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*Easter is almost here!!!*

## NOTICE:

***Easter Egg Hunt has been moved to  
Saturday, APRIL 12th,  
due to current weather patterns.  
Allowing the rain date to be April 19th  
(before Easter).***

As stated throughout the newsletter, our RCNA Easter Event will be held on the **12<sup>th</sup> of April**. Our rain date will be the **19<sup>th</sup> of April**.

We are still in need of, well, everything. As of date I have received two bags of Easter eggs.

### Things Needed:

**plastic eggs-** we stuff about 6000 Easter eggs every year. Over half don't make it back after the Easter hunt. We still need about 1000 more.

**candy-** Jolly Ranchers, Star Bursts, variety bags, dum-dums (suckers), hard candy, tootsie roles, crackers, cookies, animal crackers, etc...

**(Buying in bulk is wonderful. With Bulk you can get double the candy for about half the price. We buy all our candy at SAMS) (everything needs to be individually wrapped).**

If you don't have the time to pick something up, we do! Money donations are always greatly appreciated.

*We are trying to stay away from chocolate this year. Last year we had a hot Easter. The chocolate melted while waiting for the Easter Hunt to begin. There will be some in the baby area, but the bulk of our candy needs to be hard candy or things of that nature.*

I feel like I am always asking for donations, and it seems to me the people that donate are the people who are already paying their RCNA dues. Our membership dues pay for events like these. Four years ago, when I began organizing the Easter Event, we had more than double the RCNA members we have now. **Please pay your dues.** Your RCNA board members end up donating money from their pockets to allow your children, our children, to have a fantastic Easter.

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## EVENTS

### April

Apr 5 Neighborhood Wide  
Garage Sale

Apr 5,6 Neighborhood  
Cleanup (see pg 10)

Apr 6 Daylight Savings  
"SPRING AHEAD"   
Set your clock 1 hr ahead!

April 12: **EASTER  
EGG HUNT**   
**Rattan Creek Park**

Apr 16 MUD Meeting, 6 pm  
9511 Ranch Road 620 North

Apr 17 RCNA Meeting, 7pm  
Rattan Creek Park

Apr 17,18 RRISD Spring Holiday


Apr 18 Good Friday

Apr 19 **Rain Date for  
Easter Egg Hunt**

Apr 20 Easter Sunday

Apr 21 RRISD "Bad Weather Day"

### May

May 10 **RCNA  
"Members Only"  
Pool Party**   
**12:00-5:00pm** (see pg 10)

May 11 **Mother's Day**

May 15 RCNA Meeting, 7pm  
Rattan Creek Park

May 17 **Armed Forces Day**

May 21 MUD Meeting, 6 pm  
9511 Ranch Road 620 North

May 26 **Memorial Day Holiday**

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**Dallas Hall  
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**NEW Easter Committee Dates:**

March 22 6:30 (Saturday)

April 5 6:30 (Saturday)

April 11 6:30 (Saturday)

**Meetings will be held at my house:  
 Dallas Hall 12301 Kepler Cove  
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## President's Notes

My words to you this month are going to be briefer than usual. I thought I'd be able to make it up to you by crafting a fine-tuned, eloquently phrased, and deeply meaningful passage that would make up in quality what it lacks in quantity.

Then I stopped kidding myself. Words can be powerful, and life-changing. But not my words, not this column. I'm simply trying to relay the perspective of one sliver of our community, in my own words. Hopefully my own little stories from my own little life will carry some meaning to you, and won't be trite.

Last month, my mother suffered a pretty significant knee injury. Fell down her outside stairs in the California rain. 60 years old, lives alone. Had she slipped inside her home, no one might ever have found her. She works alone, so no one at work might have found her.

Turns out she shattered the top of her tibia into three pieces, fractured her ankle, and will need months of therapy and months of being off the leg. She was in between insurances at the time of the accident, so she will probably have to eat most of the costs herself. She is self-employed, so time off is on her and threatens her practice. Her home requires 16 slippery stairs just to get in, and will likely never accommodate someone with her type of injury again. Her only sons are here and in Maryland, so no family can watch over her closely. And on and on. She's in a serious pile of hurt.

But this is not a sob story at all. I don't bring this up for either pity or shock. On the contrary. The amazing thing about all this is the reaction of her community, the perspective it has brought, and the great things that can come from pain.

The amazing thing to watch has been the reaction of her church. She has been a member and deacon of the same small Presbyterian church for 30 years. She goes to bible study twice a week, volunteers for the charity work of the church, and has built an amazing amount of close, faith-strengthened friendships over the years.

From that community, she has had close friends become second family to her. Advocating for her care, delivering clothes, praying for her, watching over her, visiting her. Being with her during the deepest parts of this trauma when family can't be near. Holding her literally and figuratively by the arm while she gets back on her feet.

All I can say is thank God for the strength and help that she's being given. My faith has always been tinted with enough skepticism, enough appreciation for other faiths, so that I believe but not sure which way is really, really true. Whichever way is the truth, watching the blessings pour out of her community has assured me that there is a watchful God out there somewhere, and that his blessings can come to all, at any time of crisis.

The community she has is what a community -- faith-based or secular -- should be. Watching over the needs of neighbors. Helping individuals out in time of crisis.

Keeping us from falling too far when everything falls out from under us. It's something that can grow anywhere that care and concern can be nurtured.

Watching the crises stack up in her life has also radically changed my perspective on a lot of things. The last three weeks has made me realize just how small and petty most of the issues we deal with on the surface of this community really are.

