



Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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Around Milwood

Donate - Don't Throw Away:

Neighborhood Clean-up: Salvation Army will have a truck at the Tamayo Bridge to collect useful household items and clothing on Saturday and part of the day Sunday.

Display Advertising:

Contact Cindy Scott at: 249-7439 or email for more information: maazungo@yahoo.com.

Vandalism and Graffiti:

We have had a rash of vandalism/graffiti in the parks and other locations in the neighborhood. Vandalism/graffiti costs the district money to cleanup (which comes from our tax dollars), not to mention makes our neighborhood look bad, which can affect our property values.

The North Austin MUD #1 board of Directors is taking a zero tolerance toward vandalism. This means that anyone caught vandalizing property of North Austin MUD #1 will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. A reward of \$200 will be given to anyone with information that leads to the arrest of these folks.

If you have any information please contact Nora Maxey or Mike Gleason with Williamson County Sheriff's Department at 943-1300.

Volunteers Needed:

The RCNA depends on its volunteers to make everything happen from events to the newsletter and delivery of the newsletter. Membership in the RCNA has dwindled over the past years. We are looking for new and fresh ideas to bring in more members and enable us to do more for the neighborhood. Please come to one of the RCNA scheduled meetings or call John Lenz at 249-7667 to see how you can help.

We are a volunteer organization. Please help!!

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EVENTS

October

Oct 4 Rosh Hashanah 

Oct 10 RRISD Holiday
(staff development day)

Oct 13 Yom Kippur

Oct 19 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
9511 RR 620

Oct 20 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
Rattan Creek Pool Area

Oct 29 Neighborhood Wide
Garage Sale

Oct 29-30 Neighborhood
Clean-Up Weekend 

Oct 30 Time Change (Fall Back)

Oct 31 Halloween

November

Nov 8 Election Day 


Nov 16 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
9511 RR 620

Nov 17 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
Rattan Creek Pool

** watch the RCNA website:
www.rattancreek.org for bad
weather meeting location.

Nov 24 Thanksgiving

December:

Dec 15 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
** watch the website for meeting
location. 

Dec 18 Caroling in the Park, 6pm
** More info in Dec Issue

Dec 21 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
9511 RR 620

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Block Captains and Section Heads Needed for Newsletter Delivery:

We need Block Captains for the following streets:

Athens Trail (35) Shiner (35)
Part of Tamayo (25) Part of Amasia (26)

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

Athens Trail Area

(Athens Trail includes Portland, Moscow, Albania & Bolivia)
 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.

A big Thank You to Jaime Phillips for becoming a Section Head, and Scott Silverman and Julie Gauldin for volunteering to be Block Captains.



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President's Notes

Hello again to all our great neighbors in Rattan Creek. I think our Fest last month went very good. I appreciate everyone who came out and participated to include booth operators, Jollyville Fire Department, Blood Bank, and the Milwood Classic Car Club. I also want to thank all of our volunteers especially Dallas Hall for organizing the Fest and the Brown family for all of their work on our 5K run.

This month I am going to write what to do when there is a question problem in our neighborhood. Normally Rattan Creek is a great place to live but occasionally we have something go wrong and we need to contact someone about the snafu or there is something we need help answering.

I'll start with emergencies, if you think your problem is one and or it is something that needs immediate attention call **911**. If you don't know whom to call then try the Sheriffs' Non-Emergency numbers, **Williamson County at 943-1300** and **Travis County at 974-0845**. The park is controlled and operated by the M.U.D. and by calling the Williamson County Sheriffs office they will get the needed report.

Next of all, if you have a problem with your neighbors please go talk to him or her about it! Most of the time people want to get along and will fix the problem or at least attempt to. Just think of how you would want to be treated if the situation was reversed. After that, if it is a **Deed Restriction Violation** you have to submit in writing to:

Senior Citizens Center
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While on the subject of Deed - if you have a question about building, the Deeds Restrictions is where you would find the answer, and is usually in your House Closing Documents (from when you bought your home). Our neighborhood is composed of many different sections, each with a different set of restrictions.

If you would like to volunteer or ask questions about joining our Neighbor Association, please call myself **249-7667** or another Board Member. **We need more Members!** A great

resource is our Newsletter's **Important Numbers page** which you may want to cut-out and place by your phone or at least keep your newsletter by your phone like me to have as a resource.

