



Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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RATTAN FEST POSTPONED TO 10/27

Unfortunately due to the massive amount of rain we received the week of Rattan Fest an unpopular decision had to be made. Unless we wanted to have a "Mudfest", the only clear decision to make, was to postpone it. The rain date has been set as **OCTOBER 27th.**

The timing for the booths will change. The booths should be open at 10:00 am and run until 4:00 pm. This way the booths may benefit from the increased traffic our Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale usually brings.

What to do in case of rain, for this rain date, is still being discussed. We are looking into a large tent, or may just cancel the event for this year. This is another reason pushing for a community center would benefit all of the neighborhood.

The MUD board is working on that idea and would love to hear your thoughts on that issue. This would give the neighbors a meeting place in our neighborhood that could be used for many activities.

***Come on out for the "Rest of the Fest"
Saturday October 27th - 10:00-4:00***

The Concert however, will not happen.

We are trying to reschedule it. We will keep you informed, if we can agree on a date and place to hold the concert.

**For more information; check our website:
www.rattancreek.org**

EVENTS

October

- Oct 8 Columbus Day
- RRISD Staff Development Day
- Oct 16 PTA Skate Night
- Oct 17 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
100 Congress Ave, ste 1300
- Oct 18 RCNA Meeting-7pm
Rattan Creek Pool
- Oct 27 Rattan Fest Rain Date
- Oct 27-28 Neighborhood Wide
Clean-up & Garage Sale
- Oct 28 Daylight Savings
(Fall Back 1 hour)
- Oct 31 HALLOWEEN

November

- Nov 6 Jollyville PTA Meeting
- Nov 15 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
Location to be announced.
- Nov 21* MUD Meeting, 6pm
100 Congress Ave, ste 1300
**date to be verified*
- Nov 21-23 RRISD Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day



December

- Dec 9 Caroling in the Park
Sing around the Bon Fire
and Santa Arrives
- Dec 10 Holiday Light Contest
(more information to come!)
- Dec 19 MUD Meeting, 6pm
100 Congress Ave, ste 1300
- Dec 20 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
Location to be announced.

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Jon Martin, Owner *RCNA Member/Milwood*



President's Notes

If I didn't have a calendar, I'd still be able to tell it's around Labor Day.

Complaints drop off as school activities pick back up. Grass must grow more slowly as nobody complained to me about his or her neighbor's yard. I also didn't receive any complaints this month about barking dogs, speeders, dead cars, tall weeds, nosy neighbors, ugly fences, loud teenagers, and toilet paper. Yes, I did get a call that the pool bathroom was out of toilet paper, thank you!) My wife says I could start every column I write with "I am not making this up..."

Our dogs still bark and our speeders still speed, but right now, everybody seems focused on the important things- family and friends.

I'd like to thank NAMUD#1 for sponsoring the Fall Clean-Up. Get started early. No dumping is allowed once the containers are full and the fences go up, When that happens, please don't yell at the Boy Scouts.

I also want to thank you for your patience as we postponed RattanFest due to the weather. At last count, over two dozen vendors had signed up for booths. Come join us and do some early Christmas shopping, support your neighbors.

Richard Miller, President

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October 7: Ethical Anchors
 October 14: Rest Rigors
 October 21: Office Relations

****Moving to a storefront location in November****

We currently meet @ **Jollyville Elementary**
 6720 Corpus Christi Dr. **Service Time 10:30AM**

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Tutor Time

Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

New Neighbors:

Karen, Dave, and Austin Torges
8224 Luling Lane

Brenda Lippincott
13513 Albania Way



New Babies:

Adam Aleksander Sornat
Born July 11, 2001,
to Czeslaw & Ewa Sornat
12620 Olympiad 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.

Thank you to Francis Mitchell for all the years of contributions as our "Classified" and "Teen Services" liason for the newsletter.

She is giving up her position immediately. She will be missed. On behalf of the RCNA, we would like to wish her well.

