



Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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April/May 2005

Around Milwood

We need Block Captains for the following streets:

Irby Pass (9)

Montique Cv.(5)

Earp Way (5)

Avella Dr.(8)

Modena (12) Tossa Ln (15) Margit (15)

Kerrville Folkway (41) Humphrey Dr (30)

Block Captains deliver newsletters 6 times a year to homes on their street. If your street is one of the ones mentioned above, you will not receive newsletters until someone steps forward to deliver to your block. Newsletters are available at the sign at the Rattan Creek Park. *Numbers in () is the number of houses.*

We need Section Heads for

Kerrville Folkway Area

Luling Lane Area

Section Heads receive a bulk count of newsletters for their section of the neighborhood. They are responsible for the delivery of the newsletters to the block captains of their section.

If you would like to volunteer as a block captain please contact Jennifer or Dave at 257-3380.

Many Thanks to Helen Lewandowski for becoming a block captain for Luckenbach!!

Teen Nights:

June 3 & 18

July 1, 15, 29

August 12

8:00pm to 10:30 pm

\$2.00 Cover Coverage

Subject to change - please check at the pool.

EVENTS

April

Apr 3 Time Change

Spring Ahead 1 hour

Apr 20 MUD Meeting, 6pm

9511 RR 620 North

Apr 21 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm

Rattan Creek Pool

Apr 24 Passover

Apr 28 RRISD Elem

Early Release Day

Apr 29 RRISD Holiday

Bad Weather Make up Day

Apr 30 RCNA Scholarship

Deadline

May

May 3 & 5 RRISD Elem

Early Release Day

May 8 Mother's Day

May 14 RCNA Members Only

POOL PARTY

12-5pm

May 18 MUD Meeting, 6pm

9511 RR 620 North

May 19 RCNA Meeting, 7pm

Rattan Creek Pool

Scholarship Announcement

At RCNA Meeting

May 25 Last Day of School

May 30 Memorial Day

June

Jun 15 MUD Meeting

Jun 16 RCNA Meeting

Jun 19 Father's Day

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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

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.



**Hurricane
Swim Team
Registration**

Friday, April 22 6-8 pm at YMCA
Saturday, April 23 at Rattan Creek Pool

For more information:

E-mail: kgreen25@austin.rr.com

RCNA Needs You!

* Please note these are all VOLUNTEER positions - not paid positions!

Advertising:

We need someone who loves talking to people and is willing to dedicate 5-10 hours a month, asking local businesses to advertise in the Rattan Creek Newsletter. Please contact Jo at 335-1805.

General Volunteers:

We need folks who are willing to dedicate 2-5 hours when needed to help with planning, setup or cleanup of an event. Please contact Dallas Hall at 257-3435.

Block Captains or Section Heads:

We need folks who are willing to dedicate 1-2 hours every other month to help deliver the newsletter. Please contact Dave or Jennifer Cazares at 257-3380.

*We depend on your support!
Thank You!*

**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association 2005 Scholarship Award Program
3 - \$500 scholarship awards available.**

Responses must be postmarked no later than April 30th.

Finalists will be advised before the RCNA meeting on Thursday, May 19th.

Criteria:

High School Seniors limited to RCNA member families.

Academic achievement.

Public service and community activities.

2-4 page written essay discussing a piece of literature you read during your high school years
and how it made an impact on your thinking.

Finalists should be prepared to answer questions-interview format with the RCNA Board if required.

Application:

Date _____ Signature: _____

Contact phone number _____

Legal name in full _____

Permanent Address _____

College(s) planning to attend Fall 2004 _____

Name of High School _____

Name of High School Language Arts Instructor _____

Current cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____

List activities, awards or special recognition you have received: _____

Briefly list work experience: _____

(If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, choose only those you consider most significant. Attach a resume if available.)

**Return application form, essay and resume (if available) to
RCNA Scholarship, P.O. Box 200584, Austin, TX 78720-0584.**

President's Notes

Greetings, to all of our wonderful neighbors from your neighborhood association President. The first order of business this month is a hearty "thank you" to Dallas Hall. Our Easter egg hunt was a rousing success this year thanks largely in part to Dallas' hard work. Thank you to the girl scouts and boy scouts for their help stuffing the eggs, distributing the eggs through to the clean up at this event. Even though we did not get the weather we were hoping for, we had a wonderful turnout and everyone had a great time. We constantly talk about the necessity for volunteers, and it seems that Dallas is always one we can count on.

The second order of business is an update on our membership drive. We are receiving new memberships daily, but would remind you that if you are reading this newsletter and have not signed up this year, please do so.

