



# Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

*Serving Milwood at North Austin MUD # 1 since 1983*

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December 2004/January 2005

## Around Milwood

As most of the residents are aware, North Austin MUD #1 has a new trash collector, **Round Rock Refuse (255-4980)**.

A couple of issues have come up that need clarification:

1. Brush/tree limbs must be cut to 4' lengths and bound with twine or rope. This enables the trash workers to be able to pick the bundles up and throw them into the trash truck.
2. You may contact Round Rock Refuse after December 1st to get an oil recycling container delivered to your residence. (FYI...most companies that change oil will accept your old oil whether you have them work on your vehicle or not. ie. Quick Lube has this policy.)

*Thank you, Gary Spoons, General Manager ECO Resources*

## Christmas Tree Curbside Pick-up



Christmas trees will be picked up with normal trash collection beginning December 27th until mid January.

Please remember trees must be cut in 4 foot lengths and bundled, to assist our trash contractor in collecting the trees.

## We need Block Captains

for the following streets:

<b>Irby Pass</b>	<b>Montique Cove</b>
<b>Boniface</b>	<b>Earp Way      Avella Dr.</b>

*We depend on the block captains to deliver the newsletter to your home. If your street is one of the ones mentioned above, you may not receive your newsletters in a timely fashion until someone steps forward to deliver to your block.*

*If you want to volunteer as a block captain please contact Jennifer or Dave Cazares at 257-3380*

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## EVENTS

### December



Dec 1-15 Nominate homes for the *Holiday Tour of Lights* via email: [holidaylights@rattancreek.org](mailto:holidaylights@rattancreek.org)

Dec 7 Hanukkah begins at sundown

Dec 12 Caroling in the Park 6pm  
Santa arrives 6:30pm

Dec 15 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm  
9511 RR 620 North

Dec 16 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm  
6504 Shiner

Dec 17 - Jan 3 RRISD Winter Break

Dec 18 *Holiday Tour of Lights* list available online

Dec 21 Winter begins

Dec 25 Christmas Day



### January

Jan 1 Happy New Year

Jan 4 RRISD Back in

Jan 17 MLK Day (RRISD off)

Jan 19 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm  
9511 RR 620 North

Jan 20 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm  
6504 Shiner



### February

Feb 2 Groundhog Day

Feb 14 Valentine's Day  
RRISD off

Feb 16 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm  
9511 RR 620 North

Feb 17 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm  
6504 Shiner



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**Yard of the Month:** POSITION OPEN

*The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News welcomes your letters and guest columns. Letters must have a verifiable signature. Guest columns and letters will be printed on as space available basis. Neither the Rattan Creek Neighborhood News nor the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association accept responsibility for the opinions expressed in editorials, letters or guest columns. The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News reserves the right not to publish any submissions and the right to edit all submissions. Mail to the following address: Jo Jones, RCNA Editor, 13119 Green River Trail, Austin, Tx 78729 or e-mail: [JRJones@austin.rr.com](mailto:JRJones@austin.rr.com)*

**Open RCNA positions:**

- **RCNA Board: Treasurer** *requires attention to detail.*
- **Publicity/Social Committee**
- **Yard of the Month Committee**

*Please contact Chris Villalpando at 636-4894, for more information. We need new volunteers to take over these positions. Please volunteer your time. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!*

***Williamson County Tax Bills Are Late!!***

So you say, “so what, I pay mine through my mortgage company.” Here is why - if your mortgage company does not pay your taxes by December 31st, you won’t be able to take the deduction on your 2004 tax return next year!

Call your mortgage company by December 10th to make sure 1) they have received the tax bill and 2) they are going to get it paid before December 31st .

If they have not received your tax bill, call Williamson County Tax Assessor’s Office at 943-1603.



**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association**  
P.O. Box 200584 – Austin, Tx 78720-0584  
**Annual Membership Dues – \$20**  
***(January – December 2005)***

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!!**



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**Soup**

- 1. Egg Soup (sm)1.25 (lg) 3.00
- 2. Wonton Soup (sm)1.50 (lg) 3.50
- 3. \* Hot and Sour Soup (sm)1.50 (lg) 3.50
- 4. Bean Curd Vegetable Soup(for 2) 4.25
- 5. \* Szechuan Pickled Cabbage Soup(for 2)4.50
- 6. Chicken Black Mushroom Soup(for 2)4.50
- 7. Triple Corn Soup(for 2) 5.25
- 8. \* Shrimp Lemon Grass Soup(for 2) 5.50

**Appetizers**

- 1. Egg Roll(1) 1.25
- 2. Fried Wontons(6) 1.25
- 3. Vietnameswe Egg Roll(Spring Roll(2)2.50
- 4. California Roll (5) 2.50
- 5. Fried Chicken (6) 3.00
- 6. Beef Sticks (4) 3.95
- 7. Crab Puffs (6) 3.95
- 8. Steamed or Fried Dumplings (6) 4.25
- 9. Sweet Crispy Walnuts 4.50
- 10. Bar B Q Spare Ribs (4) 4.50
- 11. Butterfly Shrimp (6) 4.50
- 12. \* Shrimp Deep Fried with Spiced Salt 5.25
- 13. Shrimp Cocktail 5.25
- 14. PuPu Tray (for 2) 7.50
- 15. Chicken Lettuce Wraps (4) 5.25
- 16. Sauteed Noodles (small) 2.50
- 17. Sauteed Mushrooms (cup) 3.50
- 18. Shrimp Toast (5) 4.50
- 19. Steamed Broccoli (cup) 2.50

