



Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

Serving Milwood at North Austin MUD # 1 since 1983

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EASTER NEWS!!!

Yes, it's hard to believe, but it is almost that time of year again. As I have always stated, Easter is one of my favorite holidays. I greatly enjoy the Easter hunt and have always felt it has been a great success. But as always, the success is because our community seems to truly pull together for this event.



Things needed:

All candy, cookies, crackers.....must be individually wrapped.

***Tots area: ages 0-4**

Dum-dums, suckers, chocolate candy (without nuts), kisses, animal cracker, crackers, cookies...

***Older ages: 4-10**


Dum-dums, suckers, chocolate candy, hard candy, tootsie roles, variety bags...

Volunteers:

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EVENTS


February

- Feb 2 Ground Hog Day 
- Feb 11 RRISD Staff Develop. Day
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 19-21 TAAS Testing
- Feb 20 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
100 Congress, Ste 1300
- Feb 21 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm
13201 Kepler Cove

March

- Mar 11-15 Spring Break 
- Mar 12 Vote Today!
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
100 Congress, Ste 1300
- Mar 21 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm
13201 Kepler Cove
- Mar 28 RRISD-Bad Weather /
Spring Holiday
- Mar 29 Spring Holiday
- Mar 30 **EASTER EGG HUNT**
 - 8-10 am Boy Scouts cook
Pancake Breakfast
 - 9-11 am Toddler Area Open
 - 10 am Easter Parade
 - 10:30 am ages 7-10 Hunt
 - 10:50 am ages 4-6 Hunt
- Mar 31 Easter Sunday

April

- Apr 6 Neighborhood Garage Sale 
- Apr 6-7 Neighborhood
- Apr 7 TIME CHANGE
"Spring Ahead:
turn clocks up one hour"



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



When: Saturday, March 30
Time: 8:00 – 10:00 am
Where: Rattan Creek Park

**Come and enjoy a great breakfast and support
your neighborhood Boy Scout Troop # 259
Bring your money!**

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***Egg stuffers:** Each plastic egg is stuffed with a piece of candy. We are stuffing over 7000 eggs this year.

*We are looking for volunteers to assist during the event, as well as setting up fences the evening before the event.

Last year, our biggest sponsors were our board members. I would like to say thank you to them once again, but I would also like to ask our community to come forward and donate their time, candy or money.

We have always had a wonderful Easter Event and I know it will be just as wonderful this year.

Thank you,

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Jon Martin, Owner

RCNA Member/Milwood Resident

President's Notes

What do you get for your paying dues to the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association?

1. I actually work on complaints and questions that *members* call me about, but *for the rest of you...*No, that isn't true. I talk with everybody. (But if you're not a member, you'll just have to wonder if I'm doing anything or just putting it off...hmmm?)

2. You may get a laugh out of the monthly stories I write for the newsletter such as "I am not making this up, but I watched somebody in a Cadillac dump their Christmas tree in the park; it was a drive-by..." But the truth of the matter is that the stories are examples of violations of the Architectural Controls or Deed Restrictions.

3. RCNA helps with N.I.M.B.Y. problems. That is the acronym for Not In My Back Yard! Examples would be when the City of Austin decides to locate a power transformer station behind your house or the Dept. of Transportation wants to expand the Parmer Lane right-of-way through your fence. Things like this can happen. Energy deregulation is here. Annexation would bring higher taxes. As individuals, there isn't much we can do; as an Association representing 2,700

households, we have a louder voice and command more attention. I estimate there are about 5,000 people eligible to vote here; some of the local elections don't have that kind of total turn out. RCNA follows the local politics in the City of Austin, Travis and Williamson Counties and keeps you informed via the newsletter and our website.

4. Well, somebody had to listen to the complaint(s) of the month. Did you know that the City of Austin has an Information Office just to deal with Neighborhood Associations? Plus, somebody has to go to the Municipal District Meetings. You don't want to take time to do THAT, do you?

5. I'd like to credit RCNA for the article in the December 29th American-Statesman in which Milwood was recognized as one of the neighborhoods that has defied the economic downturn - where home sales have outpaced the slowdown. I said I'd like to, but...

I can't. RCNA didn't do it alone; we've all earned that as a collective group.

