

VOLUME 14 ISSUE 6
JUNE 2020

RANCH RECORD

Official Newsletter of The Steiner Ranch HOA

*Congratulations
Graduates!*



Follow us on
facebook

[Facebook.com/SteinerRanchHOAevents](https://www.facebook.com/SteinerRanchHOAevents)



Rhonda Durrill
512.994.8400

Rhonda@AvalarAustin.com



Erin Bloss
512.264.5889

Erin@AvalarAustin.com



Melissa Van Leeuwen
512.230.4419

Melissa@AvalarAustin.com



Joy Brillante
512.423.4479

Joy@AvalarAustin.com



Marguerite Craig
512.656.8292

MargueriteCraig@austin.rr.com



Steve Craig
512.415.0099

SteveCraig@AvalarAustin.com



Lisa Nauert
512.217.3762

LNauert@AvalarAustin.com



Lisa Westwood
512.785.1886

LisaW@AvalarAustin.com

Avalar Austin Real Estate

2900 Quinlan Park Rd, #220 - Next to Lakeside Pizzeria
512.610.5000 | AvalarAustin.com

Steiner Ranch Real Estate Experts

Since 2006



COMMUNITY INFO

STEINER RANCH

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS OFFICE

12550 Country Trails Lane

Austin, Texas 78732

512-266-7553 – Telephone

512-266-9312 – Facsimile

www.steinerranchhoa.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday (Closed from 12–1:00pm) 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday & Sunday **CLOSED**

STAFF

General Manager

Melinda Schoch..... steiner@ciramail.com

Lifestyle and Communication Manager

Desirre Ghebremicael..... steiner@ciramail.com

Operations Manager

Sarah Dunlap..... steiner@ciramail.com

Architectural and Community Standards Coordinator

Samantha Dominguez..... steiner@ciramail.com

Front Desk Coordinator

Cami Porter..... steiner@ciramail.com

Compliance steiner@ciramail.com

COMPLIANCE, ARCHITECTURAL

Compliance/ACC Coordinator..... steiner@ciramail.com

SRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Email the SRMA BOD..... board@steinerranchhoa.org

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY.....911
Fire.....911
Ambulance.....911
Sheriff – Non-Emergency.....512-974-0845
Travis County ESD No.6/Lake Travis Fire Rescue
Administration Office.....512-266-2533
Travis County Animal Control.....512-974-2000

STEINER RANCH CONTACTS

Steiner Ranch Community Association
Office.....512-266-7553

SCHOOLS

Leander ISD.....512-570-0000
Vandegrift High School.....512-570-2300
Canyon Ridge Middle School.....512-570-3500
Laura Welch Bush Elementary.....512-570-6100
Steiner Ranch Elementary.....512-570-5700
River Ridge Elementary.....512-570-7300

UTILITIES

Travis County WCID # 17.....512-266-1111
City of Austin Electric.....512-494-9400
Texas Gas Service
Custom Service.....1-800-700-2443
Emergencies.....512-370-8609
Call Before You Dig.....1-800-344-8377

AT&T

New Service.....1-800-464-7928
Repair.....1-800-246-8464
Billing.....1-800-858-7928

Time Warner Cable

Customer Service.....512-485-5555
Repairs.....512-485-5080
TDS (Trash & Recycle).....512-329-1752
Austin/Travis County Hazardous Waste
.....512-974-4343

OTHER NUMBERS

Lake Travis Postal Office.....512-263-2458
Coyote Sightings.....311
Five Star Commercial Community Management
Balcones Canyonlands Preserve.....
.....<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/nr/bcp>

NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER

Peel, Inc.....512-263-9181
Advertising.....advertising@peelinc.com

STEVE'S PLUMBING REPAIR

Master License: M-39722

- Water Pressure Problems
- Sewer & Drain Service
- Fiber Optic Drain
Line Inspections
- Free Estimates
- Satisfaction Guaranteed

Steve Brougher
512.276.7476



GO GREEN! GO PAPERLESS!

Sign up to receive the Ranch Record
directly to your inbox.
Visit PEELinc.com for details.

From the Association Office

FROM THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE

- 4 KEY COMMUNITY MEETING DATES
- 5 2020 SRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 6 2020 SRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONTINUED
- 8 ASSESSMENTS DUE DATE
- 8 FIREWISE
- 9 FIREWORKS POLICY
- 9 COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 9 ARCHITECTURAL APPROVAL
- 10 REMINDERS
- 10 OAK WILT POLICY

STEINER ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- 12 FATHER'S DAY AND PHOTOS
- 13 FATHERS DAY PHOTOS CONTINUED
- 14 FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS CONTINUED
- 15 FATHER'S DAY PHOTOS CONTINUED
- 15 NEWS FROM THE TRAILS COMMITTEE
- 16 SPEEDY WILDLIFE
- 16 SNAKES
- 17 SNAKES CONTINUED
- 18 SNAKES CONTINUED
- 18 CYCLING NEWS
- 20 SUMMER HOME SECURITY TIPS

IN EVERY ISSUE

- 22 TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS
- 22 CLASSIFIEDS

UPCOMING STEINER RANCH HOA EVENTS

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 ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

RESIDENTIAL OWNERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Towne Square Community Center at 7:00pm.

TRAIL COMMITTEE

Meets on the third 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 the third 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.

Because of the Covid19 Pandemic and the recommendation to limit contact with individuals outside of your home and practice social distancing when in public, all meetings are conducted remotely and links are sent to your registered email on file.