**Poultry**

- 1. Chicken w/ Cashews & Almond Nuts 7.50
- 2. \* House Special Chicken 7.50
- 3. Moo Goo Gai Pan 7.50
- 4. \* Kung-Pao Chicken 7.50
- 5. \* Chicken with Garlic Sauce 7.50
- 6. Chicken with Broccoli 7.50
- 7. Lemon Chicken 7.50
- 8. Sweet and Sour Chicken 7.50
- 9. Chicken with Snow Peas 7.50
- 10. \* Szechuan Chicken 7.50
- 11. \* Curry Chicken 7.50
- 12. Sesame Chicken 7.95
- 13. Chicken with Walnuts 8.25
- 14. \* Ma La Chicken 8.25
- 15. \* Orange Chicken 8.25
- 16. Chicken Lemon Grass 7.95

**Seafood**

- 1. Shrimp with Vegetables 8.50
- 2. Shrimp with Cashews 8.50
- 3. Shrimp with Broccoli 8.50
- 4. Shrimp with Snow Peas 8.50
- 5. Sesame Shrimp 8.50
- 6. \* Kung-Pao Shrimp 8.50
- 7. \* Shrimp with Garlic Sauce 8.50
- 8. \* Chicken & Shrimp with Garlic Sauce 8.50
- 9. Shrimp with Lobster Sauce 8.50
- 10. \* Shrimp with Black Bean Sauce 8.50
- 11. Sweet and Sour Shrimp 8.50
- 12. Shrimp with Chicken 8.50
- 13. \* Shrimp with Szechuan Sauce 8.75
- 14. Shrimp with Walnut 8.75
- 15. Shrimp with Sizzling Rice 8.75

**Pork**

- 1. Sweet and Sour Pork 7.50
- 2. Moo Shu Pork (with 4 crepes) 7.50
- 3. \* Pork with Garlic Sauce 7.50
- 4. \* Twice Cooked Pork 7.50
- 5. \* Pork with Green Beans 7.50
- 6. \* Pork with Eggplant 7.50

**Beef**

- 1. \* Mongolian Beef 7.95
- 2. Beef with Broccoli 7.95
- 3. \* Beef with Szechuan Sauce 7.95
- 4. Pepper Steak 7.95
- 5. \* Kung-Pao Beef 7.95
- 6. \* Beef with Garlic Sauce 7.95
- 7. Beef with Mushrooms 7.95
- 8. Beef with Vegetables 7.95
- 9. \* Hunan Beef 8.25
- 10. Beef with Snow Peas 8.50
- 11. Sesame Beef 8.50
- 12. Five Flavored Beef 8.50

**Children's Menu (For Under Age 12)**

- 1. 8 pce Chicken & French Fries 3.99
- 2. Sauteed Lo Mein & Two Beef Stick 3.99

**Vegetables**

- 1. \* Bean Curd in Szechuan Sauce 6.75
- 2. Bean Curd in Country Style 6.75
- 3. \* Broccoli with Garlic Sauce 6.75
- 3. \* Eggplant with Hot Garlic Sauce 6.75
- 5. Vegetable Delight 6.75
- 6. \* Spicy Green Beans 6.75
- 7. Snow Peas and Water Chestnuts 7.25
- 8. Vegetarian Clay Pot 7.25
- 9. Sesame Tofu 6.75
- 10. \* Kung-Pao Tofu 6.75

**Noodles**

- 1. Vegetable Lo Mein 5.50
- 2. Pork or Chicken Lo Mein 6.25
- 3. Beef Lo Mein 6.50
- 4. Shrimp Lo Mein 6.75
- 5. Beef or Chicken Chow Mein (with Crispy Noodles) 6.75
- 6. Hwa Yuan Lo Mein 6.95
- 7. Triple Pan Fried Noodles 8.25
- 8. Egg Foo Yong (Beef, Chicken, Pork or Shrimp) 8.50

**Rice**

- 1. Vegetable Fried Rice 5.25
- 2. Pork or Chicken Fried Rice 5.75
- 3. Beef Fried Rice 5.95
- 4. Hwa Yaun Fried Rice 6.25
- 5. Shrimp Fried Rice 6.25

**Chef's Special**

- 1. \* Peppercorn Chicken 8.25
- 2. \* Jalapeno Chicken 8.25
- 3. \* General Tso's Chicken 8.50
- 4. \* Chicken Two Styles 8.50
- 5. Triple Delight 8.95
- 6. Happy Family 8.95
- 7. \* Orange Beef 8.95
- 8. \* Kung-Pao Sanyan 8.95
- 9. Teriyaki Chicken 8.95

- 10. Crispy Duck Half 9.25
- 11. \* Coconut Curry Shrimp 9.25
- 12. Basil Shrimp 9.25
- 13. \* Szechuan Sicy Duck 9.25
- 14. \* Ma La Duck 9.25
- 15. Combination Seafood Platter 9.50
- 16. Three Flavor Sizzling 9.95
- 17. \* Lover's Shrimp 9.95
- 18. \* Hunan Lamb 9.95
- 19. \* Scallops with Garlic Sauce 10.25
- 20. Sizzling Beef with Scallops 10.25
- 21. Seven Wonders (for 2) 18.95

