



# Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

*Serving Milwood at North Austin MUD # 1 since 1983*

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## *Easter Hunt News:*

I realize it has been difficult to reach me the past week. My phones have been off. We moved and the phone company just couldn't seem to pull it together.

But I am back! We are still in great need of donations. We have the eggs, but we are very low on cash and candy this year. We have added The Bluffs and a new apartment complex to our community, and they too will be participating in our Easter Hunt. Our donations are extremely low this year. Donations are what makes an event like this happen every year.

We are still in need of stuffers 😊 It's a lot of fun!



*Thank you,  
Dallas Hall  
257-3494*



## EVENTS

### April

- Apr 1 **Neighborhood Cleanup**
- Apr 1 **TIME CHANGE**  
"Spring Ahead"
- Apr 5 Advertiser Deadline (May)
- Apr 6 Easter Meeting
- Apr 13, 16 **RRISD Spring Holiday**

Apr 14 **Easter Egg Hunt**



Apr 15 **EASTER**

Apr 18 MUD Meeting,  
6pm

100 Congress Ave, ste 1300

Apr 19 RCNA Meeting, 7pm  
13205 Jenner Lane

Apr 24-27 TAAS testing

### May

May 1 Scholarship Application  
Mail-in Deadline



May 12

**"MEMBERS ONLY"**

**RCNA POOL PARTY**

12:00 - 5:00 PM

May 12 RCNA Meeting, 12 pm  
Rattan Creek Pool

*Scholarship winners announcement.*

May 13 **Mother's Day**

May 16 MUD Meeting, 6 pm

100 Congress Ave, ste 1300

May 22-24 High School Exams

May 24 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

May 25 High School Graduation

May 28 Memorial Day

## Before the Easter Egg Hunt Come Enjoy A Great Pancake Breakfast!

**When: Saturday, April 14**

**Time: 8:00 - 10:00 am**

**Where: Rattan Creek Park**

**Cost: \$2.50 per individual or  
\$10 (max) per family**



**Come and enjoy a great  
breakfast and support your neighborhood Scout  
Troop # 259**

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## President's Notes

**Wow, what a grassroots response!** Thanks to your efforts, all speed limits have been reduced to 20 mph, Tamayo and Dallas Drive will get speed bumps and the County loaned us a radar gun for self-enforcement. We're looking for a few good citizens to hand out traffic tickets and man sobriety checkpoints. ... *April Fools!*

I was surprised at the number of people that commented about the article on speeding. Thank you for writing. Almost as many people contacted me to complain about high grass and weeds (in the neighbor's yards, not their own:). I've been away 21 of the last 30 days and want to thank my neighbors for not reporting my own yard up as a deed restriction violation! Now that the days are getting longer and the rain has let up for a while, it looks like we'll all be spending more time in the yard-in work and in play.

May is just around the corner and school will be out soon which brings me to the next topic which is a scholarship for our students.

The Neighborhood Association is offering three scholarship awards. \$600 scholarship for first place, \$300 second place and \$200 third place award. **Seniors, don't panic!** There isn't any multi-page, multi-question application asking you to describe your leadership style or explain how you are involved in environmental protection or conservation efforts. We're simply offering you a chance to earn some financial aid. You'll have about four weeks to fill out a form and write a short paper. See page 23 for the application form. That's all there is to it. Good Luck.

Another chance to earn some "financial aid" would be to come rake leaves for any of the board members or even for your parents! Hint, hint. 😊

We'll see you around the neighborhood. R Miller

### **POND SPRINGS ELEMENTARY BIKE RODEO**

**Saturday, April 28, 2001**

**10:00 to 12:00**

Dust those bicycles off and get ready for the Pond Springs Elementary Annual Bike Rodeo!! The PTA is sponsoring a Bike Rodeo on SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The program will be presented by State Farm Insurance. Bicycle Sports Shop will be there to check out our bikes and give away biking related items.

With warm weather approaching, more children will be riding their bikes to school and around the neighborhood. We would like to educate them on the safe procedures of biking.

#### **To participate in this event:**

- \* All children and parents are invited - no need to be a Pond Springs student.
- \* Children and their parents need to arrive early, with their bikes and helmets and closed-toe shoes.
- \* We also encourage you to bring along a water bottle or a sports drink. It could be a warm day.
- Come and enjoy the fun day!!! The State Farm mascot, "Good Neigh-Bear" will be there to add to the fun.

**In the event of rain, the Bike Rodeo will be canceled.**

# Hurricanes Swim Team



Have fun, stay cool, and get fit by joining a summer swim league! *The Hurricanes* swim team is a neighborhood recreational summer league in the Northwest Swim Circuit. They follow accepted rules and standards of the U.S. amateur swimming competition, as well as procedures designed specifically to meet the needs of this circuit's teams. *The Hurricanes* strive to attain a positive balance between healthy competition and fun. While winning isn't everything, it's fun to win. That's why hard work, regular practice, and self-discipline are all goals of our summer program. Check us out, and spend your summer learning the value of clean competition, sportsmanship and teamwork, as well as individual achievement, making new friends and having fun. Register at:

Pond Springs Elementary  
April 17, 2001  
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Jollyville Elementary  
April 19, 2001  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Rattan Creek Pool  
April 21, 2001  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**IMPORTANT:** BE SURE AND BRING YOUR CHILD'S DOCTOR'S INFORMATION TO REGISTRATION. BRING PERSONAL CALENDARS FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES.