But RCNA does have a hand in creating a better neighborhood. We bring people together. I counted about

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NORTH HILLS

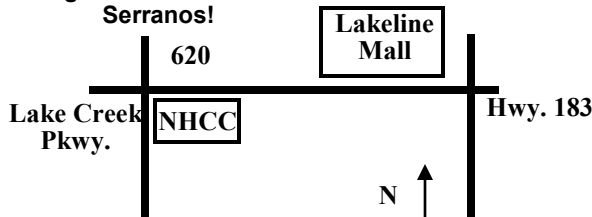
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New Message Series starting in February!

You've got 72.5 years on this planet if you're average. Ever wondered what it's like to live life out on the edge? To experience life at it's fullest? Join us for our new message series entitled, "LIVING ON THE EDGE."

Come see us at our new location in the Lake Creek Village Center on the 2nd floor next to Serranos!



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Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

New Neighbors:

Charles and Martha Poff
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New Babies This Month

Benjamin Timothy Porter
Born Dec 17, 2001, to Jason & Allie Porter,
8105 Luling Lane

Ian Bradley Jackson
Born Nov 28, 2001, to Justin & Anne Jackson,
7421 Dallas Drive

Lauren Nicole Kogan
Born Aug 24, 2001, to Kevin & Victoria Kogan,
6601 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.



Milwood Parent Activities

Young Toddlers (Born Jan - Sept 2000). Call Elizabeth Pollard-Grayson at 401-0139

Young Toddlers (2 to 3 years): 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 1996 and Summer/Spring of 1997): Call Candance Kreiling at 331-9773

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

Children (7 years plus): Meeting several times a weeks for coffee, swimming, lunch, etc....Contact Mary Jane Tagtow at 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 Marsie at 335-6960 to get your name listed for a new group.

Milwood Parents.....

Please contact Marsie 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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seventy-five adults and seventy-five kids around the bonfire singing Christmas carols and meeting Santa Claus. And if you've never seen the joy in kid's faces at the annual Easter Egg Hunt, you're missing out. (We go through about 10,000 Easter Eggs and close to 600 pounds of candy each year) RCNA also hosts the Rattan Festival in September, which is turning into a pretty good outlet for home-based businesses to show their wares. The pool, the parks, the neighbors...yes, that article is correct. It is a great neighborhood.

Some of us grew up in small towns, some in urban centers-close knit committees with names like *Southside, Chinatown or Little Italy*; places where people looked out for each other. In our mobile, suburban world, we drive away to work and haul kids across town to activities such as soccer and scouts. It is to our credit that in this suburban atmosphere, we've maintained the values so desired and so mentioned in that article.

I'll see you around the neighborhood.
Richard Miller

Newsletter Alert

A **Section Head** is needed for Tamayo and the surrounding area. The section head for Tamayo delivers letters to about six houses.

If no one steps forward, Tamayo and surrounding areas, including streets between Napier and Elkhorn Mountain (across from the park) will no longer receive a newsletter.

Please call Dallas to volunteer!

Thank you,
Dallas Hall
257-3494

Newsletter Changes:

Due to the low participation of membership fees paid, the RCNA will now be delivering the newsletter every other month.

The newsletter distribution will be even months; February, April, June, August, October, December.

**It is time to renew your RCNA membership.
Don't forget - you can now renew your membership online at
www.rattancreek.org**



Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 200584 – Austin, Tx 78720-0584
Annual Membership Dues – \$20
(January – December 2002)

Name _____

Address _____


Phone _____

E-mail: _____

Membership: Renewal New
I would like to volunteer to assist with:
 Activities Committees Newsletter

Thank You For Your Continued Support!!

We Depend On It!!



Financial Focus The IRA: Your Power Tool for Retirement

From: Todd Holubec – Edward Jones Investments

For home improvement professional's, gone are the days of plain old hammers and screwdrivers. For speed and convenience, they rely on power tools.

Americans saving for retirement should take a cue from home improvement pros. Why use taxable investments or low-interest savings accounts when you can plug into the power of an IRA?

IRAs are a tremendous gift from our federal government. Being able to accumulate savings without paying taxes on them each year increases the amount of money you have to grow and compound. You can add even more power to your IRA through two time-tested strategies: reinvestment and dollar cost averaging.