I know, I know, someone will probably spin that last sentence as viewing some neighbors as petty. Not the neighbors, but the complaints. In the big picture, most of the issues we have on the surface here are really not a big deal, compared to the life changing issues that I've watched my mother face. Even more to the point, the small issues here discourage us from addressing us the deeper issues of what we are going to do as a community -- building a safety net in this neighborhood for those around us; building a set of links between neighbors that can enrich our lives; giving back something to the kids, the schools, and the community so that we can stay proud to call Rattan Creek our home.

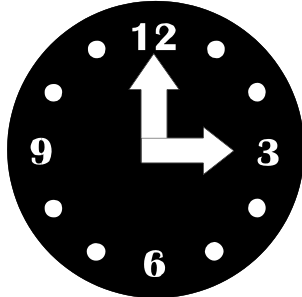
Pain can bring a lot of good, and it's doing so in my Mother's case. It's doing so in my case. The short- and long-term pain of my Mother's fall is building my mother's faith and my own. It's forcing her to confront a lot of choices that she had not made for years. It's changing the way I deal with my kids, the way I react to their provocations. It's seriously rearranging a lot of my priorities.

It is literally changing my life -- for the better. Hopefully that pain can change your life too.

Eric Freeman

**Don't Forget !!**

**set your  
clocks  
ahead  
1 hour  
April 6th**



# Around Rattan Creek

## New Neighbors and Babies:

### New Babies:

Jarod Logan Wilson  
born February 13, 2003  
to Nick and Crystal Wil-  
son



Sebastian Martinez-Antone  
Born January 1, 2003,  
to Pilar and Pedro Martinez-Antone  
and sister Baniela  
7904 Osborne

Ethan Hall  
Born November 25, 2002,  
to Julia and Brad Hall  
13500 Albania Way

*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

**Playgroup for babies** born between July 2001 and July 2002. Please call Angela at 336-9067.

**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 under):**  
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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## May 2003 Swim Lesson Sign up

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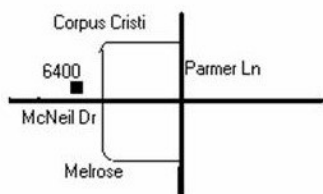
- 1 seven to nine-pound Smithfield Easy Karv Ham, rind removed
- Whole cloves
- 1 pound dark-brown sugar
- 1 twelve-ounce can Coca-Cola
- 1 fourteen-ounce can pineapple rings, drained and juice reserved
- 1 cup sweet Concord grape wine, like Manishevitz
- 10 to 12 maraschino cherries
- Fresh bay leaves, for garnish



1. Preheat oven to 325°. Using a sharp knife, score surface of ham crosswise and lengthwise, forming a crosshatch pattern about 1/4 inch deep and 1 inch apart. Place a clove in the center of each square.
2. Place ham, fat side up, in a double-layer disposable aluminum roasting pan. Pat brown sugar onto the surface of the ham (expect some sugar to fall into the roasting pan). Transfer to oven, and bake until brown sugar just begins to melt, about 30 minutes.
3. Remove ham from oven. Pour Coca-Cola over ham, letting it mix with the melted sugar in the bottom of the pan. Baste ham with sugar mixture. Return ham to oven, and bake for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, combine 1 cup reserved pineapple juice and the wine in a small bowl. Baste ham with pineapple mixture. Bake ham for a total of 16 minutes per pound, basting every 20 minutes with the juices in the bottom of the pan. During the last 20 minutes of baking time, decorate ham with pineapple rings. Use two to three toothpicks to hold each ring in place. Center a cherry in the center of each ring, and adhere with a toothpick.
4. Transfer ham to a platter, removing all toothpicks. Garnish ham with fresh bay leaves. Serve.

If you'd like to share any of your recipes, please email to Stephanie Doherty [thedohertys@austin.rr.com].

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# Decorating Easter Eggs

Glittered, beribboned, or stenciled eggs are a beautiful alternative to the traditional solid-color variety.



## Preparing the dye

The easiest way to dye eggs is with liquid food coloring. Bring 3 cups of water to a boil and remove from heat; add 2 tablespoons white vinegar and 2 to 3 drops of food coloring, or more for a deeper color. Dye the eggs until they reach the shade you desire. Remove the eggs from the dye, blot with a paper towel and let dry completely before decorating.

## Preparing the eggs

You can dye hard-boiled or



raw eggs. The smoother the egg, the better the dye will take.

Before dyeing, rub eggs with white vinegar to remove impurities, and to aid dye absorption. For muted colors, try dyeing brown eggs. When dyeing eggs, always work with clean hands—do not use hand cream because the oil can affect how the dye takes. If you plan to keep your decorated eggs, they should be left raw, then blown hollow after dyeing, otherwise the egg shell will float on top of the dye.

## Blowing eggs

Blown eggs can be kept and enjoyed year after year. It's best to blow the eggs after the decorating is complete, except if your instructions specify otherwise. Working over a bowl, pierce one end of a raw egg with a pin. Pierce the other end, and use the pin to enlarge the hole slightly and break yolk. Blow out insides using an egg-blowing tool or a rubber ear-syringe (available at pharmacies), forcing contents of the egg out through the larger hole into a bowl. Do not let the liquid touch the shell.