**Sunset Specials  
\$ 8.75**

(5:00 PM to 8:30 PM)

Includes: Egg Roll, Choice of Soup(Egg Drop, Wonton or Hot & Sour), Crab Puff (\$1.00 Charge for substitutions)

- 1. Moo Goo Gai Pan
- 2. \* Kung Pao Chicken
- 3. \* General Tso's Chicken
- 4. \* Chicken w/ Garlic Sauce
- 5. Chicken w/ Broccoli
- 6. Sweet & Sour Chicken or Pork
- 7. Chicken w/ Cashew & Almond
- 8. Lemon Chicken
- 9. Sesame Chicken
- 10. Shrimp w/ Vegetable
- 11. Sweet & Sour Shrimp
- 12. \* Shrimp w/ Garlic Sauce
- 13. \* Mongolian Beef
- 14. Pepper Steak
- 15. Beef w/ Broccoli
- 16. \* Kung-Pao Beef
- 17. \* Twice Cooked Pork
- 18. Vegetable Delight
- 19. Chicken or Pork Fried Rice
- 20. Pork or Chicken Lo Mein

**Pick Up Orders  
\$ 3.00 OFF - any order of  
\$30.00 or more (+ tax)**

Limit: 1 Coupon per order, per person  
Expires: January 31, 2005  
Coupon must be presented at time of pick up.

## President's Notes

### 1. Wishing Everyone a Happy Holiday

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year to all of our neighbors! I would like to take a few minutes of your time at the beginning of December to wish you all very happy holidays. As we approach the New Year, the RCNA will be working hard to better serve our neighbors in 2005. We are confident and excited that our yearly events will be even better in the coming year! Be assured, we will be asking for many of you to become involved to insure that we can improve the RCNA.

### 2. Membership

As you may recall in our last newsletter, I commented on the importance of increasing our membership numbers in the new year. I am committed to seeing our numbers dramatically rise and will make every effort to insure we increase participation in the neighborhood association before the end of 2005.

To aid in the membership drive, we have begun the process of making membership in the RCNA more of a benefit to all of our neighbors. In 2005 we will be giving each member a "RCNA Membership Card," which will entitle you to many benefits. We are in the process of developing the card and the benefits (one of which will be discounts at local vendors) and will be unveiling the card in early '05.

We will also begin our membership drive in January and February. You may see some of the RCNA board members or myself around the neighborhood asking you to become a member. Again, if one of your neighbors or a RCNA board member knocks on your door asking you to join the neighborhood association, please do!

### 3. Neighborhood Notes

The developments at Parmer and McNeil and Parmer and Anderson Mill are still in the planning process. As the president of the RCNA I believe that it is important that the neighborhood become involved in these developments as they can affect us dramatically. The main concern is they will increase traffic and bring a large number of people into the neighborhood. We continue to monitor these developments and have appointed Michelle Makuch Dent to chair the committee on development in the neighborhood. For information on any of these developments please feel free to contact Michelle or me.

### 4. Be Safe and Smart

**Please remember this holiday season,  
*Don't Drink and Drive.***

If you do go out and party, please have a designated driver, to get you home safely!

***Happy Holidays to you and your family!***

Chris Villalpando, RCNA President

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*And*

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# Around Rattan Creek

## New Neighbors and Babies:

### New Babies:



Meredith Susannah Mau  
Born October 5, 2004,  
to Bryan and Laura Mau  
7437 Dallas Drive  
8 lbs 12 oz, 20" long  
siblings: Phoebe, Andrea, & Jonathan

Jude Garrett Wilson  
Born October 28, 2004,  
to Nick and Crystal Wilson  
7435 Dallas Drive  
9 lbs 13oz, 21" long  
sibling: Jarod

Ian Christopher MacNaughton  
Born November 4, 2004  
to Dougald and Tiffany MacNaughton  
13432 Athens Trail  
8 lbs 2oz, 19 3/4" long  
sibling: Evan

Gracie Belle McMillan  
Born August 2, 2004  
to Jason and Lindsey McMillan  
at 6502 Shiner St

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



## Milwood Parent Activities

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

- Playgroup 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](mailto: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](mailto:tmckinley1@yahoo.com) for places and times we meet.
- NEW GROUP! Do you work out of your home? If you are self-employed or otherwise office out of your Milwood house, how would you like a little company? We can get together over coffee once a month or so and keep up with what's going on in the world. First meeting can be at my house, time and date will be determined by the responses. Please call Susan Morrow at 257-2737 or e-mail me at [smorrow@wordsarewe.com](mailto:smorrow@wordsarewe.com).
- Moms in Touch International <http://www.momsintouch.org> for McNeil High School meets at 13025 Muldoon Dr. Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. This is a prayer group for Moms who have a student enrolled at McNeil High. We pray for our students as well as the staff and administration of McNeil. Please contact Annette Anderson, 250-5137 or for more information [andersonhome@austin.rr.com](mailto:andersonhome@austin.rr.com).

### Post a message!

Would you be interested in meeting other moms at the play-ground? 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](mailto:mdeoliveira@austin.rr.com) to have your message posted.

