



Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

Serving Milwood at North Austin MUD # 1 since 1983

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Neighborhood Elections Draw Near

As fall starts, it is once again time to think about the election of our neighborhood officers. The RCNA Board of Directors Executive committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All of the officers of the RCNA are publicly elected by the paid members of the neighborhood association, a description of each position (hopefully, to encourage you to get involved) follows:

President:

The president shall preside at all meetings of the executive committee and the RCNA and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The president should act to insure positive relations among the RCNA volunteers whenever possible and try to attend and take a leadership role in any RCNA sponsored functions and events.

Vice-President:

Fulfill the duties of the president in the president's absence and serve as parliamentarian of the RCNA. The vice-president should attend all executive and general meetings held by the RCNA; serve as secondary facilitator at the meetings making certain proper protocol is followed, and see that meetings proceed efficiently. The vice president should also attend and take a leadership role in all RCNA sponsored gatherings and events.

Secretary:

The secretary shall be responsible for keeping an accurate record of all business of the RCNA and for all business of the RCNA and for all outside correspondence of the RCNA. The secretary should attend all executive and general meetings held by the RCNA, along with attending and helping with all RCNA

sponsored gathering and events.

Treasurer:

The treasurer is responsible for the RCNA monies and shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures. The treasurer is responsible for maintaining the RCNA accounting. The treasurer should attend all meetings held by the RCNA, along with all RCNA sponsored gatherings and events.

It is real important that we get new folks to volunteer and fill some of these positions. The positions are for a term of one year, and are renewable after that. This helps the neighborhood stay fresh with new people and ideas. Part of what makes our neighborhood different from others is the active participation of the residents in the association. We all seem to like the small town feeling, without giving up any of the big city conveniences that we have grown accustomed to.

If you are interested in learning more about your neighborhood and how you can make a difference, please feel free to contact anyone on the Board of the RCNA (see page 2 for names and phone numbers). If you would like to wait and come to the meeting in October, please come to the Rattan Creek Pool at 7 pm on Thursday, October 19th. We hope to see you there!

EVENTS

October

- Oct 5 **Advertiser's Deadline**
(Nov. Issue)
- Oct 9 RRISD Staff Development
Columbus Day
Yom Kippur
- Oct 18 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
100 Congress, ste 1300
- Oct 19 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm
Rattan Creek Pool
Nominations for RCNA Board
Positions for 2001
- Oct 23 RRISD Staff Development
- Oct 28 **Neighborhood Garage Sale**
at your home, 8:00-2:00
- Oct 28,29 **Neighborhood Wide**
Clean-up
- Oct 29 **Daylight Savings Time**
"Fall Back"
Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour!
- Oct 31 **Halloween**

November

- Nov 3 **Advertiser's**
Deadline
(Dec/Jan Issue)
- Nov 15 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
100 Congress, ste 1300
- Nov 16 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm
Rattan Creek Pool
Elections for RCNA Board
Positions for 2001
- Nov 22-26 Thanksgiving Holiday



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The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News welcomes your letters and guest columns. Letters must have a verifiable signature. Guest columns and letters will be printed on as space available basis. Neither the Rattan Creek Neighborhood News nor the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association accept responsibility for the opinions expressed in editorials, letters or guest columns. The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News reserves the right not to publish any submissions and the right to edit all submissions. Mail to the following address: Jo Jones, RCNA Editor, 13119 Green River Trail, Austin, Tx 78729. 512-335-1805.

Rattan Creek/Milwood Resident Is that Me?

If you are not certain who I am talking about, it is us folks, all of us, who live in North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 (N.A. MUD #1, for short).

Officially, we live in: A Milburn Company developed neighborhood called Milwood; in zip code 78729. We have a Jollyville phone exchange and we are in either Travis County or Williamson County. We send our kids and pay school taxes to Round Rock Independent School District; we pay property taxes and our water and waste water bills to NAMUD#1, our Neighborhood Association and the monthly newsletter are named The Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association. That should clear that up the question; "Do I belong?" I have maintained for several years that we have an identity problem and the previous paragraph should have convinced you that it is complicated at best.

The Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association (RCNA)

The RCNA was formed by the homeowners in NAMUD#1 in 1983 as a non-profit organization for these purposes as described by the Bylaws.

"The Purpose of the Association is to seek to improve the quality of life in the Neighborhood in matters such as land use, environmental protection, public services, consumer protection, taxation, property improvement, and other matters of neighborhood concern."

As an aside, these founding folks lived near McNeil Drive on or off of Amarillo Drive and knew a park was being built on Rattan Creek. Thus the name Rattan Creek in the Association name, on the park, and on the newsletter. Now we have folks living near Robinson Park which was named for the Robinson Ranch family who were the original owners of this land. Robinson Park is on the East tributary of Lake Creek which runs under Anderson Mill Road and behind the folks living in the new section of homes called "The Bluffs".

The "Objectives of the RCNA are:

- a. Represent and advance the interest of residents in the neighborhood.
- b. Keep all residents informed of issues vital to the neighborhood with appropriate communications and meetings.
- c. Establish Standing and Ad-Hod Committees to investigate and make recommendations to the Association on all matters of neighborhood concern.
- d. Seek the improvement of single and multiple dwellings by all residents, absentee homeowners and apartment owners.
- e. Establish mutual protection and safety.
- f. Improve safety of the streets through better traffic control.
- g. Provide a greater emphasis on inclusion of apartment dwellers as integral parts of the community, even though their tenancy may be of short duration.
- h. Facilitate the education of residents regarding all available options

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President's Notes

Thank you for all your calls and email messages. As Vice President, I received a call per month, now that John has left, I hear from somebody about every other day. Whether it's a question about membership or traffic, I'm impressed with your care and concern. Here are just a few examples:

Q: When is the next neighborhood cleanup day?

