



Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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Upcoming Events Around Milwood

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 3

Law enforcement agencies across the country are encouraging you to participate in this simple step against crime prevention. Basically, it is a Neighborhood Light Party - an opportunity to join in the fun and meet your neighbors! Participation is easy.

Turn on your porch lights. Remember to lock your doors. Talk with your neighbors. Plan to have a block party on August 5. Let your local law enforcement folks know, so they can stop by for a visit.

When: Tuesday, August 3, 2000 - evening.

Where: Just outside your door.

Why: Properly lighted homes, businesses and streets help cut down on crime and drug activity. Neighbors knowing their neighbors strengthens security for everyone. **LIGHTS ON, MEANS LIGHTS OUT FOR CRIME!**

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Williamson County Sheriff: 943-1300

Williamson County Constable: 248-3239

Be sure to include the new neighbors, who you haven't had time to meet yet. This is a good way to get to know who your neighbors are. Always wished your block would get together more often, here is an opportunity. You don't have to be elaborate; try a pot luck dinner or just dessert and coffee.

Rattan Fest - Sat, Sept. 11 (Patriot Day)

This is our annual festival with a 5K run to start, Arts and Crafts booths, local vendors, an excellent chance for school group fund raising and more.



This year we have added a Parade for the kids to show their patriotism. Decorate your wheels and come and join the celebration! If you'd like more information, please call Dallas Hall 257-3494 .

EVENTS

August

Aug 3 National Night Out

Aug 13 Last Teen Night

8:00 -10:30pm

Rattan Creek Pool

Aug 16 School Starts

Aug 18 MUD Meeting, 6pm

9511 RR 620 North

Aug 19 RCNA Meeting, 7pm

Rattan Creek Pool



September

Sep 3 Elem Early Release Day

Sep 6 Labor Day (RRISD off)

Sep 11 Rattan Fest/Patriot Day

7:30am 5K check-in time

8:00 am 5K start time

10:00am Patriot Parade

10:00 am Booths Open

Sep 12 Grandparents Day

Sep 15 MUD Meeting 6:00pm

9511 RR 620 North

Sep 16 RCNA Meeting, 7pm

Rattan Creek Pool

Sep 16 Rosh Hashanah

Sep 21 Elem Early Release Day

Sep 22 Autumn Begins

Sep 23 Elem Early Release Day

Sep 25 Yom Kippur

October

**Oct 11 Columbus Day Observed
(RRISD Staff Development)**

Oct 20 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm

9511 RR 620 North

Oct 21 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm

Rattan Creek Pool

Oct 31 Daylight Savings Time

Change - Fall Back

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Yard of the Month:

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?? **MUD Reporter;** *please contact Eric Freeman 947-5204*

?? **Newsletter Advertising Person;** *please contact Jo Jones 335-1805*

?? **Rattan Fest Event Co-Coordinator and 5K Run Volunteers (Sept. 11);** *please contact Dallas Hall 257-3494.*

We are looking for new volunteers to take over these positions. Please volunteer your time.

Thank you, RCNA

Distribution Changes and Help Needed:

The head of newsletter distribution has been split into two jobs:

Distribution Information: Dallas Hall at 257-3494.

If you want to volunteer as a block captain or section head please contact Dallas Hall at 257-3494.

Distribution of the newsletters: Dave and Jennifer Cazares at 257-3380. 7008 Riverton Dr.

Thank you to Dave and Jennifer for volunteering.

We need a Section Head for the area of Luling, Avella, Osborne, Kingman and Snook Hook.

We need Block Captains for the following streets:

- Avella Dr.
- Tossa Ln.
- Earp Way
- Portland Trail.

We depend on the block captains to deliver the newsletter to your home.

President's Notes

1. Toll Road Plan

As you are probably already aware, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) approved a massive \$2.2 Billion (yes, that's Billion) Toll Road plan for the Austin area. Not only will all the new Hwy 45 be toll road, but the new stretch of Mopac north, the extension of 183A into Leander, 183 from I-35 to the airport, 71 east of I-35, and many roads on the south side of town. In a nutshell, any of the new highways currently under construction are going to be toll roads.

They even are proposing conversion of 360 to a toll road, but left it pending not fully approved.