Jo Jones, Editor

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Milwood Parent Activities

Infant Play Group (0 - 6 months): Starting a new group! Contact Ilana Miller at 331-7203

Young Toddlers (12 - 18 months): Started new group in August 2001. Call Elizabeth Pollard-Grayson at 401-0139

Young Toddlers (18 months to 24 months): Call Jackie Gibbons at 257-2230.

Toddlers (3 years): Started a new group in June 2001. Call Julie Oliver at 258-5661

Toddlers (Children with birth dates in Fall '96 & Summer/Spring of '97): Call Candance Kreiling 331-9773

Toddlers (4 years): Meets every Wednesday at various homes. Call Nancy 219-5216 for locations.

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

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

Are you interested in a group activity not listed? There may be others interested in the same activity. Call Marcie at 335-6960

to get your name listed for a new group.

Milwood Parents...

Please contact Marcie De Oliveira for updates, new groups, changes or reports on activities at 335-6960 or by e-mail - mdeoliveira@austin.rr.com

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Recipe Corner

Graveyard Cupcakes

Ingredients:

- 1 (18.5 ounce) package chocolate cake mix
- 2 (16 ounce) packages vanilla frosting
- 3/4 cup chocolate sandwich cookie crumbs
- 24 chocolate covered graham cracker cookies

Directions:

Prepare and bake cake mix according to package directions for cupcakes.

In a medium bowl stir 1 package of frosting with the cookie crumbs. Frost cooled cupcakes. Fill a pastry bag, fitted with a plain tip, with remaining white frosting. Write R.I.P. on each chocolate covered graham cracker cookie.

Stand a decorated cookie on top of each cupcake so that it looks like a tombstone.

Place the cupcakes on a large cookie sheet that has been covered with green paper. Place paper ghosts and bats randomly through the graveyard. Serve! Makes 24 cupcakes

Black Halloween Punch

Ingredients:

- 1 envelope unsweetened grape soft drink mix
- 1 envelope unsweetened orange soft drink mix
- 2 cups white sugar
- 3 quarts cold water
- 1 liter ginger ale

Directions:

To make a frozen hand, wash a disposable glove, fill with water, seal with a rubber band and freeze until hard.

Stir together grape soft drink mix, orange soft drink mix, sugar and water until solids are dissolved. Combine with chilled ginger ale just before serving.

Dip the frozen hand briefly in warm water, then peel off the glove. Float the prepared hand in the punch bowl for a ghastly effect. Makes 1 gallon

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please email it to Stephanie Doherty; thedohertys@austin.rr.com.



Kelly Monceaux-Thate, GRI, CMS (512) 750-5777

From Left to Right:
Dustin, Kelly, David & Jessica (not pictured)
(Plus one on the way - no photo available yet)

God Bless

Thank You

Milwood Friends

For trusting me to handle the real estate transactions of your families and friends.

Your continued support and future referrals are greatly appreciated by both myself and my family!

As your needs arise for a 'Professional Real Estate Team', we would appreciate the opportunity to be your preferred choice.

Stay the Investing Course to Weather World Crisis

As the horrifying events surrounding the September 11th attack on the United States gripped the nation, financial matters were not the first priority. Peoples' thought and concern were with our nation, and particularly with the victims of the tragedy and their families and friends. Yet, individual investors faced an uncertain investment market with many unanswered questions about their own investments. As an investor, what should you do?

During periods of uncertainty, it's more important than ever to remember the basic rules of successful investing.

STAY THE COURSE

Once you have determined your long-term financial destination and have plotted a course to get there, it's vital to stay on track and keep moving forward. It's natural to react to recent events with fear and uncertainty. But don't give in to the temptation to make hasty investment decisions. Despite the tragedy, the world's great companies will continue to produce the goods and services needed internationally.

Historically, the market has declined for a short time in the aftermath of world crisis, but it has traditionally returned to normal after the shock subsides.

STAY INVESTED

Now is not the time to get out of the market. Sadly, there have been other national tragedies in the past, although arguably none as horrific as the events of September 11th. Thankfully, we live in a nation that is resilient, and the financial markets have historically reflected that.