A: This is an easy one to answer: It is **October 28th /29th**. By the way, the Neighborhood-wide Garage Sale will also be held on Saturday, Oct. 28th, from 8 am to 2 pm, at each resident's home .

Q: Can we do anything about cars speeding on Taranto...Tamayo, etc.?

A: The Sheriff and the Constable's Office regularly patrol; I was told that about 80% of the tickets issued, were to Rattan Creek residents. *We can ask for more radar traps or we can all just make an effort to slow down!*

Q: What's the process to get a stop sign at Tamayo and Amasia?

A: It's a formal process beginning with a written request to Williamson County, they review, plan, initiate a traffic study and take action when necessary.

Many questions concern deed restrictions:

"That car hasn't been moved in at least 3 months"

"How do I contact the architectural control committee? I'd like to add on to my house"

"Can you tell my neighbor to mow/trim/smile/move the boat/etc.?"

"I haven't received a response from my letter regarding a violation of the deed restrictions"

One of the reasons the requests to investigate possible violations are sent to the Senior Citizens Center is for research. Deed restrictions could be different in the different sections of the neighborhood. I will look into this process and report back with some of the more common restrictions.

We've got great neighbors with great schools and great location-which is one reason for all the attention paid to us by realtors with buyers wanting houses here.

Volunteers are always needed for the events and committees and you are always welcome to attend our monthly meetings at the Pool.

Thank you for your support.

Richard Miller,
Vice-President/Acting President

Neighborhood, Costume and Fire Safety Issues

Did You Know?

The United States Consumer Products Safety Commission has recorded that the three most common Halloween-related injuries are:

1. Eye abrasions from sharp objects attached to masks or costumes;
2. Skin irritations or rashes from decorative face paints or creams, and
3. Burns from flammable costumes being ignited by open flames (candles, Jack 'O Lanterns).

We hope you will find the tips below helpful in creating a fun and safe halloween environment for your children

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Remind Children that they SHOULD always:

- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk on sidewalks and driveways.
- Cross only at corners.
- Never cross between parked cars.
- Walk facing the oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- Always remove masks before crossing streets.
- Be aware of cars that may be turning into or backing out of driveways.

- Don't play near lit jack-o-lanterns.
- Never go into a stranger's house.
- Visit only houses where the lights are on.
- Be sure and say thank you for your treats.

Parents - Remember You SHOULD always:

- Know the route your children will be taking.
- Make sure children are accompanied by an adult.
- Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties.
- Set time limits on when children should return home.
- Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.
- Instruct children NOT to eat treats until they return home and you have had a chance to inspect those treats.

Motorists and Neighborhood Resi-

dents Should:

- Drive cautiously on Halloween Eve. Excited youngsters may forget some of these safety rules and dart out in front of your car.
- Remove all obstacles from lawns and steps to prevent children from being injured.
- Have a well-lighted home, both inside and out, to prevent vandalism and to prevent injuries to little



Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

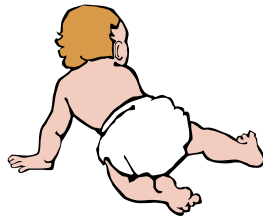
New Neighbor:

Stacey Head
13462 Gent Drive



New Babies:

Brooke Bruns
Born August 7, 2000,
to Alisa and Marcus Bruns
and brother Cody
Elkhorn Mountain Trail



If you know someone has just moved into the neighborhood, or just had a baby, help us to welcome the new folks and/or congratulate our neighbors on their special event.

Please contact Terri Olsem at 219-7931, Or email to her at terriolsem@aol.com.



Milwood Mom Activities

Infants: (newborn to 12 months) A new group will be starting, Call Jackie Luetzelschwab at 257-2230.

Infants: (9 mo - 18 mo) Call Noopur Das at 335-7551.

Young Toddlers: (1 1/2 to 2 years) Call Mike or Melissa Harvey at 918-1912.

Young Toddlers: (2 to 2 1/2 years) Call Kim Cotton at 257-1238.

Toddlers: (3 years) Call Dallas Hall at 257-3494.

Toddlers: (3 1/2 year olds) Call Candance Kreiling at 331-9773.

Toddlers: (4 year olds) Nancy Salter 219-5216. Meets every Wednesday at various homes, call Nancy for locations.

Children: (7 yrs plus) Mary Jane Tagtow 219-6780. Meeting several times a week for coffee, swimming, lunch, etc. Calendar available.

Home schooling Group: (all ages) Annette Anderson 250-5137.