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## Summer Tips: Bugs Be Gone

Springtime is here along with all the new plants, animals, and insects that come with it. As Austinites, we take pride in our unseasonably warm winters. However we have to deal with the potential pest problems that come along with those mild winters. **DON'T WORRY!** With a little preparation you can minimize problems that you may normally have. Some of the most common problems we deal with this time of year are carpenter and fire ants in the yard; pharaoh ants (sugar ants), spiders, and roaches inside the house; and fleas inside and outside the house.

### **QUICK TIPS**

1. Look for any existing pests around your home.
2. Determine what environment they prefer.
3. Do what you can to eliminate or alter this environment.
4. Discover possible mechanical methods to use to reduce pests.
5. Understanding the pest's biology will always make it easier to deal with pest issues!

### **PESTS & INFORMATION**

**TERMITES:** What we typically deal with in this area are subterranean termites. They typically live in the ground and need food and moisture to survive. The termites are constantly foraging for food, which is wood or other cellulose products. **If** you have plumbing leaks this may attract them to your home. Plumbing leaks must be corrected or you cannot control termites. **If** you stack wood or paper near your home this can be another potential attraction to your property. Anywhere there is a penetration of the slab there is a possible point of entry. On the outside look for tubes of dirt going up your foundation. Inside is a little harder but if sheet rock crumbles or you find pinholes covered with mud this can also be a sign. **If** you fear that there is a problem call a professional as treatment is more specialized than other pest treatments

**CARPENTER ANTS:** Unlike termites, carpenter ants do not eat wood, but they burrow into wood to make a nest.

Outside carpenter ants can live in the trees. **If** your trees touch or hang over your home trim them back. **If** you have damp or rotted wood, this will attract carpenter ants and they will spread out from there. They are also common in hollow core doors and around window areas.



**SPIDERS:** Finding spiders is generally a sign that you have other pests in your home. **If** you move plants from the outside into the homes you could be bringing them this way. **If** you think that you have a problem with brown recluse or black widow spiders you should call a

professional as the health risk are serious with these spiders.



**FLEAS:** From the phone calls we have been receiving it appears that it is going to be a bad year for fleas. The flea that we battle is the cat flea. This doesn't mean that

dogs are immune from them. **If** you develop a problem with fleas you will have to treat infested areas. Flea larva is attracted to dark areas, so treat underneath furniture, underneath cushions, and all areas that your pets travel. On the outside of the house mow before any treatment, rake leaves, and concentrate on clearing the shaded areas. Remember that the pupae stage of the flea is protected from the treatment and it can take up to 21 days for this cycle to emerge.

**PEST MANAGEMENT:** The best approach to pest management is to cut off the point of entry before they become an inside problem, or eliminate outside conditions, which give them a chance to get established. It is important to check weather stripping around doors and windows and the gaps around plumbing. Weep holes at the lower base of homes are another common entry point. To control weep holes, stuff steel wool into these areas to prevent entry. Compost piles are areas that ants and many other pests will reside in, so make sure that they are moved away from your house. **If** you mulch your flowerbed it may be necessary to apply insecticides periodically, as this is a prime area for insects.

We hope this information will be of use to all of you.

***Should you have any questions, need advice, or would like one of our professionals to help you with a pest problem please call us Roberts Termite and Pest Control at 512-444-0132.***

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# Gardening in April & May: It's Planting Time!

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

The low growing oxalis has shamrock-looking leaves with small white flowers and also will survive our winters and come back every year. The Bearded iris also makes an excellent groundcover. Plant them in full sun for blooms in March, April, or May depending on the selection. Buy the rhizomes boxed or growing in containers. The blooms come in white, yellow blues, maroons and bicolors. Iris rhizomes must be planted so the top of the rhizome emerges from the soil. They may rot if

planted to deep or under deep mulches. Irises are Xeriscape plants that even without mulch will prosper in our heavy dry soil. For best results, thin out iris rhizomes every three or four years. Daylilies bloom in early summer after irises and have attractive sword-like foliage that is less stiff than iris. In full sun or part shade they make a good groundcover.

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

**Shrubs which do well** in either sun or shade are

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

**And of course for a vine**, try the mostly sun loving coral honeysuckle which provides nectar for the hummingbirds from April until late fall. A good climbing plant but not destructive like the English ivy with its attaching tendrils.

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

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

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

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

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**Sat April 5 & Sun April 6**

### **Garage Sale**

**For the Garage Sale**, the RCNA runs ads for a neighborhood wide Garage Sale (**Saturday Only**), giving the boundaries of our neighborhood. There are a few signs to get folks into the neighborhood, but from there it is up to you to bring the folks to your home. Each person has the garage sale at their own home, or with a neighbor who is planning to have one. If you want to do one, but do not want to do it alone, talk to your neighbors!

**Saturday, April 5th  
(8:00 am– 1:00 pm)**

### **Clean-up**

**For the neighborhood clean-up (Saturday and Sunday)**; the rules are simple: The MUD district arranges with the disposal company to start bringing dumpsters to the area by the Tamayo bridge on Friday the 4th of April and last until the dumpsters are full on Sunday April 6th. ***However, you can not start dumping until after the boyscouts have setup camp -usually about 5pm.***

The Boy Scouts man the dumpsters, as part of their community service. ***Please remember to bring a copy of your MUD bill to show that you do actually belong in the neighborhood.*** Please remember to be courteous to our boyscouts, as they are doing us a favor in directing this event.