In closing we have our neighbor clean-up and Garage Sale coming up on the week-end of October 29. After your Sale please bring useable items up to the Drop off point for the Salvation Army. Remember be the type neighbor you would want to living next to you. Until next time see you around the hood.

John Lenz,
 President
 249-7667

Salvation Army will have a truck at the clean up site on Sat 10/29 and Sun 10/30 to take good useable furniture, household items and clothing. With the recent events, we can all do our part and donate!



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New Babies:

Maci McKeehan
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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@catscradle.us



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- Playgroup for children with birth dates in Fall 1996 & Spring/Summer of 1997: Call Candance Kreiling at 331-9773
- Stroller-walking group. We meet at the Rattan Creek Park on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30. If you are interested, call Dallas at 257-3494
- 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.
- 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. 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 andersonhome@austin.rr.com for more information.

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 starting a Bunco group? Contact Jennifer at 257-9383 or jenjacoby@hotmail.com to have your message posted.

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Planting Time and Early Winter Care:

October: Plant trees now that it is cooler and they will be well rooted for next year's growth. Remember that the deciduous trees which lose their leaves in the winter are for the sunny south and west sides of the house. They will save you summer cooling costs and will gain heat from the sun in the winter. Some yard-sized trees are the Chinese Pistache, Mexican Buckeye, Texas Redbud, Burr Oak (large leaves and very tall tree) , and the Cedar and Chinese Elms. And of course the larger varieties of the Crape Myrtle (ask about the mildew-resistant varieties and now you can see the blooms and select the right color).

Some smaller trees are the Possum Haw Holly which has bright red berries during the winter until the birds eat them off. The American Beauty berry bush is an over grown bush , reaching 10 feet high and wide which has white berries in the summer which turn bright purple in fall. They ferment so the birds love to get a bit tipsy when they gobble them up. The Golden Raintree has clusters of yellow flowers which turn into clusters of seed

Pods and the Desert Willow has white or lavender orchid-like blooms. All these trees can be in full sun or partial shade and will beautify your yard for many years.

Where you want leaves all year around for shade and a wind break there are the Live Oak, the Eldacara Pine, and a wonderful smaller tree called the Texas Mountain Laurel which has beautiful purple flowers in the spring that smell like bubble gum. Water this tree a bit less than the others, it does not like wet roots, so let it dry out between waterings.

Trees will grow fast if you plant them in shallow wide holes with no peat moss and a little (25%) composted soil amendment to get them started. You need to build up a ring of dirt several inches high and several feet across around the trees to provide a water well to contain the water. When the water wells are mulch covered to keep the roots cool you will get very fast growth of all of these trees. Small 1 gallon to 5 gallon size trees

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are best because they will grow faster in your soil than in a pot in a nursery. They must be watered well (10 gallons per tree well) periodically (depending on the heat) for the first 2 years. For fast growth, his deep watering every other week for the first 1-1/2 year will give them a strong start with a broad root system. After that an occasional soaking will keep them healthy.

Just watering the grass around trees is not enough water to soak in deeply to the tree roots and build strong trees. There are many large beautiful trees in our neighborhood which decline each year and eventually start losing branches because the roots have been covered by many inches of dirt and even concrete house slabs, sidewalks, and driveways. The way to save these trees is to put soaker hoses over all remaining roots and soak for several hours every 2 weeks year around. This deep watering saved a beautiful tree shading our and the neighbors house, so water really is necessary and can save root-damaged trees.

The time to fertilize for fall and winter root growth is September through late October. You

will get more and better growth next year by fall fertilization rather than in the Spring. Use some fertilizer (organic or not) with high nitrogen as indicated by a 3-1-2 ratio. It is good to use fast release fertilizers which usually are cheaper because after the first frost, growth will slow down and any fertilizer which has not been absorbed yet will be wasted and will pollute the streams and the environment. Be sure to read the label directions on the bag and apply at or a bit below the recommended rate. Fertilize the grass and your flower beds, and double the application under the drip line of trees and then water in very well. The fertilizer only works on roots so water it in once and then come back and water it in again until water runs off. Now you can relax and enjoy your yard for the winter - while raking the live oak leaves of course.

