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Wednesday August 9th at 7 pm
at the Rattan Creek Pool.

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August

Aug 3 Teen Night-8:00-10:30pm
Rattan Creek Pool
\$2 Cover Charge

Aug 9 Meet the MUD Board
7pm, Rattan Creek Pool

Aug 14 RRISD Starts

Aug 16 MUD Meeting, 6pm
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Aug 17 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
Rattan Creek Pool

September

Sep 1 Elem Early release day

Sep 4 Labor Day

Sep 9 Rattan Fest
at Rattan Creek Park

7:30 am 5 K Run starts

8:30 am Boy scouts are making
their Famous Pancakes

10:00 am Booths and Carnival
opens

10:00 am Classic Car Show

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Sep 19 Elem Early release day

Sep 20 MUD Meeting, 6pm
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Sep 21 Elem Early release day

Sep 21 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
Rattan Creek Pool

Sep 30 Rattan Fest Rain Date

October

Oct 2 Yom Kippur

Oct 9 RRISD Staff Develop. Day

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President's Notes

Howdy Rattan Creek Neighbors and friends. I want to start off my notes this issue with huge kudos. When I was driving to work on July 5, I did see the trash from fireworks that I expected, but I also saw something unexpected. There were two of your neighbors Becky Rabel, Elisabeth Von Ach picking up trash from the night before. When I say they were picking up trash I mean by the garbage bags. I also am to understand that Hope Weiskopf did the same. This totally selfless act inspired me deeply! Thank you! People like you, make the neighborhood a much better place to live. And thank you to all of you who picked up your trash that night and the next day. While we are on the subject of trash at the park, let us all take the example set by these outstanding ladies and police our own trash. If you have a child and they play at the park, please ask them to make sure they pick up after themselves.

Your Neighborhood Association has been working hard for you and we now run the Architectural Control Committee. The front page

directs you to the article that will explain this, so I will not go into detail. What I will say about it is that it just didn't happen, Chuck Simms worked long hours of his time to make it happen and without it, we, would not have the control of our neighborhood.

Well it's time to get the kids ready for school and with the fall comes Rattan Fest. I really enjoy this event and I think all the neighbors that attend do as well. If you have never come to one, then I'm personally inviting you. We start off the day with a 5K run/walk. I need to pick up my pace for this run if I want to finish in under a half an hour. After the Race we meet back up at the park and there are all kinds of booths. The Boy Scouts have a great pancake breakfast. This year we're looking to get some inflatable fun for the kids. I hope to see you there.

In closing, I want to remind everyone to keep the speed under or at least at the posted limit.

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New Neighbors and Babies:



Please help us welcome these new neighbors:

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No New Babies



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 Kathleen Edwards at 350-2649, Or email to her at austinredkat@yahoo.com

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- Playgroup for **babies/toddlers born between September 2004 and August 2005.** Email Sheila at sheila_dhir_hughes@yahoo.com. If you don't have email, feel free to call 257-3672.
- Playgroup for **toddlers (and their Moms) with birth dates from around July/August 2003 to 2004:** Call Lori Poppe at 258-1952 or email at loripoppe@yahoo.com.
- **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.
- 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.
- 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.

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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More on Watering and maintaining yards in August and September

Usually in August, the hot dry summer months are still here and the yearly grind of hauling hoses and watering the lawn continues. If you have an automatic underground irrigation system, you may be bracing for the usual high water bills. Regardless of the system you use, you can save time, money, and water by following a few simple guidelines to ensure you are watering your yard in the most efficient way possible.

Pots and hanging baskets

Note that pots and hanging baskets dry out the fastest due to sun and wind on the root ball. Keep these close to the most-used areas of the yard so you will notice the drooping leaves and water as needed. Keeping them in as much shade as possible will help too. Also mulch the top of the soil and insulate the sides of the pots (or grouping them together) to reduce the sun and wind access area to the pots.

When to Water:

The best time of day to water is very early morning (3 to 7 am) when the wind is calm, temperature low, and when moisture on the plant leaves will be

evaporated by the sun soon and minimize fungus problems. Most plants can survive with less water than you think but you must wean them by developing deep roots; work toward a 5 to 7 day watering cycle on your day to water.