9/25/04

## The Critter Nannies



- Pet Sitting
  - Post-Op Care
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**Holding and Increasing Our Property Values:**

I want to share a recurring theme in my thinking these days, and ask for your thoughts also. As a bit of background: Mary Ellen and I are retired and living on the infamous fixed income, which means that the monetary value our home in North Austin MUD #1 is a large part of our total financial picture. I expect this is true of most of you folks living in NAMUD#1, so please follow my thought process as we work our way through these four interconnected topics. 1. House First Impressions, 2. MUD Rules on Maintaining Property, 3. MUD Finances and, 4. Your Home Property Value.

**House First Impressions:** I think the realty business calls it Curb Appeal: It seems to start when folks are looking for a house to purchase or rent while driving toward the house through the neighborhood. If there are cars sitting on lawns on blocks, broken windows, sagging fences, an expectation is established that colors how your own piece of paradise and beautiful house will be remembered.

In our District, a good home sales person drives lookers in through one of the large limestone entrances with Milwood on them. Then they drive down the tree-lined streets with neatly kept lawns, clean driveways, nicely landscaped front yards, and houses framed by trees in the back yards create a lasting positive impression.

The appearance of all of your neighboring homes and of the parks and greenbelt spaces reinforces the positive impression. They drive by and point out the parks with swimming pool, tennis courts, basketball court, soccer fields, playscapes; these are all elements of a desirable neighborhood. Naturally, the actual appearance of your lawn, trees and landscaping, front door and the general appearance of the house and roof finalize the Curb

Appeal of your house.

**2. MUD Rules on Maintaining Property:** There are two complementary systems in place to try to maintain the value of all residences in the District. First, as written into your Deed, lists of Restrictive Covenants on uses and maintenance of the property that goes with the sale of the property. Also established is an Architectural Control Committee that must approve all construction changes to the property.

**Restrictive covenants** are tools to protect the investment you make in your home. They are legal promises a property owner makes when purchasing real estate. When we bought our homes we were given at least 3 documents: 1. Owner Policy of Title Insurance, 2. Original recorded Warranty Deed, and 3. Municipal Utility District Notice(s). These documents define the “covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations and charges...” which pass with the property to every owner of the property. Under Texas law, the MUD can enforce these covenants to protect its tax base that maintains the value of all of our homes. .

**The Bluffs sections also have a Home Owners Association (HOA)** that was formed by Milburn Co. in the newest sections (40A & 40B called the Bluffs). Their HOA has some enforcement authority, along with the MUD. The HOA is administered through PS Property Management Company, Inc. which can be contacted at 251-3740.

**In all sections of the MUD,** the covenants and restrictions are administered by the MUD who contracts with a company called: “Deed Restrictions Enforcement Committee (DREC) of the Senior Citizens Community Center. The mailing address is: 408 Ridgewood, Cedar Park, TX 78613.

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“Sharing God’s Love”



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See their posting in the RCNA Newsletter.

**The Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association** (RCNA) officers may be able to help you to define a problem as something covered by Williamson County Law, or Covenants and Restrictions, or Architectural Control. They can be contacted by phone or e-mail as listed in the RCNA Newsletter.

**Complaints about possible covenant and restrictions violations** by another resident must be made in writing to the Deed Restrictions Enforcement Committee (DREC) at the above address.

Note that different sections of the MUD have different restrictions so some things that are in violation in one section may not be in violation in another section. The DREC has copies of the covenants for each of the sections and will provide you a copy for your section for a small fee. The DREC determines the validity of a complaint and notifies the offenders, requesting action to bring the property in compliance with the covenants and restrictions. If after several notices no action has been taken, the DREC turns the matter over to the MUD Board of Trustees and the District Law office who may choose to file suit against the property owner. Note that the looser of the suit must pay the legal fees for both par-

ties. The MUD has not lost a suit yet.

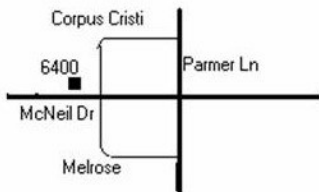
**The Architectural Control Committee (ACC)** is also defined in our Municipal Utility District Notice(s). The ACC must review and approve the plans for construction improvements or any additions or visual changes you are planning to make to your property or home. You must submit plans to the ACC 30 days before beginning construction. You will receive a response within 30 days. For Architectural control questions, contact Milburn Homes: Kate Forbs at 345-4663.

NAMUD #1 is moving into a new construction phase with all new construction being apartment complexes and commercial property with no more homes to be built. One of our best tools to maintain the property values of our homes is active enforcement of the Covenants, Restrictions and Architectural Controls.

**3.MUD finances:** Our District boundary runs along Parmer Lane from McNeil Drive to FM 620, with varying depth as marked by the NAMUD#1 signs. All the property owners pay taxes into the District to pay the costs to manage the property; residential, commercial, and parks and greenbelts, and to pay off the bond debt incurred to pay for the infrastructure when the District was built. Our District

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**AustinSmileCenter.Com**  
**Gregory P. Watson, DDS**

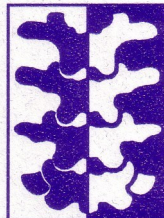


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was formed in the early 1980's and bonds were sold at various times for different expiration dates. Many of these bonds are now expiring and thus our bond debt is decreasing every year. The cost of providing services goes up with the cost of living index but our reduced bond debt has allowed the MUD Board of Directors to not increase the tax rate for several years.