And beginning January 2002, the maximum annual dollar contribution limit for IRA and Roth IRA contributions will increase from \$2000 to

\$3000 for calendar year 2002 through 2004, with annual increases thereafter.

Also beginning in 2002, there will be special "catch up" contributions to IRAs for individuals 50 years and older.

The Power of Reinvestment

If you're not yet eligible to take distributions from your IRA, your earnings are automatically reinvested. But if you are eligible to take distributions, why not reinvest them instead?

To illustrate the power of reinvestment, consider a one-time \$2000 investment in the Standard & Poor's 500 on Jan 1, 1989. If you took your dividends each year, after 10 years your investment would be worth \$8852. But with dividends reinvested, your account would have grown to \$11,575—a difference of \$2723. And that's just for a one-time \$2000 contribution. Imagine the

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potential for added growth if you contribute and reinvest every year. Now, that's powerful!

The Power of Dollar Cost Averaging

If your IRA is invested in stocks, you may be concerned about identifying the right time during the year to make your contribution. But instead of trying to time your investment, tap into the power of dollar cost averaging.

Dollar Cost Averaging (DCA) means investing a set amount each month. In this way, you typically buy more shares when prices are low and fewer shares when they're high. Many investment firms offer dollar cost averaging into stocks and other investments. This strategy can't guarantee a profit or prevent a loss, but it does help ensure you won't invest all your money at the market high, and it can lower your average cost over time. Dollar Cost Averaging involves continuous investment in securities regardless of fluctuating price levels of such securities. The investor should consider his or her financial ability to continue this purchase through periods of low levels.

IRAs are a powerful savings tool, and these time- tested strategies can give your IRA an extra power surge. Talk to your investment representative to learn how you can take advantage of dividend reinvestment and dollar cost averaging.

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Neighborhood News Blackboard

(1) We have had nice weather this winter and along with this there is an increase in residents using the Park and Trail facilities. PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS ON A LEASH as wandering dogs scare little children and tend to disrupt others enjoyment of the Park. If your dog is unleashed, the county Animal Control Officer may impound the animal.

(2) The MUD sponsored Spring Cleanup is set for April 6th - 7th. Please set your schedules for these dates.

(3) The RCNA Sponsored Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale is also scheduled for April 6th. The garage sales are held at each owners home that wants to participate. The RCNA pays for advertisement to bring folks to the neighborhood, but you direct them to your sale with signs.

(4) If you have brush or limbs that you want Longhorn to pick up curbside now, you must cut the debris into 4' lengths, bundle and bind it with string or rope. If you need a large item picked up, call Longhorn at 272-4341 and they will schedule it. Remember, Longhorn will not pick up items that contain freon, combustible chemicals, gases or paints.

(5) Beginning February 1st, North Austin M.U.D. No. 1 will accept MasterCard/Visa in payment of water utility bills, deposits, tennis court keys and pool registration. See the back of your water bill, beginning with the bill mailed the first week of February, for the MasterCard/Visa payment information.

**Get Prepared:
Neighborhood Clean-up
and
Garage Sale
is
April 6th and 7th!**

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ingredients needed for the
Office of Justice Of The
Peace. With my extensive
experience in Law and
community, combined with
deep family values and
devotion, I will Bring
Justice Back Into Balance!*

RECIPE CORNER

CARMEN'S HOLIDAY MORNING FRENCH TOAST:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 3 tsp. cinnamon (divided)
- 3 granny smith apples, cored / sliced
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries or raisins
- 1 loaf Italian or French bread;
cut into 1" slices
- 6 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla

Combine sugar, butter, 1 tsp cinnamon in 13x9" pan.
Add apples and cranberries/raisins; toss to coat.
Spread apple mix evenly over bottom of baking dish.

Arrange slices of bread on top. Mix eggs, milk, vanilla and 2 tsp. cinnamon until well blended. Pour mix over bread, soaking completely.
Cover and refrigerate 4-24 hours.

Bake, covered with aluminum foil, in 375 degree oven 40 minutes.

Uncover and bake 5 minutes. Remove from oven; let stand 5 min.

This recipe was submitted by Terri Olsem.