I won't pull punches: this tax hike plan is wasteful, unfair, hideously expensive, and won't do nearly half of what the backers promised. This is by far the biggest issue in Austin policy in a long time. And your local elected officials made a huge mistake that will be with us for decades to come.

This plan raises taxes significantly. The average commuter who has to take these roads on a daily basis will be paying several hundred dollars more per year in tolls. We're already paying for a massive road bond issue in WilCo, and now this. Remember, This plan is wasteful. The costs to collect money via toll roads versus a gas-tax or other mechanism are incredible.

This plan is unfair. It places an unfair share of the burden upon the commuters and business vehicles that have little option but to take these roads. It distorts the marketplace substantially. It will impact (significantly) the property values and business livelihood of adjoining properties.

This plan is unnecessary. The proponents continuously push the notion of a 'mobility crisis' and 'road funding crisis' to scare voters and officials into supporting the plan. This crisis does not exist. The proponents put a strawman in place of an artificial deadline, and scared their way to victory.

This plan is a political cop-out. Each and everyone of the proponents argued that they "couldn't " raise the gas-tax (a far fairer vehicle to raise funds -- if they were really needed), so they had to resort to this. So, do they really believe that because they couldn't find the political will to raise road money fairly and evenly, therefore specific commuters and business drivers have to foot the whole bill?

for roads already under construction?

This plan will have serious, long-term effects on our neighborhood, our county, the whole Austin area.

This plan is a disgrace. You should think long whether someone who voted for this plan deserves your support again.

Those who voted for the plan:

Gonzalo Barrientos, State Senator; Steve Ogden, State Senator; Mike Krusee, State Representative; Dawanna Dukes, State Representative; Dan Gattis, State Representative; Nyle Maxwell, City of Round Rock Mayor; Will Wynn, City of Austin Mayor; Brewster McCracken City of Austin Council Member; Danny Thomas City of Austin Council Member; Karen Sonleitner, Travis County Commissioner; Greg Boatright, Williamson County Commissioner; Sam Biscoe, Travis County Judge; Bill Burnett, Hays County Commissioner; Dwight Thompson; John Trevino, Capital Metro; Bob Daigh, TxDOT - District Engineer

Against the toll plan:

Gerald Daugherty, Travis County Commissioner ; Terry Keel , State Representative; Todd Baxter , State Representative; Daryl Slusher , City of Austin Council Member; Elliott Naishtat, State Representative; Eddie Rodriguez, State Representative; Jack Stick, State Representative.

2. Developments along Parmer

Over the last few months, word has come to the RCNA and the NAMUD board of several changes to development plans along the open stretches of Parmer Lane that abut our neighborhood. One change is perhaps better than expected, one perhaps

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Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

New Neighbors:

Nguyen Vu and Dawn Alberti-Vu
8125 Osborne Drive



New Babies:

Emily Fae Buczek; 7 lbs. 11 oz., 19" long
Born June 14th, 2004
to Kelly and John Buczek
and big brother Gabriel
6407 Crowley Trail



*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 Kelly Buczek
at 258-6842,*

Or email to her at kelly@buczek.org



Milwood Parent Activities

**Looking for a playgroup for your little ones?
Here are a couple to chose from:**

- ?? New playgroup forming for babies (and their Moms) with birth dates from around July/August 2003 to babies due in 2004: Call Lori Poppe at 258-1952 or e-mail at loripoppe@yahoo.com.
- ?? Playgroup for children born between July 2001 and July 2002: Call Angela at 336-9067
- ?? Playgroup for children with birth dates in Fall 1996 and Spring/Summer of 1997: Call Candance Kreiling at 331-9773
- ?? Arbor Homeschool Group: Weekly playdays, monthly field trips and various other activities. All ages welcome! Contact Toni McKinley at 250-0496 or e-mail at tmckinley1@yahoo.com for places and times we meet.

Post a message!

Would you be interested in meeting other moms at the playground? Do you like to scrapbook and would like to do it with others? Are you interested in joining a Bunco group? Contact Marcie at 335-6960 or mdeoliveira@austin.rr.com to have your message posted.

Milwood Parents.....

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worse.