**4. Your Home Property Value:** is determined by the three factors listed above. We as residents of the District have some level of control all these factors. We control the Curb Appeal and property value of our own homes by maintaining the house and landscaping. We control the curb appeal of your neighbor's homes by watching for changes that detract from the value of all the neighboring homes and by then notifying the DREC about these items. If the issue is related to structural changes, the DREC will check with the ACC to see if prior approval had been granted. If not, the offending construction can be stopped and removed.

We property owners also control the expenditure of the District taxes collected and spent by the MUD Board of Directors. Our input to the Board Members about the needed maintenance of existing

facilities, and with requests for improvements needed or facilities that would increase the usage of the pool and parks increasing overall property value of the District. Note the positive correlation between the appraised value of all the property in the District and the amount of money collected as taxes by the MUD.

Interestingly, the Board members have multiple reasons to work to improve the individual and overall property values in the district. The increase in property values effects the Board members (all property owners) home's value, and also increases the overall District tax base value, that will provide more tax income or allow tax rate reductions.

The District Board of Directors of course budgets for and pays for the normal maintenance of the infrastructure, park buildings, and greenbelts. It is time for some major repairs like the present resurfacing of the tennis courts project. Replacement of the playscape is also needed and budgeted.

This is also a good time to consider adding facilities that will hold up or increase the property values of all the property in the District. The Board has ordered a Rattan Creek Park master plan prepared to identify what is the maximum construction (impervious cover) that we could ever

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**December & January Yard Activities: Frost Protection & To Prune or Not?**

**Preventative maintenance** is the name of the game in the winter, with several items listed below. The obvious ones have to do with preventing frost damage. First, a real preventative is to spray plants with liquid seaweed monthly to harden the plants and help them hold moisture. Another method of sealing in the winter moisture is spraying with an anti-transpirant product called Cloud Cover.

**When a freeze is forecast** (overnight temperature below 25 degrees) there are several ways to minimize damage. Covering cold-tender plants with cloth will hold in the ground heat and keep the cold wind from the plants. Cloth coverings are best because they do not conduct the heat away from the plants and if not removed the next morning, the plants will be OK. Plastic conducts heat away from plants touching it, killing the foliage. The next morning plastic coverings must be removed quickly so the sun will not scald the plants. Plastic draped over a blanket or a cardboard box works well.

**Protecting cold sensitive plants:** Plants like bougainvillea, plumeria and hibiscus are common non-native cold tender plants that can be harmed by freezing weather. If they are blooming well after a few days under 40 degrees, they will decline and

it is time to move them to store. Prune back the bougainvillea and stack the containers on top of each other in a room or shed protected from freezing temperatures. Oriental hibiscus do need light and water every 2 weeks to survive the winter. Citrus in containers can be moved inside if not too heavy. Plants that cannot be moved inside can be protected by building a temporary structure around them. A wooden frame with plastic across it works well. Use a mechanics light or even Christmas tree lights for a heat source on especially cold nights.

**Remember to water thoroughly**, if we continue to have a warm windy spell, the plants need moisture all winter long. Mulching up to 3" deep will conserve soil moisture and mulching also helps protect the roots from freezing. Even if the top growth dies, plants with a strong root system will quickly recover in the spring. If plants look frozen, spray in the morning so the plants will thaw gradually. If parts turn brown, cut this material off and discard it so it doesn't rot and attract bugs and fungus.

**Winter is the time to prune.** While the trees and shrubs are dormant, it is time to cut off broken

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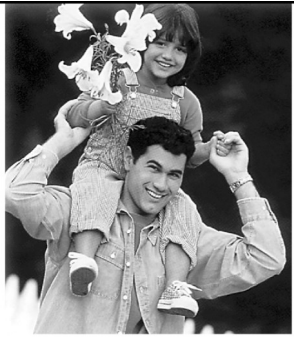
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branches and prune to shape. The Texas Department of Agriculture says “pruning is only helpful to remove dead or diseased wood, for periodic thinning, or for removing branches growing toward and hitting the house. Topping trees is generally not recommended if the tree is growing too fast and out of shape, remove it now and plant a better mannered native tree.

**Pruning cuts should NOT be flush:** they should cut just outside the branch collar, leaving a small stub. The branch collar is the wider area of bark growth where the branch is attached to the trunk. Leaving the collar promotes proper healing by the branch bark over the small stub. Do NOT use pruning paint, it can slow down the healing process by harboring moisture, insects and pathogens and excluding oxygen.

**An exception to the no-paint rule is the live oaks,** where the paint may discourage insect vectors, or carriers, of oak wilt disease. These trees should be pruned in late fall, or winter when the vectors are inactive. (More on that below)

**Live oak trees require special care.** Oak wilt disease is still a serious problem in the Austin Area. We have had several groups of trees in our neigh-

borhood infected that were removed and ditched around to keep it from spreading through touching root systems. The good news is that our trees have been here for hundreds of years and survived many passings of the live oak wilt. It is just another of Mother Natures way of thinning out too dense populations and providing more diversified plants. This is why the Austin Releaf and Tree-Folks groups encourage use of many different varieties of trees to assure on-going vegetation after the cyclical invasions of bugs and blight.

**Oak Wilt shows as:** Large areas of leaves dying very quickly. A red oak can die in two weeks. In a live oak tree, the leaves turn brown in symmetrical patterns. This infectious fungal disease is spread by sap-feeding beetles bringing the fungus from an infected tree to your freshly-cut wound. Also the fungus is spread from infected trees through interconnected roots. I you make a cut with an infected saw blade or do not immediately paint fresh cuts, your tree can become infected by the beetles attracted by the fresh sap at the wound.