STAY WITH QUALITY

Stocks issued by companies with histories of solid growth can endure periods of market uncertainty and continue to grow in value.

STAY DIVERSIFIED

Portfolio risk can be reduced by spreading your investment dollars among a variety of investment types such as stocks, mutual funds, bonds and other investments. By owning a variety of investment types, your portfolio will be well

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Lee Anne Renfrow

Time For Board Elections

As fall starts, it is once again time to think about the election of our neighborhood association 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 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 & 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.

Currently, we need a Secretary and are looking

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to fill that position immediately.

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.

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 come to the meeting in September or October, please come to the Rattan Creek Pool at 7 pm on third Thursday of the month.

**Voting will be held October 18th
at the Rattan Creek Pool at 7 pm.
We hope to see you there!**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

It has come to the Boards attention that we are losing volunteers due to the lack of appreciation from the neighborhood.

If something is not right, please DON'T YELL at the volunteers. It is easy for us to criticize or misjudge someone quickly. Please remember that the volunteers are overworked and usually have their plates full just as most of us do.

The RCNA Board, event or newsletter is not their only job. But, it is a thankless job that many do for many years, until they can't take the abusive reaction of a few anymore.

This neighborhood was built on the sweat of the volunteers; the block captain system that was established so many years ago helps us keep in tune with the neighborhood and brings you the Newsletters each issue.

Please help support the RCNA by VOLUNTEERING! We need people for many positions. We are not asking for a lot of time, just a little, sometimes less than once a month. This can be a rewarding and fun job. Come and help us stay strong! Call Richard Miller: 331- 6838.



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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. (Children under three attending the pool do not need to be listed.)
- 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. (Complimentary passes are not issued with badges purchased for replacement of a lost badge.)
- A packet of ten (10) guest passes consists of four (4) cards totaling ten (10) uses.
- A check made payable to North Austin M.U.D. #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: \$5.00 each 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.
- All badges and passes will be mailed out and are not available for pickup (even if registering in person)
- 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

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 (To be filled in by NAM1)
_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	____/____/____	_____
_____	____/____/____	_____

NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL.

2001 Winter Fees:

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

<i>Quantity</i>		
_____	Winter In District Badges @ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____	Out of District Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed) @ \$200 per household	\$ _____
_____	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	\$ _____

All WINTER/ANNUAL Badges & Passes valid thru 4/30/02
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 2001-2002 Schedule**

October 2001

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

November 2001

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 21 - 23 : Thanksgiving Holidays:
Pool Closed**

Pool Closed: November 22 (Thursday)

December 2001

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 14 - January 2, 2002: Winter Holiday

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

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



***McNeil High Swim Team is swimming at
the Rattan Creek Pool.***

MHS practice = Monday- Friday 7:00 to 9:00 AM

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

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

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

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

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It's 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 Possom 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

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system. After that an occasional soaking will keep them healthy.

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

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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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positioned to weather most market crisis.

STAY FOCUSED

When it comes to investing, long-term performance is what counts. It's difficult not to dwell on the recent tragedy; but, with regard to your investments, it's important to look forward.

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David and Madeleine Williams felt they had to do something to help after the recent bombing of the World Trade Center.

They spent their Sunday afternoon selling lemonade and ribbons to raise money for the Red Cross. Their afternoon enterprise raised \$ 85.00 that was donated to the American Red Cross.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Fly your flags proudly!

Our sympathies and prayers are with everyone who has been affected by the terrible acts of terrorism that took place on September 11, 2001. This act of terrorism is against all of humanity, ***not just New Yorkers or Americans.***

We hope that neighbors will remember that, and not turn to violence against an innocent neighbor. Austin has had a few random acts of violence. We would like to think that our neighborhood stands united, as one voice against all such acts.

Tragically, it has taken a catastrophic event such as this, to remind us of what is most important in our lives. We owe all the innocent folks who lost their lives in the towers and airplanes, as well as the rescue workers, to fight to rid the world from terrorism.