Always, the best way to determine if watering is needed is NOT the calendar. Last week it might have rained 4 inches OR, it might have been 100 degrees with a hot dry wind. If you have a sprinkler system with a rain cutoff, use in to minimize watering when it rains. Some controllers have a switch, so you can turn it on.

So, depending on the rain, you may not need to water for 14 days or you may need to water immediately no matter what the calendar says. Look at your plants, they will tell you their watering need when you walk around your yard. Water is needed when plants droop, lose their gloss, leaves curl inwards or take on a grayish color. What they are doing is changing the exposure area of the leaves to reduce further evaporation loss. You will be able to see the clues. Grass that is under stress shows footprints still an

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hour after being walked upon. To be sure, dig a hole in the soil. If it is dry 3 or 4 inches down, it is time to water.

Also, remember that full sun areas require more water. During the hot July to August months, you may need to develop 2 watering cycles, for full sun areas every 3-5 days and for shade areas every 5-7 days. This is the way the different zones or areas of automatic irrigation systems should be set up.

Different Watering Systems

There are two fundamentally different watering systems, **spray** and **soaker**. Spray systems include hose-end sprays, sprinklers, and underground sprinkler systems. Soaker systems include the soaker or leaky hoses and drip irrigation systems.

Another difference is how permanent the system is. I think we all would like a watering system that would sense when the plants need water and then turn on and deliver the most efficient amount of water at the right time of the day. Automatic systems are available but require some on-going maintenance and are difficult to change when plants are added or watering coverage is not correct. Less permanent and easier

to move systems are the soaker systems. There are tips below for installing and maintaining each of the spray and soaker systems.

How to Water with Spray Systems (hand or automatic) Deep, infrequent watering is the way to go, but how long to water is the question. The reliable method is to measure how much water your system is putting out in an hour. Spray system output can be measured by placing 3 to 10 empty cans (tuna or cat food cans are the right size) at different distances and directions from the water source. Hose end sprayers will need fewer cans because coverage is the same wherever you move the sprayer. Underground systems require more cans to assure even coverage between the zones. Run each sprinkler zone for 30 minutes. Measure the number of inches of water in each can, add them together, and divide by the number of cans to get the average. To figure out the number of inches per hour your system is putting out, multiply the 30 minute average you just calculated by 2. Write this down for each zone and you will be able to lengthen or shorten the sprinkler on time as needed. Note that the variation in depth of water in each can gives you an idea how evenly your system distributes water.

In Austin, an inch of water is usually sufficient to wet the soil six inches down, reaching the root system of most turf grasses. Buffalograss, Bermuda grass, and most shrub and perennial root systems can reach down 12 to 18 inches, so you need to water these areas more deeply and less often. Most Austin soils are high in clay content and don't absorb water rapidly. Bi-yearly application of Dillo Dirt or other composted material will increase the absorption capability of soil over time. Absorption rate ranges from 1/10 inch to 1/2 inch per hour. In

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any case when you see water standing or running off, your soil is saturated. To get more total water absorbed, water half the time needed (or until runoff) and then wait an hour or so and come back and water the other half of the time. This is especially important if your yard is on a slope where water soaks in up to 80 percent slower and runs off faster. Sloped areas need shorter times and more often watering.

The correct time length needed for the 1 inch of water can be programmed into the automatic system controller for each zone. For hose end sprinklers, you can buy a kitchen timer to remind you to move the hose. Or, buy a hose timer (don't spend less than \$12 because they fail soon) so you can just set in the timer and it will shut the water off after the set time. Then you move the hose and reset the timer.

How to Water with Soaker Systems

Soaker hoses do not work well on large grass areas but work great on flower and vegetable beds. Because our soil is so heavy clay content, water does not move horizontally more than a few inches. A soaker hose in grass would have to be

placed or moved every foot or so. Beds with well amended soil with Dillo Dirt or composted material worked in well will allow water to spread out more. The primary advantage to soaker systems is that they do not spray water onto the plants causing fungus problems or causing much water to evaporate or be blown onto the driveway by the wind. Drip systems are operated in a similar manner. The main difference is that a small tube and an emitter is located at the base of every plant. The primary problem is that when a tube or emitter gets plugged up you do not know about it until after that plant is dead.