**Swimmer Eligibility:** Boys and girls - ages 4 - 17 as of May 1, 2001.

**Practice times:** Daily practice times are determined at registration. Hour long pre-season practice runs after school from May 7<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, between 3:30 - 6:30 PM. Morning practices begin on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Morning practices are Monday - Friday between 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Swimmers practice at the Rattan Creek Pool.

**Season:** Six dual meets on Saturdays beginning May 26th. Optional meets include an intra-squad, divisional and an invitational meets.

**Fees:** \$110 each for the first 2 swimmers, \$100 for each additional swimmer in the same family.

**If you have any questions before registration, contact a board member:**

President, Richard Page 331-2954  
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# Around Rattan Creek

## New Neighbors and Babies:

### New Neighbors:

Robert Cordingly and Darla Hussey  
6705 Corpus Christi Drive

### New Babies:

MacKenzie Grace Hoffman  
Born March 5, 2001,  
to Drs. Robert and Myra Hoffman  
and big brother Cameron  
12905 Modena Trail

Joshua Andres Villalpando  
Born February 26, 2001,  
to Becky and Chris Villalpando  
6504 Shiner

Luis Joel Delgado  
Born February 27, 2001  
To Luis and Aixa Delgado  
Corpus Christi Drive

Dean Fenton Hussey, 1 lb 11 ozs 13"  
Born March 15, 2001  
to Darla Hussey  
6705 Corpus Christi Drive

*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](mailto:terriolsem@aol.com).*



## Milwood Parent Activities

**Infant Group: (Newborn to 12 mo)** Looking to start a group? Call Marcie DeOliveira at 335-6960 to get your name listed for a "new" newborn group.

**Young Toddlers: (6 mo. to 1 1/2 yr.)** Call Brian Sargent at 336-7518

**Young Toddlers: (1 year to 18 mo)** Starting a new group, March 2001, Call Marcie DeOliveira at 335-6960.

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

**Toddlers: (Children with birth dates in Fall 1996 and Summer/Spring of 1997)** 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.

### Milwood Parents...

*Please call Marcie DeOliveira at 335-6960 for updates, new groups, changes or reports on activities. Thanks.*

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**Recipe Corner**

It is Easter time again. The age old question...“What can I do with leftover Easter Eggs?” Egg salad, chicken salad, tuna fish salad, potato salad. What about a Deviled Egg recipe? There are traditional deviled egg recipes or you can fill the egg halves with something more exciting like a crab or lobster filling. Happy Easter!

***Traditional Deviled Eggs***

- 10 hard-boiled eggs*
- 1/4 cup spicy brown mustard*
- 3 tablespoons mayonnaise*
- 1/4 teaspoon hot sauce*
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley leaves*
- 2 to 3 tablespoons water*

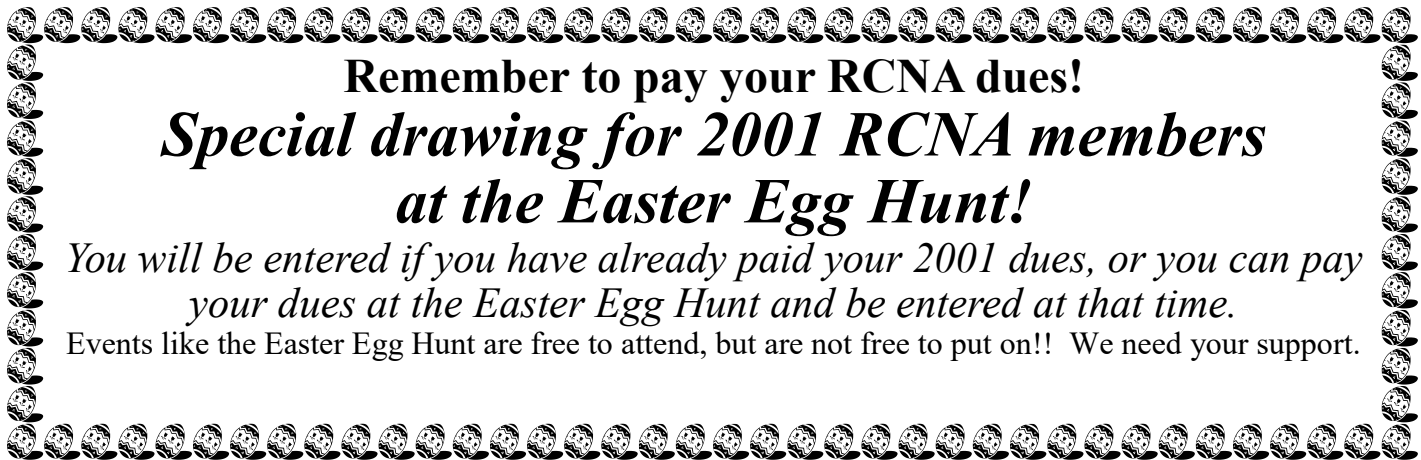
Halve the eggs lengthwise, force the yolks through a fine sieve into a bowl, and stir in the mustard, the mayonnaise, the hot sauce, and the parsley. Stir in enough of the water to reach the desired consistency, add salt and pepper to taste, and mound the filling in the egg whites.  
Yield: 20 egg halves