D-O-G-S! Many of our neighbors (including myself) have and love them. We take care of them and try our best to insure that they do not bother our neighbors. Unfortunately, they are dogs. And they tend to bark, bite and borough. What I would like to address is the number of calls, and e-mails I get on a monthly basis that deal with neighborhood dogs. Everyone understands that it is not easy to control them when they are in the back yard and you are inside working on the million other things that need to be taken care of in life. What tends to bother most of our neighbors is the lack of attention the dog that barks at 3 a.m. gets. The dog that barks continuously from dawn to dusk can ruffle people's feathers too. The dog that wanders the park off a leash can also bother people (especially those who are afraid of them). The dog that bites a neighbor and then the neighbor walks away without rendering aid is criminal.

What I am trying to say is that if you have a pet (dog or otherwise) please be mindful of your neighbors. If someone knocks on your door and says "I'm sorry to bother you but could you please stop your dog from barking?" Don't take offense; try your best to stop the barking. In our case, our

dog loves to bark at cats, people walking by our house, the occasional squirrel and possum and everything else that moves near the house late at night. We also know that our neighbors have a newborn baby girl. So we make a diligent effort to bring the dog inside and leave him in the garage around 9 pm every night. We understand that the neighbor's baby needs to sleep, and so we try our best not to allow the dog to bark late at night. I'm not asking you to get rid of your dogs, I'm only asking that we all make a concerted effort to be mindful of neighbors when it comes to our pets.

Finally, I would like to let all of you know how much I have enjoyed serving as the President of the RCNA over the past year. And although I would love to continue serving on the board, my family and I will be moving to another state, where my wife will be getting a Master's degree for the next two years. We plan to return to Austin, to this neighborhood and I look forward to serving again as a volunteer of the RCNA when we return. If you have ever thought about volunteering or if you would like to explore the possibility of helping just a little bit, please give me or one of our board members a call to let us know what you would be interested in helping with. I will likely continue to work as President until we have found a suitable replacement or until July when we move.

See you around the neighborhood,

Chris Villalpando
RCNA President
636-4894

**Time to Renew
Your Membership
with the
RCNA**

Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

New Neighbors:

Marti and Rob Smith

13425 Tamayo Drive



New Babies:

Emma Dyan Hughes

Born January 4, 2005

to Sheila and Dennis Hughes

and big brother Gabriel

at 13338 Black Canyon Drive.



Luka Mathias Eichenwald

February 7th at 10:35 a.m.

5 pounds, 13 ounces and 18 inches long,
and

Leo Kiefer Eichenwald

February 7th at 11:07 a.m.

6 pounds, 7 ounces and 20 inches long

to Wes and Donna Eichenwald

at 13272 Darwin Lane.

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 choose 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

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Parmer-McNeil Development Update

Construction began on the Parmer-McNeil retail center in early March. The site was cleared quickly and excavation began within a few days. In the first weeks, the crews were warming up their trucks by 6:30 a.m. and working until 6:30 p.m. each evening. The whistle blew early on Fridays, and after an unpleasant awakening one weekend (and very reasonable requests by nearby homeowners), the contractor agreed to start a little later on Saturdays whenever possible. Sundays have fortunately brought peace and quiet to the neighborhood. According to the developer, we can expect much of the noisiest tasks to be complete by mid-late summer. This includes clearing, excavating, laying the base, pouring the pavement, and pouring concrete pads and tilt walls. The pouring of the concrete will unfortunately most likely need to be done very early (pre-dawn) in order to avoid the heat of the summer and ensure that the concrete cures properly. This will hopefully be a brief inconvenience to the neighborhood. Otherwise, in general, we can expect the crew's schedule to change based on rain

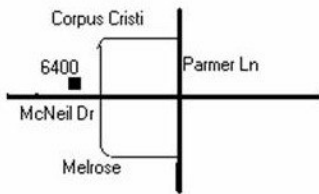
delays, budgets, deadlines, and the requirements of certain jobs. The developer still states that the project should be complete in six to eight months (from the March start date).

With the exception of most of the large trees (eight inch trunks or larger) within twenty five feet of the back property line, the site was completely cleared of vegetation--all the way up to the adjacent properties on Marble Falls Cove. Many homeowners are understandably upset that their views have been destroyed. Especially since many of them thought that this acreage was "greenbelt." The fact is, this land has been privately owned and platted as commercial property for as long as Milwood has been platted as a residential development--more than twenty years. Please remember, however, that the pavement will not reach as far back as your fenceline. There is a planned landscaped area of approximately twenty-five or more (much more in many cases) feet between the homes and the pavement. Then, the buildings themselves will be even further (some much further) set back than this. The entire site will be landscaped, and the back property line will be fenced and lined with evergreen trees, so we can look forward to more trees than were left after the initial clearing. Whether or not this will provide adequate screening (of sites or sounds) for your home is subjective and as yet unknown, so I recommend considering plantings, fencing, lattice, etc. that shield the development from your own home.

