



# Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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## AROUND MILWOOD

### Back to School

RRISD starts back on August 20th. Be sure to watch for all the kids! They won't be watching for you.



### Saturday In The Park (Rattan Creek Park)

**August 24th beginning at 4pm.**

Come out to Rattan Creek Park and enjoy some Blues and Jazz. Hot dogs and fun for the kids, a volleyball tourney to boot. All this fun is being sponsored by CrossPointe Church, just so the neighbors of Rattan Creek Park can get to know them. Come out and enjoy the fun. See page 5 for more information.

### Rattan Fest (Rattan Creek Park)

**Saturday, September 14th.**

Begin the morning with the 5K run. Don't miss the Pet Parade, that begins at 10:30! Follow by shopping at the booths. Many of your neighbors come out with their handiwork, crafts, and other fun things. Lots of food, possibly Karaoke (call Eric 257-7869-if you have a player or are interested in participating), and more music at 12:00 sponsored by CrossPointe Church.



The 5K run forms are located on the back of the newsletter and need to be sent in by August 25th, in order for the RCNA to make sure you get the size t-shirt you want. There will be late registrations taken the morning of the run. If you are interested in having a booth, the form is also on the back of this newsletter, as well as a t-shirt order form if that is all you want. **Don't miss this fun!**

For more up to date information check out [www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org).

### Neighborhood Cleanup and Garage Sale

**October 26th and 27th.**

Twice a year the MUD district sponsors a neighborhood clean-up, this occurs the weekend of our time change (weather permitting). The RCNA sponsors a neighborhood wide garage sale on Saturday, and advertises the neighborhood wide garage sale. Get together with a friend or neighbor and make a day of it.

## EVENTS

### August

- Aug 6 "National Night Out"
- Aug 8 Teen Night 8:30-10:30pm  
\$2.00 Cover Charge
- Aug 15 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm  
Rattan Creek Pool
- Aug 20 RRISD School Starts
- Aug 21 MUD Meeting, 6 pm  
9511 Ranch Road 620 North
- Aug 24 Saturday in the Park;  
4-8pm - Rattan Creek Park  
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### September

- Sep 2 Labor Day
- Sep 7 Rosh Hashanah
- Sep 8 Grandparents Day
- Sep 13 RRISD Elementary Early Release Day
- Sep 14 Rattan Fest  
5K Run, Booths, Food, Fun and Entertainment
- Sep 16 Yom Kippur
- Sep 18 MUD Meeting, 6 pm  
9511 Ranch Road 620 North
- Sep 19 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm  
Rattan Creek Pool
- Sep 23 Autumn Begins
- Sep 24 RRISD Elementary Early Release Day
- Sep 26 RRISD Elementary Early Release Day

### October

- Oct 14 Columbus Day Observed
- Oct 16 MUD Meeting, 6 pm  
9511 Ranch Road 620 North
- Oct 17 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm  
Rattan Creek Pool
- Oct 26-Oct 27 Neighborhood Cleanup and Garage Sale
- Oct 27 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
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# President's Notes

*My first message this month is simple: be more careful on the streets.*

People are driving far too fast in this neighborhood. It's bad enough on Dallas and Tamayo; people are also clocking up to 45 mph on side streets like Taranto and Darwin, even blindly around corners into cul-de-sacs.

We've requested additional patrols from the county, but that can only cover so many streets and hours. Some residents have sought speed bumps, but the county (for good reason ) does not install them due to the delay they cause to EMS and fire department response times. The only solution to this is taking some personal responsibility, and driving more carefully.

I have two small children: Madison, 6, and Jackson, 3. Keeping up with them on a good day is trying. Imagine a Labrador puppy that's bolted its leash, drank from the coffee pot, and found a squirrel to chase. Then multiply that by two. Then add bikes and cul-de-sacs. Then you can understand why my heart skips a beat every time I see a car rounding the corner at 30 mph.

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Jon Martin, Owner

RCNA Member/Milwood Resident

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Most speeding tickets given in this neighborhood are to local residents, not to those cutting through, so I know I'm speaking to the right folks. Slow down before some kid gets seriously hurt. I don't just mean drivers. I regularly see (to stretch the meaning of the word ) walkers and runners, strollers and dog walkers, all walking well into the roadway. This is dangerous enough in the middle of the day, but this is also happening well into the dark hours of the morning and evening. I've come close enough to clipping several pedestrians that were nearly invisible in the roadway – even at a safe speed.