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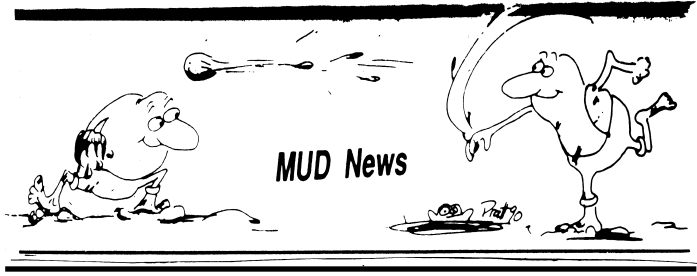
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No MUD News reported this month.

**For more information; Please visit the North Austin MUD #1 Website:
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You can find the agenda and notes from the last meeting held. If you have any questions, please contact one of your MUD Board members directly.

Directory is below.

Reward for Capture of Serial Cat Killer

On 9/6/01, a meeting was held at Balcones Country Club to discuss, as a group, what can be done to capture the "sick individual (s)" who have murdered 23 cats and 3 deer throughout the zip codes of 78726, 78750 & 78729 since March.

In attendance: concerned pet owners, parents of children who've lost pets, local Law Enforcement (APD & Travis County Sheriff's Officers), local Media, Homeowners Association President, and Chairman of the Anderson Mill Estates Crime Watch.

Without going into details about the meeting I can tell you a reward has been set for the capture and conviction of the perpetrator (s). If you know or have any information about these murders, please call Crime Stoppers at 472-TIPS. This call remains confidential. Officer John Nelson, District Rep, handles issues in this area can be reached at 974-5556.

Flyers for schools, stores, neighborhoods can be obtained through Elaine Byrne at 422-8088.

As of right now, Animal Cruelty is a 3rd degree felony and will be handled as such. Please, as concerned citizens, help our neighbors across the way in capturing this individual (s), before he or she decides to move on to new prey.

Contributions can be given at Martin's Jewelry Box, 8650 Spicewood Springs Rd #202, Austin, Tx 78759.

Help protect your animals, they deserve to live life without these sick individuals preying on them.

Thank you,
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Tips for Safe Trick or Treating

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 Residents 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 ghosts

Don't Miss Rattan Fest Vendor's:

Mary Kay Cosmetics
Wrap It Up - (Arts & Crafts)
Creative Memories
Homemade Hot Sauce
Pampered Chef
Omnitrition (water & vitamins)
Face Painting
Tupperware
Morgan Stanley
Beaded Jewelry/Mosaics
Baby Blankets/ Christmas Balls
Glaze & Fire Ceramics
Oriental Excursions Candles
Reliv (Vitamins)
Mortgage Executives
Massage Chairs
Old Fashioned Cake Walk
Free Child ID Kits

Rattan Fest T-Shirts

Help Support these Folks:

Funnel cakes (by McNeil AFJROTC)

Passbooks (by Troop 259, Boy Scouts)

Drinks (by Brownie Troop#604)

Food Vendors:

Los Portales Mexican Food

(Fajitas)

Big John's BBQ

(Chopped Beef / Sausage Wraps)

Sno Cones/Hot Dogs

And More.....

**See You on Saturday, October 27th
From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm !!**



Start your
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
At
Rattan Fest!

Saturday, October 27th
Rattan Creek Park
10:00 am—4:00 pm



*Rattan Fest
5K Run
September 2, 2001*

**ON Your Mark,
Get Set, GO!**



**This Year's Overall
Winner:
David Karabinasck
Time: 20:06**



**The cheering section
awaiting the runners at
the finish.**



***This Year's First Place winners are (right to left):
Front row: Ruthie Fanning, Corie Fanning, Rose Reagan,
Joel Reagan, Terri Hackathorn, Tracy Callen.
Back row: Chris Karaguleft, David Karabinski, Kevin Lawson***

Rattan Fest - 5K Run Results

Congratulations to all who participated!