In response to comments and questions I've received, please be aware that in this un-zoned area

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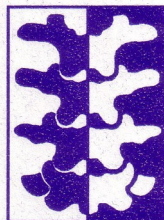


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Milwood Resident

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(outside city limits, inside Travis County) there are no ordinances pertaining to building design, types of businesses allowed, hours of construction, or noise or light pollution. However, the City of Austin Environmental Inspection Department is responsible for overseeing the construction process to ensure safety and adherence to the site plan. If you believe you have a legitimate complaint or cause for concern, you may contact me or the city directly to investigate (512-974-2000).

While the developer still isn't revealing the names of specific tenants, we do know the types of businesses in most cases. Between Corpus Christi and McNeil, from North to South, at the front of the property (adjacent to Parmer Lane) there will be 1) a bank, 2) an unknown business, 3) a fast food restaurant, 4) a coffee shop, 5) a water detention pond, and 6) the existing Shell station. From North to South at the back of the property (adjacent to homes on Marble Falls Cove, the MUD water detention pond, and one home on Corpus Christi) there will be 1) a parking lot, 2) a large multi-unit building that will primarily house a family-oriented, local chain restaurant, 3) a multi-unit

building that will house a nail salon, a dry cleaners, and other retailers yet to-be-determined, and 4) a bank.

Lastly, given the adventurous nature of children and the proximity of the site to the MUD detention pond (which is often used for recreation), please keep your eyes and ears open for activity in the area. We need to work together to keep the neighborhood's kids out of the construction site and out of danger.

My next objectives with the developer are to identify the specific tenants by name, review (and hopefully have input into) the lighting plans, and get the timing of specific construction tasks, extreme or early morning noise, the installation of the fence, and the planting of the trees.

Please contact me with any questions.

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April/May Gardening

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

The low growing oxalis has shamrock-looking leaves with small white flowers and also will survive our winters and come back every year. The Bearded iris also makes an excellent groundcover. Plant them in full sun for blooms in March, April, or May depending on the selection. Buy the rhizomes boxed or growing in containers. The



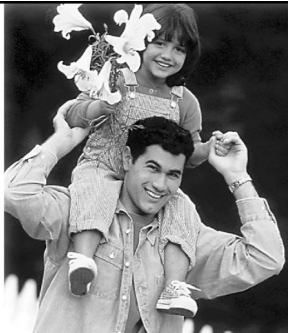
blooms come in white, yellow blues, maroons and bicolors. Iris rhizomes must be planted so the top of the rhizome emerges from the soil. They may rot if planted to deep or under deep mulches. Irises are Xeriscape plants that even without mulch will prosper in our heavy dry soil. For best results, thin out iris rhizomes every three or four years.

Daylilies bloom in early summer after irises and have attractive sword-like foliage that is less stiff than iris. In full sun or part shade they make a good groundcover.

There are a number of blue flowered salvias that the hummingbirds and butterflies love. The blue salvias require full sun to bloom well. The Indigo Spires blooms well and grows to four feet in good soil. If you can find Salvia guaranitica, it has a spectacular blue-purple bloom. Sages grow well in full sun with Mexican Bush sage and the Mealy Blue sage reaching 30 inches tall and as wide.

Another blue flowered plant is plumbago which reach three feet tall with clusters of vinca sized light blue blooms for the butterflies when grown in morning sun or dappled shade. Firebush

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tubular red blooms are a hummingbird favorite growing well in full sun and increasing in size each year after freezing back each winter.

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

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

Look over the grasses at the nurseries also. Some only get to 12 inches and make nice accent plants with interesting texture and color. For partial shade groundcover, I have a lot of Inland Sea Oats that spreads from the flag looking seeds but is not

too aggressive. Pretty green grass all summer, grows to 18 inches at most and has pretty dry stalks with seed flags all winter. If you have some large areas, check out the other tall grasses which are easy to grow and with minimum maintenance.

Fire ant control Logic or Award may be available at the farm stores. If so, spread when the dew has dried, soil temperature is above 60 degrees, and it is 2 to 3 hours before the rain. Within a week or two, the growth regulator will start reducing the ants in the mound and the worried workers try to start new mounds. Sprinkle Logic everywhere

except within 4 feet of mounds. These principles apply to any insecticide, the idea is to spread it when the bugs are active and foraging for food and will pick it up and take it down to the queen. For fast control of fire ant mounds where you walk or play, sprinkle 2 teaspoonfuls of Orthene powder on each mound. It smells bad so the cats, dogs, and kids will leave it alone and it will kill that hill of ants.