Like with the drivers, the message is simple: walk safely. Walk, jog, push that stroller on the sidewalks.

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***My second message is also simple: please mow your grass.***

Now coming from me, that's a shock of a statement. As my neighbors can tell you, I can't be

called compulsive about caring for my lawn. We keep it somewhat presentable, but the fact is we spend much more time growing kids and weeds than we do growing a putting green quality patch of sod.

However, with all the glorious rain in early July, everybody's yard is growing like gangbusters. And an out of control yard is also a perfect breeding place for pests of all sort, particularly fire ants, roaches, and even rodents. The best way to keep them out of your own house – and out of your neighbor's – is to keep the grass under control.

I'm not a stickler for perfectly manicured front yards, or landscaping that matches the blooming azaleas at Augusta National. Heck, I probably have more clover and dollar weeds than Saint Augustine left in my yard anymore. But for the sake of your neighbors, mow it sooner or later, or you'll find yourself sharing your bathroom with some very interesting new housemates.

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***My third message isn't to nag, but to thank***

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## New Neighbors and Babies:

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and  
children Madeline and Charlie  
7648 Elkhorn Mountain Trail

John and Alicia Dennis  
13002 DeBarr Drive

### New Babies:

Ruth Olivia Watts  
Born May 29, 2002,  
to Mandi and Jeff Watts  
12809 Arrowhead Pass

*If you know someone has just moved into the neighborhood, or just had a baby, help us to welcome the new folks and/or congratulate our neighbors on their special event. Please contact Terri Olsem at 219-7931, Or email to her at [terriolsem@aol.com](mailto:terriolsem@aol.com).*



## Milwood Parent Activities

New mom in Milwood would like to form a play group with other Milwood moms. If you have a baby less than a year old and you'd like to introduce him/her to other little ones and meet other moms sharing in your new experience please give Angela a call at 336-9067.

**Young Toddlers (Born Sept 2000-Aug 2001):** New Group! Call Kelly Buczek at 258-6482.

**Young Toddlers (Born Jan - Sept 2000):** Meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am at Robinson Park. (Humphrey and Amasia) Call Elizabeth Pollard-Grayson at 401-0139.

**Young Toddlers (2 to 3 years):** Call Jackie Gibbons at 257-2230.

**Toddlers (3 years):** 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.

**Multi-age Summer Group (5 years and younger):** Call Dallas Hall at 257-3494.

**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](mailto:mdeoliveira@austin.rr.com)

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everyone who participated in our July Fourth parade, which was as big and as fun as last years.

We had a great turnout, and help from the County Constable and Fire Department. If you have any suggestions, give us your feedback and let us know what we can do better for next year.

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## Late Summer Gardening Tips

### ***More on Watering and Maintaining the Yard***

Usually in August, the hot dry summer months are still here and the yearly grind of hauling hoses and watering the lawn continues. If you have an automatic underground irrigation system, you may be bracing for the usual high water bills. Regardless of the system you use, you can save time, money, and water by following a few simple guidelines to ensure you are watering your yard in the most efficient way possible.

### ***Pots and hanging baskets***

Note that pots and hanging baskets dry out the fastest due to sun and wind on the root ball. Keep these close to the most-used areas of the yard so you will notice the drooping leaves and water as needed. Keeping them in as much shade as possible will help too. Also mulch the top of the soil and insulate the sides of the pots (or grouping them together) to reduce the sun and wind access area to the pots.

### ***When to Water:***

The best time of day to water is early morning (3 to 7 am) when the wind is calm, temperature low, and when moisture on the plant leaves will be

evaporated by the sun soon and minimizes fungus problems. Most plants can survive with less water than you think but you must wean them by developing deep roots; work toward a 5 to 7 day watering cycle on your day to water.

Always, the best way to determine if watering is needed is NOT the calendar.

Last week it might have rained 4 inches or, it might have been 100 degrees with a hot dry wind. If you have a sprinkler system with a rain cutoff, use in to minimize watering when it rains. Some controllers have a switch, so you can turn it on.