Soaker hoses work well with timers which can be set for 4 to 8 hours run time. (Again, hose timers costing less than \$ 12 will not work reliably at different flow rates.) The best method to determine the time needed is to lay out the soaker hose for good coverage of all the plant roots. Turn the faucet on 1/4 turn and note the time. If you turn the faucet open too far you will blow out parts of the soaker hose causing uneven coverage. Check coverage every hour until you see water running off somewhere or standing in a deep puddle to find

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out the length of time it takes to saturate your soil. Then dig a hole and see how deep the water reached. To get more depth of penetration, increase the time the hose is on. Now you can check the plants and soil periodically to see when the roots need more water and when needed you can turn the soaker hose on again at that pressure and for that time to assure deep watering. Soaker hoses are available in 100 foot lengths for around \$10.00. There is a vast array of clamp on connectors to splice, start, end, and Y sections of soaker hose. The only tools needed are a knife or large scissors, and a couple of screwdrivers.

Spray Equipment Suggestions

Since there are many types of spray heads and sprinklers, some general principles may help you select the best ones for your yard. Sprayers loose a lot of water by evaporation and by blowing by the wind. Look for sprayers which do not spray high in the air and which **do** send out large droplets or streams of water to minimize loss. It takes time to see how well a sprayer is covering the area with a given water valve setting.

Soaker Equipment Suggestions

Since soaker hoses are easy to move and position and quite inexpensive, an easy method is to make up a “leaky Hose” type soaker hose for each bed where it can be left in place and the hose connected and timer set as needed. Home yard stores have 100 foot rolls of soaker hose and inexpensive fittings (even push-in) for connections and ends and even “Y”s with flow control valves in each leg. Once the hose is in place and tested for coverage of all plants, a 3-inch layer of mulch on the bed will assure that all the water goes down to the roots of the plants and that little evaporates. I keep some hose splices around and when I see a plant area under-watered, I cut the soaker hose and splice in a loop of extra hose serpentine around the area. Fluffing up or adding mulch finishes the change.

Drip System Problems

Drip systems with emitters or leaky tubing may be inexpensive but they are difficult to hold in place and impossible to check if they are plugged without pulling the entire system out on top of the bed and running water through it. Even then it is

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difficult to decide which plant needs a 1 gallon per hour emitter and which a 2 gallon per hour emitter. I have installed a few drip and soaker systems and have talked with dozens of others at Xeriscape Garden Club meetings and it is generally agreed that the leaky hose systems are easiest to install, test, and change for the best water coverage for beds.

Bug problems

The bug attacking your St. Augustine grass which is suffering from the drought is a chinch bug. They like it when it is hot. If you see dry brown grass in hot sunny areas of your lawn, and you are watering properly, chances are you have chinch bugs. They can destroy a lawn in 2 or 3 weeks. The adult chinch bug is black with white markings on the wings. It is small but if you look very closely you should be able to see them. There are organic products like Insecticidal Soaps, Neem, or Diatomaceous Earth or other products with rotenone and pyrethrum in them that work. A good yard and garden insect killer product is the Safer brand Insect Killer Pyrethrin and Insecticidal Soap. Other chemical controls are available at your local

home store or nursery. As with most products, do not apply in full sun during the heat of the day. But do it fast or cinch bugs will spread and kill large areas of the lawn.

Trees are not watered by most grass and bed watering.

Trees are often under-watered and recede or stop growing during a drought. If you have small or trees you need to produce more shade for the house, they will require extra watering. The most efficient way is to put soaker hoses outside of the drip line of trees and soak the area for a day every 2 weeks without rain. Landscaping costs a lot of money and replacing large trees can cost thousands of dollars so keep them watered until the fall rains return. Especially in new home areas where the roots of trees have been damaged by construction and too much dirt coverage, trees will need extra watering for several years. The TreeFolks newsletter just reminded me that rapid growth is mostly controlled by the site quality and water applied. Fast growing trees are those that we water very deeply in the summer growing season.

Transition months in Austin are September and

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October that lead into the cold winter months. What that means to us who work at keeping our yards looking OK, finally our yard work is going dormant also. Not much needs to be done from now until spring unless it continues to be hot and dry. In 1999, and 2000, and 2001, we had soaking rains about the 4th of July and then the next good rain on October 22nd. There is no predicting the fall rains. If it continues to be hot and windy, be sure to spread a leaky hose or good sprinkler around the drip edges of your trees and thoroughly soak the soil.

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

St. Augustine Grass Care – If it is still hot and dry and you see brown areas in hot full-sun areas, the

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

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

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birds and other plants.