Water Be sure to water new small plants especially well and soak new larger shrubs and

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problems from Asiatic jasmine let to grow up trees that eventually damaged the tree. So clip climbing vines off near the ground periodically, you will save a lot of time and maybe the life of the tree.

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

If your grass has dead patches, it could be white grubs eating the roots. The white grubs are the larval stage of the May or June beetles (or June bugs). The warm season grasses like Bermuda,

zoysia, St. Augustine, and buffalo grass are attacked by the June beetles and southern masked chafer. The damage shows in summer (that's why they are called Junebugs) and fall months when the larger c-shaped creamy white larva actively feed.

Damage shows as irregular shaped areas of weakened or dying grass where the grass lacks vigor and is vulnerable to invasion by weeds. Weakened grass has less root system and is easily pulled out. If you dig around in the soil a bit you will find the grubs in the top few inches of the soil in the root zone. Treatment is most effective when the grubs are 1/2 inch long or less. Treatment is most effective when applied after a rain or a thorough soaking of the turfgrass to force the grubs close to the surface to get air. Insecticides include Dursban, diazinin, merit and Oftanol.

Check newly planted roses, shrubs and trees if weather is windy, and refirm soil around roots, and check supports and ties. Remember to remove ties from rubbing on plants as soon as possible because any tie constricts flow of sap under the bark. And plants develop faster and with stronger trunks

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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 Summer or Winter ID badge purchased. Six admittances will be assigned with each Annual ID badge. (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 and used by **one** person.
- Annual ID badges are good from the beginning of the summer session until the end of the winter session and not necessarily a year from the date of purchase. (i.e. valid from May 2005 to April 2006)
- Tennis court keys are good from (approximately) the end of April/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 list 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, Inc.
- ID badges can be picked up at the pool after your application is processed at ECO Resources, Inc. **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.
- Forms of payment accepted for pool and tennis keys are check, cash and money order. Credit/debit cards are not accepted for payment.
- In the event a check is returned by your bank, your water account will be posted with the fees for items purchased, plus a returned check fee.
- All applications MUST be signed to be considered complete.
- Application, schedules and other information on district facilities is available on the district's website (www.northaustinmud1.org).

**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 & TENNIS COURTS

Application to Use Recreational Facilities and Release of Liability

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED
APPLICATION FOR 2005 SUMMER / ANNUAL SESSION

NAMUD #1 Water Bill Account No. _____		Home Telephone No. _____	
(Application will be considered incomplete without account number)			
Name _____			
(As it appears on NAM1 bill)			
Address _____		ZIP _____	
Emergency Contact Name _____		Emergency Phone No _____	

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)

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____

NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL

2005 Summer/Annual Fees:	Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool	
Quantity		
_____ Summer In-District Badge	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Summer Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household	\$ _____
_____ Additional Out-of-District Summer Badge	@ \$20 each additional badge	\$ _____
_____ Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
_____ 10 Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15	\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court Key (In-District Only)	@ \$20 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)	\$ _____
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only) (RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)	@ \$20 per household	\$ _____
_____ Annual In-District Badge	@ \$40 per badge	\$ _____
SUMMER 2005 BADGES & GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 09/15/05		
ANNUAL 2005 BADGES & GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 04/30/06		
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.
13. Coaching activities, other than by parent/guardian, are prohibited except as provided by Pool Manager, McNeil High School or the Hurricane Swim Team.

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.
Sunday hours are 12 Noon to 9 p. m.

WINTER SCHEDULE

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

General Information

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

Tennis/Sports Court Rules and Regulations

(In District Members Only)

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

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

North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 Rattan Creek Pool Summer Schedule 2005

April 2005

April 1-30: Pool Open - Winter Swim
Monday- Wednesday-Friday
12:00-1:30pm and 4:30 to 8:00 pm
Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00pm

April 29: *Spring Holiday*
Pool Open: 12:00 to 8:00pm



May 2005

*Summer Swim
Schedule Begins*

May 1, 7 & 8: Tags are not required for all
Residents and Guests 11:00 am - 9:00pm

May 1-25:

Open Swim: Saturday: 11:00am - 9:00pm
Sunday: Noon - 9:00pm
Lap Swimmers Only: Tues - Thurs 7:00 - 9:00pm
Hurricane Swim Team - Starts evening practice:
3:30 - 8:00pm (weekdays)

May 14: RCNA Pool Party
*Pool open ONLY to RCNA Members
until 5 pm*

May 25th - School is Out !!

