products — computers, printers, televisions, speakers, surround sound, other electronic equipment.

The center also has many free used household products for your home, yard or pools, including two latex blended paints made at the Center - Lake Travis Slate and Hill Country Mocha. Two-gallon pails are available. Both free paints are available to nonprofit organizations for civic projects and the public for individual projects.

These reuse items are available not only at this event, but also by scheduling an appointment with Lakeway Public Works at 512-608-9000 or WCID No. 17 at 512-266-1111. For more information, you can also visit the City of Lakeway website: Lakeway-tx.gov.



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PENDING.....	13	15	↑15%
SOLD.....	19	16	↓16%
AVG LIST PRICE.....	\$479,426	\$1,197,531	↑150%
AVG LIST \$/SF.....	\$159	\$288	↑81%
AVG SOLD PRICE.....	\$470,132	\$1,151,213	↑144%
AVG SOLD \$/SF.....	\$156	\$245	↑57%
AVG SOLD PRICE/ORIG LP.....	95.50%	95.43%	↓.07%
AVG DAYS ON MARKET.....	51	74	↑45%

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