First, the owners of the vacant property on the north-west corner of Anderson Mill and Parmer Lane have filed for a change in usage plan. The original site plan called for a mixed retail development, along with some apartments. The changed plan that has been filed with the MUD calls for more apartments and less retail than originally proposed. Several residents of the Bluffs section (the homes north of Anderson Mill Road and Osborne) have expressed their concerns to the RCNA board, to the MUD board, and to the developers agents regarding the proximity of the proposed 3 story apartments to the fencelines, and for the potential impact on property values if the apartments are not managed well as they age. Despite the increased density and the proximity to the property line, the proposed plans are likely better than what would happen if they stuck to the orginal plan -- mixed retail, with it's accompanying noise, odor, traffic impacts.

Second, the owners of the open land along Parmer between Corpus Christi and McNeil have also filed a site plan for adminstrative approval with the city. Rumors of development have been lingering for years regarding that property, and have included suggestions of retail for a long time. However, it appears that the developer intends to move forward soon. I have received several communications from residents in the adjoining Marble Falls / Corpus Christi / New Boston Bend section sharing their concerns regarding the expected retail development, and the potential negative impacts. I share those concerns. I think strip mall retail, regardless of how nice, will be an eyesore (and noise and odor source) for the residents who back up to it. Just look at the

back/service side of any retail center such as the HEB at McNeil.

In both these cases, one of the critical complaints has been lack of communication from the proposed developers about their intent. It has been difficult for residents to get any concrete information about the plans. Even where some information was discovered (Anderson Mill development), their remains little assurance that the final development will match the proposals they have discussed.

In a certain sense, it is economically almost inevitable that something is going to get built in those areas, whether we like it or not. These two lots may be the last properties of note that directly about the RCNA homes, but future development along McNeil, along Parmer's east side, will all impact our quality of life. We need to start demanding that our concerns be listened to. We need to continue to hound both our elected officials and the developers and owners. (See below for such an opportunity.)

I will try to ensure that the RCNA shares community level concerns with developers and officials. But more importantly, we as individual property owners need to continue to voice our concerns directly. That way the breadth and depth of community concern will make itself more apparent to those who have more direct control of future development.

3. Voter Registration

It's almost election time again. If you are new to the neighborhood (and you are hopping mad about the current state of politics -- see above), then register to vote. You have until October 4 to register to vote. If you need assistance, look on the web at <http://www.wilco.org/elections>, or call me at 512-947-5204.

4. Town Hall Meeting with Commissioner Birkman

I recently received the following notice (verbatim) of a town-hall meeting with Lisa Birkman, our new county commissioner. Perhaps this would be a great opportunity for our residents to voice their concerns to the commissioner regarding the Toll Road plan and the lack of citizen input on upcoming Parmer Lane developments.

"The first ever Town Hall Meeting for the residents of Williamson County's Precinct 1 will be

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- 4 pints strawberries
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- 1 box (2 ounces) MCP Pectin
- 4-1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup

- ?? Wash and rinse plastic containers with tight fitting lids. Use 1- to 2-cup-size containers. Set aside.
- ?? Wash and remove stems from strawberries.
- ?? In a bowl, crush berries 1 cup at a time with a potato masher. Measure exactly 3-1/4 cups crushed berries into a large bowl.
- ?? Add 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice.
- ?? Gradually stir pectin into fruit and mix thoroughly. Set aside for 30 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes to dissolve pectin completely.

- ?? Pour corn syrup into the fruit mixture and mix well.
- ?? Measure the sugar into a separate bowl, being careful to measure exactly. Gradually stir the sugar into the fruit mixture, stirring constantly and adding in small amounts until the sugar is completely dissolved and no longer grainy.

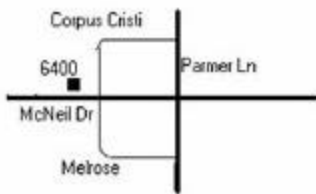
Cook's note: You can also make this recipe with black or red raspberries, blackberries or elderberries.

If you are going to make freezer jam, follow the recipe carefully.

- ?? Do not make any alterations to the recipe; measure all ingredients exactly and do not reduce the sugar.
- ?? Do not use sugar substitutes.
- ?? Do not double the recipe.
- ?? Use only MCP Pectin (which you typically find in a yellow box).
- ?? Use liquid measuring cups with a spout to measure the fruit and dry measuring cups with a straight top edge to measure the sugar.