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




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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, as each badge can only be assigned to **one** person.
- All badges and guest passes will be mailed out and are not available for pickup, even if registering in person. (However, by registering in person you will receive a receipt that can be used for admission until you receive your badges in the mail.)
- 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 2002 to April 2003)
- 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.
- Badges, guest passes and tennis court keys are not pro-rated at any time.
- Please make sure you are filling out the appropriate application for the badges, 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 12, 2002 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 NAMI bill)

Address: _____ ZIP _____

Emergency Contact: _____ 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 below)

| (Badges required for ages 3 and up) | Date of Birth | Tag I.D. Number (To be filled in by NAMI) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| _____ | ____/____/____ | _____ |
| _____ | ____/____/____ | _____ |
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| _____ | ____/____/____ | _____ |

NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL.

| 2002 Summer Fees: | | Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool | |
|---|------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Quantity | | | |
| _____ Summer In-District Badge | @ \$20 per badge | | \$ _____ |
| _____ Out-of-District Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed) | @ \$200 per household | | \$ _____ |
| _____ Additional O.D. Badge | @ \$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 Badge | @ \$40 per badge | | \$ _____ |
| SUMMER 2002 BADGES & PASSES VALID THRU 09/15/01 | | | |
| 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 Summer Schedule 2002

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|  | <p>NOTES:</p> <p>See other pages for Membership Application for Pool Use.</p> <p>Tags MUST be purchased by mail or in person at:</p> <p>ECO Resources NAMUD No.1 Pool Tags 9511 Ranch Road 620 North Austin, Texas 78726</p> |

It's Finally March and It's Almost Planting Time!

If the soil is wet enough to stick to your shoes, better wait for a while to do the lawn and bed clean up. Working wet heavy clay soil like ours creates many problems. Wait to rake lawns also so you do not pull up all the growing roots with the dead leaves. Most yards in Austin should not be scalp mowed and have the grass thatch removed because the dead grass thatch will naturally compost in place with our spring rains. If you have a heavy grass thatch build-up, you are over fertilizing and over watering. Save time and money by reducing both fertilizer and water next summer. No grass or other plants grow much until the soil temperature is into the 70's, so be patient in the shady areas.

A Reminder about Oak Wilt: To avoid infecting your oak trees with the deadly oak wilt fungus, you should postpone pruning them until summer. The fungus is most likely to produce spores from now through the end of May, and the insects that carry the spores to fresh wounds on oak trees are most active in spring. If you must prune, or if one of your oaks is injured, you should coat the wound with a commercially available protectant as soon as possible – by nightfall at the latest. (The insects that carry spores are most active at night.)

For more information about oak wilt, visit the Oak Wilt Suppression Project Web at

www.ci.austin.tx.us/oakwilt. Or call the oak wilt hotline at 473-3517. You may also contact the Austin office of the Texas Forest Service at 512-451-2178 or tfaus@swbell.net. Our thanks to Bill Reiner and the Travis Audubon Society February 2001 newsletter Signal Smoke for this information.

We are not in a drought condition this year yet, however, when we are again, and always look at your plants and water when they look wilted and leaves begin to curl up to minimize water loss. Watering then will restore them to looking fresh. Withholding water may let your plants die and you will have to pay for very expensive replacement work and new plants. Protect your investment in your landscape by smart watering. Planting smart means creating small beds or pots with attractive flowers and shrubs that are easy and cheap to water enough to look good. Keep these plants near walkways or decks where they are very visible for more beauty in your life and also for easier reminder that they need a bit of dead heading and watering. Then the larger less visible grass areas can be managed for less cost, labor, and water use.

Brown Patch in St. Augustine Grass is the wet soil condition where you have circles of fungal brown patch. Rake the dead grass thatch off and compost or throw away. Add live compost and the microbes will eat the

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fungus. If you water by sprinkling lightly to encourage grass spreading and then let the grass dry in between waterings you will reduce the fungus growth.

Replacement sod is easy, just buy a few squares, rake or dig up the soil and dead grass, work in some compost or a little fertilizer or root stimulant, lay down the sod, press down well and water. Keep the new sod moist enough so the roots do not dry out for several months until the roots grow down into the soil .