***Not So Devilish Eggs***

- 24 hard-boiled eggs*
- 1 1/4 pound lobster( steamed, shelled) or crabmeat, chopped*
- 1 tablespoon of mustard*
- 3 shallots, minced*
- 2 tablespoons of mayonnaise*
- 1 bunch of minced chives*

Split eggs neatly and remove yolks. In a large mixing bowl; blend lobster or crab, mustard, shallots, mayonnaise, and some of the chives. Season with salt and pepper. Fill eggs with lobster salad and garnish with remaining chives.  
Yield: 48 egg halves

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.



**Remember to pay your RCNA dues!**  
***Special drawing for 2001 RCNA members***  
***at the Easter Egg Hunt!***

*You will be entered if you have already paid your 2001 dues, or you can pay your dues at the Easter Egg Hunt and be entered at that time.*

Events like the Easter Egg Hunt are free to attend, but are not free to put on!! We need your support.

**The Children's Hospital of Austin - NWA Circle of Friends chapter presents:**

***Joe Scruggs in Concert!***  
***April 22nd, 4:00 p.m.***  
***RRISD Performing Arts Center***  
***(located at McNeil High School on McNeil Rd.)***

*Tickets are on sale beginning March 12 through UTTM outlets (area HEBs) or by calling 477-6060. All proceeds benefit The Children's Hospital of Austin.*  
***Join us to support this worthy cause and for a great show!***

# Rattan Creek Pool Learn to Swim Program

by Clearwater Management - 331-7066

Qualified Instructors **2001** For Ages 3 to Adult

Sign up at the Pool Starting May 4, 11:00 am. No advanced sign-up

### Swimming Lessons:

8 - 30 minute lessons

Student/Teacher Ratio - 1:5

MINIMUM of three (3) students per class.

### LESSON SKILL LEVELS AVAILABLE

-TOT BEGINNER (Private only)

-BEGINNER

-ADVANCE BEGINNER

-JUNIOR LIFESAVING

-INTERMEDIATE

Private lessons \$ 15.00 half hour session

| <u>SESSIONS:</u>        | <u>DATES:</u>     | <u>CLASS TIMES</u>       |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday Through Thursday | Make up on Friday |                          |
| SESSION I               | May 29 - June 8   | Mornings : 9:00 - 9:30   |
| SESSION II              | June 11 - June 22 | 9:45 - 10:15             |
| SESSION III             | June 25 - July 6  | 10:30 - 11:00            |
| SESSION IV              | July 9 - July 20  | Evenings: 6:00 - 6:30 PM |

*We reserve the right to eliminate or combine class times if there are not enough students signed up to fill a class at a particular time.*

### Tear off and Return at Rattan Creek Pool

#### Swim Lesson Registration

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Class Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Session: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Swimming Skill \_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Advanced

Payment- Pool Member- \$ 35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*Instructors will evaluate the student's skills and may move to another level class.*

## Financial Focus - Tax Season Article “A Better Community Through Better Investing”

Would you like to help make your community better? Of course you would. But are you prepared to help pour the concrete foundation for a new area school? Probably not. How can you take an active part in improving your community without having to wear a hard hat? The answer is simple-- municipal bonds. Your investment in local municipal bonds provides the funding for community improvements.

Municipal bonds are issued by cities and states to finance public projects like construction of schools, roads, hospitals or bridges. When you buy a municipal bond, along with the satisfaction of knowing you helped make these improvements possible, you receive a fixed interest payment every six months. In addition, all the interest you receive from municipal bonds is free from federal income tax and, in some cases, state and local tax as well.

When you fill out your IRS Form 1040, you can move the amount of your interest payments from

line 8a, the taxable interest line, to 8b, the tax-exempt line. The more income you can move, the more you keep.

Because of the tax advantages they offer, municipal bonds provide significantly more after-tax income than comparable taxable investments paying higher interest rates. Be careful not to focus strictly on the pre-tax return of your investment.

So, go ahead and put that hard hat away. There's an easier way to better the community and better your after-tax income at the same time. Tax-free municipal bonds may be the answer.