So, depending on the rain, you may not need to water for 14 days or you may need to water immediately no matter what the calendar says. Look at your plants, they will tell you their watering need when you walk around your yard. Water is needed when plants droop, lose their gloss, curl inwards or take on a grayish color. What they are doing is changing the exposure area of the leaves to reduce further evaporation loss. You will be able to see the clues. Grass that is under stress shows footprints still an hour after being walked upon. To be sure, dig a hole in the soil. If it is dry 3

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or 4 inches down, it is time to water.

Also, remember that full sun areas require more water. During the hot July to August months, you may need to develop 2 watering cycles, for full sun areas every 3-5 days and for shade areas every 5-7 days. This is the way the different zones or areas of automatic irrigation systems should be set up.

**Different Watering Systems**

There are two fundamentally different watering systems, spray and soaker. Spray systems include hose-end sprays, sprinklers, and underground sprinkler systems. Soaker systems include the soaker or leaky hoses and drip irrigation systems.

Another difference is how permanent the system is. I think we all would like a watering system that would sense when the plants need water and then turn on and deliver the most efficient amount of water at the right time of the day. Automatic systems are available but require some on-going maintenance and are difficult to change when plants are added or watering coverage is not correct. One of my neighbors calls his irrigation system his hobby!

Less permanent and easier to move systems are the soaker systems. There are tips below for installing and maintaining each of the spray and

soaker systems.

**How to Water with Spray Systems (hand or automatic)**

Deep, infrequent watering is the way to go, but how long to water is the question. The reliable method is to measure how much water your system is putting out in an hour. Spray system output can be measured by placing 3 to 10 empty cans (tuna or cat food cans are the right size) at different distances and directions from the water source. Hose end sprayers will need fewer cans because coverage is the same wherever you move the sprayer. Underground systems require more cans to assure even coverage between the zones. Run each sprinkler zone for 30 minutes. Measure the number of inches of water in each can, add them together, and divide by the number of cans to get the average. To figure out the number of inches per hour your system is putting out, multiply the 30-minute average you just calculated by 2. Write this down for each zone and you will be able to lengthen or shorten the time as needed. Note that the variation in depth of water in each can gives you an idea how evenly your system distributes water.

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After working, fulfilling social obligations, taking youngsters to ballet, Little League, and music lessons, parents may have little time or energy for detailed financial management. Yet, without some planning, today's two-income couples with children may unknowingly be putting themselves and their families at risk. Here's a quick, 5-minute check that can help you pinpoint any weak spots in your current financial picture. Once you do, you can focus your precious time and energy where it counts.

**[] Income protection.** Chances are, both you and your spouse's incomes are essential and the long-term loss of one paycheck could have serious consequences. An emergency fund plus adequate life insurance and disability income insurance top the list of financial "must haves."

Your emergency fund should cover two to six months of living expenses and be readily available. You might want to consider keeping this money in a money market or similarly liquid investment.

While you may have life insurance and short-term disability coverage where you work, you may want to consider supplementing them. A life insurance policy that insures two people at once and builds cash values at current interest rates may help meet your needs. A long-term disability policy will kick in when your employer's coverage runs out and can be a life saver if an illness or injury keeps you from working for more than a few months.

**[] Future college costs.** While college tuition costs can be daunting, building an adequate college fund isn't hopeless. Loans, financial aid, and a second mortgage can help. To cover the rest, you may want to think about starting a college savings program and contributing to it regularly. The sooner you start the better, because compound interest helps even a small, regular investment grow over time.

**[] Retirement.** While pensions, 401(k), and Social Security will provide a base, you'll likely

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In Austin, an inch of water is usually sufficient to wet the soil six inches down, reaching the root system of most turf grasses. Buffalograss, Bermuda grass, and most shrub and perennial root systems can reach down 12 to 18 inches, so you need to water these areas more deeply and less often. Most Austin soils are high in clay content and don't absorb water rapidly. Bi-yearly application of Dillo Dirt or other composted material will increase the absorption capability of soil over time. Absorption rate ranges from 1/10 inch to 1/2 inch per hour. In any case when you see water standing or running off, your soil is saturated. To get more total water absorbed, water half the time needed (or until runoff) and then wait an hour or so and come back and water the other half of the time. This is especially important if your yard is on a slope where water soaks in up to 80 percent slower and runs off faster. Sloped areas need shorter times and more often watering.