May 26 - 31:

Open Swim: Mon - Fri: 11:00am-9:00pm
Sat : 11:00am-9:00pm
Sun : Noon-9:00pm

June 2005

June 1-30:
Swim Team: Mon - Fri: 7:00 - 11:00am
Open Swim: Mon - Fri: 11:00am-9:00pm
Sat : 11:00am-9:00pm
Sun : Noon-9:00pm

July 2005



July 4: Independence Day

July 1-11:
Swim Team: Mon - Fri: 7:00 - 11:00am
Open Swim: Mon - Fri: 11:00am-9:00pm
Sat : 11:00am-9:00pm
Sun : Noon-9:00pm

July 12-31:

Open Swim: Mon - Fri: 9:00am-9:00pm
Sat : 9:00am-9:00pm
Sun : Noon-9:00pm

August 2005

August 1-16:
Open Swim: Mon - Fri: 9:00am-9:00pm
Sat : 9:00am-9:00pm
Sun : Noon-9:00pm



August 16: School Starts



August 16-31:
Open Swim: Mon - Fri: 4:30am-9:00pm
Sat : 11:00am-9:00pm
Sun : Noon-9:00pm

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

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

**Clearwater Management
Phone - 331-7066**

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

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

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Fire: Jollyville Fire Department
Emergency 9 - 1 - 1
 Administrative 258-1038

Sheriff: Emergency 9 - 1 - 1
 Williamson County
 Non-Emergency 943-1300
 Travis County
 Non-Emergency 974-0845

Crime Stoppers 1-800-253-STOP

County Commissioner
 Williamson, Precinct 1
 Lisa Birkman 248-3238
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 Karen Sonleitner 854-9222

Dept of Homeland Security 1-800-BEREDDY

Poison Control 1-800-POISON 1
 (1-800-764-7661)

Mail: Balcones Post Office
 11900 Jollyville Rd. 331-9802

Schools: RRISD 464-5000

Elementary
 Jollyville 428-2200
 Pond Spring 464-4200
 Live Oak 428-3800
 Middle School
 Deer Park 464-6600
 High School
 McNeil 464-6300

Utilities:

Electric
 City of Austin 494-9400

Gas
 Texas Gas Service 1-800-700-2443

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

Water trees Water the entire area 1-1/2 times beyond the drip line to encourage roots to grow out where they will capture as much rainfall as possible. Water the area slowly until the water runs off. Wait 30 minutes and water again until the water stands or runs off. This process forces much of the air out of the soil that allows the water to go as deeply as possible. Remember tree roots on live oak trees (and most others) are 8 inches deep or more and that is where the water must go to help the plant grow. If you want a large tree fast, water more often, it really makes a difference.

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

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

Some shade tolerant flowers include: Iris, daylilies, hollyhocks, Turks cap, rosemary, oregano, thyme, mint sorrel, columbine, and parsley. Ground covers do well in partial to full shade so try English ivy, Lilorope, monkey (mondo) grass, Asiatic jasmine, or wild petunias (ruellas). There are many taller bunch grasses available now and some of them will do well in partial shade like the 18 inch tall inland sea oats. Some plants are low growing and some tall. Intersperse or build a backbone in your beds with shrubs like the dwarf crepe myrtle,

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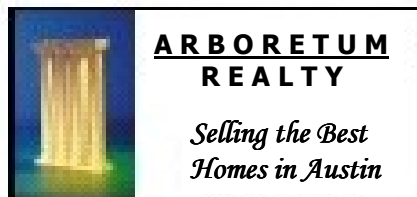
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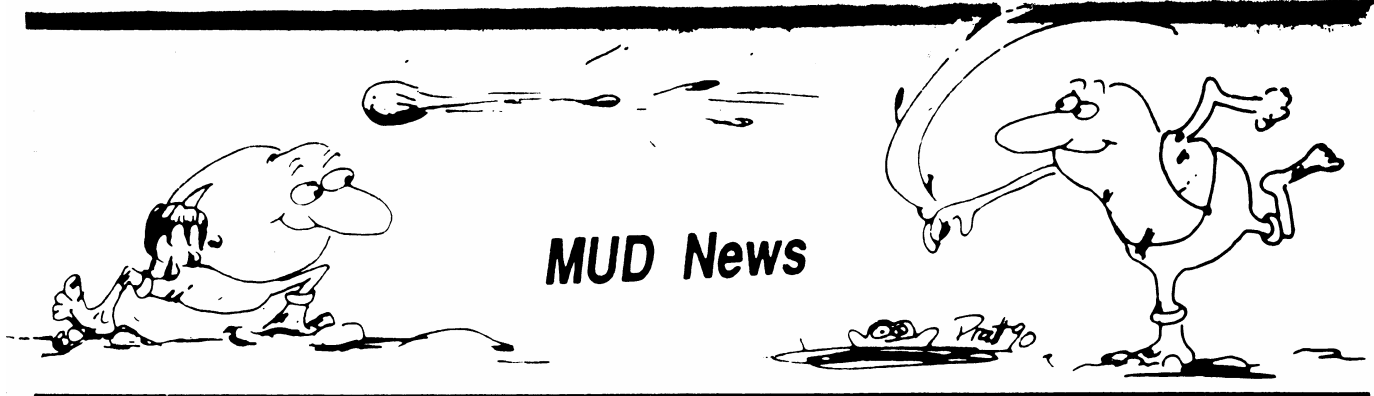
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North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors Notes on the February 2005 Board meetings on Commercial Development, Parks, and Pool Activities: *Note that the Board reviewed and approved minutes of meetings are available on the NAMUD#1 web site listed below.*