**From the office of Todd Holubec  
Edward Jones Investment**

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# RCNA "Member's Only" Pool Party

**Saturday May 12, 2001  
12:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Food catered by  
POK-E-JO'S**

**Door Prizes**

**Music**

**BEER**

**Drinks**

**FUN**

**The Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association is throwing a party in appreciation for those neighbors who have paid their 2001 Membership dues.**

*Where else could your whole family have this much fun for only \$20 a year?*

**If you haven't already joined the RCNA, you can now do so online at [www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org). ONLY RCNA MEMBERS will be allowed in the pool area!**

**Join your neighborhood association and  
Join us for a day of fun at the pool!**

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|  | <p><b>Free Tree Planting!</b><br/>On All Trees;<br/>\$90.00 or more<br/><small>Coupon Expires 5/31/01</small></p> <hr/> <p><b>25 % OFF</b><br/>All Trees;<br/>\$90.00 or more<br/><small>Cash-n-Carry Coupon expires 5/31/01</small></p> |  | <p>STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES<br/>HOME OFFICES: BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS</p> <hr/> <p><b>John D. Peterson</b><br/>Agent</p> <p>Rattan Creek Resident</p> <p>12962 Research Blvd.      Off: (512) 331-0009<br/>Austin, Tx 78750      Res: (512) 258-2280<br/><i>RCNA Event Sponsor</i></p> |
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**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY  
BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION**

- All Members receiving badges must be listed, with birthdates, for the application to be considered complete
- Guest passes can only be purchased by a member of the pool. All guests must be accompanied by a pool member.
- One complimentary pass, which can be used three (3) times, is issued with each badge purchased. (Two (2) passes will be issued with each annual pass.)
- A packet of ten (10) guest passes consist of four (4) cards totaling ten (10) uses.
- A check made payable to North Austin MUD #1 (NAM1) Pool must accompany the application to be processed.
- The check for the pool, tennis key and the RCNA **must be mailed separately** from the payment for the NAM1 water bill.
- Replacement fees for lost or stolen badges are as follows:  
Summer/Winter Badge \$5.00each      Annual Badge \$10.00 each
- If purchasing a combination of summer only / winter only and annual badges, please specify for whom the annual badges are to be assigned to.
- Annual badges are good from the beginning of the summer session until the end of the winter session of the same year and not necessarily a year from the date of purchase. (i.e. Valid from May 2001 to April 2002)
- Tennis court keys are good from (approximately) the first of May until the end of April of the following year. New keys will need to be purchased at this time every year.
- Please make sure you are filling out the appropriate application for the tags, etc., that you are requesting. (the application should state the year and session being registered for above the listing of fees.)

**ALL INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATIONS WILL BE  
RETURNED WITHOUT PROCESSING.**

**PLEASE ALLOW TWO (2) WEEKS FOR PROCESSING.**

**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**

Applications Due To ECO Resources, Inc., By April 10, 2001 To Guarantee Badges For Opening Day

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: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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<br>(To be filled in by NAM1) |
|-------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| _____ | ____/____/____ | _____                                        |
| _____ | ____/____/____ | _____                                        |
| _____ | ____/____/____ | _____                                        |
| _____ | ____/____/____ | _____                                        |
| _____ | ____/____/____ | _____                                        |

**NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL.**

**2001 Summer Fees:**

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

| <i>Quantity</i>                                                     |                                                                                | \$ _____              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| _____                                                               | In District Badges @ \$20 per badge                                            | \$ _____              |
| _____                                                               | Out of District Membership @ \$200 per household<br>(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                                     | \$ _____              |
| <b>Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.</b> |                                                                                | <b>Total \$ _____</b> |

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 Summer 2001 Schedule**

**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**

**May 2001**

**May 5 & 6 Residents Welcome - Tags not Required**  
**11:00 - 9:00 PM**  
**May 1-23:** Monday - Friday Swim Team 4:00 -8:00 PM  
 Saturdays- Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
 Sundays- Open Swim 12:00 Noon - 9:00 PM  
**May 13 RCNA Party - RCNA Members only**

**Schools is Out! May 24<sup>rd</sup>**

**May 24-31:** Monday-Friday- Swim Team 7:00-11:00 AM  
 Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  
 Saturdays - Open Swim 11:00 AM- 9:00 PM  
 Sundays - Open Swim Noon to 9:00 PM

**May 28<sup>th</sup>:** Memorial Day celebrated  
 Open Swim 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
**Swim Meets May 19 & 26, Pool opens at 1 PM**

**June 2001**

**June 1-30** Monday-Friday- Swim Team 7:00-11:00 AM  
 Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  
 Saturdays - Open Swim 11:00 AM- 9:00 PM  
 Sundays - Open Swim Noon to 9:00 PM

**Teen Nights June 7, 21 \$2.00 Cover Charge**

**Swim Meets June 2& 16, Pool opens at 2 PM**

**Rattan Creek Pool is  
 Managed by  
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 Phone - 331-7066**

**Manager - Raine Maggio  
 Assistant Manager - Tony Watt**

**Pool phone - 257-8175**

**July 2001**

**July 1-31:** Monday-Friday- Swim Team 7:00-11:00 AM  
 Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  
 Saturdays - Open Swim 11:00 AM- 9:00 PM  
 Sundays - Open Swim Noon to 9:00 PM

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**



**Teen Nights July 5 & 19**  
**8:00 to 10:30 pm \$2.00 charge**

**Swim Meet July 7 (Division Meet) Pool Opens at 3 PM**

**August 2001**

**Aug 1-31:** Monday-Friday Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  
 Saturdays Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
 Sundays Open Swim Noon - 9:00 PM

**August 2 Teen Night 8:00 to 10:30 PM \$2.00 Charge**

**August 9<sup>th</sup>: School Opens**  
 (Tentative )



**September 2001**

**Sept. 1-4:** Monday-Friday Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  
 Saturdays Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
 Sundays Open Swim Noon - 8:00 PM

**Labor Day Celebration! Open Swim 11:00 - 9:00 PM**

**Sept. 5-15:** Monday-Friday Open Swim 4:30-8:00 PM  
 Saturdays Open Swim 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
 Sundays Open Swim Noon - 8:00 PM

**September 16: - Pool Opens Winter Swim**

**See other pages for Membership Application for Pool Use.**  
**Tags MUST be purchased by mail or in person at:**

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Planting Time is April!!