LOTS OF MOMS LOOKING FOR GROUPS:

If you are interested in starting a group, please call Karen Memrick at 258-1370

*** Milwood Mom leaders.....
Please call Karen Memrick at 258-1370
for updates, changes or reports on
activities. Thanks.**

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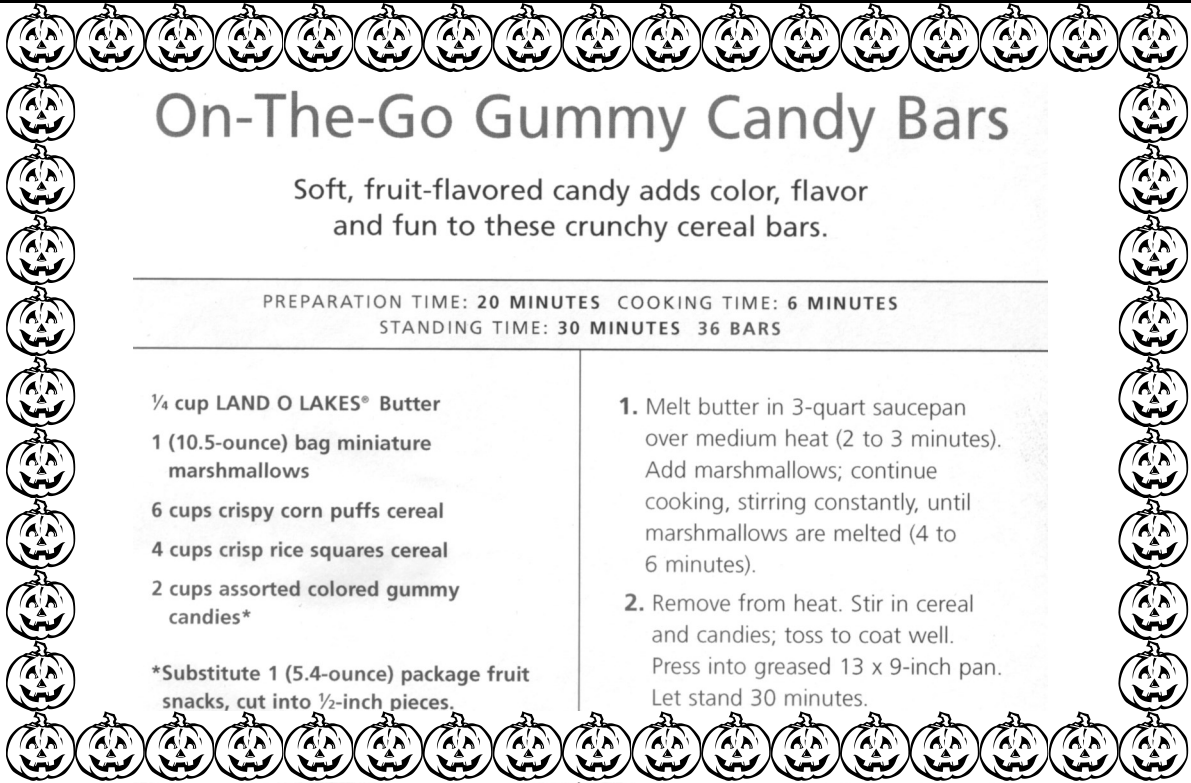
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Recipe Corner



On-The-Go Gummy Candy Bars

Soft, fruit-flavored candy adds color, flavor and fun to these crunchy cereal bars.

PREPARATION TIME: 20 MINUTES COOKING TIME: 6 MINUTES
STANDING TIME: 30 MINUTES 36 BARS

- ¼ cup LAND O LAKES® Butter
 - 1 (10.5-ounce) bag miniature marshmallows
 - 6 cups crispy corn puffs cereal
 - 4 cups crisp rice squares cereal
 - 2 cups assorted colored gummy candies*
- *Substitute 1 (5.4-ounce) package fruit snacks, cut into ½-inch pieces.

1. Melt butter in 3-quart saucepan over medium heat (2 to 3 minutes). Add marshmallows; continue cooking, stirring constantly, until marshmallows are melted (4 to 6 minutes).
2. Remove from heat. Stir in cereal and candies; toss to coat well. Press into greased 13 x 9-inch pan. Let stand 30 minutes.

Please send all your recipes, ideas for the column, website links, and any other comments on Recipe Corner to Stephanie Doherty, 7832 Portland Trail, Austin, Tx 78729 or e-mail her at: doherty2@flash.net.

Billy Young

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open to them relating to the problems of home ownership, zoning, rights, etc.

- i. Work toward development and preservation of natural green spaces, parks, trees, landscaping and general land use management.”

The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

The News has grown to be a truly impressive operation with an all-volunteer staff of an editor, advertising sales team, many monthly column writers and many reporters for the news about the schools and other local groups.

Overview of the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association:

- *Led by 8 person executive committee
- *Over 600 dues-paying members
- *Volunteers who write, edit, produce, and deliver (by 130 block captains) the monthly, 16 to 24 page Rattan Creek Neighborhood News publishing over 2700 copies monthly except for January and July. They have also produced a street address and phone number directory of the RCNA members in the past.
- *Organizes seasonal social activities
- *Sponsors bi-monthly Teen nights during the summer.

Activities organized by The Neighborhood Association:

The North Austin MUD #1 neighborhood association is called the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association (RCNA). The RCNA officers include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and committees appointed by the president including the: Rattan Creek Neighborhood News newsletter editor, reporters, photographer, 4 school reporters, and distribution block captains.

There are also committees for Greenbelt, Pool, Membership; Safety/Security; Neighborhood Watch; and the Milwood Moms group.

The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News keeps everyone aware of local news and schedules for neighborhood and school activities. The 16+ page neighborhood newspaper is issued ten times per year by the all volunteer staff who write, edit, and distribute over 2700 copies monthly, except for the January and July breaks. Special events can be printed for local news of vital interest to the neighborhood residents. The newsletter reports summaries of the monthly meetings of the MUD Board of Directors and the RCNA meetings. There

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are columns with a recipe of the month and other topical and local political articles. The Xeriscape Gardening column is written by one of the founders and past president of the Xeriscape Garden Club with monthly planting and yard maintenance suggestions tailored to our specific neighborhood soils.