Our contractor for inspections of Restrictive Covenant Violations: The Treasure of the Hills Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. reported: on February 25, 2005, that; there were: 6 new complaints filed, 2 calls for advice, 13 first letters sent, 1 second letter sent, 2 violations were sent to the MUD Attorney for action, and 6 cases closed (violation corrected).

Development on Anderson Mill Road and Parmer Lane corner lot: (No change) The development is being called the Villages of Milwood, and development is progressing with an apartment complex and several commercial building sites.

New Williamson County Commissioner for precinct #1. Our Williamson County Commissioner for precinct #1 Lisa Brirkman's Aide Mary Clark and County Engineer Joe England came to the

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.

February Board Meeting. We discussed the addition of a street light on the corner of Amasia and Anderson Mill Road near the new Milwood sign for this unlighted corner. It appears that if a light is to be installed, the MUD will have to pay the City of Austin to install it.

Williamson County agreed to remove the debris near the sidewalk on Anderson Mill Road near the Gypsy oak tree.

Williamson County agreed to install the sidewalk on Amasia and Humphrey on the corner entrance of Robinson Park. A list of other sidewalk repairs needed will be forwarded to the county also as agreed.

Removal of a mound of dirt between the fence and sidewalk to the South of the Bluff's entrance was discussed. The owner of this narrow strip of land was later identified as D.R. Horton. Discussions continue to get the ownership transferred to the either the MUD or the Bluff's HOA, so it can be cleaned up and maintained.

New Signal Light on Anderson Mill Road: (No Change). Director Simms and Michelle Dent and Jennifer Hutson of the Bluffs HOA will continue to work with Williamson county to try to get a signal light approved somewhere on what is a fast and heavily traveled section of Anderson Mill Road.

The Village at 8609 Parmer Lane. (New): The project that Commissioner Birkman mentioned earlier is located East of the Jefferson Center near Lake Creek. The project is being developed by Bury and Partners with proposed 300

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condominium units built by D.R. Horton along the lines of what they built in Cat Hollow. The plans are being reviewed by the District Engineer now. A very small portion of this project will be in NAMUD#1, the area to the south is either in the COA or Springwoods MUD where it adjoins the Optimists sports complex. An agreement for the maintenance of the water quality wet pond is in work.

District Water Pressure: (Progress:) 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.

The District engineer completed the tree survey on both sites (no trees will be removed) and submitted a final plat for the Dallas tract requesting a waver

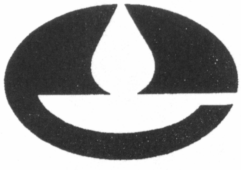
for the minimal storm water flow caused by the location of the pumping station. He submitted plot plans to the COA for two Water Pressure Booster Stations. The two stations will be located on District owned land on Dallas (the fire station lot) and on Tamayo near the entrance monument on Parmer Lane. Each station will each contain skid-mounted three on-line variable speed booster pumps. 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. Site plans are complete and will be submitted after receipt of the waver to COA and TCEQ for approval. .

LifeTime Fitness Center along SH 620 (New) The building is going up rapidly and likely you have received advertisements by now.

Development on Parmer near McNeil (Changes) The District engineer received an application and review fees for a site development for the McNeil/Parmer Retail Development from Bury & Partners. Construction started in mid March.