**Plant some perennials** for summer color for years to come. In partial shade, plant Texas Gold yellow columbine in well prepared soil and they will bloom all summer and provide light-colored foliage all winter. They may freeze if you do not cover them on those 3 freezing nights. The beautiful yellow shooting star appears above the foliage in March and April. The migrating hummingbirds find it when they arrive in the spring. The attractive light green foliage makes a good ground cover under deciduous trees and oak trees with high crowns. On ideal sites the columbines re-seed and spread. The Blazing Star is a new selection that has red in the bloom just like our local species.

The low growing oxalis has shamrock-looking leaves with small white flowers and also will survive our winters and come back every year. The Bearded iris also makes an excellent groundcover. Plant them in full sun for blooms in March, April, or May depending on the selection. Buy the rhizomes boxed or growing in containers. The blooms come in white, yellow blues, maroons and bicolors. Iris rhizomes must be planted so the top of the rhizome emerges from the soil. They may rot if planted to deep or under deep mulches. Irises are xeriscape plants, which even without mulch, will prosper in our heavy dry soil. For best results, thin out iris rhizomes every three or four years. Daylilies bloom in early summer after irises and have attractive sword-

like foliage that is less stiff than iris. In full sun or part shade they make a good groundcover.

There are a number of blue flowered salvias that the hummingbirds and butterflies love. The blue salvias require full sun to bloom well. The Indigo Spires blooms well and grows to four feet in good soil. If you can find Salvia garanitica, it has a spectacular blue-purple bloom. Sages grow well in full sun with Mexican Bush sage and the Mealy Blue sage reaching 30 inches tall and as wide. Another blue flowered plant is plumbago which reach three feet tall with clusters of vinca-sized light blue blooms for the butterflies when grown in morning sun or dappled shade. Firebush tubular red blooms are a hummingbird favorite growing well in full sun and increasing in size each year after freezing back each winter.

**Shrubs which do well in either sun or shade** are the dwarf yaupon holly and the nandina (available in full size, compactica and dwarf sizes) and both have red berries all winter. I have had great luck also with some white begonias in large pots in the mostly sunny area in front of our house. Sun loving plants include the family of salvia greggi, which can be white, pink and red, sometimes called the red tropical sage. Prune by a third in July and get another flush of color in the fall.

**And of course for a vine**, try the mostly sun loving

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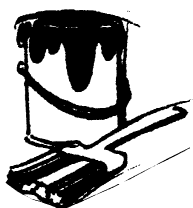
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Have you ever had "one of those days;" a day where nothing goes right and whatever can go wrong does? If you haven't, then you are not a part of the human race. Those kinds of days hit all of us (even Bill Gates) from time to time. I remember one day in particular when I was in graduate school. I drove to my part-time job and as I got out of the car, I reached for something and did not get my keys out of the ignition. There I stood on the outside of my car looking in at those keys hanging motionless from the ignition switch. It was one of those moments where you feel like you could look "idiot" up in the dictionary and find your name. Nevertheless, I went in to work thinking I would have time later to pick the lock with a clothes hanger or some contraption. Thirty minutes passed when I received a phone call from the principal where my wife taught school. He informed me that my wife (who was 3 months pregnant) was having some problems and had been rushed to the hospital. Hundreds of thoughts and feelings rushed through my mind at once. I rushed to the parking lot and remembered my car was locked. I thought, "Of all the days for this to happen, why today?" A friend

knowing my predicament loaned me his car and I rushed to the hospital.

Today, Ethan is nearly 2 years old. I will never forget that day, when my world came crashing down around me. I grew tremendously through that experience as God comforted me in the midst of turmoil and questions. "Those" days can do one of two things to us. They can do us in or they can grow us. In the Bible, the book of Romans (5:3-4) says that difficult times or "those" days produce "perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." The most valuable lessons I have learned have been in the midst of difficult times. You may be in the midst of a difficult time right now as you read this article. Allow God to use it to grow you and deepen you as a person. Don't let it do you in. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "What doesn't destroy me makes me stronger."

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coral honeysuckle which provides nectar for the hummingbirds from April until late fall. A good climbing plant but not destructive like the English ivy with its attaching tendrils.

**Look over the grasses** at the nursery's also. Some only get to 12 inches and make nice accent plants with interesting texture and color. For partial shade groundcover, I have a lot of Inland Sea Oats which spreads from the flag looking seeds but is not too aggressive. Pretty green all summer, grows to 18 inches at most and dry stalks all winter. If you have some large areas, check out the tall grasses which are easy to grow and with minimum maintenance.