**April 5 & April 6  
at the Tamayo Bridge**

***\*Remember when the dumpsters are full  
on Sunday - That's it!!***

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

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

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

**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY  
BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION**

- All members receiving ID 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 admittances can only be purchased by a member of the pool. All guests must be accompanied by a pool member.
- Three guest admittances will be assigned with each ID badge purchased. Six admittances will be assigned with each annual pass. (Complimentary admittances are not issued with ID badges purchased for replacement of a lost or stolen badge.)
- A check made payable to North Austin M.U.D. #1 (NAM1) Pool must accompany the application to be processed.
- A check for pool ID badges, tennis key and/or RCNA **must be mailed separately** from the payment for the NAM1 water bill.
- Replacement fees for lost or stolen ID 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 ID badges, please specify for whom the annual ID badges are to be assigned to, as each ID badge can only be assigned to **one** person.
- ID badges can be picked up at the pool (during the summer session) on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2 PM to 8PM, after your application is processed at ECO Resources. **Each** person for whom an ID badge is purchased (ages 3 and older) will need to have their picture taken at the pool office before the badges will be issued. No additional paper work will need to be completed at the pool, but identification will need to be shown. (If registering prior to the summer session, ID badges may be picked up March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup> on weekends, Noon to 6PM.)
- Members registering by 5:00 PM on Tuesdays will be able to pick up ID badges at the pool beginning on Wednesday. Members registering by Noon on Fridays will be able to pick up ID badges at the pool beginning on Saturday.
- Annual ID 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 2003 to April 2004)
- 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. **Only ONE key can be issued per household.**
- ID 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 ID 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 an ID badge purchased for him/her.
- Only ID badges will be available at the pool. All applications and payments must be submitted by mail or in person to ECO Resources.

**Receipts will not be accepted for admittance into the pool – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

ALL INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT 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  
APPLICATION FOR SUMMER / ANNUAL SESSION - 2003**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (As it appears on NAM1 bill)

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

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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

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

2003 Summer Fees:	Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool		
Quantity			
_____ Summer In-District ID Badge	@ \$20 per badge		\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Membership	@ \$200 per household		\$ _____
(Up to 4 ID Badges if needed)			
_____ Additional O.D. ID Badge	@ \$20 each additional badge		\$ _____
_____ Guest Admittance	@ \$2 each (one time use)		\$ _____
(only w/ ID badges)			
_____ 10 Guest Admittances	@ \$15		\$ _____
(only w/ ID badges)			
_____ Tennis Court Key (In District Only)	@ \$15 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)		\$ _____
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only)	@ \$20 per household		\$ _____
_____ Annual In-District ID Badge	@ \$40 per badge		\$ _____
<b>SUMMER 2003 ID BADGES &amp; GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 09/15/03</b>			
<b>Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>

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

## Rattan Creek Park, Pool and Court Rules and Regulations

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

### Pool Rules and Regulations

#### Identification

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

#### General Requirements and Conduct

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

#### Adult Supervision

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

#### Guest Policy

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

#### Private Parties

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

plus lifeguard fees.

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

#### Wading Pool

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

#### Pool Hours (as posted at the pool)

##### SUMMER SCHEDULE

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

##### WINTER SCHEDULE

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

#### General Information

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

### Tennis/Sports Court Rules and Regulations

( In District Members Only )

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

### Questions or Problems

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

# North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 Rattan Creek Pool Spring/Summer Schedule 2003

July 2003

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

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

Teen Nights

**July 10, 27: 8:00 to 10:30 PM**  
**\$2.00 Cover Charge**



**Pool closed: April 20 (Sunday)**

**April 30 Winter Swim over - Summer has arrived**

May 2003

**May 3 & 4: Residents Welcome Tags not Required**  
**11:00 - 9:00 PM**

**May 1-29:** Monday – Friday: Swim Team 4:00 -8:00 PM  
 Saturdays- Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
 Sundays- Open Swim 12:00 Noon - 9:00 PM

**May 10: RCNA Party - RCNA Member only**  
**School is Out! May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**May 30-31:** Monday-Friday- Swim Team 7:00-11:00 AM  
 Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  
 Saturdays - Open Swim 11:00 AM- 9:00 PM  
 Sundays - Open Swim Noon to 9:00 PM

**May 26<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day celebrated**  
 Open Swim 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM

August 2003

**Aug 1-17:** Monday-Friday Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  
 Saturdays Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
 Sundays Open Swim Noon - 9:00 PM

Teen Night

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

**August 18: School Opens**

**August 18-31:** Monday-Friday Open Swim 4:30-9:00  
 Saturdays Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
 Sundays Open Swim Noon - 9:00 PM

June 2003

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

Teen Nights

**June 5, 19: 8:00 to 10:30 PM**  
**\$2.00 Cover Charge**

**ID BADGE PICKUP SCHEDULE**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Saturdays & Sundays**  
**Noon to 6PM**

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**May – August 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Wednesdays & Saturdays**  
**2PM to 8PM**

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*Rattan Creek Pool is Managed by  
 Clearwater Management*

**Manager - Tony Watt**  
**Pool phone - 257-8175**

**Clearwater Management**  
**Phone - 331-7066**

**ALL HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. TO VERIFY HOURS, CALL 257-8175 (POOL).**

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sive.