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held on **Thursday, July 29, 7 to 9 p.m., at Forest North Elementary, 13414 Broadmeade, Austin.** Commissioner Lisa Birkman is hosting the Town Hall Meetings in order to keep county residents informed about issues affecting them. Mrs. Birkman will start the meeting featuring several guest speakers with information on Williamson County parks and trails and progress of road construction projects including State Highway 45, Highway 183 and Williamson County Road Bond projects.

A second Town Hall Meeting for Precinct 1 is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 10, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Brush Creek Community Center, 16318 Great Oaks Drive, Round Rock.** In addition to some of those topics already mentioned, this meeting also will feature officials from the city of Round Rock updating the citizens on the Brightwater Road extension."

Eric Freeman, President
RCNA



What a Wonderful Fourth of July Parade!

I was quite surprised at the turn out for our parade. The parade was wonderful, long and hot but we all made it with flying colors. (Red, White and Blue) Thank you to the Jollyville Fire Department and Nora Maxie of the Sheriff's Department for making our Parade so wonderful. All of you make Milwood a wonderful place to live.

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More on Watering and Maintaining Yards in August and September

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 very 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 minimize 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, leaves 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.

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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 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

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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 sprinkler on time as needed. Note that the variation in depth of water in each can gives you an idea how evenly your system distributes water.

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 length 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 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

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blown onto the driveway by the wind. Drip systems are operated in a similar manner. The main difference is that a small tube and an emitter is located at the base of every plant. The primary problem is that when a tube or emitter gets plugged up you do not know about it until after that plant is dead.

Soaker hoses 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 the faucet open 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 of penetration, 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. Soaker hoses are available in 100 foot lengths for around \$10.00. There is a vast array of clamp on connectors to splice, start, end, and Y sections of soaker hose. The only tools needed are a knife or large scissors, and a couple of screwdrivers.

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 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 even "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 serpentine 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.

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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 1st – April 30th 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 WINTER SESSION 2004**

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

2004 Winter Fees:	Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool	
Quantity		
_____ Winter In-District ID Badge	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Membership (Up to 4 ID Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household	\$ _____
_____ Additional O.D. ID Badge	@ \$20 each additional badge	\$ _____
_____ Guest Admittance (only with ID Badges)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
_____ 10 Guest Admittances	@ \$15	\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court Key (In District Only)	@ \$15 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)	\$ _____
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only)	@ \$20 per household	\$ _____
WINTER 2004 ID BADGES & GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID BEGINNING 09/16/04		
Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.	Total	\$ _____

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 2004

August 2004

Last Teen Night: August 13th

8:00 PM to 10:30 PM

\$2.00 Cover Charge

August 1-15:

Open Swim:

Mon - Fri: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sundays: Noon to 9:00 PM



**August 16th -
Round Rock
School Opens**

August 16-31:

Open Swim:

Mon - Fri 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturdays 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sundays Noon - 9:00 PM

***Rattan Creek Pool is Managed
by Clearwater Management***

**Manager - Mandy Paul
Pool phone - 257-8175**

**Clearwater Management
Phone - 331-7066**

September 2004

Sept 1-15:

Open Swim:

Mon - Fri 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturdays 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sundays Noon to 8:00 PM

Sept 6th: Labor Day Celebration!

Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sept 16th:

Pool Opens for Winter Swim

Sept 16-30:

Open Swim:

Monday - Wednesday – Friday:

Noon to 1:30PM

& 4:30PM - 8:00PM

Saturdays: Noon - 8:00 PM

Sundays: Noon - 8:00 PM

NOTES: See other pages for
Membership Application for Pool Use.

Applications MUST be submitted to:

ECO Resources
NAM1 Pool Tags
9511 Ranch Road 620 North
Austin, Texas 78726

***Once your 2004 application is
received and processed,
you can take your 2003 badge
to the pool for validation.***

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

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Bug problems

The bug attacking your St. Augustine grass which 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 Pyrethrin and Insecticidal Soap. 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.

Transition months in Austin are September and October that lead into the cold winter months. What that means to us who work at keeping our yards looking OK, finally our yard work is going

dormant also. Not much needs to be done from now until spring unless it continues to be hot and dry. In 1999, and 2000, and 2001, we had soaking rains about the 4th of July and then the next good rain on October 22nd. There is no predicting the fall rains. If it continues to be hot and windy, be sure to spread a leaky hose or good sprinkler around the drip edges of your trees and thoroughly soak the soil.