Your yard may be maturing like mine with the trees providing too much shade. This requires some major reworking of the design now that the trees are providing deep shade and the bushes are overgrown. I had a tree company remove all the tree branches that could rub on the roof or on the

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Parmer-McNeil Plaza Development Update

The retail center at Parmer and McNeil is expected to be completed by November. The newest tenant is Dry Dock Seafood and Spirits, a restaurant and bar. This rounds out a long list of larger businesses which includes (from north to south, front to back) Washington Mutual Bank, Hungry Howie's Pizza, Whataburger, Starbuck's, Little Woodrow's, Dry Dock, Curra's Grill, Wachovia Bank. Scattered throughout the buildings are several smaller retailers: Top Hat cleaners, Great Clips hair salon, and Angel Nails. Other prospects include a sandwich shop or deli, a burger joint, a buffalo wings place, and a pool supply store. Wachovia Bank and Whataburger are constructing their buildings themselves and have a different completion schedule. Wachovia began construction recently and is progressing rapidly. Whataburger has not yet been started but is expected to be completed very quickly once underway.

The fence behind the property, along the MUD detention pond, should be installed in late September. The architect decided not to run the

fence behind the homes on Marble Falls Cove because the homes already have their own fences. A second fence would have resulted in a dead zone that would require maintenance and might present security issues (offering a hiding place for those up to no good). The homeowners on Marble Falls either did not respond with an opinion or they agreed with this option. No one opposed it. The space and savings will be used to increase the number of trees to be planted for screening. I would encourage the homeowners to maintain/replace their fences as needed and when choosing a design, keep in mind the need for privacy and security. You may have the need to block headlights, buffer sound, and prevent trespassing.

The trees and other landscaping will be planted in October.

The light poles are up but apparently the electrical contractor forgot to order/install the extension shields for the poles closest to the perimeter (adjacent to Corpus Christi, the MUD detention pond, and Marble Falls Cove). These

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were promised to us by the architect and he assures me they will be mounted before the lights are turned on.

I have discussed the trash pick up and other services for the retailers with the owners. This is a real concern because with so many restaurants on the site, dumpsters will likely be emptied at least three times a week. The service drive is right behind the homes on Marble Falls Cove, and some of the dumpsters are right behind the homes as well. The owners have assured me that the trash pick-up service will be arranged for daylight hours only. No business will have separate arrangements - all trash service will be handled through the manager of the site as a whole. At this point, none of the businesses are expected to receive deliveries too early in the morning either, at least not those in the buildings at the back of the site near the homes.

The exceptions might be Starbucks and Whataburger, since they do business so early in the morning (Whataburger is expected to operate 24 hours a day.) These are at the front of the property and are less likely to disturb nearby residents.

The Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission did receive a letter of protest against Little Woodrow's application for a Beer and Wine license and a Late Hours license. Given the low likelihood of proving any legal grounds for denying the permits, they are expected to approve the application following judicial review of the case, which should be completed in September.

Dry Dock Seafood and Spirits will serve a full menu but will also operate a bar until 2:00 am. They need a Food and Beverage permit from the TABC. This type of license is even more difficult to protest than a "beverage only" license, and as a restaurant they do not need a special late hours permit. Similarly, they are not required to notify nearby property owners of their application to the TABC. As such, I expect them to have their permit long before the printing of this newsletter. A representative of Dry Dock has offered to attend the October RCNA meeting to share the restaurant's plans and address any neighborhood concerns.

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house. We also removed some lower branches to let some sun in so the plants would bloom. Have limbs cut off at the trunk or as far back as possible to lengthen the time between pruning. This is called a class 2 pruning in the trade and is what we have done for the trees in the Rattan Creek Park. Trimming like this every 5-7 years to raise the lower branches of the canopy will allow some sun in so flowers and grass will grow much better. Such is life, successful landscaping brings more work.

Enjoy gardening with your kids (or the neighbors' kids) because teaching them to plan for the future and watching trees and plants grow is good for all of us.

Early Winter Lawn Care in November: The good news is that nothing really needs to be done to our lawns until spring. Guilt we imported from some other state may have us raking leaves, fertilizing, mowing, scalping, etc. You really do not have to do all that work.

Lawn Maintenance for Established grasses in our winters includes mowing a bit shorter with the clippings left on to decompose and feed the grass. Do NOT scalp any lawn grasses, *this is a bad carryover from other parts of the country and it will damage Austin lawns.* Since our best months to fertilize are March and October the established grasses are going dormant now and it is probably best to wait until March to fertilize.