The correct time needed for the 1 inch of water can be programmed into the automatic system controller for each zone. For hose end sprinklers, you can buy a kitchen timer to remind you to move the hose. Or, buy a hose timer (don't spend less

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than \$12 because they fail soon) so you can just set in the timer and it will shut the water off after the set time. Then you move the hose and reset the timer.

**How to Water with Soaker Systems**

Soaker hoses do not work well on large grass areas but work great on flower and vegetable beds. Because our soil is so heavy clay content, water does not move horizontally more than a few inches. A soaker hose in grass would have to be placed or moved every foot or so. Beds with well-amended soil with Dillo Dirt or composted material worked in well will allow water to spread out more. The primary advantage to soaker systems is that they do not spray water onto the plants causing fungus problems or causing much water to evaporate or be blown onto the driveway by the wind. Soakers work well with timers which can be set for 4 to 8 hours run time. (Again, hose timers costing less than \$ 12 will not work reliably at different flow rates.) The best method to determine the time needed is to lay out the soaker hose for good coverage of all the plant roots. Turn the faucet on 1/4 turn and note the time. If you turn on the faucet too far you will blow out parts of the

soaker hose causing uneven coverage. Check coverage every hour until you see water running off somewhere or standing in a deep puddle to find out the length of time it takes to saturate your soil. Then dig a hole and see how deep the water reached. To get more depth increase the time the hose is on. Now you can check the plants and soil periodically to see when the roots need more water and when needed you can turn the soaker hose on again at that pressure and for that time to assure deep watering.

**Spray Equipment Suggestions**

Since there are many types of spray heads and sprinklers, some general principles may help you select the best ones for your yard. Sprayers loose a lot of water by evaporation and by blowing by the wind. Look for sprayers which do not spray high in the air and which **do** send out large droplets or streams of water to minimize loss. It takes time to see how well a sprayer is covering the area with a given water valve setting.

**Soaker Equipment Suggestions**

Since soaker hoses are easy to move and position and quite inexpensive, an easy method is to make up a "leaky Hose" type soaker hose for each bed where it can be left in place and the hose

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- 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.  
**NOTE: Only ONE key can be issued per household.**
- 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.)
- If your child will be three years of age *PRIOR to opening day* of the session being registered for, he/she WILL need a badge purchased for him/her.

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

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



## 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

	<p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <p>See other pages for Membership Application for Pool Use.</p> <p>Tags <b>MUST</b> 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>

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connected and timer set as needed. Home yard stores have 100-foot rolls of soaker hose and inexpensive fittings (even push-in) for connections and ends and "Y"s with flow control valves in each leg. Once the hose is in place and tested for coverage of all plants, a 3-inch layer of mulch on the bed will assure that all the water goes down to the roots of the plants and that little evaporates. I keep some hose splices around and when I see a plant area under-watered, I cut the soaker hose and splice in a loop of extra hose in a serpentine pattern around the area. Fluffing up or adding mulch finishes the change.

**Drip System Problems**

Drip systems with emitters or leaky tubing may be inexpensive but they are difficult to hold in place and impossible to check if they are plugged without pulling the entire system out on top of the bed and running water through it. Even then it is difficult to decide which plant needs a 1 gallon per hour emitter and which a 2 gallon per hour emitter. I have installed a few drip and soaker systems and have talked with dozens of others at Xeriscape Garden Club meetings and it is generally agreed that the leaky hose systems are easiest to install, test, and change for the best water coverage for

beds.

**Who will water during vacation trips?**

When we are to be gone for a couple of weeks I use hose "Y"s with valves on them to connect the soaker hoses in several beds together onto an outside faucet. After setting the valves for even flows I just ask a neighbor to turn on all our outside faucets for 6 hours while we are gone. Easy and reliable! The grass can make it for 2 weeks if it doesn't rain, so we aren't tied to the house by the yard watering any more.

**Bug problems**

And the bug attacking your St. Augustine grass that is suffering from the drought is a chinch bug. They like it when it is hot. If you see dry brown grass in hot sunny areas of your lawn, and you are watering properly, chances are you have chinch bugs. They can destroy a lawn in 2 or 3 weeks. The adult chinch bug is black with white markings on the wings. It is small but if you look very closely you should be able to see them. There are organic products like Insecticidal Soaps, Neem, or Diatomaceous Earth or other products with rotenone and pyrethrum in them that work. A good yard and garden insect killer product is the Safer brand Insect Killer Pyrethrum and Insecticide Soap.