About this time of the year I usually get several calls about trees showing stress when the hot dry winds suck the moisture out of the tree leaves. It is poor economy to skimp on water for trees especially in the summer. If they go into the winter with low reserves of water they will be weakened and may die over the winter. This is especially true of trees less than 4-6 years old without a well established root system. Soak them well at least every couple of weeks, cheap insurance.

St. Augustine Grass Care – If it is still hot and dry and you see brown areas in hot full-sun areas, the problem is likely **Chinch Bugs**. They are small black insects with white markings on the

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Milwood Resident/RCNA Member

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wings. (So they tell me, too small for my trifocals.) A good organic cure is an insecticidal soap with pyrethrum or Neem or Diatomaceous Earth. A good yard insect killer is the Safer brand Insect Killer Pyrethrum and Insecticidal Soap. Spray not in the full-sun heat of the day on the brown areas and surrounding grass. Repeat several times a few days or waterings apart. Keep watch and repeat after a few days if the brown area is spreading.

Brown Patch Fungus: After it rains and the temperature drops to mid 70s, then dead St. Augustine grass problems are likely brown patch fungus. The stems look soft and mushy when infected by the fungus. A light application or two of Dillo Dirt or composted material will greatly reduce the fungus and allow the grass grow again. A mixture of 1 tbl. spoon of laundry detergent in a gallon water sprinkled on the area often reduces the fungus to a normal level. There are many commercial products available, be sure to read and follow the directions carefully, they can harm pets, birds and other plants.

The brown patch fungus is always in the soil and grows faster each spring and fall when the moisture

and temperature are right. The dead grass areas may need to be re-treated although composted material encourages the growth of the fungus-fighting micro-organisms and lasts the longest.

My Sprinkler System Expert Status should be established by now. A couple of years ago after a month of shopping, watching installation & testing our new sprinkler system I now know much more than before. When we travel set my system on auto-pilot so my yard will be looking good when we return home. We (as well as 2 neighbors and the Rattan Creek Park) all have the Rain Bird ESP12LX controllers. They have many choices for watering cycles including the City of Austin recommended 5-day cycle. It allows you to set different on-time lengths for each station to balance the water needs of different stations.

When weather-related watering changes are needed, you can change the setting as required. It changes all times for all stations proportionally. There is a rain sensor option and a battery backup for ac power losses.

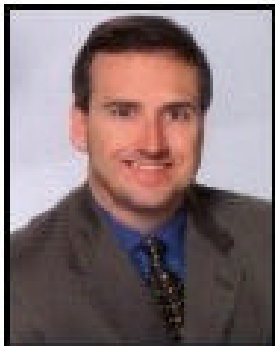
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Chuck Simms



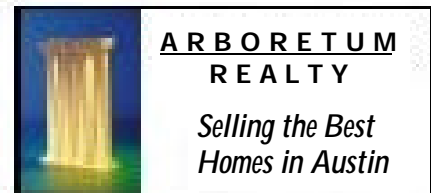
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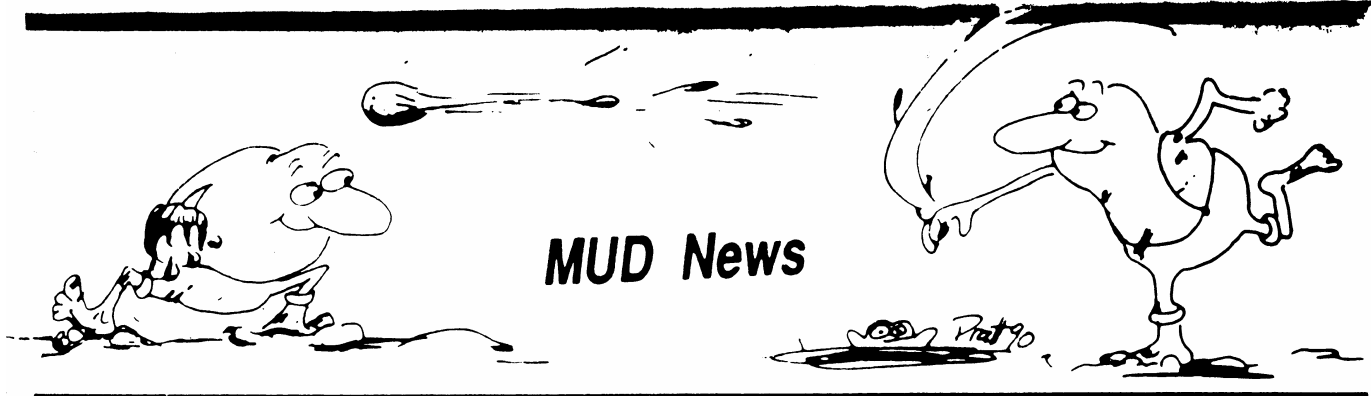
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**North Austin Municipal Utility District #1
Board of Directors Report on Commercial
Development, Parks, and Pool Activities:**