If we have a hot week or so with strong drying winds, water the grass to help it survive. It will better survive freezing weather also if it is wet. Throughout the winter, study the grass carefully before and then after watering and then wait to water until it shows some signs of drought stress. The signs of drought stress are: A dull purplish cast to the lawn. Tracks show up in the lawn after someone walks across it Leaf blades begin to roll or fold together.

Watering before dawn for a short time, which allows drying in the morning and minimizes fungus problems during the cool winter months.

Raking and Removing Leaves continues to be required only for the tough live oak leaves. Most of the other leaves can be left in place mulched with your mower and will just decompose and add some organic matter in the soil.

Lawn maintenance for new yards usually

means do not fertilize until it has been mowed at least 5 times. This allows the roots to get established before the fertilizer forces leaf growth at the expense of the strong root growth that is the goal. The exceptions are winter seeded grasses like rye and fescue and new sod, which can be fed a slow release fertilizer. Look for those with ratios such as 3-1-2, 12-4-8, or 15-5-3. Avoid the weed-and-feed products because they stop grass seed germination and can cause irreparable damage to tree roots. Take the time to calculate the square footage of your lawn, since most fertilizer applications are calculated that way. Then use half the recommended rate for the winter application.

New seeded grass will require watering to keep the seed moist, but not saturated during this initial growth time. During hot windy days, you may have to water 4 to 5 times per day until germination. If young plants are allowed to dry out, they will die. After about 2 weeks the root system should be established and the watering frequency can be reduced to every 5 days for a month or so. Then water as an established yard.

New sod should not be deprived of water

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because drying causes shrinking between sod squares. Until the time when a corner of a section of sod can no longer be easily lifted, the soil beneath the sod needs to be kept moist. It is imperative to use the sprinkler lightly and often during this period. When the grass looks green and begins to stand up, it is rooted and you can cut back on watering to every 3 days (except when it rains) for at least 2 weeks. Then you can begin the 5-day watering cycle. If you have an irrigation system shorten the on-timing as needed and set the timer for watering in the early morning hours before dawn. If we have an exceptionally cold or hot winter, increase watering to help the grass survive.

Winter Color from annuals planted in pots in the sun include Pansies, Johnny jump-ups, Stock, Alyssum and Chrysanthemums, which come in many colors.

* For part shade areas, plant English primrose. Perennials include the begonias that do well in pots in part sun and survive our winters without protection except in very hard freezes

* In full sun areas the swordlike foliage of the bearded iris or the Cemetery Iris are Xeriscape

plants which make good ground cover in sunny areas with minimum water. Prepare the bed by digging in 6 inches deep 2 inches of compost. If your soil is heavy, dig in some masonry or green sand. Plant the rhizomes on the surface of the soil and use mulch sparingly because they tend to rot if too wet. They grow best if thinned out every 3-4 years in late fall. You can start new beds and share the extra rhizomes with neighbors. Daylilies grow well in the same conditions as the iris except they need to be planted 3-4 inches deep and covered with 3-4 inches of mulch.

Winter growing plants include the Texas Gold columbine that is a hybrid from the native columbines. The light green leaves grow all winter and they will have shooting star yellow flowers on stalks from 2 to 3 feet high from early March through the fall if you prune out the dead stems periodically. They grow best under deciduous trees like cedar elms or high crowned live oak trees as they like some direct sunshine for better flowering. The Texas Gold columbine is a weak perennial so you can expect to lose a few plants each winter. They do re seed well if you have good soil with 2-3

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inches of compost and not too much mulch under them. In any case buying a couple of plants to fill in the holes is a pleasant spring task.

Attractive shrubs include the possemhaw holly that loses its leaves in the winter leaving the attractive red berries. Nandinas have red berries and attractive fern like foliage the year around and show the most color when planted in full sun. While Nandinas are not native plants but they do naturalize to our soil and climate very well and require very little extra watering once they are established.

Build some hardscape for more use of your outdoors areas like adding a sidewalk or patio in places where the grass died due to foot traffic or too much sun or shade. There are many kinds of paving stones and blocks available at the home and garden stores. In this climate we only need a couple of inches of nice clean masonry under the pavers and a hard edge to keep them in place. You will need dig down and put the sand in to lay the pavers.