COVER PHOTO

The Steiner Ranch HOA would like to congratulate all 2020 Graduates and wish everyone a Happy and Safe Summer.

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.

2020 SRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Steiner Ranch Master Association (SRMA) held their Annual Meeting and Election on March 31, 2020 and two SRMA districts were up for election (District 1 and 2). The SRMA Board comprises of seven directors. Each director is elected for a three-year term. Countless hours go into the work involved in governing Steiner

Ranch. Below you can get acquainted with each one of the 2020 SRMA Board of Directors and learn about their dedication, voluntarism and passion to improve our neighborhood and make Steiner Ranch one of the premiere master planned Community in Central Texas.



Naren Chilukuri
President

Mr. Naren has been living in Steiner for over 15 years (since 2004), his children attended Steiner Elementary, CRMS and Vandegrift. He is passionate about the holistic well-being of our community and children, he cares about nature, environment and the comprehensive amenities Steiner

Ranch offers.

He has a long-term vision for the Steiner Ranch community and through collaborative efforts of directors, staff, committees, volunteers, he aspires to take the community to the next level.

Naren has over 25 years of management, services, and operations experience (Dell, Rackspace, Intel), bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's in Civil/Environmental Engineering (Texas Tech).



Christopher Langevin
Vice-President

Mr. Christopher has lived in Steiner Ranch since 2011 with his wife Colleen and his two boys. He feels blessed to have found Steiner when he moved here. That is why he first wanted to be on the SRMA Board, to keep Steiner Ranch the wonderful place it is and do his part in making it better.

In his position on the SRMA Board, he has been the liaison with the landscape, and architectural committee. He has tried

to help them as much as he could to keep Steiner looking good and making sure Community's standards are met.

He consider himself fortunate enough to be able to spend a good amount of time contributing to the organizations and the community in which together with his wife, they raise their two boys in. He has coached youth sports teams, volunteered at the local schools, and he has been an active member of the PTA. As a family they are committed to give back to the Community as much as they can.



Josh Yates
Director

Mr. Josh and his wife, Jennifer, relocated to Austin from South Florida in 2006. Since that time, he has been a Marketing professional at Dell Financial Services focusing on Consumer Product Awareness. Along with their 8-year-old son Jacob, they consider themselves fortunate to call The Headlands area of Steiner Ranch home since 2012. He says that Steiner Ranch has an amazing community of neighbors,

schools, family and friends in Steiner Ranch and cannot imagine living anywhere else. That's part of the reason why he is very passionate about this community – he says: 'I am surrounded by people and things I care about and I'm here for the long haul.'

As a Board member, he brings this perspective with him every day and never forget the people he is affecting because his family, neighbors and friends are impacted too. He has coached youth sports teams, volunteered at the local schools, and he is ready to serve our Community in a different way. At the foundation of his approach to a Board seat will be a commitment to transparency, accessibility and a firm belief that the Board should operate for the equal benefit of everyone.



Christina Morales
Secretary

Mrs. Christina has lived in the Savannah neighborhood for over 13 years now. She has 3 children and have been married to her high school sweetheart for 20 years.

From a community standpoint, she has served on the school rezoning committees, Leander ISD leadership group, Pack 203 Den Leader,

currently serving on LISD Bond Advisory Committee, Various PTA positions, Fundraising VP, and Parliamentarian, and chaired several positions for the Steiner Stars Swim team. She is also the chair of the robotics program at LWBE. She is currently the Sales Operation Manager for an object-based storage software company called Caringo in Austin.

She is interested in keeping Steiner Ranch a great place to live for all of our residents.

Continued on Page 6

2020 SRMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CONTINUED...



Jessica Bombra
Treasurer

Mrs. Bombra moved to the Bella Mar section of Steiner Ranch in 2009 with her husband and their two children. They lived in Bella Mar until March 2018 when they moved to The Grove. Since her children began school here in Steiner Ranch, she has spent

numerous hours volunteering in their classrooms, with the PTA, as well as participating in Neighborhood Sports, tennis & Girl Scouts.

She is currently a Substitute Teacher and have worked at most of the schools in Steiner Ranch. This gives her insight into issues concerning parents, teachers and students in the neighborhood. She feels that having lived in two sections located within District 4, gave her a grasp on issues that face both sections, as well as others located towards the back of Steiner.

Since moving farther towards the back of Steiner Ranch, she has also become more aware of some of the concerns, primarily with access and safety, that residents in these sections of Steiner Ranch face and she is committed to work towards solutions that will keep Steiner Ranch a safe community.

extensively management and leadership experience.

He is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), State of Texas so he knows and understands finance. Additionally, as a family man married for 22 years with three kids, he is committed to the success of the Steiner Ranch Community. He wants to keep our community healthy, vibrant, solvent, and safe. He has dedicated his life to public service and believes that Steiner Ranch is a wonderful Community that can improve service delivery and outreach.



Dr. Singh
Director

Dr. Singh and his family moved to Steiner Ranch in 2016. He is an IT Professional and an Adjunct Professor. Additionally, he volunteers at a non-profit in Austin. He enjoys gardening, travel, and anything that allows him to spend more time with his family.

He brings previous experience of serving on HOA Board of Directors. He is passionate about making Steiner Ranch a safe and pleasing Community for our residents. Dr. Singh and his Family are thankful to be part of our wonderful Community and he is grateful for the opportunity to serve the SRMA Board.



Lawrence Spinetta
Director

Mr. Spinetta is active in a local political organization and also have experience interacting with multiple Homeowners Associations from houses that he has owned across the country.