Our contractor for inspections of Restrictive Covenant Violations: The Treasure of the Hills Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. reported: on June 30, that there were: 110 new complaints filed, 2 calls for advice, 10 first letters sent, 4 second letter sent, no violations were sent to the MUD Attorney for action, and no cases closed (violations corrected).

**Possible Development on Anderson Mill Road
and Parmer Lane corner lot:**

The Board was contacted by an engineering firm about a change to the land use plan for the small multifamily area and for retail/commercial land use lot on the South West corner of Anderson Mill Road and Parmer Lane. Trammel Crow and Spanos Corp. representatives continued working with the Bluffs Home Owners Association (HOA) and the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association (RCNA) board and the NAMUD#1 Board and our legal and engineering team.

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.**

Proposed is a change from mostly retail and a small multifamily area to 5.788 acres of retail and 10.212 acres of multifamily. The layout drawing shows 4 retail businesses on the Parmer Lane and Anderson Mill Road corner. Behind the retail area there will be 9 apartment buildings, a clubhouse, and a pool and drainage facilities. Representatives from the Home Owners Association of the Bluffs section West of Anderson Mill Road, other near neighbors, and the development team of 5-6 people were at the June and July NAMUD#1 Board meetings. Dozens of e-mails were received and answered by the Board from members of the groups.

Meetings continued during July with the NAMUD#1 Board members Don Conklin, and Chuck Simms attending an HOA meeting and offering suggestions to minimize the impact of the proposed design of the Milwood Village layout on the Bluffs and other NAMUD#1 residents. The development team met with the HOA Board and Bluffs residents at meetings and made further changes to the plans to accommodate the requested changes including increased setback especially of the 3 story buildings. At the July 21 Board meeting the HOA Board, other residents and the developers provided their input on the changed layout. The land plan change was approved unanimously by the NAMUD#1 Board.

**New Williamson County Commissioner for
precinct #1.**

At the June 16th Board meeting, our newly elected Williamson County Commissioner for precinct #1 Lisa Birkman introduced herself to the Board and responded to a list of questions previously submitted by Director Chuck Simms. She

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mentioned that the proposed development at Parmer and Jefferson Center near Anderson Mill Road was a DR Horton project with proposed 300 condominium units. It is in conceptual, and would be along the lines of what was being built in Cat Hollow.

Commissioner Birkman stated that she was asking DR Horton to put the hike and bike trail on DR Horton land. They are trying to obtain an easement from the County.

She also discussed another 14-acre tract that is near the District that the County may take over. Commissioner Birkman will hold a Town meeting in Williamson County at Forest North Elementary on July 29th at 7:00pm and invited the Board and the neighbors to attend.

Commissioner Birkman forwarded our request to the Williamson County Engineering Department that responded to Director Simms question about the need for a traffic light on the corner of Osborne

and Anderson Mill Road. Simms will continue to work with the developer and the Bluffs HOA Board to try to get a signal light approved on what will be a fast and heavily traveled section of Anderson Mill Road.

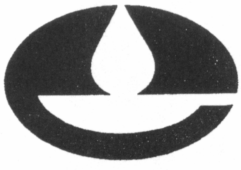
District Water Pressure: At the Board meetings since April, District Manager Gary Spoons and District Engineer David Malish have reported that the City of Austin (COA) recently has had trouble maintaining water pressure in our section of town and are varying it on a 2 day cycle.

The District engineer and staff met with COA staff to discuss potential options for increasing water pressure to the District using an interim City of Austin pressure zone. Preliminary cost estimates is total cost of this alternative will exceed \$1,600,000. It is not know if this alternative will be acceptable to the City’s operation’s staff or who would pay for it. The Board asked the District engineer and lawyer to request additional information from the City.