The 185 block captains quickly deliver copies to all of the 2700 homes in the district. Advertising and MUD election announcements help to pay for the printing while the neighborhood volunteers do all the writing, editorial tasks, and delivery.

Bi-Monthly Neighborhood Association meetings feature state and county politicians and presentations of topical interest to the community, such as the two gang awareness meetings hosted by the APD Gang Unit.

The RCNA college scholarship contest focuses on community involvement papers and presentations with 3 or 4 cash scholarships awarded to senior year neighborhood students each year.

The Year-around Social Activities Include:
Spring park plantings provide the brightly colored annual-flower plantings for the flower beds at the MUD district entrances and parks planted by the RCNA beautification committee.

The Easter Egg Hunt organized by the RCNA Executive committee, and is sponsored by the MUD Board of Directors, their contractors, and many local businesses. Weeks of stuffing plastic eggs with candy preclude the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts, who hide over 10,000 candy-filled Easter Eggs in the Rattan Creek Park. The Easter Bunny arrives with sirens wailing on the Jollyville Fire Department fire truck to greet the children while the families enjoy a Boy Scout troop pancake breakfast. It is a multi-hued scramble when the kiddies are turned loose to hunt the eggs.

The spring RCNA membership drive renews the 700-plus member association each spring. The Association membership drive awards prizes for the persons who collected the most memberships signed up (usually by the 185 block captains who distribute the RCNA News). Prizes include pool and tennis memberships and gifts from local businesses including dinners and nights on the town.

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Annual Membership Dues – \$20
(January – December 2000)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail: _____

Membership: Renewal New

I would like to volunteer to assist with:
 Activities Committees Newsletter

Thank You For Your Continued Support!!



We Depend On It!!

Remember Watch for the kids!



Tuesday Oct. 31st Is Halloween!!



*Cars don't always see you,
if you are dressed in dark colors.
Wear something shiny and reflective.
Use common sense when crossing the roads.*




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RATTAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NORTH AUSTIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 - RATTAN CREEK PARK POOL

Application to Use Recreational Facilities and Release of Liability

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING – INCOMPLETE APPS. WILL BE RETURNED

NAMUD #1 Water Bill Account No. _____ Home Telephone Number _____
 (Application will be considered incomplete without account number)

Name: _____
 (As it appears on NAM1 bill)

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Telephone Number: _____

I have made application for use of the District's recreational facilities on behalf of myself and the listed members of my family and our guests. I understand that the District's recreational facilities are for use of authorized persons only, and agree that all use by me, my family and our guests shall be in accordance with the District's "Rattan Creek Park Pool, Court Rules and Regulations." I agree that the District does not, by the providing of recreational facilities, assume any responsibility or liability to our guests or us. We assume all responsibility for, and waive any claim against the District for accidental injury, property damage or death arising out of the use of these facilities by any of our guests or us. We agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District, its directors, agents, employees and consultants whether paid or volunteer, from any and all claims by us or our guests which may arise out of use of the District's recreational facilities. If this application is on behalf of any minor children, the application represents that the applicant is the legal guardian of said children and fully responsible for such children, and authorized to execute this application and release on their behalf. I understand that the children, if under ten (10) years of age, must be accompanied by a person fourteen (14) years of age or older when using the District's facilities. *I further understand that I am responsible for any damage to District facilities caused by my family, my guests or myself.*

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____
 (Application will be considered incomplete without signature)

Household Members Attending Pool: (All members receiving badges must be listed)
 (Badges required for ages 3 and up) **Date of Birth** **Tag I.D. Number**
 (To be filled in by NAM1)

_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	____/____/____	_____

NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL.

2000 Winter Fee s:

Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool

Quantity
 _____ In District Badges @ \$20 per badge \$ _____

_____ Out of District Membership @ \$200 per household \$ _____
 (Up to 4 Badges if needed)

_____ Additional O.D. Badges @ \$20 each additional badge \$ _____

_____ Guest Passes (only w/ badges) @ \$2 each (one time use) \$ _____

_____ 10 Guest Passes (only w/ badges) @ \$15 \$ _____

_____ Tennis Court Key (In District Only) @ \$15 each \$ _____

_____ RCNA Membership (In District Only) @ \$20 per household \$ _____

_____ Annual In-District Badges @ \$40 per badge \$ _____

Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed. Total \$ _____

Mail or Deliver to ECO Resources, 9511 Ranch Road 620 N., Austin, Texas 78726

Rattan Creek Park, Pool and Court Rules and Regulations

Rules are established and adopted by the North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors
Pool Identification tags and tennis court keys must be purchased through the District Manager
ECO Resources 9511 RR 620 N, Austin, Texas 78726-2908

Pool Rules and Regulations

Identification

1. Pool is available to District residents who have paid tag fees and their guests. Out of District memberships are available. Only individuals with tags may enter pool area.
2. Identification tags must be worn by swimmers at all times.
3. Report lost or stolen I.D. tags to the pool manager. Replacement tags can be purchased through ECO Resources for a \$5.00 fee.
4. Use of pool I.D. tags by any one other than the swimmer listed on the current year's registration form will lead to forfeiture of that I.D.