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Happy Gardening and Critter Watching,
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Springwoods Girl Scout Service Unit



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More Rattan Fest Information:

Rent a Booth:

This year the cost for booths will be:

**\$ 5 for RCNA members
(if signed up for by 9/1)**

\$ 25 for non- members

**\$25 for late registrations,
(if signed up for the day of Rattan Fest)**

This is a great opportunity to reach the neighborhood market and show off your talents or wares.

Each booth sponsor must provide his/ her own table, chair, tablecloth, and tent cover (if needed). Set up begins at 9:00am.

For any more information please contact: Dallas Hall at 257-3494.

See page 13 for the booth form!

This year the RCNA will have more of a carnival atmosphere.

- **Free Kid Friendly Inflatable**
- **Cake walk,**
- **Bean bag toss,**
- **Face painting,**
- **and more.**

The RCNA will sell tickets worth for a \$1 for each of these activities at the RCNA table.

We hope to see you out for this day of fun!

Don't forget to stop by the booths and do some early Christmas shopping!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dallas Hall at 257-3494.

See you at Rattan Fest!!



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Rattan Fest : September 9, 2006

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\$ 10.00 each

Make checks payable to RCNA.

Mail to P.O. Box 200584

Austin, Tx 78720-0584

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please indicate quantity ordered
(in front of size wanted)

___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Amount remitted: \$ _____

Rattan Fest Booth Application

September 9th, 2006

(Rain Date: Sept 30th)

Individual Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone:(hm) _____ (wk) _____

Description of booth: _____

The Rattan Fest guarantees no exclusivity to any booth sponsor.

___ **RCNA Member Booths by 9/1, \$ 5.00**

___ **Non - RCNA Member Booths \$25.00**

___ **Booth Registration on day of event \$25.00**

Make checks payable to RCNA.

Please mail applications & payment to

Dallas Hall

13201 Kepler Cove

Austin, Tx 78729

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Entry Form

Rattan Creek 5K Race - September 9, 2006

No Rain Date

Name: _____ Gender: [] Male [] Female

Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Age as of September 10, 2005 _____

T-Shirt size: ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

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

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

Make checks payable to RCNA

Mail to: **Rattan Fest Run c/o Angie Brown**

7637 Elkhorn Mountain

Austin, Tx 78729

Waiver: (Must be signed)

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur during the event or while I am on the premises of the event; and I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsors and all other persons or entities associated with this event, or otherwise.

Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recording or any other record of this event.

Signature of participant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian of Minor

Date

7/06

Recipe Corner By Natasha Randall

Spelt Pancakes

- 2 cups spelt or whole wheat flour
- 1 cup milk or milk substitute
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- 1 tsp. allspice
- 2 Tbsp. oil
- ½ tsp. vanilla

Options: add ¼ cup chopped strawberries or 1/3 cup whole blueberries

Mix dry ingredients together in a medium bowl. Add vanilla to the milk and then mix all wet ingredients into the dry ingredients. Beat well. The consistency should be like cake batter if necessary add more milk. Lightly oil a frying pan, put about 3 Tbsp of batter per pancake in the pan. Fry one side till bubbles appear, then turn. Yield approx. 8 medium pancakes. Leftovers can be stored up to a week in the refrigerator and can be reheated on a low setting in the toaster.

Chicken Pesto Pizza

- 1 10-12” pizza crust
- ½ cup pesto sauce
- 1 cup frozen chopped spinach thawed and drained
- 1 4oz can sliced olives drained
- ½ cup chopped artichoke hearts
- 1½ cup chicken cooked and chopped
- 1-2 cups mozzarella cheese

Spread pesto sauce on the pizza crust.

Layer the rest of the ingredients in the order listed onto the prepared crust.

Bake 375 degrees for 20 min or until the crust is slightly browned and the cheese is melted.

If you would like to submit a recipe for the RCNA Recipe corner, please send it to Natasha Randall at arandall5@austin.rr.com.