Possible development along SH 620:

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The District engineer received an application for a site development for LifeTime Fitness from Bury & Partners. After receipt of the payment of the review fee, the District engineer will review the preliminary plans.

Possible development on Parmer near McNeil:

The District engineer received an application for a site development for the McNeil/Parmer Retail Development from Bury & Partners. After receipt of the payment of the review fee, the District engineer will review the preliminary plans.

Homeowner's Insurance Rate Decrease? Work continues, our General Manager continues to work with the Jollyville Independent Fire Department to gather data to be used in our submittal to hopefully reduce our homeowner's insurance costs due to better fire protection for our homes.

Amarillo Ave. Entrance sign is nearing completion. The stone work and landscaping have been completed. The lighting contract was approved so watch for the lighted sign soon.

Rattan Creek Park Pool: The Hurricane Swim Team had several meets with the last one with about 1500 people in the pool and park area. There were 2 mother tot classes at the pool for mothers with children 18 months and under.

Three more teen nights had participation ranging from 80 to 140 children. The swim classes may be expanded to include a stroke improvement program, which may run at the same time as the Master program on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday morning. This program may also teach competitive swimming for Elementary and Middle school children.

There is a new lockable bulletin board installed on the East wall of the pool building for official announcements and also a neighbor's pin-on board.

A pool slide project has been delayed to fall.

Rattan Creek Playscape: The Board and the

RCNA neighborhood association are looking for volunteers to help in re-designing and replacing the playscapes next year. Please contact Directors Don Conklin or Alan McNeil to be added to the committee that will guide this major project this year.

Rattan Creek Greenbelt and Park:

The grass at the edge of the walking trails was sprayed to reduce trail damage. The Rattan and Robinson Park soccer fields were topdressed. All grass areas in Rattan Creek Park were fertilized. The anthills were spot treated throughout the park.

The Best of Texas Backyard Habitat certification process work by aci Consulting is finished with the placement of 2 educational signs for each of the 3 natural areas in the greenbelts of Rattan Creek and Robinson parks.

The certificates have been received and the signs have been installed in all 3 habitat areas.

Eagle Scout Projects: The Board is working with Eagle Scouts from Boy Scout troops 169 and 259 to develop projects that will benefit our community. Directors Don Conklin and Chuck Simms are coordinating these projects. A picnic and nature observation platform near the Gypsy Oak Tree has been designed and approved by the Board and will be installed soon.

Rattan Creek Park All 3 of the fountains are working now.

Robinson Park Humphrey Drive access road:
No change

Robinson Park Drainage projects: The drainage channel that empties near Anderson Mill Road was cleaned. The construction of an erosion control cross vane in the East Tributary of Lake Creek near the soccer backstop is still in work. The stone walls along the trail were rebuilt and cemented in place.

Water and Wastewater service for the #620 Turnpike: No change.

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A NAMUD #1 Recreation Center building:

The size and cost of the recreation center was discussed by the Board and may be brought before all the residents to better identify the desires of all residents of the District.

Director's Keith Collins and Chuck Simms are the Recreation Center committee and we are looking for suggestions. What type of a facility would be a real asset to our neighborhood? Please go to the NAMUD#1 web site to e-mail your thoughts to us, or give us a call.

Chuck Simms,
Assistant Treasurer/Secretary
NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.
Phone: 331-9630

Website: www.northaustinmd1.org

Events in Milwood/Volunteers Needed

The RCNA would like new volunteers to step forward and help coordinate our neighborhood events. I have coordinated our neighborhood events for the past five years and it has been a wonderful and fun experience. I started helping when I had my first child. I found it to be a great way to meet my neighbors and be a big part of the community. I can't go many places that I don't see a familiar face.

I am expecting our 3rd child, soon. My two older children will be in Kindergarten and First grade. I realized last year that volunteering in the school, church, and the neighborhood was way too much. Now with an infant, I know my plate is too full. I love volunteering in the neighborhood, but it is time for me to give up some of the events and obligations. Trust me, if you are someone looking for a

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little something, wanting to meet people in the neighborhood or just wanting to be a part of our wonderful community, this is the perfect project.

Events:

September: Rattan Fest

?? Mostly phone work; receive information by telephone and mail about booths. Give information about event. Call backs for messages and mail. Day of event; make sure everything runs smoothly.