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Michelle Dent is the chair of the Development Committee for the RCNA. In February, Michelle again 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: We have not had any major injuries and only routine mechanical problems. In March 2 attic fans in the bathrooms ere installed. New flooring was installed in the central area of the office. The new frog slide was installed.

The pool building was painted. A scuba diver inspected the bottom of the pool and he removed the main grate and reinstalled it. Clearwater

Management was re-certified as an Aquatic Facility Operator as required by the Texas department of health to operate Municipal pools.

Three lifeguard re-certification classes have been completed or scheduled and applications for Lifeguard at Rattan Creek Pool are being taken.

Rattan Creek Playscape: (Activity:) The Board committee of Don Conklin and Alan McNeil and the RCNA neighborhood association talked of having a playscape construction company meet with them to develop plans for the removal and replacement of the playscape.

Rattan Creek Greenbelt, Park, and Soccer Fields: (On going) The trails are mowed and trimmed weekly.

The Board approved a plan to close the Rattan and Robinson Park soccer fields for the months of June and January for thorough aeration, leveling, irrigation system repair, fertilization, seeding and new grass growth to provide strong grass surfaces

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to better withstand the constant wear and tear of the soccer seasons.

The Sign Committee Directors Jones and Simms: Are looking for vandal proof signboards for the soccer schedules. New signs are being ordered to replace old and missing signs in all the parks and the green belt access entrances.

Rattan Creek Park Tennis Courts: (on going) Resurfacing of 2 courts was completed by mid March, and work on the other 2 courts will be done next, with the schedule depending on the rainfall.

Eagle Scout Projects: (New) The Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Doug Wilson from Troop 164 was held on the picnic and nature observation deck (that was his Eagle project) under the Gypsy Oak Tree near Anderson Mill road on February 26th. Many thanks are due to Doug from all of us in [NA MUD # 1](#) for this wonderful project.

(no change) Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Freidberg from troop 146 presented his plan at the January Board meeting, and received approval to continue planning and to present the plan to his Scout Troop committee for approval.

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.

Robinson Park Amasia Playground: Many of the juniper trees were removed so the live oaks can grow stronger with more sun and water. The

visibility of the park was also improved by the removal of the junipers. The trunks were saved for use for fencing in the parks.

Water and Wastewater service for the #620 Turnpike: (No Change) The Master Meter box will have a remote reading meter installed.

Annual Audit Reviewed and Approved: Mike Swayze of Pena Swayze and Company provided review copies of the audit to the Board in early February and final copies at the February 9th meeting. Mr. Swayze verbally reviewed the final audit with the Board and answered questions. Mr. Swayze stated that there had not been any significant issues regarding the report. The Board approved the audit.

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

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Austin for approval. A tree survey included placing tags and yellow strips on the greater than 8 inch trees in the park. The plan is being prepared for the City of Austin for approval.

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,
NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.
Phone: 331-9630

Website: www.northaustinmd1.org

Your Fire Department-A little History

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We are also community education department. We go to schools, day cares, businesses, scout troops or any other group that requests us and help educate them on fire safety. The best thing we can do is prevent a fire from happening and we do that by teaching you to be safe. Starting this year, we will also be going to all of the elementary schools

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(January – December 2005)

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Or pay your dues online at www.rattancreek.org by using paypal.

Time To Pay Your RCNA Dues!!

Last year, 2004, ONLY 468 out of 2800 households sent in their **\$20 annual dues**. We are lucky to live in a neighborhood where the dues are voluntary. Many neighborhoods and especially the new ones, the dues are mandatory. Most neighborhoods pay over \$10 each month, and our dues are only \$20 a year. Most folks in other neighborhoods cannot believe that we are only a voluntary organization and yet are able to produce the type of activities and newsletter that we have.

Rattan Creek Newsletter

The newsletter that most folks take for granted in this neighborhood, is funded in part by the dues that you pay. Most of the funds to pay for the newsletter has come from our advertisers. We would like to thank the advertisers for their support and ask that you use their businesses.

What activities you ask?

For instance, the *Annual Easter Egg Hunt*. Scheduled for March 26th this year! Every year we have more children, and less funds to work with. Many folks have voiced that we should have more eggs for the children. Well, that takes money and volunteers. With the dwindling participation in the neighborhood association

(both monetary and volunteers), events such as this will inevitably suffer. Yes, we do get donations of candy and eggs, and we thank those who do donate or volunteer their time every year, but we always need more help.

Other events include the *“Members Only Pool Party”*- the Pool Party is a catered event for those that did pay their dues - *sort of a reward*, *“Rattan Fest”*- is a fun event but takes a lot of prep work. *“Caroling in the Park”*-still costs us; the song books, which do not usually get returned, costs us to print each year.