He is a retired Colonel and previously led 750 people performing at bases at 6 locations worldwide. Thus, he offers

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE

CONTACT US TODAY ABOUT
ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

512.263.9181 • PEELINC.COM

Cold is on the Right Plumbing is a service based plumbing provider that is committed to you and your home or business. Whether the job is big or small, residential or commercial, simple or complex; we're here to help!

GIVE US A CALL TODAY!

512.762.8243

coldisontheright.com



High Fives are Free!

LN: M39724



10% Off

for Steiner Ranch Residents (up to \$100)



ADAM LOEWY

Personal Injury Lawyer

LOEWY LAW FIRM

HELPING INJURED TEXANS



LoewyFirm.com

(512) 280-0800

Car Crashes | Bicycle Crashes | Drunk Driving Crashes | Child Injuries | Boating Accidents
Motorcycle and ATV Accidents | Slip and Fall Injuries | Other Serious Injuries

From the Association Office

Assessments are Due July 1st, 2020

The July semi-annual Association assessments are due July 1st, 2020. We encourage all residents if you have not done so already to take the opportunity to register on the CiraNet portal. Not only can the assessments be paid with ease through the portal, you can also view Associations documents, current/history of your account ledger (starting September 1st, 2018, anything prior to this date contact the HOA office), 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 July 1st, 2020 and considered late if received after July 31st, 2020. Statements will be mailed to each homeowner at the mailing address on file. If you have any questions, contact the GrandManors Resident Services at 1-855-947-2636.

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

- **ACH/Auto Debit (**Recommended**) – Sign Up Today!**

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. For assistance call 1-855-947-2636

- **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.

- **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:

c/o GrandManors

2633 McKinney Ave #130-502

Dallas, TX 75204-2581

Your Bank's Online Bill-Pay

If you pay your assessments through an online bill-pay service, please update the payee information of your HOA to include your new GrandManors Customer ID. The payee address should be set up as shown below:

Payee: Your Association's Name

Address 1: c/o GrandManors

Address 2: 2633 McKinney Ave #130-502

City/State/Zip: Dallas, TX 75204-2581

Account/Reference #

Late payments will cause aggravation and penalties. Any payments received after July 31st, 2020 are subject to an initial \$25 late fee per association and for each subsequent month that the assessment remains unpaid. Assessment must be received by July 31st not postmarked by July 31st.

Firewise Home Ignition Zone Inspections to Resume Soon

Submitted by Bill Hamm, Chairman, Steiner Ranch Firewise Committee

This article was written during the first week in May, when Texas was just starting to open up. Hopefully, when you read this, Texas is continuing to open up. When safe to do so, we will resume doing Firewise Home Ignition Zone Inspections. Since the HOA Safety Day meeting on February 26th, we have had 28 signups and completed 8 inspections, before suspending our efforts due to the coronavirus. We were pleased at the response from the meeting, since there had typically been fewer than ten inspections per year in Steiner Ranch, and we hope to continue the new momentum. Accordingly, you can still sign up to request a Home Ignition Zone Inspection at SRfirewise@gmail.com.

The inspections are free and take about an hour. We will explain how Texas wildfires behave differently than California wildfires and make suggestions for you to make your house more wildfire resistant. Austin is the fifth most at risk city for wildfires, according to a recent report by CoreLogic, and Steiner Ranch has been rated as high risk by Lake Travis Fire and Rescue. You can get a risk assessment for your individual property by going to <https://www.texaswildfirerisk.com/Map/Public/#whats-your-risk>. During a wildfire, up to ninety percent of houses catch fire from the rain of wind-blown embers; not from the fire itself. Preparedness has the biggest impact towards saving your home.

We are also recruiting more Steiner Ranch Firewise committee volunteer members. The original 8 member Firewise committee was formed after the Labor Day 2011 Steiner Ranch wildfire that destroyed 23 homes. The 3 current members represent the Savannah and Bella Mar neighborhoods, but we would like to recruit volunteers from each of the other Steiner Ranch neighborhoods. Please sign up to volunteer at SRfirewise@gmail.com.

We also want to encourage all Steiner Ranch residents to sign up for emergency phone alerts at www.WarnCentralTexas.org. If there is a wildfire, WarnCentralTexas will be used by the authorities to call or text you when your home is being threatened by a wildfire. WarnCentralTexas is also used as an alert system for other emergencies but it's not bothersome as I've had it for two years and have only been contacted once, for a severe thunderstorm which threatened my Savannah neighborhood.

Stay Safe, Volunteer, Sign up for Emergency Alerts!



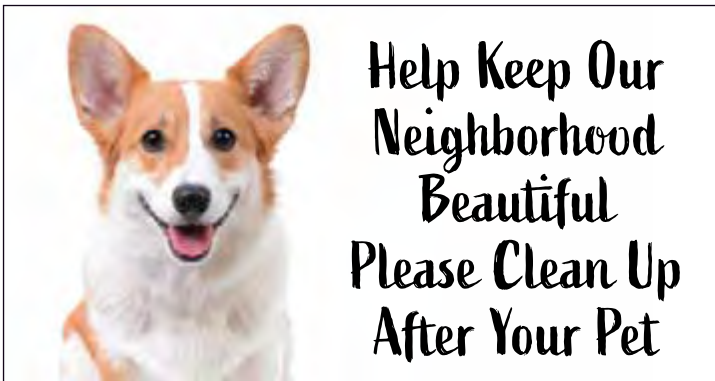
FIREWORKS / FIRECRACKERS **PROHIBITED**

Steiner Ranch Fireworks Policy

Residents are reminded that fireworks within Steiner Ranch are prohibited by the Steiner Ranch Master Association and Steiner Ranch Residential Association. There are a number of 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 or use the CiraNet portal to complete a "Report A Problem" as soon as possible or immediately following an occurrence. Physical and/or photographic evidence is helpful in substantiating a violation.