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

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

**Composted material** is available in bulk or in bags. A common bagged compost is cotton burr hulls with the brand name Back to Earth (BTE)

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

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

**Gardening in May: Watch for brown patch fungus in established St. Augustine lawns**, making an ever expanding circle of dead grass leaves

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Milwood Resident/RCNA Member

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and stems. If they are soft and mushy, it is the fungus. Treat with compost or a fungicide (liquid copper or Bordeaux mix) Brown patch fungus is in the earth all of the time but it multiplies and kills some of the grass roots when the temperature and humidity are just right. Late fall and early spring are the usual trouble times. It never goes away, just is subdued until next season so treat it lightly and be ready for next season again. Such is the way of life's small irritations, treat them when they appear and enjoy life the rest of the time.

**If your grass has dead patches**, it could be white grubs eating the roots. The white grubs are the larval stage of the May or June beetles (or Junebugs). The warm season grasses like Bermuda, zoy-sia, St. Augustine, and buffalo grass are attacked by the June beetles and southern masked chafer. The damage shows in summer (that's why they are called Junebugs) and fall months when the larger c-shaped creamy white larva actively feed.

Damage shows as irregular shaped areas of weakened or dying grass where the grass lacks vigor and is vulnerable to invasion by weeds. Weakened grass has less root system and is easily pulled out. If you dig around in the soil a bit you will find

the grubs in the top few inches of the soil in the root zone. Treatment is most effective when the grubs are 1/2 inch long or less. Treatment is most effective when applied after a rain or a thorough soaking of the turfgrass to force the grubs close to the surface to get air. Insecticides include Dursban, diazinin, merit and Oftanol.

**Check newly planted** roses, shrubs and trees if weather is windy, and refirm soil around roots, and check supports and ties. Remember to remove ties from rubbing on plants as soon as possible because any tie constricts flow of sap under the bark. And plants develop faster and with stronger trunks when not supported too long.

**Check for powdery mildew, black spot, or leaf spot** and treat with a commercial fungicide or 2 table spoon full of baking soda and a few drops of kitchen detergent in a gallon of water. Rain will wash your treatment off, so repeat after every rain.

**Soak all plants including the lawn grass** deeply rather than sprinkle lightly when watering to force the water down deep so the roots will grow down to it develop deep strong root systems. Apply 1 inch of water at a time and most times of the year it will last for 5 to 7 days.

**Water trees** Water the entire area 1-1/2 times

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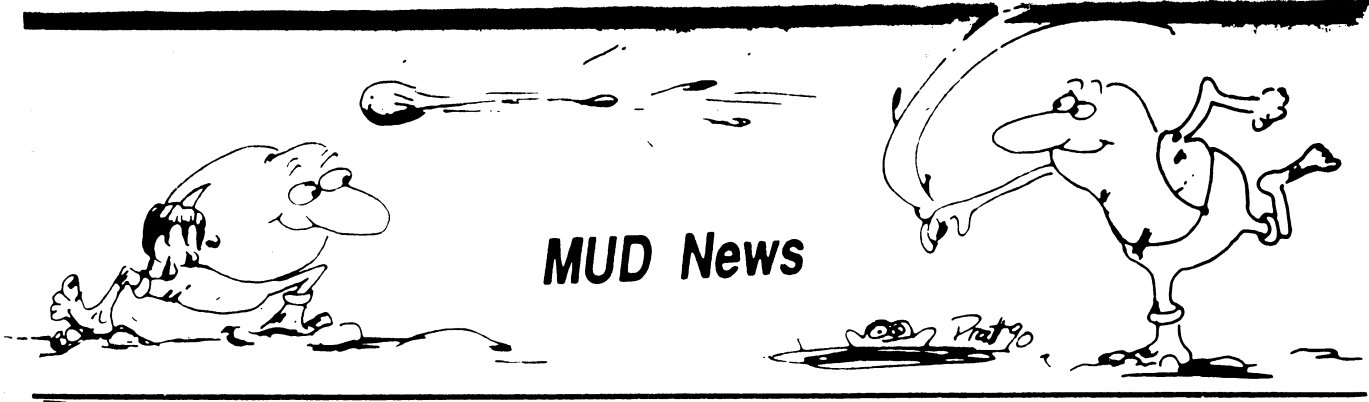
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**North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors Report on Commercial Development, Parks, and Pool Activities:**

**Our contractor for inspections of Restrictive Covenant Violations,** The Treasure of the Hills Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. December activity included: 1 call for advice, emailed 20 first letters, sent 5 second letters, and turned 3 cases over to the MUD attorney. , There were 4 cases closed (violations corrected), and 14 address complaints on the list of in-work.

**The Board met with our Financial Advisor** on the status of the contract revenue bonds, and the contract for our Financial Advisory Services. Our consultants and lawyer have scheduled meetings with the City Of Austin Financial Services and Water and Wastewater Dept. to get their input on the options of changes in the bonds. The consultants will make and propose a formal submission to the Board at the April Board meeting.

**Rattan Creek Park Pool:** A new pool identification system will be implemented to better identify and control the pool users. The ECO folks and Pool Manager are being trained on the use of the new system. . Details of the spring pool schedule and the registration process are included on

**Deed Restriction Violations:**

**Deed restriction violations must be submitted in writing to:**

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

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

the MUD web site. The pool was shut down on 2/16/03 as scheduled for spring maintenance and the deck replacement. The chemical room piping and sand filtering system are being removed and replaced.

The contract for removal of the pool decking and replacement of the concrete was approved by the Board and then the City of Austin. The pre-construction meetings were also attended by the Hines pool repair company and DSB Electric, the electrical contractors to plan the removal and replacement of the lights and other equipment after the deck project is completed. Richard Fadal of TexaScapes is working with Bill Burke of Clearwater Management to minimize the damage to the soccer field and the irrigation system. . The deck replacement project is will be completed as fast as possible, but rain can delay it so check the web site for the latest status.