Before starting paving, check the slope by using a line level or run some water or watch the rainfall on the area to be paved. Be sure to slope the pavers

away from the house so the water drains away and does not make a low spot for puddles to collect mud, leaves and be hard to clean up. Any extra dirt can be placed into other low areas of your yard where water stands or you can build a raised bed with the soil



Happy Gardening,
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Rattan Creek Stroke Improvement



by Clearwater Management 331-7066

Coach: Kristy Winder

Program is for the competitive swimmer's only.

*Sign up Starting Sept 10
Classes begin Sept 20 at the Pool*

**Tuesday - Thursday 6:30 to 8 PM
Saturday 10:30 to noon**

**Children 16 years old or younger Tuesday and
Thursday 6:30 to 7:30
and Saturday 10:30 to 11:30**

**Adults Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 to 8:00
Saturday 11:00 to 12:00**

Monthly Cost:

\$ 40.00 per Athlete in District,
\$ 50.00 per athlete out of District
Families of 3 or more \$100.00 maximum.

Masters Swim Program

This program is only offered for residents with Rattan Creek Winter Swim Tags.

- This program is for adults who would like to improve there swimming skills.
- Workouts are designed for the individual to meet their goals.
- We can work with rehabilitation programs, Triathlon, and stroke improvement as well as the individual who would like non impact exercise.
- Workout programs are designed and monitored by Coach Tony Watt but the individual is responsible for keeping there own workout schedule.

Tony will be available Tuesday ,Thursday and Saturday, Lisa Sousares: Monday, and Friday

Sign up Starting September 1 at the Pool

**Tuesday - Thursday 6:00 to 8 PM
Monday and Friday 12 noon to 1:30PM
Saturday 10:30 to noon**

Cost is \$30.00 per. month



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

- All members receiving ID badges must be listed, with birthdates, for the application to be considered complete. (Children under three attending the pool do not need to be listed.)
- Guest admittances can only be purchased by a member of the pool. All guests must be accompanied by a pool member.
- Three guest admittances will be assigned with each 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 WINTER 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 Winter Fees:	Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool		
Quantity			
_____ Winter In-District Badge	@ \$20 per badge		\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Winter Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household		\$ _____
_____ Additional Out-of-District Winter Badge	@ \$20 each additional badge		\$ _____
_____ Winter Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)		\$ _____
_____ 10 Winter 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		\$ _____
WINTER BADGES & GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 04/30/06			
Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.			Total \$ _____

North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 Rattan Creek Pool Winter Schedule 2005/2006

October 2005

October 1-31: Open Swim:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
Noon-1:30pm & 4:30 to 8:00pm
Sat : Noon-8:00pm
Sun : Noon-8:00pm



October 10:

Open Swim: Noon - 8:00pm

McNeil High School Swim team
6 AM to 8:30 A.M

November 2005

November 1-30: Open Swim:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
Noon-1:30pm & 4:30 to 8:00pm
Sat : Noon-8:00pm
Sun : Noon-8:00pm



November 23, 25, 26 & 27:

Open Swim: Noon - 8:00pm

November 24: Closed Thanksgiving Day

December 2005

December 1-16: Open Swim:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
Noon-1:30pm & 4:30 to 8:00pm
Sat : Noon-8:00pm
Sun : Noon-8:00pm



December 18-31: Open Swim:

Noon - 8:00pm

December 25: Closed Christmas Day

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

Manager - Mandy Paul
Pool phone - 257-8175

Clearwater Management
Phone - 331-7066

January 2006

January 1: Closed New Years Day

January 2, 3 & 16:

Open Swim: Noon - 8:00pm

January 1-31: Open Swim:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
Noon-1:30pm & 4:30 to 8:00pm
Sat : Noon-8:00pm
Sun : Noon-8:00pm



February 2006

February 1-26: Open Swim:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday:
Noon-1:30pm & 4:30 to 8:00pm
Sat : Noon-8:00pm
Sun : Noon-8:00pm

Pool Closed for Maintenance:
February 27 through March 10

Stroke Improvement Program

Starting Sept 20 & continuing each
Tues & Thurs at 6:30 to 8 pm &
Sat 10:30 to noon
Registration is at the pool.
Head Coach: Kristy Winder
See page 12 for more info.



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).