**To help reduce oak wilt infection,** follow these precautions when trimming live oak trees.

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\* Never prune live oak trees in the spring or fall when beetles are active. Prune in the dead of winter before the flush of growth in February or in the heat of July or August. .

\* Always disinfect your saws and clippers before and after cutting each tree. And paint wounds immediately with pruning sealer.

\* Always purchased fully seasoned and dry firewood as oak wilt can be spread by beetles living in green wood. Cover any firewood with clear plastic and bury the edges. Use up all stored firewood by February 15th.

\*The safest way to prune live oaks is to hire a bonded professional to do the work with sterile saws and who will haul off all limbs.

**For more information about Oak Wilt** call the Travis county Agricultural Extension agent or call the Texas Forest Service at 266-9535, they will come and inspect any suspected trees at no cost.

**Remember to water all trees and shrubs** if we have a longer than 2 weeks dry spell. Healthy trees will withstand frosts and diseases better. To strengthen live oak trees, fertilize under and around an area which is 1-1/2 to 2 times the drip zone and water well during December through February

when the trees are actively growing and are: dropping leaves, blooming, dropping husks and blooms, and spreading yellow pollen on our cars. This is a critical time for watering and fertilizing your live oak trees. Water in the night or early morning to reduce brown patch and other fungus in lawns.

**Prune shrubs now while dormant**, if done too late in the spring, a spurt of new tender growth in an unseasonable warm spell may be frozen by a late frost.

**Crepe myrtles** can be trimmed to shape or down to pencil sized branches as desired up through mid February. They bloom on new wood so pruning much later in the spring reduces blooming.

**Bright colors from annual plants** can brighten up the entire landscape. Select a few sunny spots and add some flowering annuals like the pansies, flowering kale, calendula, dianthus, snapdragons,, and sweet alyssum. Prepare for spring color by adding bulbs such as hyacinths, daffodils, ranunculus, and gay feather. Keep tulip bulbs in the refrigerator at 45 degrees for 45 days or until mid December. If there is no rainfall, it is important to water in the winter. Water in the mornings to prevent brown

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do within the park limits. There are federal and City of Austin constraints on what can be done in greenbelts, parks, etc. that are being identified. The first stage of the plan is underway to examine what it is possible to do, and how additions could enhance the value of all of the property in the District.

This article is my first attempt to explain the factors that effect our individual property values and the things that we as residents can do to change the property values. After the Board's consultants complete and get the City of Austin approval of the constraints identified by the master plan, then it will be time to propose and discuss different options that can provide amenities to our neighborhood that will provide pleasure and enjoyment for all of us. This is the early first stage and the Board needs to hear your suggestions for improvements to Rattan Creek Park.

Please feel free to e-mail me or other Board members your questions and comments, I'll try to answer or get answers for you. If we have enough interest, we can set up meetings to share information. Now it is your turn to project and tell us what can be done to make ours a better neigh-

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- 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.**

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**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**

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

<b>2004 Winter Fees:</b>	<b>Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool</b>	
Quantity		
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_____ 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	\$ _____
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## 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



May 2005

### *Summer Schedule Begins*

May 7 & 8: Open Swim for all residents and  
Guests 11:00 am - 9:00pm

May 14: RCNA Pool Party  
Pool open ONLY to RCNA members until 7pm

### *McNeil High Swim Team*

*is swimming at the Rattan Creek Pool*

MHS Practice: Monday-Friday 7:00 to 9:00 am

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

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

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

**Clearwater Management  
Phone - 331-7066**

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

## Parmer-McNeil Development Update

During the last two months, Bury & Partners, engineers for the developers of the site at Parmer and McNeil, have gone through several rounds of site plan revisions and are close to meeting the requirements for their permit. However, the city can not give final approval until NAMUD #1 approves the water and waste water plans. While the developers have paid the application fees and submitted plans to the MUD's engineer for review, much discussion and revision will be required before the MUD board will be able to approve the site plan. The earliest possible approval from the MUD would be mid-December but this seems unlikely at this point. The application with the city will expire November 29, but the city will likely grant a one-time-only 30 day extension. If the developer does not complete the application process by the extended deadline of December 29 the application will expire and the developer would need to reapply.

At the October NAMUD #1 board meeting, we had a chance to meet with the project manager and engineers who represent the developer. The project manager stated that we could expect shielded parking lot lights, consistent architectural throughout the several buildings, monument signs rather than pole signs, and several other details that we had inquired about. He said that these things are standard practice on the type of site they are planning. However, these items are not regulated and there would be no guarantee. He also stated that once they received permits from the city, construction would begin within a matter of weeks and would be completed in six to eight months. In my opinion, the

likelihood of any of these things happening depends on whether the site is prepared and the retail pads are built to lease simultaneously by this developer, or the site is prepared and then divided into smaller lots for resale to be built by individual businesses. Initially, the developer indicated that plans were for the former but recent plans indicate that the are shifting to the latter strategy. My biggest concern in that case would be that construction could occur off and on for several years.