The *“Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale”*- that is held twice a year, the RCNA pays for ads in the local paper and provides signs to bring folks into our neighborhood.

Scholarship Fund

The RCNA scholarship program, gives 3 deserving seniors a \$500 scholarship; one of the criteria is that their family must be an current RCNA member .

*Please send in your \$20 for the year.
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RCNA, c/o Guinevere Morse
13222 Marrero Austin, Tx 78729
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ATTENTION TEENAGERS: Your ads run free but **must be renewed once every 6 months.** The date at the end of your ad indicates the last month your ad will run. All ads must be submitted in writing and mailed or delivered to: **RCNA c/oGuinevere Morse**

13222 Marrero
Austin, Tx 78729

or email: guineveremorse@yahoo.com
496-0532

Maddie M., 12—Going on a trip or need a dog walker? I am very experienced and great with animals. I will make sure your pets' needs are met. They will be pampered. Dog walking is only \$5 and that includes picking up messes. Pet sitting while gone is only \$3.50/day or \$2/hour. Please call 506-8247. Thank you. (7/05)

Andrew Moses, 13—Are you sick of having to mow your lawn? Well I have the answer to your problem: let me do it! You can sit back and watch TV and I will mow your lawn. So please give me a chance and you will call back every time. Call 219-6786. (9/05)

Tyler Mitchell, 11 - Is your lawn getting out of hand? I will mow, edge and weed-eat most lawns for \$20. I do a great job and I'm really responsible. Please call me at 335-8349. (9/05)

Please do your dog and yourself a favor, make sure your dog has a collar on with a tag that has it's name and your phone number on it.

Also, it won't hurt to write the dog's name inside the collar and your phone number, in case the tag falls off.

Vets offices are closed on the weekends and makes it hard for a neighbor to contact you should your dog accidentally get out.

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oleanders and the red yucca, all will do OK in a lot of sun. Areas not in full sun have reduced water needs and a fully grown bed provides a lot of its own shade.

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

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

Fertilize the summer lawn with a slow release fertilizer like Dillo Dirt, compost, Milorganite, or Sustane. If you have a bag of high nitrogen fertilizer (high first number) apply at 1/2 the rate on the bag of for a shot of growth now. If it says slow release on the bag, it will take longer to dissolve and feed the grass and a slightly heavier application is OK. Do not let piles of it stand, it will burn the grass and soil.

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

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

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

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

Happy gardening,
 Chuck Simms
 "The Gardening Guy"



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and other businesses in the area and teaching fire safety to the students using our new Fire Safety House. This is a trailer that helps us teach home fire safety and what to do in an emergency.


When we're not running calls or educating the community, we are out doing inspections to hopefully help prevent fires and to be prepared if one does occur. We inspect all of the schools, day cares, foster homes, and businesses in the area. We also inspect all of the fire hydrants to make sure they will work if we need them.

We always try our best to be out in the community as much as possible, just so you know we are there if you ever need us. If you see us driving around in one of the big, red trucks, give us a wave. And, if you happen to be passing by one of our two stations (9218 Anderson Mill Rd & 12507 Mellow Meadow Dr), feel free to stop by and ask questions or just take up-close look at the station and trucks.

You can learn more about the Jollyville Fire Department at our website: www.jvfd.org

Talk to you next issue! Be Safe!

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Summer Tips: Bugs Be Gone

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

QUICK TIPS

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

PESTS & INFORMATION

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



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

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

SPIDERS: Finding spiders is generally a sign that you



have other pests in your home. **If** you move plants from the outside into the homes you could be bringing them this way. **If** you think that you have a problem with brown recluse or black widow spiders you should call a professional as the health risk are serious with these spiders.

FLEAS: From the phone calls we have been receiving it appears that it is going to be a bad year for fleas. The flea that we battle is the cat flea. This doesn't mean that dogs are immune from them. **If** you develop a problem with fleas you will have to treat infested areas. Flea larva is attracted to dark areas, so treat underneath furniture, underneath cushions, and all areas that your pets travel. On the outside of the house mow before any treatment, rake leaves, and concentrate on clearing the shaded areas. Remember that the pupae stage of the flea is protected from the treatment and it can take up to 21 days for this cycle to emerge.

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

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

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

There are many new bait products on the market that can be used to minimize spraying chemicals on the inside of your home. Our goal is to treat the pest environment with the most effective and least toxic products that will do the job.

Ask for RJ Avalos, 444-0132

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(a list of those who joined the RCNA via pool registrations at NAMUD #1, by 5/6/05 will also be used)

Remember ONLY RCNA MEMBERS will be allowed in!!

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