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

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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 &
 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 Court Rules:

Court Hours: 7:00 AM- 10:00 PM
(In District Members Only)

- 1. Tennis Play Only. Soccer tennis is prohibited.
- 2. No glass containers.
- 3. No alcoholic beverages inside court area.
- 4. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, skates or motorized vehicles are allowed on the courts.
- 5. No dangerous or offensive conduct or offensive language will be allowed.
- 6. Time limit of 60 minutes is observed when others are waiting.
- 7. 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.
- 8. A maximum of (4) players are allowed per tennis court at any time.
- 9. A member may have a maximum of three (3) guests at one time on the court.
- 10. Gate should be locked at all times.
- 11. Special activities may be scheduled with District Manager.
 Court keys may be purchased at ECO Resources.

Sport Court Rules:

Court Hours: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

- 1. No glass containers.
- 2. No alcoholic beverages inside court area.
- 3. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, skates or motorized vehicles are allowed on the courts.
- 4. No dangerous or offensive conduct or offensive language will be allowed.
- 5. Time limit of 60 minutes is observed when others are waiting.

Private Park for use of residents of North Austin MUD #1 and their invited guests.

The resident must be present at all times when the court is in use.

Violators are subject to removal, privileges revoked and possible prosecution.

**North Austin MUD # 1
 District Manager: ECO Resources
 335-7580**

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

Halloween Safety

Did You Know?

The United States Consumer Products Safety Commission has recorded that the three most common Halloween-related injuries are:

1. Eye abrasions from sharp objects attached to masks or costumes;
2. Skin irritations or rashes from decorative face paints or creams, and
3. Burns from flammable costumes being ignited by open flames (candles, Jack 'O Lanterns).



We hope you will find the tips below helpful in creating a fun and safe halloween environment for your children

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

Remind Children that they *SHOULD* always:

- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk on sidewalks and driveways.
- Cross only at corners.
- Never cross between parked cars.
- Walk facing the oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- Always remove masks before crossing streets.
- Be aware of cars that may be turning into or backing out of driveways.
- Don't play near lit jack-o-lanterns.
- Never go into a stranger's house.

Visit only houses where the lights are on.
Be sure and say thank you for your treats.

Parents - Remember You *SHOULD* always:

- Know the route your children will be taking.
- Make sure children are accompanied by an adult.
- Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties.
- Set time limits on when children should return home.
- Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism.
- Instruct children NOT to eat treats until they return home and you have had a chance to inspect those treats.

Motorists and Neighborhood Residents Should:

- Drive cautiously on Halloween Eve. Excited youngsters may forget some of these safety rules and dart out in front of your car.
- Remove all obstacles from lawns and steps to prevent children from being injured.
- Have a well-lighted home, both inside and out, to prevent vandalism and to prevent injuries to little ghosts and goblins.

Have a safe Halloween!!



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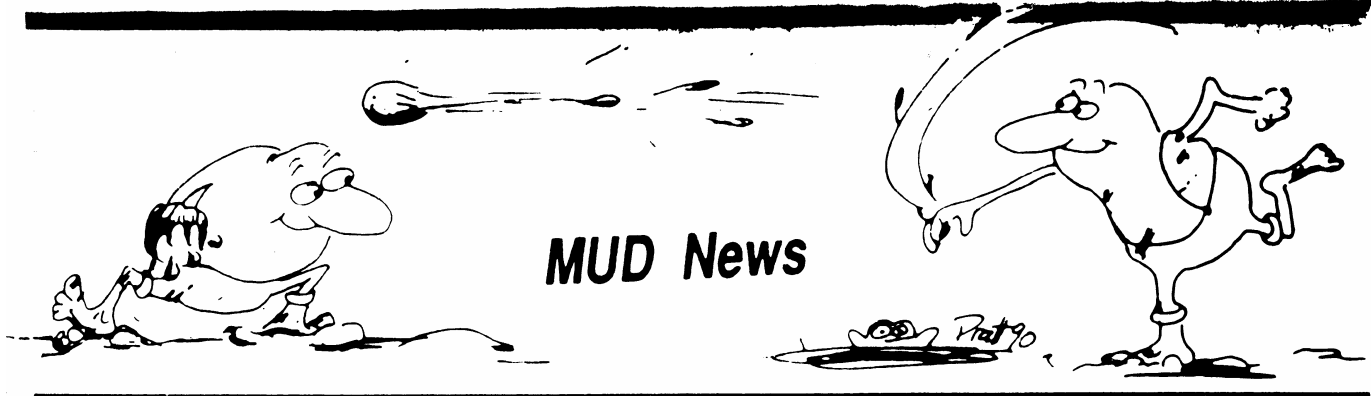