**All pool users will be able to use the Anderson Mill MID El Salido Pool during the time our pool is closed for repairs. Schedules will be posted on the MUD internet site.**

At the 2/29/03 Board meeting, representatives from the McNeil high school swim team, the Hurricanes Swim Team and the lap swimmers of the Masters Swim Program discussed the Hurricane Swim Team Meet Schedule pool. They all made suggestions and agreed to work with Bill Burke to assure the pool schedule works to accommodate all these users as well as our neighborhood swimmers. If above budget pool staffing hours are needed, Bill will notify the Pool Committee Alan McNeil and Don Conklin for Board action and funding if needed.

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The Board thanked all groups for working so well to try to accommodate all the pool users including the McNeil High School swim team , the Hurricane Swim Team training and practice sessions for their over 200 swimmers, the Master Swimmers on-going training programs, and of course all of the residents of our North Austin MUD #1 district.

The Hurricane Swim Team would like to host 1 or 2 Movie Nights for the Rattan creek Neighborhood at the pool this summer. Watch for the announcements.

**Maintenance items:** Two of the Rattan Creek Park drinking fountains have been replaced.

**Rattan Creek Trail:** The Board approved 2 projects to have decomposed granite placed in the trail access areas. Gary Spoons will coordinate this work with the adjacent homeowners to minimize impact on them.

**Rattan Creek Greenbelt:** A Williamson County Engineering staff consultant presented a plan to plant some trees in the rattan Creek Riparian to mit-

igate the removal of vegetation during the Lake Creek Tributary project. He will revise the plan, discuss it with TexaScapes and resubmit it to the Board Landscape Maintenance committee Chuck Simms and Alan McNeil.

**The Robinson Park Trail project:** Two berms were constructed to minimize flood damage to the trail and decomposed granite was added and re-rolled to compact the entire trail.

**Robinson Park Anderson Mill Road Entrance:** The area by the wonderful large Gypsy oak tree had a split rail fence added with a gate for construction equipment access. The tree was pruned by Davey Tree to remove dead wood and maintain it's health.

**Robinson Park Humphrey Access Road is in place:** Final payment will me made after approval of our District Engineer. . A gate will be added to block motorized vehicles except maintenance equipment.

**Wastewater Lines Inspection;** The City of Austin has completed the fieldwork of the TV inspection of sewer lines. Our District Engineer will receive

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the video tapes and review them for problem areas which may need to be repaired.

**Town and Country Optimists Club:** The Board asked our District Engineer and Attorney to work with them to get an agreement with the City of Austin so they can connect to water and waste water lines for their new rest room facility.

**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,  
NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.

**Website:**  
**[www.northaustinmud1.org](http://www.northaustinmud1.org)**

**NOTICE:**

***The Rattan Creek Pool may possibly be closed the entire months of March and April due to deck replacement.***

***Please check on the website and at the pool for postings.***

Cap gym

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beyond the drip line to encourage roots to grow out where they will capture as much rainfall as possible. Water the area slowly until the water runs off. Wait 30 minutes and water again until the water stands or runs off. This process forces much of the air out of the soil that allows the water to go as deeply as possible. Remember tree roots on live oak trees ( and most others) are 8 inches deep or more and that is where the water must go to help the plant grow. If you want a large tree fast, water more often, it really makes a difference.

Fertilize blooming plants with compost, bone meal or spray with a mixture of liquid seaweed.

**Plant some annuals for summer color.** Plant Ageratum, Begonias, Caladiums, Celosia, Coleus, Dahlia, pansies, dianthus, Impatiens, marigolds (French and African) Petunias, Portulaca, Salvia, Verbena, vinca, or zinnia. Remember that the colorful plants usually require a lot of sun, they may not bloom at all or as well in full shade. And, if they are in pots in full sun, you must water daily in the heat of the summer. You can move them to partial shade or build an overhead shade, or of course plant a tree for shade.

**Some shade tolerant flowers include:** Iris, daylilies, hollyhocks, Turks cap, rosemary,

oregano, thyme, mint sorrel, columbine, and parsley. Ground covers do well in partial to full shade so try English ivy, Lilorope, monkey (mondo) grass, Asiatic jasmine, or wild petunias (ruellas). There are many taller bunch grasses available now and some of them will do well in partial shade like the 18 inch tall inland sea oats. Some plants are low growing and some tall. Intersperse or build a backbone in your beds with shrubs like the dwarf crepe myrtle, oleanders and the red yucca, all will do OK in a lot of sun. Areas not in full sun have reduced water needs and a fully grown bed provides a lot of it's own shade.

Note that all the **above plants are perennials** and will come up every year. Some shade tolerant bloomers which are annuals are the begonias, geraniums, and petunias. If in pots and taken in or covered during the freezes, some of these annuals will bloom for years.

**Mulch to prevent weeds, conserve water,** and control soil temperature. Put on at least 3 inches of mulch to suppress the weeds, save water, and decrease the soil temperature.

**Fertilize the summer lawn** with a slow release fertilizer like Dillo Dirt, compost, Milorganite, or Sustane. If you have a bag of high nitrogen fertiliz-

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**CrossPointe**

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**Sr. Pastor: Jerry Rahm**

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- **Sunday Celebration** at 10:45 am with relevant messages from the Bible and contemporary worship.
- Three Adult Education classes at 9:30 am.
- Children's programs that are relevant and fun at 9:30 and 10:45 am.
- Youth Bible Study at 9:30am and Wednesday Night Youth Group at 7 pm.