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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)
- The Tennis Courts will be under a professional management service. **Please watch the North Austin website for more information.** Tennis court keys will be issued on a Summer or Winter season basis. New keys will be issued at the beginning of each season. Guest fees will apply. **Only ONE key can be issued per household.** Replacement fee for lost or stolen keys will be the same as a new key.
- ID Badges, pool or tennis 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 2006 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)

TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN APPLICATION IS PROCESSED VIA EMAIL, PLEASE PROVIDE ADDRESS BELOW:

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

2006 Winter Fees:	Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool		
Quantity	Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.		
_____ 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 Winter (In-District Only) <small>(KEY IS ONLY VALID THROUGH April 2007)</small>	@ \$25 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)		\$ _____
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only) <small>(RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)</small>	@ \$25 per household		\$ _____
	Total		\$ _____
WINTER BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 04/30/07 ANNUAL VALID THRU 04/30/07			

North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 Rattan Creek Pool Summer Schedule 2006

August 2006



August 1-13*:

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

August 14th: School Starts*

August 14-31*:

Open Swim: Mon - Fri: 4:30pm-9:00pm
M, W, F Open Swim: Noon to 1:30pm
Sat : 11:00am-9:00pm
Sun : Noon-9:00pm

Last Teen Night:

August 3 : 8:00-10:30pm
\$2.00 Cover Charge

** August Pool hours may change depending on
RRISD calendar changes.*

September 2006

Sept 1-17:

Open Swim: Mon - Fri: 4:30pm-9:00pm
M, W, F Open Swim: Noon to 1:30pm
Sat : 11:00am-9:00pm
Sun : Noon-9:00pm

Labor Day: Sept 4: Open Swim 11:00 - 9:00pm

Sept 17-30:

Open Swim:
M, W, F: Noon to 1:30pm & 4:30 - 8:00pm
Sat : Noon-8:00pm
Sun : Noon-8:00pm

McNeil High School Swim team 6 am-8:30 am

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

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

**Clearwater Management
Phone - 331-7066**

October 2006

Oct 1-31: Mon, Wed & Fri:
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

Oct 9: Open Swim: Noon - 8:00 pm

McNeil High School Swim team 6 am-8:30 am

November 2006

Nov 1-30: Mon, Wed & Fri:
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

Open Swim: Nov 22,24,25 26: Noon - 8:00 pm
Closed Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Day!

McNeil High School Swim team 6 am-8:30 am

December 2006

Dec 1-14: Mon, Wed & Fri:
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

Open Swim: Dec 15-31: Noon - 8:00 pm
Closed Dec 25 - Christmas Day!

McNeil High School Swim team 6 am-8:30 am

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

RATTAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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
& 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:

(In District Members Only)

1. Tennis court hours 7:00 am – 10:00 pm.
2. All players must sign in on court reservation sheet before beginning play.
3. Guest fees are \$5 per guest and are to be paid before beginning play. Checks only, No cash will be accepted. Guest fees are to be paid at pool.
4. A member may have maximum of 3 guests at one time on the court; guest fees will apply. A member must be present on court with their guests.
5. All tennis court reservations will be handled through the tennis management. Tennis court reservations may be made up to 3 days in advance. Please call the Tennis Office to make a reservation at 219-9577.
6. Reservations need to be made at least 24 hours prior to playing in order to be guaranteed. Same day reservations will be treated as walk-on reservations.
7. Members have 15 minutes to make their reservation before the court will be declared open.
8. Walk-on play will be monitored by tennis office and members will be asked to sign in before playing. Singles play will be limited to 1 ½ hours and doubles 2 hours. Walk-on players are not guaranteed court availability.
9. Special tennis activities such as league play and park tennis socials will be scheduled through tennis management.
10. A member may reserve no more than one am and one pm reservation per day.
11. Proper tennis attire should be worn at all times. The shirt rule will be enforced.
12. Tennis courts for tennis play only. No Soccer tennis.
13. No glass containers or alcoholic beverages permitted on the courts.
14. No offensive language or offensive/dangerous conduct will be permitted.
15. Application and payment for court keys **MUST** be submitted to ECO Resources. Picture and key to be picked up at tennis office located at the pool. Absolutely no applications will be taken at pool. Guest fees are to be paid at pool. * **All household members using the courts will need a photo taken (at the pool).**
16. No unauthorized tennis lessons allowed. Please see tennis management.
17. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, or motorized vehicles allowed on courts.

Rattan Creek Park is a private park and the tennis courts of Rattan Creek Park are for the use of residents of North Austin MUD #1 and their guests. The resident must be present at all times when court is in use. Violators are subject to removal, privileges revoked and possible prosecution.