Thin St. Augustine grass and Live Oak leaves. If you have thin spots in St. Augustine grass, in early spring and fall, overseed with Fescue grass seed now while it is cool to thicken the turf and let the St. Augustine re grow. Aerating the soil will help the roots grow. A large machine can be rented to do the entire yard. It punches holes and pulls out the plugs of soil. For small areas and along sidewalks and driveways which have been tamped down, apply some clean masonry sand and then poke holes with a garden fork or an aerator tool.

In Austin, most leaves will naturally compost in place and provide fertilizer to the soil and can be left in place, especially if you have a mulching mower. Live oak leaves and some other leather-like leaves do need to be raked up because they will make thatch-like layers and not let the water and air through. Live oak leaves do not compost easily either, so bag them and put out for the solid waste disposal pickup.

Plant and fertilize now. Finish planting roses, fruit trees, and vines and then feed all perennials by mulching with compost to control fungi and to slowly feed the plants. There are many granular fertilizers (organic or non-organic) which will build up the strength of perennials now early in the spring. Follow the directions on the package and spread well and water in well to make the fertilizer available to the plants.

A light dressing with fertilizer every 6 weeks will keep plants blooming and growing well all summer. A weekly or so foliar feeding of liquid fertilizer, liquid sea weed and fish emulsion will keep the blooming plants doing well. If you want additional growth on trees apply a double coverage of fertilizer under and around the trees to 1-1/2 times the drip zone. Water well two or three times in the next few days to really dissolve the fertilizer and take it down 8 inches to the Live Oak tree roots. This is especially helpful for live oaks in February and March when they are growing fast and losing leaves, flowering, re-growing leaves and generally creating a mess in our yards.

Dillo Dirt works well as a general top dressing (1/8 to 1/4 inch) for the grass and the beds. It works slowly, dissolving over 6 months and is will not be too strong and burn plants. The Home Depot store has it in small bags and AAA Grass on McNeil road has it in bulk for your pickup load or will deliver for a charge. A commercial composted product available in bags called

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Back To Earth (BTE) works well around plants to fertilize slowly and also keep weeds down . Use 3 to 4 inches of BTE or other coarser mulch under plants and trees for weed control. The larger nurseries have bulk compost that is cheaper and works well for a top-dressing on grass and for thicker mulching of plants in beds.

Lawn Fertilizers: Do not apply lawn fertilizer until after two mowings to reduce weed growth and strengthen the grass. To be precise about the nutrition need of your soil, go to a nursery or contact Texas A&M for a soil sample kit. You will get back a report on your soil conditions and recommendations of the amount of Nitrogen and other nutrients that are needed for your soil.

General guidelines for fertilizer use are: Do not apply a weed and feed product, see below for the exceptions. Use slow-release granular organic or chemical fertilizers; Top-dress with compost or Dillo Dirt. Apply a slow-release blood, fish, and bone meal in early spring. Avoid more than 1 lb. Nitrogen per 1000 sq. feet. per application. Look at the percentage of nitrogen on the bag (the first number, like 15) .means a 40 pound bag with 15% nitrogen contains 6 pounds of nitrogen. That would be enough for 6000 sq. ft. which is much larger than our average yard planted area. Watch the application rate carefully, more is not better. Using a broadcast spreader seems safer, you are not dropping

piles of fertilizer every time you stop or turn around. A pile of fertilizer can kill the plants and the soil in that area for several years. Stop by and see my dead spot ;-)

Lawn weeds: If you have rampant annual weeds growing from seeds a weed-and-feed fertilizer can help. See the cautions about it's use below. These pre-emergents can kill certain types of seed before they can germinate. If you use one be sure it is approved for your variety of grass. You may need to use it both in spring and fall for several years to eliminate these annual grasses. Weed-and-Feed products applied anywhere near the root zones of trees can cause irreparable damage to those trees, *be careful*. Also it is more expensive than needed and runoff from your yard can kill other plants and pollute the creeks. The safest solution to eliminating weeds is removal of individual plants by digging or spraying carefully to not kill other plants. Consistent mowing of the fast-growing weeds also weakens them and encourages grass growth. Do not use a weed killer in a garden hose end sprayer because the over spray can kill all near plants and trees: yours and your neighbors.