General Requirements and Conduct

1. Conduct by any person deemed to be dangerous, unwarranted, or offensive is grounds for discipline by the lifeguards. Offensive behavior in particular, will be dealt with on an individual basis and could result in suspension from the pool. Any individual suspended three times may also lose all pool privileges for the season.
2. Running, jumping, skipping, or any activity other than ordinary walking in the pool area is strictly prohibited.
3. Bicycles and skateboards must be walked in front of the pool entrance for safety. No motorized vehicles are permitted in the park. No pets are allowed in the fenced pool area. Pets must be on a leash while in the park.
4. Pool may close for five (5) minutes each hour as a safety precaution
5. Floating devices are not allowed in the pool. Water wings or swim rings for non-swimming children may be used if accompanied by parent or approved baby-sitter.
6. Glass containers of any type are not allowed inside the fenced area or in the bath house area.
7. No cutoffs or street clothes are allowed in the pool.
8. Only lifeguards are to be on the lifeguard stands.
9. No person shall talk to, shout at, or in any manner distract a lifeguard while on the lifeguard stand except in the case of an emergency.
10. Only masks approved by the Pool Manager will be allowed in the pool.
11. One lane will normally be designated for lap swimming at all times, additional lanes may be added at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
12. No smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the fenced pool area.

Adult Supervision

1. Children under ten (10) years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or authorized baby-sitter at all times while inside the fenced pool area, unless approved by Pool Manager.
2. Parents are required to provide written authorization naming a specific approved baby-sitter to attend their children under 10 years old at the pool. The baby-sitter must be fourteen (14) years of age or older and be a pool member or have a valid guest pass.

Guest Policy

1. Guest(s) must be accompanied by a registered pool member and submit a valid guest pass for admission. Pool members must accept responsibility for their guests.
2. Guest(s) must register with the gate keeper upon admission to the pool facility and sign a waiver of liability.

Private Parties

1. Adults eighteen (18) years and older holding a pool I.D. may make reservations to use the pool for a private party when the pool is not open for regular operating hours. All parties must terminate (all participants departing the facility) by 11:30 p.m.
2. Reservations must be made at least four (4) days in advance with the Pool Manager. Reservations are confirmed by a \$50.00 deposit. A reservation is not confirmed until the Pool Manager receives the deposit. The cost for rental of the pool is \$10.00 per hour

plus lifeguard fees.

3. Persons responsible for any parties must hire lifeguards. Lifeguards must be those guards that are under contract with the District.
4. Any damages resulting from a private party will be the responsibility of the lessee.

Wading Pool

1. Children taller than a height set by the Pool Manager will not be allowed in the wading pool.
2. Lifeguards will not monitor the wading pool. Children in the wading pool must have a parent or baby-sitter present at all times.

Pool Hours (as posted at the pool)

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Weekday hours are 11 a. m. to 9 p.m. Saturday hours are 11 a. m. to 9 p. m.; and Sunday hours are 12 Noon to 9 p. m..

WINTER SCHEDULE

Weekday hours are 12 noon to 1 pm and 4:30 to 8:00 pm. Saturday Sunday and Holidays 12:00 to 8 pm. Winter Maintenance closing will be posted at the pool.

General Information

1. At the discretion of the Pool Manager and as approved by the District Manager, certain periods of the normal open hours may be set aside for specialized activities such as, adults only swim, swim lessons, swim meets, and other special events.
2. Hours may be shortened before and after school starts, and during swim team season. Check the Pool Bulletin Board for scheduled events and scheduling changes.

Tennis/Sports Court Rules and Regulations

(In District Members Only)

1. No dangerous or offensive conduct will be allowed on the courts.
2. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, or motorized vehicles allowed on the courts
3. No alcoholic beverages are allowed inside the fenced court area.
4. No glass containers are allowed inside the fenced court areas.
5. A playing time limit of one hour (60 minutes) will be observed when other members are waiting to use the facilities.
6. Tennis courts one and two are subject to reservation by tennis leagues, not to exceed five (5) hours a week as posted at the courts.
7. A member may have a maximum of four (4) guests at a time on the sports courts.
8. At the discretion of the District Manager, certain specialized activities on the courts may be arranged.
9. A maximum of (4) players are allowed per tennis court at any time.
10. Soccer tennis is strictly prohibited.

Questions or Problems

Contact the Pool Manager or
Bill Burke at 331-7066.

**North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1
Rattan Creek Pool Winter Schedule 2000/ 2001**

October 2000

October 1 - 31: Pool Open - Winter Swim

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
12:00 - 1:30 PM, and 4:30 to 8:00 PM.
Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 PM

October 9 & 23 : School Holiday

Pool Open: 12:00 to 8:00 PM (each day)

February 2001

February 1 - 15: Pool Closed for Maintenance

February 16 - 29: Pool Open - Winter Swim

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
12:00 - 1:30 PM, and 4:30 to 8:00 PM.
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November 2000

November 1 - 30: Pool Open - Winter Swim

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
12:00 - 1:30 PM, and 4:30 to 8:00 PM.
Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 PM

November 22 & 24: Thanksgiving Holidays:

Pool Open 12:00 to 8:00 PM

Pool Closed: November 25 (Thursday)

March 2001

March 1 - 31: Pool Open - Winter Swim

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
12:00 - 1:30 PM, and
4:30 to 8:00 PM.
Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 PM

March 12 - 16: Spring Break

Pool hours : 12:00 to 8:00 PM

December 2000

December 1 - 14: Pool Open - Winter Swim

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
12:00 - 1:30 PM, and 4:30 to 8:00 PM.
Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 pm