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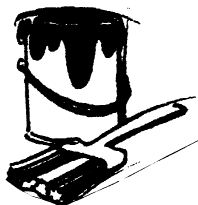
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. Other chemical controls are available at your local home store or nursery. As with most products, do not apply in full sun during the heat of the day. But do it fast or cinch bugs will spread and kill large areas of the lawn.

**Remember what a drought is**

Austin can have days and even weeks without rain and with hot dry winds which strip the moisture from plants. Water the grass when it needs it, and the beds on a regular schedule.

**Trees are not watered by most grass and bed watering.**

Trees are often under-watered and recede or stop growing during a drought. If you have small or trees you need to produce more shade for the house, they will require extra watering. The most efficient way is to put soaker hoses outside of the drip line of trees and soak the area for a day every 2 weeks without rain. Landscaping costs a lot of money and replacing large trees can cost thousands of dollars so keep them watered until the fall rains return. Especially in new home areas where the roots of trees have been damaged by construction and too much dirt coverage, trees will need extra watering for several years. The TreeFolks newsletter just reminded me that rapid growth is

mostly controlled by the site quality and water applied. Fast growing trees are those that we water very deeply in the summer growing season.

Happy Gardening,  
Chuck Simms

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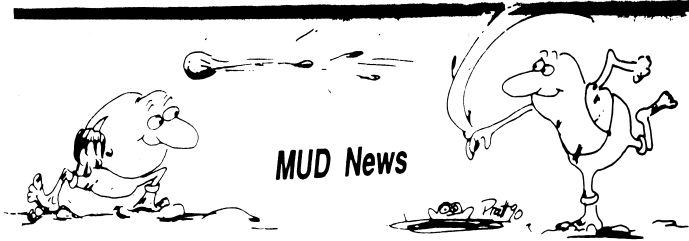
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**North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors Report on Commercial Development, Parks, and Pool Activities:**

**Our contractor for inspections of Restrictive Covenant Violations,** The Treasure of the Hills Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. mailed 7 first letters, and turned 2 cases over to the MUD attorney, with 4 cases closed (violations corrected), and 2 new complaints last month.

**Rattan Creek Park Pool:** Had to deal with all the added rainwater and re-balancing the pool chemicals after each rain event. Pole lighting electrical system is almost completely reworked by an electrical contractor.

**Rattan Creek Park:** the playscape decking and other boards were replaced and the Board approved

re-staining the structure.

**Tennis Court:** reservation system seems to be working. As a reminder, the courts are not a safe place for small children (especially unsupervised) to be playing. A fast moving ball, racket or player can injure them. There seems to be a rash of lost keys, so do NOT leave your key in the lock. Take it out and put it in a safe place so you can get out again. It is dangerous to leave the gates unlocked and key owners can be held liable for damage while they are on the courts.

**Rattan Creek Greenbelt:** The clearing of brush 30 feet from property lines continues so we can easily mow the area. Another resident was asked to and did clean up some yard waste that had been thrown over the fence. Remember, any yard waste can be bagged or cut into 3-4' lengths and tied will be picked up during normal trash pick up. Larger items require a call to Waste Management to request large item pickup. Exceptions to this free pickup are refrigerators and A/C units with refrigerant in them and paint and other chemicals.

**The Robinson Park Trail project:** Our district Engineer David Malish is developing plans for some berms to minimize flood damage to the new trail where water flowed over the trail lifting the decomposed granite. Our cost should be minimal. TexaScapes is integrating the new trail maintenance and some other mowing changes in Robinson Park into our overall maintenance plan and map.

**Soccer fields:** at Rattan Creek and Robinson Parks were top dressed to build better turf during this growing season. Also done was the top of the berms in Rattan Creek Park

**Rattan Creek tree planting:** *No Change*

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

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

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**Wastewater Lines Inspection;** The required 5 year inspection is about 1/3 completed. Some minor cracks on Debarr Drive and Marble Falls Cove have been repaired. The City of Austin will begin cleaning and televising the week of July 15<sup>th</sup> to fulfill their commitment to us to do 50,000 linear feet of TV inspection videotape work.