Mowing Grass Height; If your grass is grown at an appropriate height and not cut too low to the ground, weeds will have little chance to become established. Cutting St. Augustine grass and Bermuda grass at 3-1/2 inches works well with our climate. Start mowing in the spring by lowering the setting to 2" for a few mowings

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to encourage root growth. Then raise the mower to the highest setting (usually about 3-1/2 inches) and leave it there until next spring. Because Bermuda grass grows well in full sun, this longer cut grass provides additional shade for the roots which minimizes water loss from the soil.

The mowing rules are:

- Mow often enough to only cut 1/3 of the existing green foliage at any one mowing. Any more than that weakens the plants by requiring food reserves to heal the cuts.
- Never shave the lawn too close, it encourages bare spots, weed invasions, and destroys the food producing leaf blade.
- Mow before grass gets too high because then you will cut off more than 1/3 of the plant reducing its
- ability to collect oxygen and sun and make food for the plant.
- Lawn clippings are free food, do not cart them away. Mow with a mulch type mower blade so the small clippings will return the nutrients to the soil. Mulching mowers return the equivalent of one fertilizer application per year. Replacement mulching blades or multiple blades can make your mower into a mulcher.
- Sharp blades make clean cuts, the grass looks better and less plant food reserves are needed to repair and heal the clean cut. Buy a large file and learn to file or grind the blade to sharpen it.

Frost damaged or dead foliage should be cut back to good wood after March 1st to encourage new growth after the late frost date.

Prune brown looking perennials like the Lantanna and some native grasses down to 1" from the ground, they will come back from the roots. Prune early flowering plants like the Salvias after the spring flush of blooms by cutting the tips off and shaping the plants to prepare for a second flush of blooms in late summer.

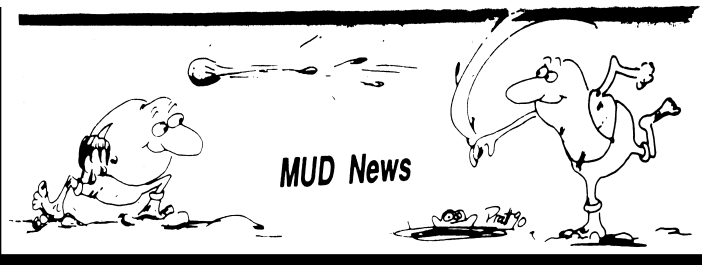
Now is the time to prune the Nandinas: the birds have eaten the red berries by now. If the size is OK, trim a bit off to encourage fullness and blooming and berries next year. To reduce the size of the plants, cut the tall canes clear down to the ground. To improve the look of older plants, cut 1/3 of the canes to the ground each year leaving a well shaped plant.

Prune Crepe Myrtles early to hold the size of the plants and encourage multiple stems. They bloom on new wood, so cut away.

Do Not prune live oak trees after February 15 until May to minimize the spread of Oak Wilt disease. If pruning is essential, hire a professional who knows how to properly sterilize tools, paint wounds, and dispose of cut limbs.

If caterpillars ate leaves of your plants last year, now is the time to buy some Bacillus thuringiensis (

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North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors Report on Commercial Development, Parks, and Pool Activities:

Rattan Creek Park Watering is adjusted now for the germination of the winter rye grass. We will water often enough to keep the seeds moist. The grass looks a bit spotty depending on the amount of shade or sun, but soon it will be a beautiful green grass for the rest of the winter. Interesting to note that the rains washed some of the grass seed down into the creek and it dropped the seeds down near the Parmer Lane bridge. We have nice grassy fields down there with lots of deer tracks around it. Hope the folks living down there and in the Alexan apartments are enjoying watching the deer.

Rattan Creek Park Pool: lighting is being reworked and put on a photo cell. Another cabana will be added in the new west side decking area to make more comfortable areas. Wind screening is being considered for the south and east side fencing, Board will decide next month so let us know your thoughts about the need and usefulness.

The soccer fields at both parks are being renovated by TexaScapes. The sprinkler heads have been raised, the low spots filled, fields fertilized and seeded or sodded as needed and the overall fields graded to drain off better after being flooded by the creeks. The work should be finished by start of soccer practice when you read this.