**Fire ant control** Logic or Award may be available at the farm stores. If so, spread when the dew has dried, soil temperature is above 60 degrees, and it is 2 to 3 hours before the rain. Within a week or two, the growth regulator will start reducing the ants in the mound and the worried workers try to start new mounds. Sprinkle Logic everywhere except within 4 feet of mounds. These principles apply to any insecticide, the idea is to spread it when the bugs are active and foraging for food and will pick it up and take it down to the queen.

For fast control of fire ant mounds where you walk or play, sprinkle 2 teaspoonfuls of Orthene powder on each mound. It smells bad so the cats, dogs, and kids will leave it alone and it will kill that hill of ants.

**Water:** Be sure to water new small plants especially

well and soak new larger shrubs and trees well also. New plantings need water every day for a week, every 2-3 days for a month, and then weekly to twice a month during spring through fall if there is no rainfall. When they really start growing they NEED water and sparing it for the first 2 years is false economy. Replacing plants is expensive.

**Mulch** to minimize water needs, spread 3 to 4 inches of mulch in the beds under all flowers, shrubs and trees to cool the soil and hold in the moisture. I especially like cypress mulch because it is stringy and heavy and stays in place when watering. That pretty wood mulch not only looks good but it is helping your plants survive the heat. Note the way the trees, shrubs, and beds are mulched at the Rattan Creek Park, TexasScapes does an excellent job of mulching to keep the weeds away from plants and minimize water needs.

**Do Not buy** sandy loam or peat moss. Sandy or chocolate loam is fine clay which we have too much of already. Buy a garden or yard mix with a lot of composted organic matter and sand in it. Also, do not buy peat moss because it is very acidic and in our alkaline soil and alkaline water, peat moss decomposes very rapidly leaving large holes in the soil, exposing the roots to air and killing them. You can watch trees planted with a lot of peat moss wilt and die within 2 years.

**Composted material** is available in bulk or in bags. A common bagged compost is cotton burr hulls with the

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brand name Back to Earth (BTE) with a rainbow on the bag. Use it in planting, amending the existing soil and as mulch around all plants to just outside the drip line to slowly feed and keep cool the roots of all plants and trees. And don't forget the fine dillo dirt which provides slow release of nitrogen and organic matter for our soils. Composted material is too strong to use only as soil to grow plants, use it for top dressing and mulch.

**Vines on trees??** I had another call on this the other day and vines growing up tree trunks (or houses) is not good. I had some great looking English ivy growing up a cedar elm tree, it looked great until some fungus got into it. The ivy all died and took many hours work to pull it out of the bark. It appeared to injure the bark also because the bugs hid from the birds and they burrowed under the bark creating a lot of problems. I have seen similar problems from Asiatic jasmine let to grow up trees, which eventually damaged the tree. So clip climbing vines off near the ground periodically, you will save a lot of time and maybe the life of the tree.

Happy Gardening,  
Chuck Simms

**Lifeguard Positions Available**  
**Rattan Creek Pool**

See page 17 for qualifications.

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Thank you!!



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**Lifeguard Positions Available  
Rattan Creek Pool**

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- Must be a minimum of 15½ years old, a responsible person and certified as a Lifeguard with American Red Cross or YMCA. (We can assist with certification)
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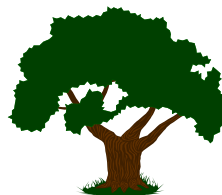
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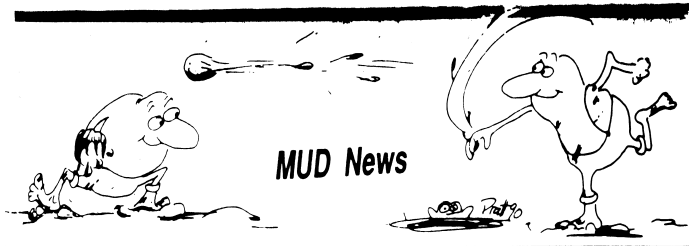
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**North Austin Municipal Utility District Board of Directors Report on Commercial Development, Parks, and Pool Activities:**

**When you have large items for disposal like a dishwasher:** call Longhorn / Waste Management at 272-6260 and ask for the residential dispatcher. Tell them you live in North Austin MUD at (your address), and you have large items for pickup. They will schedule the pickup.

If there has been no pickup in 10-14 days, call Longhorn again and also call ECO with the times of your requests. They will follow up and make it happen. Thanks for your help keeping our neighborhood looking good.

**We continue to pay for repairs due to vandalism at the pool and other MUD parks. If**

you see someone breaking or trashing something in the neighborhood, remember that we have a **\$200.00 reward** for information leading to the prosecution and conviction of a crime. Call Gary Spoons with the information. Your name will be held confidential and you can do your part to help us control this senseless action. In any case, if you see something being done that is wrong, call the Williamson County Sheriff's office (call 911 for emergencies) or call for other problems.