Our Overall Top Three Runners were:

- 1st Place: David Karabinasck time: 20:06
- 2nd Place: Kevin Lawson time: 22:17
- 3rd Place: Joel Reagan time: 22:47

The top three runners for each age category:

Age Group: Under 14 Years Female:

- 1st Place: Ruthie Fanning
- 2nd Place: Ellen Brown

Age Group: Under 14 Years Male:

- 1st Place: Joel Reagan
- 2nd Place: Seth Brown

Age Group: 14-25 Years Female:

- 1st Place: Cori Fanning

(No Age Group: 14-25 Years Male)

Age Group: 26-34 Years Female:

- 1st Place: Tracy Callen

Age Group: 26-34 Years Male:

- 1st Place: David Karabinasck
- 2nd Place: Greg Lemen
- 3rd Place: Charles Crawford

Age Group: 35-44 Years Female:

- 1st Place: Terri Hackathorn
- 2nd Place: Teresa Szostak
- 3rd Place: Claire Mathias

Age Group: 35-44 Years Male:

- 1st Place: Kevin Lawson
- 2nd Place: James Reeves
- 3rd Place: Todd Fanning

Age Group: over 45 Years Female:

- 1st Place: Rose Regan

Age Group: over 45 Years Male:

- 1st Place: Chris Karaguleft
- 2nd Place: Paul Hill
- 3rd Place: David Reagan



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Saturday, October 27th.

Booths will open about 10:00 am

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**RCNA Members booth fees are \$5.
Non-Members booth fees are \$15.**

Each booth sponsor must provide his/ her own table, chair, tablecloth, and tent cover (if needed).

Any questions call

**Jo Jones
335-1805**



RATTAN FEST-RAIN DATE

October 27, 2001

Booth Application

Individual Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone:(hm) _____ (wk) _____

Description of booth: _____

____ RCNA Member \$ 5.00

____ Non-Member \$15.00

Make checks payable to RCNA.

Please mail applications & payment to:

RCNA / booth

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Austin, Tx 78720-0584

Booths to open about 10:00am.

**The Rattan Fest guarantees no exclusivity to any booth sponsor.

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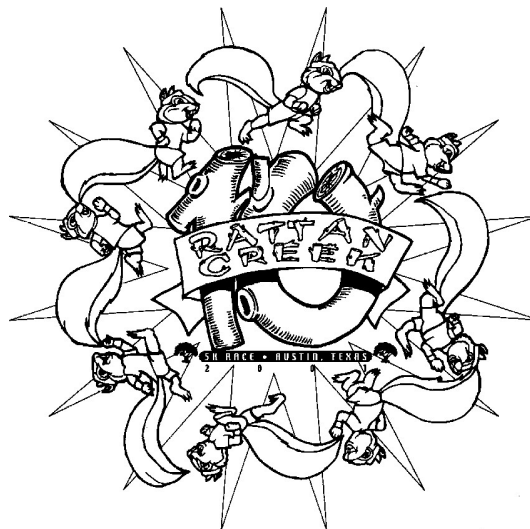
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Laura Pevoto, 12. Need a responsible babysitter? I am certified, responsible, cautious, and great with kids. Lots of experience. References upon request. Also great with pets. 331-8493. (12/01)

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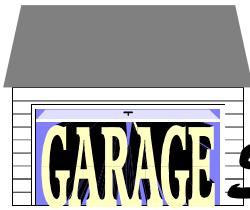
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Jones
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Sat October 27 & Sun October 28

Garage Sale

Ad will be placed in local paper.



**Garage sales to be held at each
Individual's home.**

**Saturday, October 27th
(8:00 – 1:00)**

Clean-up

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**October 27th and 28th
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****Remember when the dumpsters are
full
on Sunday - That's it!!***

**A separate chipping site will be available. Limbs and bushes
will be directed to the chipper site.**

***Please do not bring any hazardous materials to the neighborhood clean up.
This includes old motor oil.***

**** The Boy Scouts will be directing the drop offs.
You will need your ECO Resources (Water) bill.**