December 15 - January 2, 2000: Winter Holiday

Pool Open: 12:00 to 8:00 PM daily

**Pool Closed: December 24 & 25
(Friday & Saturday) and January 1 (Monday)**

April 2001

April 1 - 30: Pool Open - Winter Swim

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
12:00 - 1:30 PM, and 4:30 to 8:00 PM.
Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 PM

April 13 & 16: Spring Holiday

Pool Open 12:00 to 8:00 PM

Pool closed: April 23 (Sunday)

April 30 Winter Swim Schedule Closed

January 2001

January 4 - 31: Pool Open - Winter Swim

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
12:00 - 1:30 PM, and
4:30 to 8:00 PM.
Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 PM

January 15: Student Holiday

Pool Open 12:00 - 8:00 pm

Rattan Creek Pool is Managed by
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McNeil High Swim Team is swimming at the
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MHS practice: Monday - Friday 7:00 - 9:00 AM

Swim Meets will be posted but usually occur on
Saturday mornings.

Manager - Raine Maggio
Assistant Manager - Tony Watt
Pool phone - 257-8175

Rattan Fest 5 K Race Results:

Congratulations to Sabine Bildstein for being this year's overall race winner.

This year, we had folks in every division. Congratulations to all the runners. It was great to see so many of you, in all the age categories, that came out to run.

You are each and every one of you, a winner! Just for coming out and participating, you are above the rest.

Next year should be a bigger and better event, as this will be our 10th annual Rattan Fest. If you are interested in helping to plan next years event, please contact Jo Jones at 335-1805.

Congratulations once again to all our winners!!

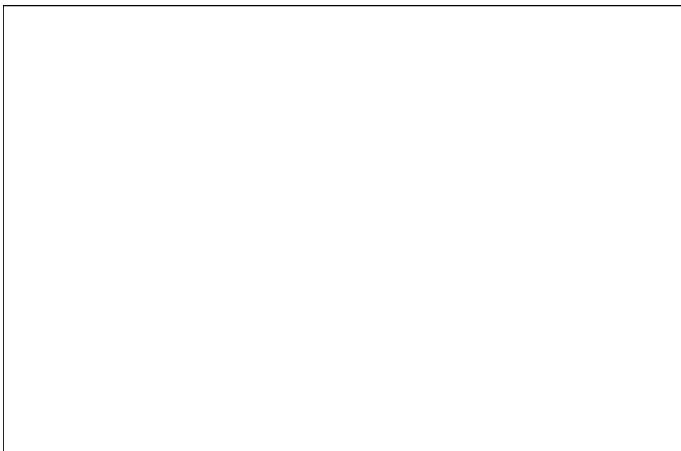


Evelyn Schultz awarding Sabine Bildstein 1st place ribbon.

1st Place: Sabine Bildstein, Female, age: 26-34 years with a time of 18:09.

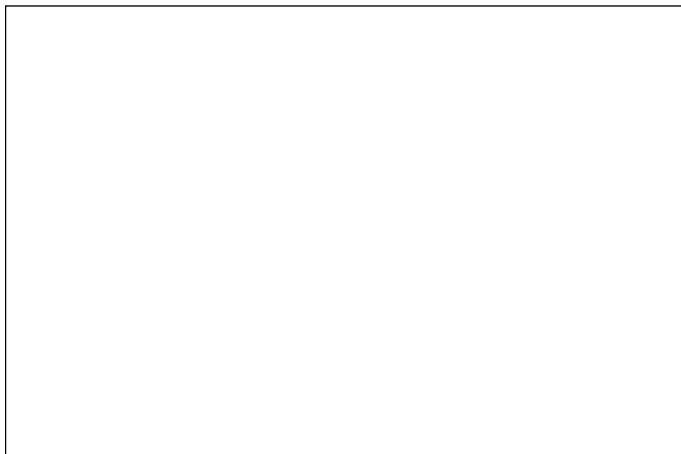
2nd Place: Sean Brown, Male, age: under 14 years with a time of 19:27.

3rd Place: David Karabinas, Male, age: 26-34 years with a time of 19:51.



Above: 1st place winners

Below: Start of the race



1st Place of each gender and age category and their times:

Name	M/F	Age	Time
Julie Le	F	under 14	24:12
Sean Brown	M	under 14	19:27
Chris DeLota	F	14-25	40:41
Luis Murgas	M	14-25	24:47
Sabine Bildstein	F	26-34	18:09
David Karabinas	M	26-34	19:51
Cheryl St.Tears	F	35-44	27:22
Edward Michalik	M	35-44	21:52
Karen Ochoa	F	45+	31:34
Paul Hill	M	45+	23:29

THE COMMUNICATION AGE THAT DOESN'T COMMUNICATE

It amazes me how far communication has progressed in the last two centuries. In 1832, a man named Samuel Morse conceived the basic idea of an electromagnetic telegraph that communicated through a series of clicking sounds and spaces. This invention of Morse Code opened up a new era of communication and made way for the radio and the telephone.

Today, communication technology has accelerated at exponential proportions, making the world a much smaller place allowing us to talk with people thousands of miles away from nearly anywhere on the planet. Although means for communication have increased, there still seems to be less "true" communication than ever before, especially in marriages. Two people can live under the same roof and be lonely because of a lack of communication.

For some of us, our marriage suffers tremendously because of this.