**Anderson Mill Road:** work continues with TXDOT and Williamson County who recently agreed to provide an access road to our wastewater manhole in the middle of their water quality pond on the west side of the road across from the Amasia Drive.

**The Reserve at Rattan Creek:** (Alexan Rattan Creek) apartment project on Parmer Lane at Dallas have made 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.

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**The Williamson County Lake Creek Channel Improvement Project:** *No change* that is upstream of the Parmer Lane bridge continues. The project will continue to be the responsibility of Williamson County at no cost to the MUD.

**A NAMUD #1 Recreation Center building:** *No change,* 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,  
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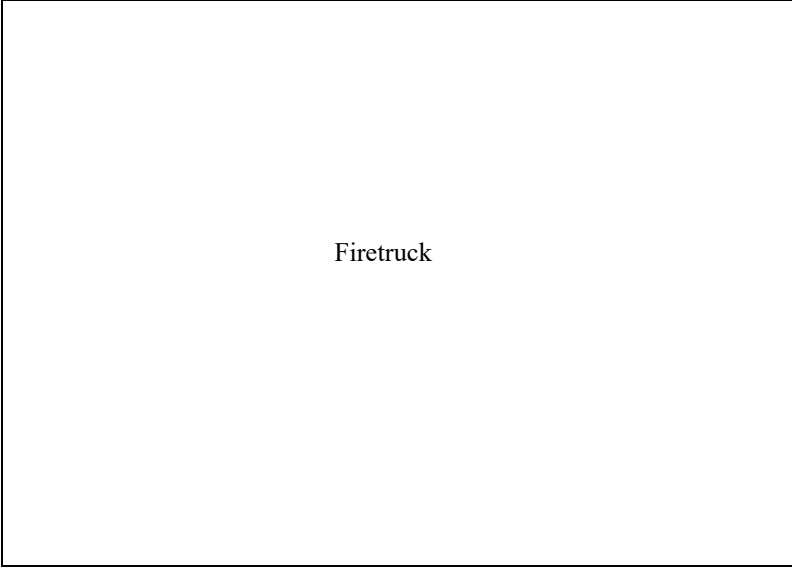
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## Fourth of July Parade



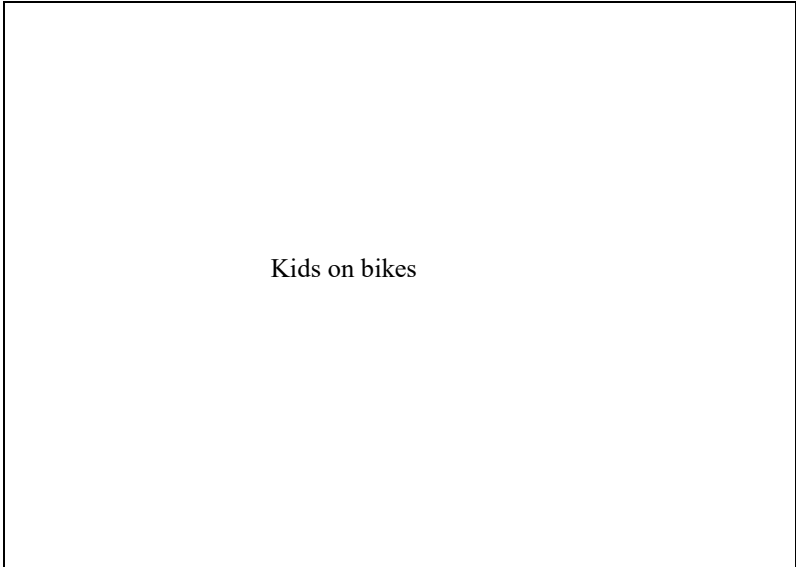
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The RCNA would like to give special thanks to the Jollyville Fire Department and the Constable, as well as Eric and Stephanie Freeman (our watermelon servers).