Committee Volunteers Needed

The Steiner Ranch Master Association is currently seeking volunteers to form a new Solid Waste/ and Recycling committee to provide input and recommendations regarding Solid Waste and Recycling services needed by the Community as well as selecting potential service providers. As the Board budgets for future expenditures and contracts renewals as well as current and forecasted needs of the community, will need the help and support of the Committee to successfully assess the needs and wants of the community, provide additional feedback and a broader voice from all residents and help select the best service provider.

The Committee will consist of five (5) volunteers and it will extend from May to July 2020 only meeting once a month. We are working on creating a committee charter with details on the specific responsibilities, terms, and meeting times, but wanted to begin the process of compiling a list of interested homeowners. If this is something in which you would like to participate, please send an email to steiner@ciramail.com. We will follow-up with interested homeowners as we finalize the committee charter and as more information becomes available.

Residential Exterior Changes & Enhancements Require Architectural Approval

Any changes or enhancements you make to the exterior of your home requires architectural approval by the Association. 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, front door changes, 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.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR
SPORTS/CAMP PHYSICALS
SOME SATURDAY HOURS AVAILABLE
CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT



6618 Sitio Del Rio #A101 | Austin, TX 78730 | www.hillcountrypediatrics.com

From the Association Office

Overnight Parking, Boats & Watercraft Storage Reminders

Per Steiner Ranch governing documents, no automobile or other vehicle may be parked overnight on any roadway within the community. Boats and watercraft must be stored in an enclosed space at all times. Storing watercraft in driveways or on the street is not allowed.

To report overnight street parking or watercraft violations, visit the CiraNet portal and submit a 'Report a Problem'.

Thank you for helping the association uphold Steiner Ranch rules which serve to protect and maintain the appearance and safety of the neighborhood.

Oak Wilt Policy

Please remember to NOT prune, trim or wound oak trees through the month of June. Doing so puts oak trees at high risk for oak wilt infection, a destructive fungus that affects oaks and causes tree mortality.

The association may impose fines for violations of the Steiner Ranch Master Association Oak Wilt Policy.

To view the approved Oak Wilt Policy in its entirety, visit the HOA website and click the 'FAQS' menu drop down.

Greenbelt Reminders

Please remember and share with all family members the following:

• GREENBELT CUTTING & CONSTRUCTION IS PROHIBITED

Greenbelts in Steiner Ranch are private property of the HOA. Cutting trees, constructing forts or fire pits, and any other activity which damages greenbelts is prohibited and may result in fines and penalties.

• FIRES ARE PROHIBITED

Fires are absolutely prohibited in Steiner Ranch greenbelts.

• MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED

Motorized vehicles are not allowed in greenbelt areas or trails as they pose a safety hazard to walkers and bikers. They also damage the trails, which the Trails Committee and other volunteers graciously maintain.

Should you observe anyone vandalizing the greenbelts or operating a motorized vehicle on the trails, please immediately contact the Travis County Sheriff's Department.

Vista Ridge Dental

Family, Cosmetic & Implant Dentistry



STEINER RANCH'S LOCAL DENTIST

smiles are our speciality

COMPLIMENTARY WHITENING FOR LIFE

With New Patient Exam.
Some conditions may apply

Call for an appointment today!

266-3600

WWW.RWATSONDDS.COM
4300 QUINLAN PARK RD, STE 230
AUSTIN, TX 78732

**let us
manage
your
online
presence.**



PEELINCMEDIA.COM

Steiner Activities & Events

Happy Father's Day Steiner Ranch Dads!

Captured here are a few memorable moments between Steiner Ranch dads and their children at association events these past years.
Enjoy your special day Steiner Ranch Dads!



Continued on Page 13

Continued from Page 12



Continued on Page 14

Steiner Activities & Events

Continued from Page 12



Continued on Page 15



Prodigy Mortgage

JOHN CAMPBELL

MANAGING PARTNER

Steiner Ranch Neighbors— It's a Great Time to Refinance Your Mortgage

· If you're current interest rate starts with a 4...

Let's discuss a Refinance.

- Interest rates are at a 10 year low.
- No cost evaluation - You could be savings thousands a year.
- Fast & Simple process.
- Call or email today!

Address:
12912 Arbor Lake Cove
Austin, Texas 78732

Phone:
(512) 983-4108

Online Application:
www.loansbycampbell.com

Email:
john@loansbyprodigy.com

NMLS#
891346
RMLO - John Campbell

Website:
loansbyprodigy.com



Continued from Page 14



News from the Trails Committee

Submitted by Eric Morton

We are by now into the hot part of Austin summer, where if you aren't done with your exercise run or bike by 10am, it is too hot to do it outdoors... These are the days where you want to know some short hikes to take with your family. So we will focus a few short hikes that are family friendly.

Probably the best one is Bright Sky Overlook trail. You enter the trail on Bright Sky Overlook near Cassiopeia Way, and just keep heading right on every intersection. You are awarded with amazing views of the Colorado River (aka Lake Austin) and a very shaded trail. When you get to a clearing after about 3/4 of a mile and look for the exit back onto Bright Sky Overlook at the very end of the street. You can walk back the three blocks on the street, or you can reverse your direction and take the trail back. We have featured many pictures from that trail.