**Robinson Park Playground cleanup finished:** in the new area between the playscape and the soccer fields, the trees have been pruned and brush and rocks removed. The mulch from spring clean-up tree chipping will again be spread in the Robinson Park playground area at the corner of Amasia and Humphrey Drive. This will be similar to nature's way of using leaves and twigs as mulch to conserve moisture and fertilize the trees to encourage the growth of the live oak trees. The MUD's contract with TexaScapes is being reviewed in April and the maintenance plan for this area will be included in the budget being prepared.

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Some neighbors asked the Board in March how the park will be fenced from the traffic on Anderson Mill Road. No decision was made and discussion of the Board members and consultants continues, though I expect that it will be many months before the road construction is completed and traffic begins.

**The Anderson Mill Road** construction is progressing. The sign on Anderson Mill Road says completion in 2002 but I've heard that a more realistic finish date for the road will be in '04. One of our neighbors asked Williamson County Engineer Joe England about the Humphry Drive and Amasia area traffic. England said that the Amasia Drive and Anderson Mill Road intersection will be a full 4-way stop just like Osborne will become once the project is completed.

**Robinson Park Soccer Fields:** The construction in the Stanzel tract upstream of our park caused some flooding of the soccer fields. Our District Engineer David Malish is working with the construction company to cleanup the damage and possibly build some earth berms to better protect the soccer fields from flooding in the future. There


is also a City of Austin and Springwoods MUD project to channelize this East Tributary of Lake Creek. It will go all the way from Hunters Chase (where the new residential construction is in work), through this Stanzel Tract, and through Robinson Park between the soccer fields and under the new Anderson Mill Road bridge.

It will be a challenge to get the fields back to the good condition the players have enjoyed for the last few years. District Engineer David Malish, Gary Spoons, and TexaScapes are working together to repair the damage and protect the fields from flooding as much as possible within the constraints that the fields are within the 100 year flood plain.

There have been questions from the Neighbors on Humphry Drive about the plans for this area behind their houses. There have also been complaints of heavy truck traffic even on weekends causing noise and dust. Our District Engineer is to provide me a copy of the land use plan for the Stanzel tract so contact me with questions.

**Robinson Park Trail project:** work will begin when it dries up.

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**Rattan Creek Park plants** damaged last summer will be replaced by TexaScapes this month. The planned irrigation system audit should help identify changes needed to assure adequate water for all the plants even during drought times.

**Rattan Creek Trail Exercise areas:** project by Clearwater Management Co. will be completed after the decomposed granite is in place and rolled. . There are 15 stations at 8 or 9 locations along the trail. Now what will be our excuses to not exercise?

**Rattan Creek Trail:** There were many Live Oak trees with the tops broken by the ice storm which now have broken branches hanging by the bark. . The tree pruning in the park is completed but continues down the greenbelt along the trail as weather allows the Davey Tree crews to cut out damaged limbs. The Board has asked for a budgetary estimate for a pruning of all the trees in the greenbelts and will work it into the budget planning process just starting.

TexaScapes is mowing and string trimming the trail area and is also are clearing some brush to widen the trail shoulders and improve visability along the trail between the Greybull entrance and the Parmer Lane turn around.

**Rattan Creek Pool:** the project to expand the pool deck area and grass area to the west – Tamayo side of the pool should be completed by the time you read this. The entrance building has been painted inside and out, the pump house was painted on the outside and a new door installed after vandals broke it in. The doors on the chemical storage area will also be replaced. In preparation for the summer swim session, training of the lifeguards in CPR, first Aid, and lifesaving was held in March .

**The Tutor Time Childcare:** the building is progressing well and they appear to be preparing for opening. The business should be a welcome addition to our neighborhood. Work continues on the drainage ditch along Parmer Lane.

**The Reserve at Rattan Creek** (Alexan Rattan  
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**Soccer Field Information  
And Reservations**



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submitted in writing to:**

**Senior Citizens Center  
408 Ridgewood  
Cedar Park, Tx 78613**

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

Tutor Time

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Creek ) apartment project on Parmer Lane at Dallas continues to work with the District Engineer on the details of the fire control water system and on controlling some runoff which is washing off the trail granite.

The apartment dwellers are MUD residents also and we are getting inquires about using the pool and tennis courts so you will see some new folks around, welcome them. The Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association provides them with newsletters also.

**The JPI Apartment Development:** The first multifamily project infrastructure work of sewer, stormwater, and water pipes has started. This first section is being built along Parmer Lane south/east of State Farm Insurance close to Lake Creek. In a later group of apartments there will be 11.5 acres of office buildings also. This Smart Growth plan should make it a very attractive area to live, work, and shop. Our long term goal is to connect the Rattan Creek Trail and Robinson Park Trail to a new trail along Lake Creek providing trail access through all parts of the District.

**The Williamson County channelization of Lake Creek project** has begun on the West bank of the creek just upstream of the Palmer Lane bridge.

**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 but our District Engineer is getting monthly data to monitor the flow as more Indian Oaks homes switch from septic systems to our sewer connection.

**The Indian Oaks Neighborhood Association** president Linda Jaspersen continues working on

zoning situations along McNeil Road. She is very well known now at the City of Austin Zoning Commission and City Council meetings as she continues to try to control the types of zoning and thus types of businesses which will be allowed along McNeil. If you see her working as an election official at the polling place at the next election , thank her for working so hard to maintain the look of that edge of our neighborhood.