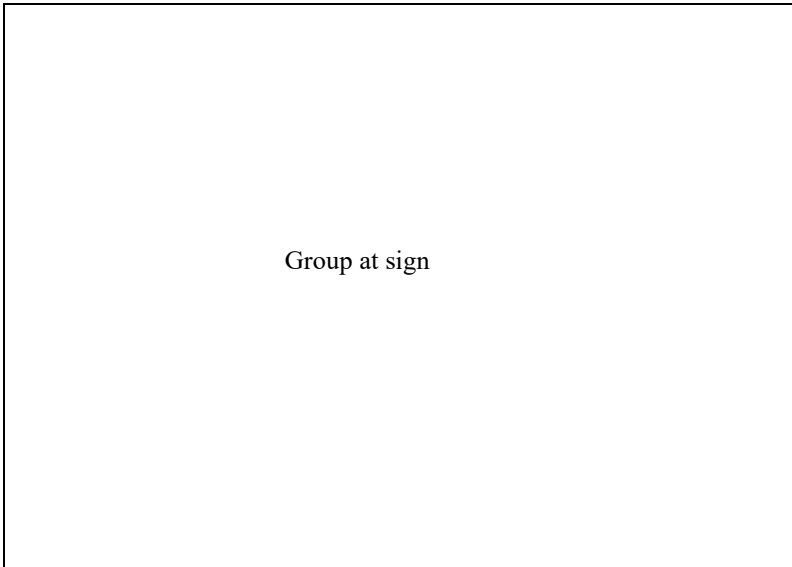
Because of these people volunteering their time, the 4th of July was a **BIG** Success!!

Several children joined in the festivities by decorating their bicycles in the good old Red, White, and Blue.

Thanks again,  
Wynn



Kids on bikes



Group at sign

Group Picture (left to right)  
Jackson, Eric, Leah, Erin, Emily, JJ, Chadwick, Kyle, Nathan, and Wynn

*A special thanks to Wynn for coordinating the 4th of July Parade.*

## TEEN SERVICES

**ATTENTION TEENAGERS:** Your ads run free but **must be renewed once every 6 months**. The date at the end of your ad indicates the last month your ad will run. All ads must be submitted in writing and mailed or delivered to:

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

**Stephanie Robinson, 17** - Reliable and experienced babysitter. Educated in childcare, development, and education. Reasonable rates. References available upon request. Call 219-1812. (8/02)

**Holly Tomlinson, 15** - Child Care or Aid: for working or Stay at home parents, provided by McNeil High School Student. Previous child and elder care experience with YMCA Summer Camp and Clairmont Retirement Center. Salary negotiable. Please call Holly @ 219-0417(hm) or 964-1755 (cell). (8/02)

**Claire Pevoto, 14** - Responsible, cautious, certified babysitter. Experience with all ages. Available for daytime and nighttime sitting. References upon request. Call 331-8493 (10/02)

**Samantha Lee, 13** - Are you looking for a responsible babysitter? Someone that can entertain your kids until you come home? Well I am an experienced 13-yr-old. I like to read books, play games, play sports, and watch movies with your kids. If you would like to contact me, please ask for Samantha Lee at 258-8297 (8/02)

**Rebecca Thomson, 13** - Need a babysitter? I am certified, responsible, cautious, and experienced with children of all ages. I have also worked with Special Education children with a wide range of disabilities. References available upon request. Call 249-9633! (10/02)

**Laura Pevoto, 13** - I am extremely experienced, certified, responsible, cautious, and I have baby-sat all different ages! References available upon request. Reasonable rates. Call 331-8493 (10/02)

**Taylor Wilkins, 13** - Responsible and experienced babysitter. Two younger sisters and great with children of all ages. Excellent references available upon request. Call 918-9511 (10/02)

**Courtney Wall, 12** - Do you have plans Friday and Saturday nights without the children? Call me, Courtney Wall. Add me to your babysitter list. I am not any babysitter; I love to play games and have fun with children of all ages. I was a mother's helper last summer and would love to again. Call 335-7423 or 996-8256 (10/02)

**Kira Taylor, 13** - Do you need any one to watch your children while you are away? Well, I am a very reliable person who has had a lot of experience with children. I'm fun, hard working and very loving. I will be

working 7 days a week, day and night. I can watch kids that are ten months and up. I give you my promise that I will do my ultimate best to tend to your child's every need. Thank you and have a wonderful day! You can call me @: 249-9341 (ask for Kira) (12/02)