Most recent plans do included a fence along the back property line, adjacent to homes on Marble Falls Cove and the NAMUD detention pond. The fence also runs along the northern edge of the site, partially up Corpus Christi, to block a large parking lot from view. Unfortunately, at this time, plans do not include any new trees along the rear property line as I and other homeowners had requested. The RCNA board and myself will continue to work with the project manager and engineers to try to persuade them to provide a more adequate barrier between the commercial site and nearby single family homes.

For more information, please contact me at 512-331-0248 or [michelledent@makuch.org](mailto:michelledent@makuch.org)

Michelle M Dent  
Development Committee Chairman

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patch in lawns and other fungus.

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1-1/2 teaspoons salt  
5-1/2 to 6 cups all-purpose flour  
2 large eggs

Place 1/2 cup of warm water in large warm bowl. Sprinkle in yeast; stir until dissolved. Add remaining warm water, warm milk, butter, sugar, salt and 2 cups flour. Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer. Add eggs and 1/2 cup of flour. Beat at high speed for 2 minutes. Stir in enough remaining flour to make soft dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover with plastic wrap; let rest for 20 minutes.

Punch dough down. Shape into desired shapes for dinner rolls (see more about shaping below). Place

on greased baking sheets. Cover with plastic wrap and foil, sealing well. Freeze up to 1 week. When frozen, rolls may be placed in plastic freezer bags. Remove from freezer; place on greased baking sheets. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1-1/2 hours. Bake at 350 F for 15 minutes or until done. Remove from baking sheets; cool on wire racks.

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Yield: 2 dozen rolls.

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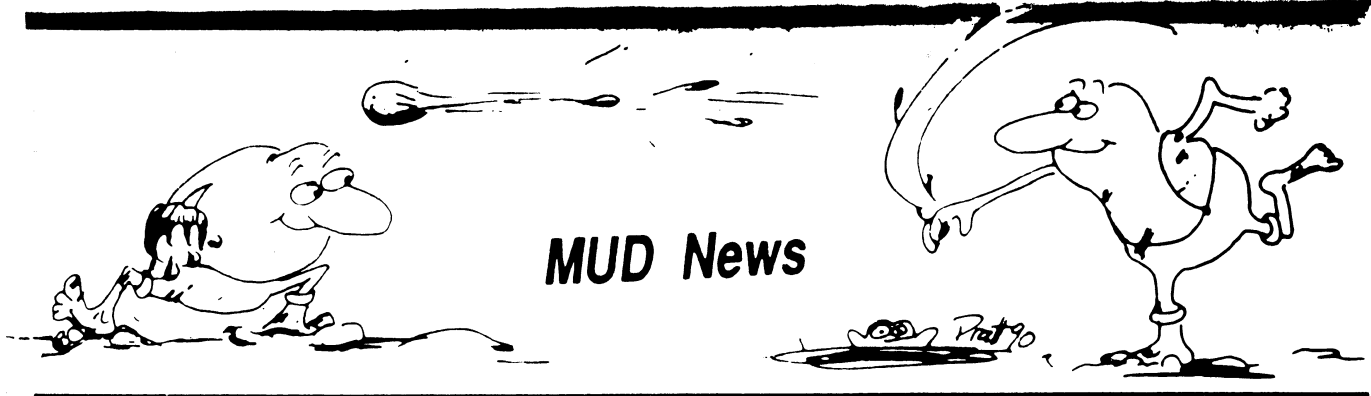
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**North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors Notes on the September 2004 Board meetings on Commercial Development, Parks, and Pool Activities:** *Note that the Board reviewed and approved minutes of meetings are available on the NAMUD#1 web site listed below.*

**Our contractor for inspections of Restrictive Covenant Violations:** The Treasure of the Hills Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. reported: on October 27, 2004, that; there were: 14: new complaints filed, 4 calls for advice, 14 first letters sent, 1 second letter sent, 5 violations were sent to the MUD Attorney for action, and 8 cases closed (violation corrected).

**Development on Anderson Mill Road and Parmer Lane corner lot:** The development is being called the Villages of Milwood, and development is progressing.

**New Williamson County Commissioner for Precinct #1.** Our Williamson County Commissioner for precinct #1 Lisa Brirkman followed up on Director Simms question about the possibility of a traffic light being installed on the corner of Osborn and Anderson Mill Road. She e-mailed the Williamson County Traffic Engineering department

for an update. No reply yet.

Director Simms asked for a status report from Commissioner Birkman's office, no reply by the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. Simms will continue to work with the developer and the Bluffs HOA Board to try to get a signal light approved somewhere on what will be a fast and heavily traveled section of Anderson Mill Road.

(no change) Commissioner Birkman 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.

**District Water Pressure:** (no change) 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 random cycle now. Even lower pressures were recorded while checking for adequate flow and pressure for the Villages of Milwood area.

(New) The District engineer submitted and the Board approved an estimated proposal for two Water Pressure Booster Stations. The two stations will be located on District owned land on Dallas (the fire station lot) and on Tamayo near the entrance monument on Parmer Lane. Each station will each contain a skid mounted on-line variable speed booster pump. The costs are not to exceed estimates and will be paid for by existing MUD reserve funds that can only be used for water management.

Possible development along SH 620 (No change)

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**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.**

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The District engineer received an application for a site development for LifeTime Fitness from Bury & Partners. The review fee was paid and the District engineer has reviewed the preliminary plans.