**A NAMUD #1 Community Center building:** is being discussed by the Board. We met with the Jollyville fire department and are continuing discussions with the city. Keith Collins and Chuck Simms are the Board committee and are looking for suggestions so go to the NAMUD#1 web site to e-mail your thoughts to them.

Chuck Simms Secretary,  
NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.  
( Website: <[www.northaustinmud1.org](http://www.northaustinmud1.org)> )

**RATTAN CREEK MASTER SWIM CLUB**

**Non-competitive** - Posted Workouts (1000m to 2500m) -  
**Stroke Clinics** - Swim at your own pace and intensity-  
**Great for triathletes** - Positive atmosphere

**Spring Session** March 26th - May 31st  
Mon & Wed 5:30am to 7am; Thurs. 7pm to 8:30pm

**Summer Session** June 4th - August 30th  
Monday and Thursday 5:30am to 7am

Fee \$65 per session

If you are looking to make swimming part of your workout routine contact John Maggio 918-8195 or [maggio@texas.net](mailto:maggio@texas.net).

**Mother's Helpers**

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Dallas Hall  
257-3494

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**Classified Ad** rates are 25¢ per word, per month. Deadline for ad's is the first of each month for the following month/issue. Ads must be received by the Friday before Newsletter deadline. **Payment in full is required before publication.** Any ads received after the deadline will be held until the next month's publication. No exceptions will be made. Send to **RCNA, c/o Francis Mitchell, 12912 Margit Drive, Austin, Tx 78729. 331-4002**

**Home Childcare** – individual, loving care in family setting for infants and preschoolers. (Drop-ins welcome). Call Betty 249-7088. (04/01)

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**IN HOME MONTESSORI SCHOOL-** Preschool – Kindergarten – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. An excellent learning experience based on the Montessori curriculum. Open 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. 250-0280. (5/01)

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**MaryKay** - Julia Hall 257-1067 or 796-7718, email: juliahall@mail.utexas.edu. Website: <http://www.mymk.com/jhall5>. *Milwood Resident discount.* (8/01)

**BeautiControl Cosmetics-Julie Lucas. 331-9531.** New Clients Welcome. (12/01)

**TEEN SERVICES**

**ATTENTION TEENAGERS:** Your ads run free but **must be renewed once every 6 months.** The date at the end of your ad indicates the last month your ad will run. All ads must be submitted in writing and mailed to:  
**RCNA, c/o Francis Mitchell,  
12912 Margit, Austin Tx, 78729.**

**Anna Sturza, 14.** I'm a very responsible 14 year old girl that has alot of babysitting experience. I live in the Bluffs. 335-3005. (05/01)

**Erica Nwabueze, 15** – Highly responsible 15 year old girl who has a lot of babysitting experience. Great with all ages. I also pet sit in your home. Call 401-0701. (9/01)

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# RCNA 2001 Scholarship Application

Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association 2001 Scholarship Award Fund –

Return completed application package to 13205 Jenner Lane, Austin, TX 78729-7455

Responses must be postmarked no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Finalists will be advised the week of May 7<sup>th</sup> and announced at the Members Only Pool Party on Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Criteria:**

- High School Seniors limited to RCNA member families.
- Academic achievement.
- Public service and community activities.
- 2-4 page written essay discussing a piece of literature you read during your high school years and how it made an impact on your thinking.
- Finalists will meet a Scholarship Board and should be prepared to answer questions-interview format.

**Application:**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Legal name in full \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Language Arts Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Current cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_

List activities, awards or special recognition you have received \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly list work experience \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, choose only those you consider most significant. Attach a resume if available.)

Return application form, essay and resume (if available) to R. Miller, RCNA, 13205 Jenner Lane, Austin, TX 78729-7455. Email or call me if you need more info. Richard Miller 331-6838 or richardmiller@austin.rr.com.



# RCNA Member's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

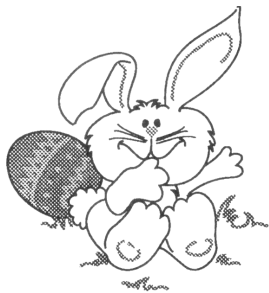


*Saturday April 14  
10:00 am  
Rattan Creek Park*



**Exclusive Area For Wobblers and Toddlers in the Kiddie Corral  
Open from 9:00 to 11:00 am  
Young ones can hunt at their own pace.  
*Don't Forget Your Camera - Photo Opportunity with the Easter Bunny!***

## “The Big Hunt”



*Parade with the  
Easter Bunny and Fire Engine  
Will start at 10:00 am  
Decorate Your Wheels and Join In The Fun!*



**The Hunt will begin AFTER the Parade!!**

**Ages: 7-10 will *HUNT FIRST* at 10:30am**

**Ages: 4-6 will *FOLLOW* at 10:50am  
(Eggs will be restocked for the second wave!)**

**Remember The Boy Scouts are cooking Pancakes from 8 to 10!!!**

**After The Egg Hunt – Trinity Church will have their  
Puppet Show, Music, Hot Dogs and Drinks.**