**Megan Tschida, 12** - I am a Certified, Responsible, Reliable, Experienced babysitter. Who loves kids!! I love to read, play games and am very creative. References available upon request. Please call. 918-1546. (10/02)

**Meg Pevoto, 11(August)** - Babysitter / tutor / mothers helper, much experience at most ages, certified in Heimlich maneuver and C.P.R., available day and night. 331-8493 (12/02)

**Emily Lawrence, 14** - Are you in need of some one to watch your pets while your on vacation? I will watch pets in my home. For more information, please call 258-1209 (12/02)

**Kira Taylor, 13** - I am also interested in caring for your pets. I take care of big and small animals. My care includes the following and more: Grooming, Walking, Feeding, and also just watching while you're on trips. I also clean up for you! (Birdcages, litter box, and just the little surprises that life of owning a pet may bring). You can call me @: 249-9341 (ask for Kira) (12/02)

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# Rattan Fest - September 14, 2002

No Scheduled Rain Date This Year!

## Event Schedule:



5K Race Check-in	7:30 am
5K Race	8:00 am
Booth Check-in	9:30 am
Booths Open	10:00 am
Pet Parade	10:30 am
Entertainment*	12:00-2:00pm

\* To be announced: Courtesy of Cross Pointe Church

For more up to date information as time approaches, please check our website [www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org).

## Rent a Booth!

for the **Eleventh Annual Rattan Fest Saturday, September 14th.**

This is a great opportunity to reach the neighborhood market and show off your talents.



**All booths are only \$ 5.00.**

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

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

For any more information please contact: Cindy Mercer at 258-8803.

See page 24 for booth form.

## Run for Fun! Eleventh Annual Rattan Creek 5K Race September 14, at 8:00 a.m.

*Attention: Anyone who wants to have fun! Even if you are not a marathoner, you'll enjoy running or walking this 5K race. (No rain date)*

**Registration:** \$10 before August 25. To register, complete the registration form in this issue and mail in with your entry fee. Refunds can be made prior to August 31, if unable to participate.

**Late registrants may not receive a race t-shirt.**

**Race Start:** Check in and late registration begins at 7:30 am in the pool parking lot. Race starts at 8am at the intersection of Tamayo and Elkhorn Mountain.

**Awards:** Prizes for male and female winners in the following age categories: 13 & younger, 14-25 years, 26-34 years, 35-44 years, over 45 years.



**Info:** Evelyn Schultz 335-1584

See Page 24 for entry form.

## Parade Your Pet!

**Dress those pets in their Sunday best!**

*We're having a Pet Parade at our eleventh annual Rattan Fest. Meet at the pool parking lot Saturday, September 14 at 10:30 am.*

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Best Dressed
- Owner/Pet Look Alike
- Strangest Pet

All pets must be contained by leash or cage.



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## Pre-Order your Rattan Fest T-shirts

Order must be received by Aug 25, 2002, to insure you can get the t-shirt size you want!

Adult sizes available:

S, M, L, XL, (XXL \$ 12.00)

**\$ 10.00 each**

**Make checks payable to RCNA.**

**Mail to P.O. Box 200584**

**Austin, Tx 78720-0584**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate quantity ordered  
(in front of size wanted)

\_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL

Amount remitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Rattan Fest September 14, 2000 Booth Application

Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:(hm) \_\_\_\_\_ (wk) \_\_\_\_\_

Description of booth: \_\_\_\_\_

### All Booths \$5.00

\_\_\_ RCNA Member

\_\_\_ Non-Member

**Make checks payable to RCNA.**

Please mail applications & payment to

Cindy Mercer

7918 Osborne

Austin, Tx 78729

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## Entry Form Rattan Creek 5K Race September 14, 2002

No Rain Date

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: [ ] Male [ ] Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of September 14, 2002 \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt size: \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL

**Remember: runners who register after August 25 are not guaranteed to receive t-shirts(or size).**

**Entry Fee: \$10.00 Make checks payable to RCNA**

Mail to: Evelyn Schultz  
13230 Dimebox Trail  
Austin, Tx 78729

Waiver: (Must be signed)

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur during the event or while I am on the premises of the event; and I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsors and all other persons or entities associated with this event, or otherwise.

Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recording or any other record of this event.

Signature of participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian of Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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