Possible development on Parmer near McNeil (Changes) The District engineer received an application for a site development for the McNeil /Parmer Retail Development from Bury & Partners. The review fee has been paid and the District engineer has made some suggested changes and just recently received the landscaping portion of the plans.

The RCNA board appointed neighbor Michelle Dent as the chair of the Development Committee for the RCNA at their September meeting. Michelle has contacted as many as possible as possible neighbors that will be effected by the development. She has been working with the COA planning department to make them aware of the concerns of the neighbors. In November, Michelle and RCNA President Chris Villapando brought the neighbors concerns to the Board meeting.

**Homeowner's Insurance Rate Decrease:** (No Change) 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.


**Rattan Creek Park Pool:** There were mechanical problems with a pH probe failing, a temperature sensor on one heater failing, and the level of the combined solids that rose drastically. The probe and sensor were repaired and the pool drained on the 8<sup>th</sup> with operation returned on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>. The McNeil HS swim team had been notified and are again using the pool.

**Rattan Creek Playscape:** (no change) 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:** (New) The grass at the edge of the walking trails were sprayed to reduce trail damage, the trails are mowed and trimmed weekly. The Rattan and Robinson Park soccer fields and park areas were overseeded with

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Rye Grass for winter. (Fescue grass in shaded areas.) The park had Logic ant bait applied.

**Rattan Creek Park Tennis Courts:** (new) Resurfacing the 4 courts has begun, 2 courts will be done at a time, and the schedule depends on the rainfall.

**Eagle Scout Projects:** The Board is working with an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout troops 169 and 259 to develop projects that will benefit our community. Director's Don Conklin and Chuck Simms are coordinating these projects.

An Eagle Scout from Troop 259 has completed a picnic and nature observation deck under the Gypsy Oak Tree near Anderson Mill road.

It is great addition to our MUD recreational areas, Take the trail for the short walk from the Humphrey or Amasia entrances to Robinson Park and head South West between the soccer fields, across the small wooden bridge over the East tributary of Lake Creek until you reach the Best of Texas Wildlife Habitat area signs on your right and then you'll be able to see on the left the beautiful Gypsy Oak tree with the large observation deck

nestled under the canopy of the tree.

Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Freidberg from troop 169 proposed to the Board building a protection grate and fence around a sinkhole near the Gypsy Oak. An educational sign will also be developed to describe the sinkhole and it's direct connection to the Edwards Aquifer.

**Robinson Park Humphrey Drive access road:** (no change) The Board directed our lawyer to file suit against the builder to remove the defective materials and build a new section as originally specified.

Vandals lighted the tall pampas grasses at the entrance on fire early one morning. The fire department put out the fire, TexaScapes has pruned them.

**Robinson Park Amasia Playground:** Vandals lit on fire the toilet paper in one of the rest rooms causing smoke and other damages.

**Robinson Park Drainage Improvement Projects:** The District engineer submitted an estimated proposal for Robinson Park Drainage Improvements including: the removal of rock from

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the creek bed, and the completion of the diversion structure to stop creek bank damage. A project was also approved to add 6 cu yards of soil to the eroded creek bank. Note that these projects are funded from existing funds restricted for drainage improvement projects.

**Water and Wastewater service for the #620 Turnpike:** (no change) I heard the rumor that that section is several months behind schedule.

**Rattan Creek Park Master Plan:** The District engineer submitted and the Board approved an estimated proposal for a master plan showing the maximum construction and impervious cover allowable. The plan will be submitted to the City of Austin for approval. A tree survey is under way so you may see some workers placing tags on the trees in the park.

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.

*Note that these are unofficial notes about the Board activities. After Board approval at the next meeting the official minutes of the meetings are posted on the web site.*

Chuck Simms, Assistant Secretary,  
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Additionally, the Central Texas Turnpike System, which is a part of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT), now offers a monthly electronic newsletter on toll projects managed by TXDoT. It has the latest information on the SH45 project, which is near the Rattan Creek neighborhood.

To subscribe to the newsletter, email them at [info@texastollways.com](mailto:info@texastollways.com) or visit their website, [www.texastollways.com](http://www.texastollways.com). If you do not have access to the internet, you can call their office for more information, 832-7960.

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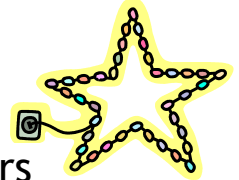


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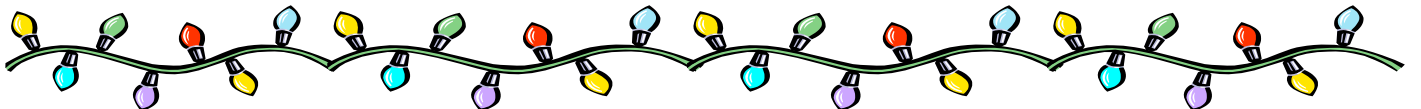


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*We need more nominations this year!!*

Be sure to have all your lights on for your neighbors to enjoy your efforts!

We will publish all the nominees on the RCNA website, [www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org) for everyone to enjoy by December 18th.



*Join us and sing Carols  
around the Bon Fire!*



Don't forget a **flashlight**  
to see your songbooks!

*Sunday December 12th at 6:00 pm  
Be sure not to miss Santa...*

He should arrive about 6:30 PM.  
*Santa says "Please do not to rush the firetruck!"*

*MOM AND DAD's:  
Don't forget your cameras!!*