**Questions or Problems
at the Tennis Courts:
Contact the Tennis Coordinator
at 219-9577**

Sport Court Rules:

Court Hours: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

No glass containers.

1. No alcoholic beverages inside court area.
2. 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.

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

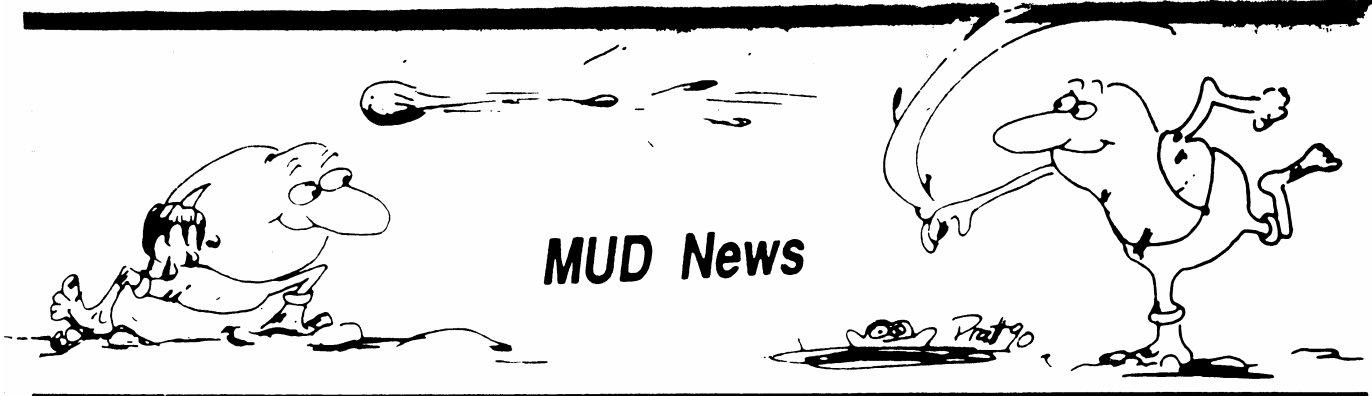
**Violators are subject to removal,
privileges revoked
and possible prosecution.**

**North Austin MUD # 1
District Manager: ECO Resources**

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

Rules For Use of District's Parks / Greenbelts

- 1) Curfew for the District's Parks and Greenbelts shall be 10:00pm to 6:00am, other than pavilions, sports courts and tennis courts, which shall have a curfew of 10:00pm to 7:00am.
- 2) No destructive activities shall be permitted in the District's Parks. The discharge of firearms, pellet guns, air soft guns, paint ball guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and other hazardous items shall be prohibited.
- 3) Golfing within the District's Parks and Greenbelts shall be prohibited.
- 4) Disorderly conduct and offensive language shall not be permitted in the District's Parks and Greenbelts.
- 5) Motor driven vehicles and equipment are not allowed in the District's Parks and Greenbelts, except as authorized by the District.
- 6) Children under the age of eighteen shall not be permitted to smoke within the District's Parks and Greenbelts.
- 7) No glass containers shall be permitted in the District's Parks and Greenbelts.
- 8) No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted in the District's Parks and Greenbelts without prior District approval
- 9) All pets must be on leash and under the physical control and restraint by their owners at all times in all parks and greenbelts. Droppings must be removed by the owner.
- 10) No amplified music will be permitted in the District's Parks and Greenbelts without specific, prior Board authorization.
- 11) The District reserves the right to change or impose additional restrictions on use as situation warrants.



North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors notes on the July 2006 Board meeting 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 Senior Citizens Center reported on June 28, 2006, that there were: 12 new complaints received, 6 calls for advice, 6 first letters sent, 4 second letters sent, 0 repeat letters sent, and 4 violations sent to MUD attorney. And 9 cases were closed (violations closed).

Development on Anderson Mill Road and Parmer lane corner lot: (no change.)

Rattan Creek Park Pool: The July 11th, 2006 report by Bill Burke of Clearwater Management said: There were no accidents or mechanical failures this month. The pump and spray has been used to cool the pool water by running it all nights as needed.

The early morning Mom and Tots swim has been very popular, and starting July 10th, the pool will be open at 9 AM. The Hurricanes Swim Team held their

divisional meet on Saturday July 8th. The McNeil swim team held their summer try-outs last week.