December: Caroling in the park

This is a small one, but an enjoyable one!
?? Call boy scouts or girl scouts to make bonfire.
?? Pass out song books and collect them at the end.
Call fire dept. to come out with Santa.

April: Easter Event

This event would be great as a committee.

July: July 4th parade

Small, but enjoyable!

?? Call Jollyville Fire Dept.

?? Call Sheriff's Dept.

?? Call Constable's Dept.

?? Make a parade route.

Be at park the day of event.

RCNA Secretary: Take minutes and have agenda ready for next meeting.

Please become a part of our neighborhood. It is easy to sit back and let someone else do the work. You will be surprised how much enjoyment you can get out of volunteering.

Some of these events will not be happening in the future if volunteers do not step forward. It would be a shame and a loss to have to eliminate our events.

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Leaving the money in your plan- You might be able to leave your money in your former employer's retirement plan, if the plan permits. This could be a good option if you are pleased with the investment choices available in the plan. But if you're not, you may want to consider other possibilities.

Moving the money into a new plan- You may be able

to move the money from your old plan into a new employer's plan, if the new plan allows such transfers. This move might make sense if your new plan offers attractive investment options.

Rolling over retirement assets into an IRA- Depending on your individual situation, this "rollover" option could be your best choice. By making this rollover, you'll avoid the 20 percent withholding and current income taxes on your retirement plan distribution. Plus, you'll keep your retirement savings growing on a tax-deferred basis. And you'll have an almost unlimited array of investment choices. Within your IRA, you can even build a diversified portfolio to reflect your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals. Finally, once you move your retirement account into an IRA, you can later convert to a Roth IRA, so you can eventually make tax-free withdrawals, providing you meet certain conditions. (Keep in mind, though, that when converting a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, you will generate a tax liability.)

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Address _____

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Blue Dog Rescue is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to end the needless killing of homeless dogs. In 2001, Austin killed over 10,000 dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens at one area animal shelter alone. Many of them were healthy, well-behaved animals who could have made someone a wonderful pet. They were killed because there wasn't enough room to keep them until homes could be found for them.

Blue Dog Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, funded by donations, fundraisers, and adoption fees, that works to find permanent, loving homes for homeless dogs. All donations are Federal Tax deductible. Most Blue Dogs have come from Central Texas animal shelters. Blue Dog Rescue takes only those animals who are in danger of being euthanized.

When a dog is rescued from the animal shelter it receives a health exam by a veterinarian, the vaccinations appropriate for its age, and a heartworm test and preventative. All dogs of 6

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Blue Dog finds homes for dogs through adoption events, newspaper advertisements, and postings on this website. We keep each dog for a minimum of seven days in order to assess their personality, temperament, and training needs. By doing this we are able to ensure that we place each dog in the most suitable home. Individuals interested in adopting a BDR dog must fill out an adoption application and be interviewed in order to ensure that the needs of both the individual and the dog are met.

For more information on Blue Dog Rescue, please visit their website at www.bluedogrescue.com. You can find out about upcoming events and how to volunteer your time or provide a foster home. There are also pictures with accompanying information on dogs who are currently seeking adoption.

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Rattan Fest / Patriot Day: September 11, 2004

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Rattan Fest Booth Application

September 11, 2004

(Rain Date: Sept 25th)

Individual Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone:(hm) _____ (wk) _____

Description of booth: _____

All Booths FREE, if registered by 9/1,

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Entry Form

Rattan Creek 5K Race - September 11, 2004

No Rain Date

Name: _____ Gender: [] Male [] Female

Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Age as of September 11, 2004 _____

T-Shirt size: ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

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

Entry Fee: \$10.00 Children (under 12) / \$15.00 Adults

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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.

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Rattan Fest / Patriot Day - September 11, 2004

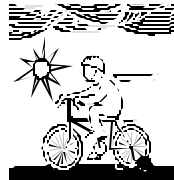
Rain Date - September 25th



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Booths will be \$5 day of event.

Each booth sponsor must provide his/ her
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(if needed). Set up begins at 9:00am.

*The Rattan Fest guarantees no exclusivity
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For any more information please contact:
Dallas Hall at 257-3494.

See Page 26 for booth form.

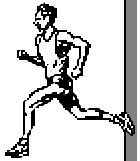
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Registration: \$10 kids (under 12), \$15 for adults
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**Late registrants may not receive a t-shirt or size
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