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North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors Notes on the Aug 2005 Board meetings on Commercial Development, Parks, and Pool Activities: *Note that the Board reviewed and approved minutes of meetings are available on the NAMUD#1 web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

Our contractor for inspections of Restrictive Covenant Violations: The Treasure of the Hills Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. reported: on Aug 29, 2005, that; there were: 13 new complaints filed, 5 calls for advice, 6 first letters sent, 0 second letter sent, 1 violation was sent to the MUD Attorney for action, and 20 cases closed (violation corrected).

Development on Anderson Mill Road and Parmer Lane corner lot:(No change)

District Water Pressure: (No Change:) District Manager Gary Spoons and District Engineer David Malish have been working with TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) and the City of Austin (COA) to try and work on a solution to the continued water pressure problems in our section of town.

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.

LifeTime Fitness Center along SH 620
Completed and open for business.

Development on Parmer near McNeil

(Progress) This project will have businesses opening soon. Michelle Dent is the chair of the Development Committee for the RCNA. She is the primary contact for the neighborhood with the developer for this project.

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: (Activity:) We have not had any major injuries and only routine mechanical problems. The new slide was installed and with some adjusting is operating.

Rattan Creek Playscape: (Activity:) The Board committee of Don Conklin and Alan McNeil are scheduling several playscape construction companies to meet with the board to present their plans for the removal and replacement of the playscape, scheduled for work this winter.

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

Sign Committee: (On Going:) Directors Jones and Simms stated the new signs have been installed, replacing old and missing signs in all the

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parks and the green belt access entrances. With the new signs installed, the board of directors has formally adopted a list of rules for the Parks and amenities that is to be posted on the website.

Rattan Creek Park Tennis Courts: (On Going) Resurfacing of the courts has been completed. New signs will be posted with the new rules adopted.

Eagle Scout Projects: (On Going) Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Freidberg from troop 146 is nearing completion for his project to educate the public on the sink hole or hand dug well located near the Gypsy Oak .

Robinson Park Amasia Playground: (No Change) 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 has had a remote reading meter installed.

Rattan Creek Park Master Plan: (No Change) The District engineer is working with the City of Austin on the master plan.

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.

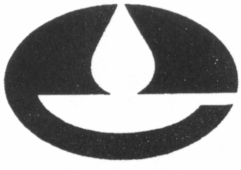
North Austin MUD 1 Website: (Change) The board approved making changes to make the website ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant. This has enhanced the viewing for the visually impaired.

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.
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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 733-5380
 Travis, Precinct 2
 Karen Sonleitner 854-9222

Dept of Homeland Security 1-800-BEReady

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
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Utilities:
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COUNTY NEWS: Amendment Election Nov. 8th

By Williamson County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Williamson County will hold an election on Tuesday, Nov. 8th. Nine proposed amendments to the Texas constitution will be on the ballot. You will have the opportunity to vote for or against each of the proposed amendments. Listed below are the propositions and a brief explanation, which was provided by the Texas Secretary of State's office:

Prop. 1: The constitutional amendment creating the **Texas rail relocation and improvement fund** and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of the rail facilities. Explanation: It would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

Prop. 2: The constitutional amendment providing that **marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman** and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or

similar to marriage. Explanation: It would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

Prop. 3: The constitutional amendment clarifying that **certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt.** Explanation: It would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to these loans.

Prop. 4: The constitutional amendment authorizing the **denial of bail to a criminal defendant** who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial. Explanation: It would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

Prop. 5: The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to **define rates of interest for commercial loans.** Explanation: It would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family or household purposes.

Prop. 6: The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the **membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.** Explanation: It would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

Prop. 7: The constitutional amendment authorizing **line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage.** Explanation: It would authorize new options

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Recipe Corner: What To Do With Left Over Turkey

Turkey and Green Bean Casserole

1 1/2 cups of water
1/4 cup of butter or margarine, cut into pieces
1 pkg. (6oz) Stove Top stuffing mix for turkey
3 cups chopped cooked turkey
1 pkg. (10oz) frzn French cut green beans, thawed
1 can cream of chicken soup*
3/4 cup milk
salt and pepper to taste

Mix hot water and butter in large bowl until butter is melted. Add stuffing mix; stir just until moistened. Set aside.