**We want to be your neighborhood church!**

**5703 McNeil Drive**

*(Across the street from McNeil High School)*

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er (high first number) apply at 1/2 the recommended rate on the bag of for a shot of growth now. If it says slow release on the bag, it will take longer to dissolve and feed the grass and a slightly heavier application is OK. Do not let piles of it stand, it will burn the grass and soil. .

**Set your mower up to the highest setting** to encourage deep roots and let the taller grass shade the roots to minimize soil drying. If you noticed the grass in Rattan Creek Park, it is now being mowed taller per the recommendation of the City of Austin water audit.

**Pinch back mums** to encourage branching and cut back **salvias** by 1/3 after the first blooms start to drop to stimulate a second blooming in late summer.

**Prune climbing roses and early flowering shrubs** that have finished blooming to encourage the next bloom cycle.

**Watch roses for black spot and powdery mildew** -- keep the ground clean of diseased leaves and spray with liquid seaweed and fish emulsion to keep healthy. Mulch helps prevent soil and fungal spores from splashing back onto plants. Resort to a fungicide if severe spots or mildew persist because a few minutes of spraying may save the plants.

Happy gardening  
and see you at the pool,

Chuck Simms



## Volunteers needed for Newsletter Delivery

A **Section Head** is needed for the areas around Kerville Folkway, Amarillo, Shiner, Luckenbach, Hondo Bend and Corpus Christi.

A **Section Head** is also needed for the areas around Jenner, Bidwell, Humphrey, Quadros Pass, Tilder, Boomer, Taranto and Truman.

A **Block Captain** is also needed for Napier.

Someone in these areas need to step forward to deliver newsletters. This will be the last month these areas will receive a newsletter until someone volunteers. The commitment is every even month, once every two months. A container will arrive at your front door with neighborhood newsletters. The Section Head sorts the newsletters and delivers to various houses on streets close to yours. It is mostly car work.

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**Time to Renew Your Membership With the RCNA!**

Last year, 2002, the RCNA had only about 450 out of 2800 households send in their **\$20 annual dues**. We are lucky to live in a neighborhood where the dues are voluntary. Many neighborhoods and especially the new ones, the dues are mandatory. Most neighborhoods pay \$10+ each month, our dues are only \$20 a year. We are actually the envy of many of those neighborhoods, most cannot believe that we are only a voluntary organization and yet are able to produce the amount and type of activities and newsletter that we have.

**What activities you ask?**

For instance, the *Annual Easter Egg Hunt*. Every year we have more and more children, but less and less funds to work with. Many folks have voiced that we should have more eggs/prizes for the children. Well, that takes money and volunteers. With the dwindling participation in the neighborhood association (both monetary and volunteers), events such as this will inevitably suffer. Yes, we do get donations of candy and eggs, but we always need to buy more.

Other events include the *“Members Only Pool Party”*- the Pool Party is a catered event for those that did pay their dues - *sort of a reward*, *“Rattan Fest”*- usually costs a little, for items like the T-Shirts for the run, signs used, or other items needed. *“Caroling in the Park”*-the

song books are printed, so again a small cost. The *“Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale”*- that is held twice a year, the RCNA pays for the ads and signs to bring folks to our neighborhood.

The dues also help fund our scholarship program, last year we gave out two scholarships to RCNA members, totaling \$900, this year we have voted to give out 3 scholarships totaling \$1500.

In 2001, a hard decision was made to reduce the frequency of the newsletter, but due to rising costs, the economy and lower association participation, the RCNA had to cut down expenses. We feel that the newsletter is such a vital part of our neighborhood communication that rather than just the folks who paid their dues receiving the newsletter, we reduced the frequency. Now the newsletter comes out on the even months.

***Please send in your \$20 for the year. Thank you for your support, we depend on you!!***



**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association**  
 P.O. Box 200584 – Austin, Tx 78720-0584  
Annual Membership Dues – \$20  
 (January – December 2003)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Thank You For Your Continued Support!!**

 **We Depend On It!!**  
 Or pay your dues online  
 at [www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org)  
 by using paypal.

**Emergency Numbers:**

**Emergency – 911**

**Non-Emergency Numbers:**

**Williamson County Sheriff**  
**943-1300**

**Travis County Sheriff**  
**854-9285**

**Williamson County Constable**  
**248-3239**

**Jollyville Fire Dept.**  
**258-1038**

**Curbside Recycling Collection Requirements**

**Newspaper:**

**Acceptable:**

- Dry newspapers (including advertising inserts)  
(Keep newspaper separate from other commingled recyclables)
- Magazines

**Unacceptable:**

- Wet newspapers
- Phone Books
- Junk Mail, Office paper
- Cardboard or paperboard

**Plastic HDPE Natural # 2 and PET #1:**

**Acceptable:**

- Cloudy milk, water and juice bottles (HDPE Natural #2)
- Transparent or see-through Beverage containers (PET #1). This includes plastic soft drink and liquor bottles. (Please rinse bottles and remove caps.)