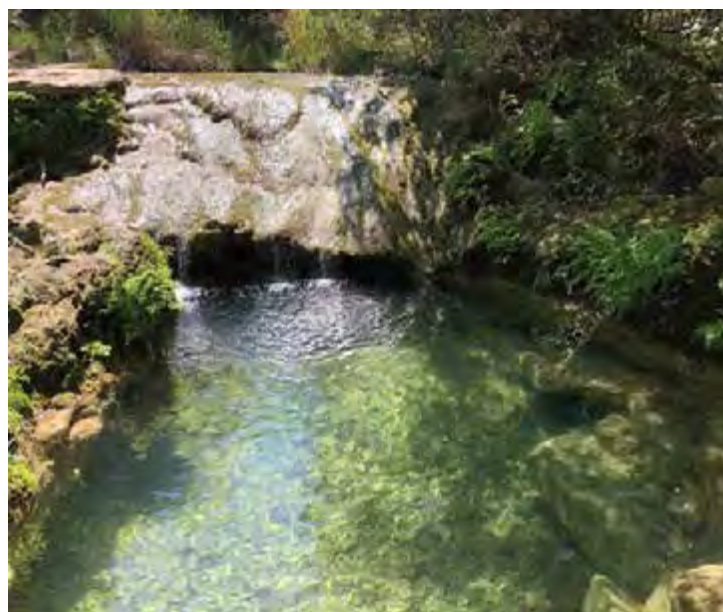
For a change, you can turn left after entering and you are on Lakewood Hills Trail. This will pop you up on Quinlan Park Rd after almost a mile right at the Longhorn Village. Take the road back, or reverse on the trail.

The other trick for lake views is to come in River Heights Overlook on the Bloomfield Hills entrance. Take your pick left or right and go about as far as you want. When you are tired, just turn around and go back to where you came in the trail.

But if the goal is to escape the heat, why not couple it with a small waterfall fed pool that I have seen more than a few people wade in (mostly kids). To get here, enter in Westridge Canyon at the "lift station" entrance at the bottom of Majestic Oaks Drive (where I live). At the trail, head slightly left and then go straight down, entering the Westridge Canyon

Trail. Keep on this trail for about 3/4 of a mile, going down some pretty steep hills and crossing the creek. Soon after you cross the creek and walk on its right, you will get to a spot very close to the water and at the bottom of this, is a waterfall. This is the picture included with this article.

Hope you survive the heat (unfortunately it will get worse). Enjoy the trails, but please be safe!!!



Steiner Activities & Events

Speedy Wildlife at Steiner Ranch

*Submitted by Submitted by Johanna Arendt
Community Liaison*

Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources

Even though the heat of summer makes many of us feel slow and sluggish, it's actually a great time to see some of our speediest wildlife – if you can. You're probably familiar with the rustling sound of a creature scurrying away as you approach on the trail. This time of year, it's likely to be a lizard like the Texas spiny lizard or common spotted whiptail.



***Texas Spiny Lizard,
Photo by Julia Land***



***Variable Dancer Damselfly
Photo by Tom Hausler***



***Neon Skimmer Dragonfly
Photo by Mikael Behrens***

–protrude more on either side of their heads, and they tend to be more petite than dragonflies.

There are lots of varieties of dragonflies and damselflies in central Texas, many of them with beautiful patterns and colors ranging from bright red to electric blue. Look for them near streams and ponds or around flowering plants, where they sometimes hover looking for other insects to eat. Despite being fierce predators, they are harmless to people and they eat lots of mosquitos, so we have much to thank them for.

To learn more about the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve at Steiner Ranch and beyond, follow us on Instagram @bcp_traviscounty and check out our website – www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/nr/bcp

More Wildlife at Steiner Ranch: Snakes

As an HOA we often are asked questions such as: 'Are there any snakes in Steiner Ranch? What is the 'snake guy' contact? What kind of snake is this? Is this snake poisonous?' and many more...

Snakes are a natural and integral component of the ecosystem in Steiner Ranch. As predators, they are invaluable for their role in maintaining the balance of nature by helping to keep populations of their prey in check. Their prey consists of everything from earthworms to rabbits, and this includes other snakes possibly poisonous and dangerous to you and your pets. Snakes are especially important in the control of rodents.

For your safety and information, we have gathered the below key points from the Texas Parks and Wildlife website.

Venomous Snake Safety

Texas is home to over 105 different species and subspecies of snakes. Only 15 of those are potentially dangerous to humans. Those are the snakes that are featured below. For more general information on all the snakes of Texas, please visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife website at <https://tpwd.texas.gov>



Copperhead Snake

bottomlands and are rare in dry areas. In the spring they can be found along streams and rivers, as well as in weed-covered vacant lots.



Cottonmouth Snake

the white tissue inside its mouth, which it displays when threatened. This heavy-bodied snake, which averages about 3-1/2 feet in length, is found in swamps and sluggish waterways, coastal marshes, rivers, ponds and streams.

Pit Vipers

Pit vipers are venomous snakes that have an opening on each side of the head between the eye and the nostril. In Texas, we have 3 groups of these snakes: Copperheads, Cottonmouths, and Rattlesnakes.