The Robinson Park Trail project: Work should have been started. The Williamson County Engineer contacted the contractor and then his bonding company. As of the Jan. Board meeting, work was to start in mid Feb. But then that was said 3 years ago. Hopefully it will start and be finished in 4-6 weeks time.

Robinson Park: the Board committee of Alan McNeil and Don Conklin are gathering suggestions for fencing or berms to protect the playscape area from Anderson Mill Road and Amasia Drive traffic. They are considering other work which will make the park more useful and look better. Anderson Mill Road Right of Way (ROW) and the utility easements are finally defined so we can begin to make plans. After the trail is completed, the Board will schedule a work ses-

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sion to walk all the parks and gather ideas. Then our District Manager, District Engineer, and landscaper TexaScapes will make specific recommendations and proposals for projects .

Rattan Creek Trail : The trail continues to be a beautiful walk and if you wander over toward the creek just past the first bend in the trail, you will see that the free-flowing creek water is going into the recharge area within the white-pole-marked Nature Area. It is almost dry with little water running above ground all the way down to and through the low-water crossing. Downstream further, the flowing water re-appears with good flow under the Parmer Lane bridge. After the turn-around area, the concrete drainage ditches from each side have been cleaned and the creek is flowing well under the bridge.

Rattan Creek Restoration: *No change*, the project is being planned for late this year. LCRA and some other organizations are planning a conference on natural creek restoration this fall where we will be able to get more information on this type of project. We may have the first restored natural creek channel in the state of Texas.

Wastewater Lines Inspection; We are working toward the required 5year inspection again. About a third of our lines have been recently TV inspected and the video tape analyzed by our District Engineer David Malish. And you think he has a fun job?? He brought some to show us the nice flowing water, and he only found a couple of minor cracks. We'll get a recommended repair plan next month.

Yearly Audit Report was Excellent: Our auditors checked the last fiscal year books and records at Eco Resources and Murfee Engineering and gave us a clean report to send to our regulating agency the TNRCC.

Restrictive Covenant Litigation: Continues to be handled well by the Treasurer of the Hills folks. We had 5 five violations corrected this month and only one new one. We have 2 residents who have received letters from our law firm and are slow to clean things up. Usually the legal notification initiates them finding a lawyer who tells them to comply and fix the complaints.

The Reserve at Rattan Creek: *No Change.* (Alexan Rattan Creek) apartment project on Parmer Lane at Dallas continues to work with the District Engineer and District Manager on the fire control water system changes to reduce MUD cost and liability.

The JPI Apartment Development: Jefferson Center is finishing construction along Parmer Lane

and is open for leasing of both commercial and retail space, and for apartment rental.

According to the January 12th Austin American Statesman, "The plan is to have five separate residential communities with 1600 apartment units and a town square with a community center, a swimming pool, and a mix of retail and commercial space". It looks like we will have our very own neighborhood Seattle's Best Coffee and Subway shop out there which we may be able to walk or bike to if we can find a way to join the walking trails.

The Williamson County Lake Creek Channel Improvement Project that is upstream of the Palmer Lane bridge continues. The project will continue to be the responsibility of Williamson County. This Lake Creek greenbelt area will be deeded to the MUD from the Robinson joint venture and Milburn company. When all the documentation is complete, the MUD will repay the Milburn company for their costs to build these last 2 sections of infrastructure water, wastewater, storm drain pipes, and streets. This may be the last repayment to Milburn from our MUD bond funds.

The Amber Oaks Corporate Center: *No change*

Indian Oaks Neighborhood wastewater connection: *No change.*

A NAMUD #1 Recreation Center building: The location will be discussed in the next 2 months and at the Board Work session. The problem we have is that all of the MUD-owned land is in the 100 year floodplain except for the area of Rattan Creek Park down to past the Pool and the trail. In Robinson Park the only areas out of the flood plain are on Humphry Dr. at the parking lot entrance and the 2 lots on the corner of Amasia Dr.

Any facility we build will need parking spaces per City of Austin codes and to minimize impact on the neighbors. We need some creative ideas for location. We met with the Jollyville Fire Department who said that the City of Austin does want future use of the proposed fire station site on East Dallas Drive.