**Unacceptable:**

- Any solid colored plastic bottles or containers (Ex. Shampoo, bleach, or oil containers)
- No plastic food trays or containers (Ex. Egg cartons, plastic cups)

**Glass Bottles and Jars:**

**Acceptable:**

- Clear, green or brown bottles and jars only  
(Please rinse and remove metal caps)

**Unacceptable:**

- Drinking glasses
- Plate window glass or mirrors
- Heat resistant glass (Ex. Pyrex or baking dishes)
- Ceramics (Ex. coffee mugs, food bowls, pottery)
- Light bulbs
- Lead based glass (Ex. Crystal ware, television tubes, vision wear)

**Aluminum Cans:**

**Acceptable:**

- Consists of aluminum beverage containers only

**Unacceptable:**

- Aluminum foil, pie trays or food containers

**Steel Cans:**

**Acceptable:**

- Steel food and beverage containers  
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- Scrap metal

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**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association 2003 Scholarship Award Program**  
**\$750 first place, \$500 second place, \$250 third place.**

**Responses must be postmarked no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Finalists will be advised the week of May 6<sup>th</sup> and announced at the Members Only Pool Party on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> (2:00 pm).

**Criteria:**

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

**Application:**

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

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

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

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

College(s) planning to attend Fall 2003 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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(If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, choose only those you consider most significant. Attach a resume if available.) Return application form, essay and resume (if available) to RCNA Scholarship, P.O. Box 200584, Austin, TX 78720-0584.

## 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](mailto:kelly@buczek.org)

**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! (02/03)

**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 (04/03)

**Tanya Welch, 18** - Are you looking for a babysitter who envelopes the 3 R's: responsible, reliable, reasonable? No need to look any further. I love children and have been babysitting for about 4 years. I am available to baby-sit weekends (including Fridays) and holidays. I strive to create a friendly atmosphere. If you are interested in knowing more, please call 257-2157. (04/03)

**Stephanie Christian, 16** – Need a little time alone with out the youngsters ... look no farther I am qualified and experienced with children of all ages; and multiple children capable. Rates that everyone can afford. I am certified in CPR and eventually want to be a teacher or pediatrician. Call 257-0774 (6/03)

**Stacy Baker, 14** – Certified, experienced babysitter. I'm great with kids! I'm responsible,

dependable and hard working. I love to play games with kids. I know CPR and the Heimlich maneuver. I can baby-sit in both Milwood and Forest North subdivisions. I can also watch your pets while you are away. I will walk your dog, bring in the newspaper, the mail and water your plants. References available. 918-0201. (06/03)

**Jacob Schaefer, 13** – Pet Sitter Hey! Do you need any one to watch your pets while you are out-of-town? Well, I am a very reliable person who has had a lot of experience with pets. I'm fun, and hard working. I will be working 7 days a week; I can watch pets that are old or young. I give you my promise that I will do my ultimate best to tend to your pet's every needs. Thank you and have a wonderful day! Jacob Schaefer J Age: 13 you can call me at: 249-9341 (ask for Jacob) (6/03).

**Rebecca Thomson, 14** - 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! (08/03)

**Ryan Mire, 17** - Not enough time to get around to mowing the lawn? Well look no further. I mow, edge, weed-eat, bag leaves (if necessary), and over-all clean up. My prices are reasonable. For a free price evaluation please give me a call at: (home) 250-2104; (home) 250-0702; (cell) 799-2310. I am interested in both weekly and one time jobs. (08/03)

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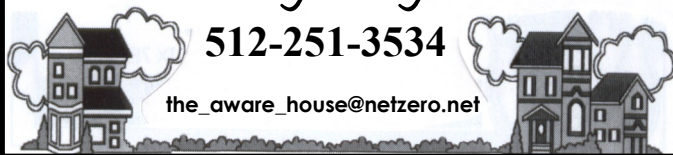
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RCNA, c/o Kelly Buczek 6407 Crowley Trail  
Austin, Tx 78729 or email: [kelly@buczek.org](mailto:kelly@buczek.org)  
258-6482

**MaryKay** - Susan Greer 336-2262 or 560-7930,  
email: [sgreer@austin.rr.com](mailto:sgreer@austin.rr.com). Website:  
[www.marykay.com/susang](http://www.marykay.com/susang). (4/03)

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**2003 RCNA  
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POOL PARTY  
Saturday, May 10  
12:00 TO 5:00 P.M.  
Rattan Creek Pool**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

**Drawing for Pool  
Memberships**

**Music**

**Beer**

*Scholarships will  
be announced at  
2:00 pm.*



**Door Prizes**

**Food  
Catered by  
Pok-e-jo's  
Served  
1:00-2:30**

**Party**

**Drinks**

**The RCNA is throwing a party in appreciation for those neighbors who have paid their 2003 Membership dues.**

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

**If you haven't already joined the RCNA,  
you can join at the pool party!**

(a list of those who joined the RCNA via pool registrations, registered at NAMUD #1, by 4/30/03 will also be used)

***Remember ONLY RCNA MEMBERS will be allowed in!!***

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



# RCNA Member's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



***Saturday April 12th  
10:00 am  
Rattan Creek Park***



**Exclusive Area For Wobblers and Toddlers in the Kiddie Corral**

**Open from 9:00 to 11:00 am**

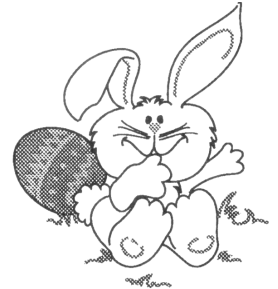
*Young ones can hunt at their own pace.*

***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 10:10 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!)**

***Rain Date: Saturday, April 19th (same time)***