1. Copperheads

Copperheads have chestnut or reddish-brown crossbands on a lighter colored body. These snakes are found in rocky areas and wooded

2. Cottonmouths

The Cottonmouth is also known as 'water moccasins'. Cottonmouths can be dark brown, olive-brown, olive green or almost solid black. They are marked with wide, dark bands, which are more distinct in some individuals than in others. Juvenile snakes are more brilliantly marked. The cottonmouth gets its name from

Continued on Page 17

Continued from Page 16



Massasauga Snake

3. Rattlesnakes

Texas has two types of rattle snakes: the Western massasauga and the Desert massasauga

3.1 Western massasauga (*Sistrurus catenatus tergeminus*), light gray, with brown oval blotches along the middle of the back and smaller blotches along each

side. They are two feet in length and found through the middle of the state in grasslands, marshy and swampy areas.

3.2 Desert massasauga (*S.c. edwardsii*), lighter in color than the western massasauga, smaller and more slender. Found in the Trans-Pecos, western Panhandle and the lower Rio Grande Valley.

The more advanced forms of rattlesnakes belong to the genus *Crotalus* and Texas is home to six:



Western Diamondback Snake

1. **Western diamondback**, brown, diamond-shaped markings along the middle of the back and alternating black and white rings on the tail. Averages 3 1/2 to 4-1/2 feet in length, and can reach seven feet. This is the most common and widespread venomous snake in Texas.

2. **Timber rattlesnake** also known as Canebreak rattlesnake is a large, heavy-bodied snake averaging 4-1/2 feet. Brown or tan with wide, dark crossbands. Tail is entirely black. Found in wooded areas and wet bottomlands.

3. **Mottled Rock rattlesnake** is light cream or pink background with widely spaced, dark crossbands and mottled areas between the crossbands. Small and slender with an average length of about two feet.

4. **Banded Rock rattlesnake** is similar to the mottled rock rattlesnake, but darker greenish-gray in color.

5. **Blacktail rattlesnake** is gray to olive green with dark blotches along the back and a black tail. Averaging a length of 3-1/2 feet, it is found from Central Texas throughout most of West Texas in bushes and on rocky ledges.

6. **Mojave rattlesnake** is similar to the western diamondback in markings, but smaller and slenderer and more found only in extreme West Texas.

7. **Prairie rattlesnake** is a slender rattler that is greenish or grayish, with rounded blotches down the middle of its back. Average length is about three feet and it is found in the grassy plains of the western third of the state.

Precautions and Responses

How to Avoid

Learn to recognize the snake species that are likely to be in the area. Please do not kill a snake - even a venomous one. Snakes serve a valuable function in the environment. The majority of bites result

from people taking unnecessary or foolish risks with venomous snakes. Understanding what snakes look for in suitable habitat can help you know when to be wary. Understanding their behavior will help you know what to do if you encounter one. Snakes like tall grass.

- Keep the lawn around your home trimmed low.
- Remove any brush, wood, rock or debris piles from around the residence - they make great hiding places for snakes and their prey - rodents.
- Always wear shoes while outside and never put your hands where you cannot see them.

- Be careful when stepping over fallen logs and rock outcroppings.
- Take care along creek banks and underbrush.

Snakes do not prey on humans and they will not chase you, in fact they usually retreat or escape if given the opportunity. The danger comes when they are either surprised or cornered. Do not play around with a dead snake, they have been known to bite and envenomate. Get a good field guide and keep it handy especially in the field.

What to Do

If bitten,

1. Assume envenomation has occurred, especially if initial symptoms are present. Initial symptoms of pit viper bites include fang puncture marks; in addition, they almost always include immediate burning pain at the bite site, immediate and usually progressive local swelling within five minutes, as well as local discoloration of the skin. Initial symptoms of coral snake bites include tremors, slurred speech, blurred or double vision, drowsiness or euphoria and a marked increase in salivation within four hours; however, life-threatening effects from coral snake envenomation may not be evident for 24 hours or longer.

2. Identify the species of venomous snake that inflicted the bite, if possible, taking care to avoid another person being bitten. Identification is not necessary, but may be helpful.

3. Keep the victim as calm as possible. This helps reduce the spread of venom and the onset of shock.

4. Keep yourself and any other members of the group calm as well. This will help reassure the victim and ensure that the appropriate first-aid measures are followed, as well as preventing anyone else from becoming injured.

5. Know and be alert for the symptoms of shock, and institute the proper treatment should it ensue. Difficulty in breathing and/or kidney failure are frequent symptoms of envenomation.

6. Wash the bite area with a disinfectant if available.

7. Remove jewelry such as rings and watches, as well as tight-fitting clothes, before the onset of swelling.

8. Reduce or prevent movement of a bitten extremity, using a splint if possible; this helps decrease the spread of venom. For the same reason, position the extremity below the level of the heart.

9. Get the victim to a medical facility as soon as possible and begin treatment there with intravenous antivenom, crystalloid solutions and antibiotics. Antivenom treatment is generally most effective within the first four hours of envenomation, and is ineffective after 8-10 hours.

Steiner Activities & Events

Continued from Page 17

What NOT to Do

1. Do not make incisions over the bite marks. This can result in significant damage to already traumatized tissue, and can damage intact structures such as nerves and blood vessels, enhance bleeding caused by anticoagulant components of venom and increase the rapid spread of venom throughout the body if the circulatory system is compromised. A suction device, such as the Sawyer Extractor™, may be used without making any incisions. This device may remove significant quantities of venom, although its efficacy has yet to be conclusively determined.

2. Do not use a tourniquet or other constricting band except in extreme cases of envenomation, and then only if properly trained in the technique. Such devices are of no value if applied more than thirty minutes after the bite, and if improperly used they can restrict blood vital blood flow to the traumatized tissue and possibly result in the amputation of an extremity. Unbearable pain can also result, and the improper loosening of such devices can allow sudden systemic absorption of venom.