Dwight Small in his book, *After You've Said I Do*, writes, "It can be said that the success and happiness of any married pair is measurable in terms of the deepening dialogue which characterizes their union" (p. 11). In the Bible, Proverbs 25:11 says, "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." Communication is valuable. Not only is it valuable but it is essential if we are going to experience marriage as God intends it to be. The road to intimacy goes through transparent communication.

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Its Cool and Planting Time

Plant trees now that is cool and they will be well rooted for next years growth. Remember that the deciduous trees which lose their leaves in the winter are for the sunny south and west sides of the house. They will save you summer cooling costs and will gain heat from the sun in the winter. Some yard-sized trees are the Chinese Pistache, Mexican Buckeye, Texas Redbud, Burr Oak (large leaves and very tall tree), and the Cedar and Chinese Elms. And of course the larger varieties of the Crape Myrtle (ask about the mildew-resistant varieties and now you can see the blooms and select the right color). Some smaller trees are the Possum Haw Holly which has bright red berries during the winter until the birds eat them off. The American Beauty berry bush is an over grown bush , reaching 10 feet high and wide which has white berries in the summer which turn bright purple in fall. They ferment so the birds love to get a bit tipsy when they gobble them up. The Golden Raintree has clusters of yellow flowers which turn into clusters of seed pods and the Desert Willow has white or lavender orchid-like blooms. All these trees can be in full sun or partial shade and will beautify your yard for many years.

Where you want leaves all year around for shade and a wind break there are the Live Oak, the Eldacara Pine, and a wonderful smaller tree called the Texas Mountain Laurel which has beautiful purple flowers in the spring that smell like bubble gum.

Trees will grow fast if you plant them in shallow wide holes with no peat moss and a little (25%) composted soil amendment to get them started. You need to build up a ring of dirt several inches high and several feet across around the trees to provide a water well to contain the water. When the water wells are mulch covered to keep the roots cool you will get very fast growth of all of these trees. Small 1 gallon to 5 gallon size trees are best because they will grow faster in your soil than in a pot in a nursery. They must be watered well (10 gallons per tree well) periodically (depending on the heat) for the first 2 years. For fast growth, his deep watering every other week for the first 1-1/2 year will give them a strong start with a broad root system. After that an occasional soaking will keep them healthy.

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Kelly

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Just watering the grass around trees is not enough water to soak in deeply to the tree roots and build strong trees. There are many large beautiful trees in our neighborhood which decline each year and eventually start losing branches because the roots have been covered by many inches of dirt and even concrete house slabs, sidewalks, and driveways. The way to save these trees is to put soaker hoses over all remaining roots and soak for several hours every 2 weeks year around. This deep watering saved a beautiful tree shading ours and the neighbor's house, so water really is necessary and can save root-damaged trees.

The time to fertilize for fall and winter root growth is September through late October. You will get more and better growth next year by Fall fertilization rather than in the Spring. Use some fertilizer (organic or not) with high nitrogen as indicated by a 3-1-2 ratio. It is ok to use fast release fertilizers, which usually are cheaper because after the first frost, growth will slow down and any fertilizer which has not been absorbed, will be wasted and will pollute the streams and the environment. Be sure to read the label directions on the bag and apply at or a bit below the recommended rate. Cover the grass and your flower beds, and double the

application under the drip line of trees and then water in very well. The fertilizer only works on roots so water it in once and then come back and water it in again until water runs off. Now you can relax and enjoy your yard for the winter - while raking the live oak leaves of course.

Your yard may be maturing like mine with the trees providing too much shade. This requires some major reworking of the design now that the trees are providing deep shade and the bushes are overgrown. I had a tree company remove all the tree branches that could rub on the roof or on the house. We also removed some lower branches to let some sun in so the plants would bloom. Have limbs cut off at the trunk or as far back as possible to lengthen the time between pruning. Trimming like this every 5-7 years to raise the lower branches of the canopy will allow some sun in so flowers and grass will grow much better. Such is life, successful landscaping brings more work.

Enjoy gardening with your kids (or the neighbor's kids) because teaching them to plan for the future and watching trees and plants grow is good for all of us.

Happy gardening,
Chuck Simms

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The opening of the pool party celebrates start of the summer pool hours with the **RCNA-Members-Only pool party** with free swim and a BBQ dinner. This also is the start of the bi-weekly teen nights with pizza and games at the pool. The 250 member Hurricanes swim team practices several times each week and competes monthly with over 2000 swimmers and parents attending the swim meets often held in the Rattan Creek competition-size swimming pool.

Soccer Teams organized by Town and Country Optimists practice on the 2 Rattan Creek Park and 2 Robinson Park soccer fields, with the schedule for both spring and fall seasons coordinated by a neighborhood parent (again, a volunteer).

The 4th of July at the Park This is an event that is evolving from just a Parade that is led by the Jollyville Fire Department, Cub Scout Pack # 259, and Brownie Scouts carrying flags, followed by pets and all kinds of kid vehicles, and neighbors walking, including antique cars parading throughout the neighborhood, to an all day affair with a chili cook-off and a pie baking contest, ending with a "Safe Zone" for fireworks. Look for this event to grow!

Rattan-fest starts with the traditional 5K Run, Pancake Breakfast, again served by the Boy Scouts, Pet Parade, Booths, followed by a lunch. This is an all family fun day with many booths offering craft items and of course, food and cool drinks.

The Neighborhood Night Out evening turns into block parties and an opportunity for the Block Captains to provide an update on the Neighborhood Watch program and an introduction to new neighbors.