Keith Collins and Chuck Simms are the Board committee and we are looking for suggestions so go to the NAMUD#1 web site to e-mail your thoughts to us, or give us a call.

Chuck Simms, Secretary,
NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.

Website: www.northaustinmud1.org

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called BT, Bio-Worm killer, Thuricide, et al). Look at your plants often and when you see some worms, mix up some (just as much as you can use, it does not last) and spray the plants with caterpillars, they like the tender tips so get the ends especially. Watch your Texas Mountain Laurel trees, the tips are especially tender and that is where the fragrant purple blooms will appear if you spray a few times so the worms don't spoil the blooms.

For the mealy bugs and anything else soft bodied, including fleas, scatter sharp (not from the pool supply store) diatomaceous earth (DE) around the plants on dry days. There are commercial products with DE and pyrethrum that are especially effective. If you have cats or dogs, scatter some DE where they roll in the dirt and you may not have any fleas on the pets this year. You must repeat every few weeks as it washes into the soil.

Only spray the plants effected by worms and scatter DE where you are losing plants to bugs. It really is a waste of money and it damages the environment to go over the entire yard with a general purpose bug killer. Take the time to see what the problems are and take care of those, you will enjoy the walking around also. I have found that spreading a general-purpose insecticide around the foundation and in beds near the house in spring and fall when the bugs are trying to move inside provides a barrier for the critical few weeks. Much more effective and cheaper than covering all of the yard.

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Deed Restriction Violations:

Deed restriction violations must be submitted in writing to:

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Fire ant control I do not know if we will be able to buy Logic fire ant bait again this year, a carcinogen was found in it and it was taken off the market last fall. The ranch supply stores may have it under the name Award. The only alternative product for full yard coverage I know about is Amdro. There are some new products coming out. Give them a try and call me with the results. Happy hunting!!

If you still have some Logic, start with spreading the Logic (Award) when the dew has dried, soil temperature is above 60 degrees, and it is 2 to 3 hours before the rain. Sprinkle 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.

Plant some annuals for summer color. Plant mums in well-prepared soil 1 to 1-1/2 feet apart. Plant ageratum, marigold, begonia, portulaca, salvia, or zinnias. A few table spoons of fertilizer (especially phosphorus) will stimulate root growth if watered in well to dissolve the fertilizer. Mulch under and around plants to prevent weeds, conserve water, and control soil temperature. A few large pots placed in visible area in front of the house and off of patio/deck areas are a beautiful addition and easy to maintain. Buy large pots with drain holes and then foliar feed every week or so with liquid fertilizer, or liquid seaweed and fish emulsion to promote blooms and growth. Water when they begin to droop and move the plants in or out of the shade to allow watering and fertilizing all on the same schedule for easier maintenance. Deadhead periodically for a quiet, restful task and to assure long lasting blooming.

Plant fall blooming perennials: alyssum, dianthus, lobelia, phlox, verbena, geranium, aster, petunias, and mums. Some larger mainstay plants are the rosemary and the plants which attract humming birds and butterflies include the: Texas Gold or Blazing Star columbine, Lantanas in full sun, or a firebush which requires a bit more water and should be planted with others which need this environment. Shade tolerant summer plants include the firespike, shrimp plant and Turk's cap.

Water: Be sure to water new small plants especially well and soak new larger shrubs and trees well also. New plantings have damaged roots that must be kept damp and 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. 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 mois-

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especially like cypress mulch because it is stringy and heavy and stays in place when watering. If you have acid loving plants like the azaleas use hard wood mulch and fertilize heavily. The 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, Our maintenance company TexaScapes does an excellent job of mulching to keep the weeds away from plants and to minimize water needs.

Happy gardening, Chuck Simms

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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 or delivered to:

RCNA, c/o Kelly Buczek 6407 Crowley Trail Austin, Tx 78729 or email: kelly@buczek.org

Rebecca Thomson, 13 - Need a babysitter? I have worked with kids of all ages as well as Special Education children with a wide range of disabilities. I am certified, responsible, cautious and playful. References available upon request. Call 249-9633 (4/02)

Stephanie Atiase, 16 - Responsible and fun babysitter who is great with babies/kids of all ages. Reasonable rates. Call 335-5404 (6/02)



RCNA Member's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



*Saturday March 30
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!!!