3. Do not use cryotherapy (including cold compresses, ice, dry ice, chemical ice packs, spray refrigerants, and freezing) for the same reasons that the tourniquets should be avoided, and also because it can increase the area necrosis.

4. Do not use electroshock therapy, a method popularized following publication of a letter from a missionary in South America reporting its effectiveness in treating bites from snakes of uncertain identity. Several controlled clinical trials and at least one on humans have failed to demonstrate any positive result; moreover, the potential negative results from the uncontrolled use of an electric charge are obvious.

5. Do not drink alcohol, as it dilates blood vessels and increases absorption from the circulatory system, and thus helps spread venom faster.

6. Do not use aspirin or related medications to relieve pain, because they increase bleeding. A pain reliever not containing aspirin, however, may be used.

7. Do not use the pressure/immobilization technique, which consists of firmly wrapping the entire limb with an elastic bandage and then splinting, especially for pit viper bites. The theory behind this treatment is to confine the venom to the area of the bite until reaching a medical facility, but studies have shown the technique to be ineffective or worse with venoms which produce local swelling and tissue damage.

8. Do not administer antivenom in the field unless properly trained in the procedure, unless evacuation to a medical facility will take many hours or days, or unless envenomation has been extreme. Intramuscular or subcutaneous application of antivenom has proven to be much less effective, and in some cases ineffective, than intravenous administration. Acute allergic reactions to antivenom can occur, and contemplated field administration of antivenom should include provision for a sufficient supply of epinephrine (adrenalin) to counteract any such potential effects.

Cycling News

We know many neighborhood cycling enthusiasts are wondering if/when our Saturday/Sunday group rides are back yet. As we've been monitoring the CDC recommendations along with the TX governor's communications regarding phased opening up Texas, we hopefully will get back to weekend rides. Please look for updates via our email/Facebook/Website as things evolve.

Saturdays we have open group training rides, starting at Cups & Cones at 7:30 AM & 8:00 AM.

Sundays at 7:30 AM we host a 45-50 mile social ride to local coffee shops outside Steiner. (rotating locations)

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

Thanks to our SPONSORS!

Austin City Living

Patten Law Firm

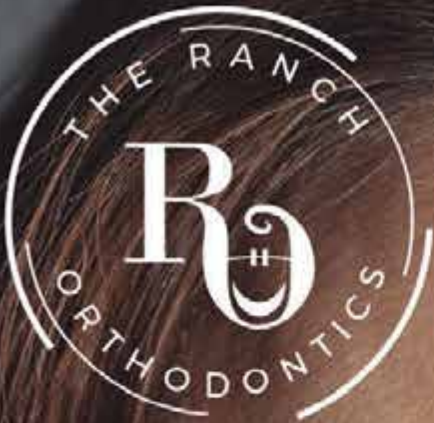
Cyclist Law

Lakeside Pizza & Grill

Independent Investment Bankers Corp

RIDE DISCLAIMER: Each rider is responsible for his or her own safety on our rides. Please join us at your own risk. Our weekly rides are open to public participation, but ride leaders do NOT assume any liability for your participation. We require that all participants complete a waiver, follow traffic laws and wear a helmet while on our rides.





There has never been
a better time to do
braces. Invisible or
metal, No one will
know! 🤔

Dr. Gerard DeSantis DMD
In Quinlan Crossing-Across
from Randall's

Summer Home Security Tips



To protect your home from being targeted while out of town during vacations, consider the following:

-Don't broadcast your absence. Never leave a post on social media saying, "I'm away on vacation."

-Improve lighting. Motion lights or dusk to dawn detector lights, and timers are all good ideas.

-Trim shrubbery. Trimming shrubbery eliminates hiding places for would be intruders.

-Make your address clearly visible. Doing so makes it easier for emergency personnel to find your home in the event of an emergency.

-Stop all deliveries. Nothing says "I'm not home" like accumulated newspapers or packages at the door.

-Adjust blinds. Leave blinds and curtains in normal positions wherever possible, taking care not to leave expensive belongings visible through windows.

-Set the alarm. Activate your alarm system.

-Lock up. Ensure all windows and doors are securely locked before you leave. Close and lock your garage door when you are not nearby.

-Ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home while you're away. Neighbors watching out for one another is a good way to deter crime.

We hope you are safe and healthy during this time.

We look forward to helping you find that perfect vacation, when you are ready to travel again.



"I am a Steiner Area resident. I'd love to help you plan your next dream vacation."

Tip of the Month

We are ready to help you plan your next getaway...near or far!



Paula Kaisner - Kaisner Travel
Independent Vacation Specialist

512-607-6635 • pkaisner@dreamvacations.com

www.KaisnerTravel.com



Landscape and Irrigation Inc.

LAWN CARE

Residential and Commercial

LANDSCAPING

Design and Installation

SPRINKLER

Installation and Repair

Tree and Shrub Trimming

Power Washing • Stone Work • Fencing

FREE ESTIMATES

texanlandscape@yahoo.com

512.294.8967



MARSHALL FORD MARINA

12816 PARK DR,
AUSTIN, TX 78732

ANDERSON MILL MARINA

13993 FM 2769
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78641



(512) 266-1559

**Covered and Uncovered Slips Available • Dry Stack Boat Storage • Trailer
Storage • Gas Dock • Mechanical Service Department • Boat Detailing •
Certified Clean Texas Marina**

TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS

ATTENTION TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS

Please submit your information to communications@steinerranchhoa.org if you would like to be added to the list.