The Christmas Caroling party around a bonfire in the park with the noisy siren announcing arrival of the Jollyville fire truck with Santa Claus to talk to the children and have their pictures taken with Santa, are a perfect end to the year.

A Holiday Lights Contest is a formal way of the neighborhood acknowledging those who make our neighborhood all the more festive at the holiday season.

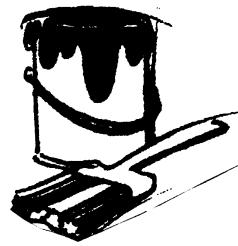
The water winter averaging period is initiated by the North Austin MUD #1, through several RCNA News articles on water conservation and low water consumption, as well as Xeriscape gardening ideas.

Maybe this will clear up some of the confusion that seems to exist about the RCNA and the MUD. The

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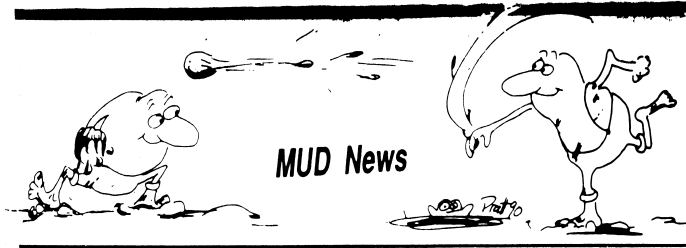
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City of Austin Water Rationing should end soon, they have completed construction of a new water treatment plant and a larger pipeline and have additional treatment capacity. However, a City water rate change is in the works and may effect our wholesale water cost. The City residential rate may go to a more aggressive tier structure to charge large users to pay more per 1000 gallons to encourage lower water usage and better water conservation.

The Tutor Time Childcare project on the corner of Dallas and Parmer Lane has to run the storm water pipe from their water quality pond under Dallas Drive and also re-route an existing water line. This road cut may take a week to make so avoid the corner if you can . Hopefully it will be over by the time you read this.


The Reserve at Rattan Creek (Alexan Rattan Creek) apartment project on Parmer Lane at Dallas Drive now has a gate onto our walking trail near the turnaround on the trail We are asking them to place a trash container on their side of the fence to help control trash on the trail area.

The JPI Apartment Development multifamily and retail project is now starting work with the first section scheduled for opening next spring.

Indian Oaks Neighborhood wastewater connection: The City has yet to put in the telemetering station on the flowmeter so the data can be automatically read. The “Beauty Salon” on the corner of McNeil and Blackfoot Trail is slowly moving along. NAMUD #1 has an agreement with the City of Austin that no commercial property will be able to connect into the

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sewer line going up Blackfoot Trail which connects into our MUD line at the top of the hill. We wanted assurance that no commercial property wastewater would be added to our lines which may be full from residential use by Indian Oaks and NAMUD.

Rattan Creek Park trail connection project is completed with the construction of the low crossing and addition of decomposed granite on the park trail. Richard Miller of the RCNA and Chuck Simms are scooping the need for a exercise warm-up area somewhere on the trail. Contact one of us if you have ideas.

Rattan Creek Park Drainage project behind the pool pump house to provide a turn-around area for the trucks that deliver the pool chemicals is completed except for getting grass to grow in the area. . .

Robinson Park trail project: The Williamson County Commissioners how have approved the bonding for the contractor and work should start soon. But then, I said that a year ago July before Williamson County took over the project. Bummer!

Robinson Park Drainage project to extend a storm water pipe near the kiddie playscape on the corner of Humphry Drive and Amasia Drive will be seeded when we get some moisture. The plans for improvements to Robinson Park are being reviewed by Board members Don Conklin and Alan McNeil so go to the NAMUD#1 web site and e-mail your suggestions to them.
(Website: www.northaustinmud1.org)

Rattan Creek Park Supplemental sprinkler system for the tops of the Rattan Creek Park berms is working great, there is now an additional 3” meter and water line with an additional controller to provide better control of the water for the full-sun berms. Some soil was be added to the tops of the berms to help hold the water and strengthen the roots of the grass. The original system is being re-balanced to minimize over-watering and assure even coverage as needed to keep the plants healthy.

Note, If you have a home sprinkler system, it is time to reduce your watering now that it is cooler. Some controllers allow a % change that reduces all on-times by the same percentage. Other controllers require reducing the on-time for each station. I suggest that before making any changes, you write down all the settings and date the paper and file it

with the controller manual so you will know what to change back to next summer.

A NAMUD #1 Community Center building is being discussed by the Board. Two locations being examined so far, the 2 acres lot on Dallas Drive near Parmer Lane between the Tudor Time and the dental office, and an expanded building at the Rattan Creek Park pool. The Dallas Drive location was committed to the City of Austin for a fire station in our original NAMUD #1 Covenant Agreement with the City. The City has planned 4 additional fire stations for this section of town and may turn this location back to us for our use. Jollyville Fire Department is looking for a location for a EMS first responder unit and may go in with us on the building on that site. More next month. .

Keith Collins and Chuck Simms are the Board committee and will be looking for suggestions so go to the NAMUD#1 web site and e-mail your thoughts to them.
(Website: www.northaustinmud1.org)

Chuck Simms
Secretary, NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.

Deed Restriction Violations:

Deed restriction violations must be submitted in writing to:

**Senior Citizens Center
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Be sure to include the address in question, nature of your concern and your name and address.

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RCNA is purely a voluntary neighborhood association, with dues of \$20 a year. These dues are collected on the calendar year system. They are due January and are paid through December of that year.

Chuck Simms,
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