Mix turkey and green beans in 2 quart casserole or 12 x 8 baking dish. Mix soup and milk until well blended; pour over turkey mixture. Top with stuffing.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes until heated through.

* *Cream of mushroom or cheddar cheese soup can be substituted for cream of chicken.*

Scalloped Potatoes

3 or 4 sliced potatoes
1/3 C each of diced red, green, yellow peppers
salt and pepper
shredded cheddar
1 C chopped onions
1 can cream of mushroom* mixed with 1C milk

Layer everything and top with mixture, then more cheese on top.

Bake at 1 hour at 350 degrees covered and bake 10 minutes uncovered.

* *Cheddar cheese soup can be substituted for cream of mushroom soup*

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These recipes were submitted by Jennifer Cazares.

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SPAYING/NEUTERING

As a new pet owner, make sure you do not contribute to the pet overpopulation problem. Many of the dogs and cats that come into rescue are there because of unwanted breeding. Spaying or neutering your pet ensures that you do not repeat other pet owners' mistakes. Spaying or neutering can also protect your pet from reproduction related diseases and reduce unwanted behaviors such as marking, roaming, and even some aggressive behaviors. The statistics on pet overpopulation are staggering. According to the Humane Society of the United States, 6-8 **MILLION** dogs and cats end up in animal shelters each year and 3-4 **MILLION** dogs and cats are euthanized each year. In seven years, one female cat and her offspring can theoretically produce 420,000 cats, and in six years, one female dog and her offspring can theoretically produce 67,000 dogs. Please be responsible and spay or neuter your pet. In Austin, low-cost (and sometimes free) spay/neuters are available through [Animal Trustees of Austin](#), 512.450.0111, and [Emancipet](#), 512.587.7729.

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for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, it would prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debit or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established, and prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

Prop. 8: The constitutional amendment providing for the **clearing of land titles** providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County. Explanation: It would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4, 600 acre area

located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

Prop. 9: The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a **six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority.** Explanation: It would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

I urge you to study these proposals and exercise your right to vote. A complete list of early voting dates, times and locations as well as polling places on Election Day, Nov. 8th, is available on the county website, www.wilco.org on the elections page.

If I or a member of my staff can assist you with any county matter, please contact my office at 733.5380 or lbirkman@wilco.org.

Lisa Birkman

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RATTAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE / CLEAN UP WEEKEND

Sat October 29 & Sun October 30

(Time Change Weekend)

Garage Sale

- The RCNA runs ads for a neighborhood wide Garage Sale (**Saturday Only**), giving the boundaries of our neighborhood and the time of the neighborhood wide garage sale.
- The RCNA has a few signs to get folks into the neighborhood, but from there it is up to you to bring the folks to your home.

Each person has the garage sale at their own home, or with a neighbor who is planning to have one. If you want to do one, but do not want to do it alone, talk to your neighbors!

Saturday, October 29 ONLY

(8:00 am– 1:00 pm)

Neighborhood Clean-up

October 29 & October 30 at the Tamayo Bridge



The MUD district arranges with the disposal company to start bringing dumpsters to the area by the Tamayo bridge on Friday the October 28. The rules are simple:

- ***You can not start dumping until after the boyscouts have setup camp - usually about 5pm on Friday.***
- **The last dumpster delivery/haul off is at 1pm on Saturday. The dump closes at 2pm on Saturday.**
- **Therefore once the dumpsters are full - that's it, the clean up is over!**
Please do not bully or bad mouth the Boy Scouts, they have no more space to take your trash.
- ***Bring a copy of your water (MUD) bill to show that you do actually belong in the neighborhood.***

The Boy Scouts man the dumpsters, as part of their community service. Please remember to be courteous to our Boy Scouts, as they are doing us a favor in directing this event.

****Remember once the dumpsters are full - That's it!!***

**All day Sat & up to 3pm Sun - Limbs and brush
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No hazardous materials will be allowed

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**This clean up is for the residents of North Austin MUD #1-
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**** The Boy Scouts will be directing the drop offs.**