Not Available Online

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

LEARN GUITAR...In-Home Guitar Lessons. Great teacher, fun environment. B.A. in Music, Berklee College of Music. Steiner resident. Over 23 years of teaching experience. All ages, styles and skill levels welcome. Proudly serving Steiner Ranch for years. For more info call Charles Couch at 646.704.3092 or visit <http://www.charlescouch.com/> | www.charlescouch.com.

Classified Ads

Business classifieds (offering a service or product line for profit) are \$50, limit 40 words, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales Office @ 512-263-9181 or advertising@PEELinc.com.

* CPR Training + Red Cross Certified ^ First Aid

Did you know that every child should see an Orthodontist by the age of 7?

Dr. RJ is one of the few Orthodontists in Austin that is **BOARD CERTIFIED**.

Our emphasis is on Prevention!



FREE Orthodontic Evaluations!



Dr. RJ Jackson



RJ ORTHODONTICS
Making Austin Smile

512-363-5792 | www.rjorthodontics.com

Located Behind the Walgreens at the Intersection of 620/2222



invisalign

invisalign | *teen*



PEEL, INC.

1405 Brandi Ln
Round Rock, TX 78681

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PEEL, INC.

SR



**PLATINUM
TOP 50
2019 WINNER**

Certified Residential Specialist
Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist
Certified Negotiation Expert
Corporate Relocation Specialist
ABR, e-Pro and AHWD
www.SteinerRanchInfo.com
Direct: (512) 657-7510
Elicia@SteinerRanchInfo.com



Elicia Gower Michaud

SteinerRanchInfo.com

Your key to the land between the lakes



Check out www.SteinerExpert.com

CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

"My husband and I highly recommend using Elicia Gower Michaud for your next real estate needs. She was our selling agent in January 2020 for our Steiner Ranch house in Austin, TX. Upon contacting Elicia, she was able to meet with us immediately to discuss the details of listing our home. Time was of the essence because we were moving out-of-state less than 3 weeks from our first interaction. Within days, our house

was on MLS with a gorgeous video and photos (including drone footage) captured by her talented team. Within 24 hours of being listed, our house was under contract at well over asking price. Within 4 weeks (start-to-finish), our house was sold!!! Elicia's knowledgeable of the Austin market, especially the Steiner Ranch community, was invaluable. She was extremely helpful during the week that we weren't living in Texas, going so far as to take out our trash a final time before closing. I appreciated her genuine guidance and positive outlook during what could have been a stressful time for our family. Don't make the mistake of using anyone else besides Elicia!"

– Rachel Ferraguto, Steiner Ranch

APRIL MARKET STATS

78732	APRIL 2019	APRIL 2020	CHANGE
NEW LISTINGS.....	53	41	↓23%
PENDING.....	31	28	↓10%
SOLD.....	39	28	↓7%
AVG LIST PRICE.....	\$783,920	\$757,286	↓3%
AVG LIST \$/SF.....	\$192	\$203	↑6%
AVG SOLD PRICE.....	\$767,591	\$743,431	↓3%
AVG SOLD \$/SF.....	\$190	\$201	↑6%
AVG SOLD PRICE/ORIG LP.....	98%	98%	EVEN
AVG DAYS ON MARKET.....	51	34	↓34%

DON'T REPLACE, REJUVENATE!



At Roof N Rescue we will provide an honest assessment of the process your home needs. We will document all damages present and provide a written assessment with photos to back our recommendation. Unlike other roofing companies that will almost always suggest a total roof replacement because their primary concern their bottom line, we put the needs of our customers first. We operate on honesty, integrity, and always provide customer-centric service, as evidenced by our A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau.

At Roof N Rescue, we only use installers who have extensive experience performing roof repairs, rejuvenation, and replacements. These craftsmen have been in the business for decades, so you can rest assured they are true experts of their trade. And in fact, because we strongly believe in the quality of their work, we provide an extended labor warranty.

For more information about all the services we provide, please visit our website:

512-720-9191

www.RoofNRescue.com



SAVE MONEY... SAVE YOUR ROOF!

Greener Shingles is a quick, easy, sustainable and affordable alternative to a complicated, expensive disrupting asphalt replacement.

Repair



Roof repairs are made easy when you contact Roof N Rescue. We have specialty crews that perform 'repair only' jobs. These workmen have the knowledge and expertise to identify the underlying source of the roof system failure and will correctly make the necessary repairs. There are five quite common areas where roofs can fail: Flashings, Roof vents, valley's, pests, and other contractors inadvertently damaging the roof. We can easily assess the damage and quote the proper course of action to repair your roof. Check out RoofNRescue.com for more information about the repair services that we offer.

Rejuvenate

Asphalt roofs usually start showing signs of aging after five to ten years. The shingle's granular coating starts washing into the gutters as the petrol oils dry up, losing the ability to hold the granular in place. Greener Shingle's bio-based product was scientifically tested and proven to have an 86% better granular adhesion on treated shingles versus untreated. Greener Shingles suffocates moss, increases shingle flexibility, helps keep granular in place, and improves fire resistance, making the shingles last longer, keeping them on your roof where they belong.

Why rejuvenate your shingles?

- Increases adhesion of the protective top granule coating
 - Reduces hail impact damage and subsequent granule loss
 - Restores permeability closer to new shingles
 - Greener Shingles is a bio-based, environmentally friendly soy product, lab tested to replace petroleum oils in asphalt shingles and make them last longer
- Check out RoofNRescue.com for more information about our rejuvenation process and products.