The monthly Thursday night Teen Night program has been extremely successful with attendance of 150 to 180.

The pool budget is being prepared with the Pool Committee (Directors Alan McNeil and Don Conklin). The Pool Use Rules are being reviewed and revised by the Sign committee (Directors Jo Jones and Chuck Simms), and new signs will be ordered soon.

Rattan Creek Park Playground: The playscapes are a big hit, and the climbing rock seems to be covered by kids at all times. A residents' and NAMUD#1 Board members' meeting is planned for August 9th at 7:00 pm at the Pool to discuss future park needs and other subjects. Details of the meeting are in another place in this newsletter and will be on our water bills also.

Rattan Creek and Robinson Parks Maintenance: All grass turf areas were fertilized and top dressed and the ant mounds spot treated. Minor irrigation repairs were made, and the creek and drainage channels and detention ponds were mowed and trash removed.

The Sign Committee: The new signs posting the Rules for the parks, amenities, and trails were installed to allow better enforcement of the rules by the Williamson County Sheriffs department.

Tennis Court Coordinator: The Board is looking for a method of tennis court reservations and management.

Deed Restriction Violations:

Deed restriction violations must be submitted in writing to:

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

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

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Williamson County Sheriff Department: We continue to have 4 officers working enforcement in our District. Thank them for their wonderful help when you get a chance. Their schedule will vary as school starts but please continue to watch your speed.

Eagle Scout Project: Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Freidberg from troop 146 has completed his project to provide protection for the hand dug well under the Gypsy Oak tree in Robinson Park near Anderson Mill Road. The educational sign was installed recently, so stop by and check it out.

Robinson Park Amasia Playground: The vandalism continues so the light screens were removed and additional security measures are being planned.

Wastewater line TV Inspection: This scheduled quality check and cleaning of the wastewater lines will begin next week on the South side of Rattan Creek.

Rattan Creek Park Master Plan: The plan is stalled by the City of Austin Planning Department actions. We continue to work to get past this on-going road block.

District Water Pressure Increase: Meetings continue with Austin Water Utility personnel, the City Manager Toby Futrell, and TCEQ staff (our governing state agency). More next month..

North Austin MUD #1 Website: Additional information about the Park Rules, Tennis Court Rules, and Park Rules will be added to the site as approved by the Board.

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.

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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
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New address for Architectural Control Committee:

The Milburn and DR Horton companies have transferred the Architectural Control Committee responsibilities to the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association Architectural Control Committee. Committee Members Chuck Simms, Michelle Dent, and Steven Wiehe are preparing the information and application forms for all structural improvements projects proposed by homeowners. This information will be on the RCNA and the NAMUD#1 web sites shortly. This ACC function was established to protect the property values of all the homes in North Austin Municipal District #1. To get a copy of Deed Restrictions for your section, see the article in this newsletter.

Chuck Simms will handle all the intake of the ACC submissions; you can contact him by e-mail at RCNAACCcvs@aol.com for copies of the forms until the web sites contain the data. When sending correspondence, please provide your *Name, Address, Subdivision Section Number, Phone Number, and a short description of your proposed*

project.

If you do not have email and/or wish to get the information via conventional mail, please send the information requested above as well to:

**RCNA-ACC
6001 W. Parmer Ln. Ste. 370 PMB 182
Austin, TX, 78727**

(This is the Post Net at HEB Shopping Center)

Note that projects can be stopped and if you proceed without approval, owners can be subject to restrictive covenants violation remedies and/or sued by your neighbors, if you violate the Restrictions and do not have written approval by the Architectural Control Committee.

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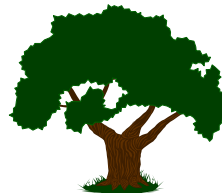
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Thank you Rattan Creek Residents and North Austin MUD #1!

The Hurricane Swim Team has just completed its 24th swim season!

What a summer season this has been. We greatly appreciate the support of our community and the NAMUD#1, as well as Clearwater Management for keeping the pool and its water so nice.

We had 210 swimmers from our community on the team. The team is made up of children ages 4 to 17. We work to improve their health and swimming abilities, increase their understanding of sportsmanship and team building, and have lots of fun!

We hope that you were able to stop by and see your neighborhood children swim some great races.

We thank you for your support and patience this season and hope you will come and join us next year.

Sincerely,
The 2006 Hurricane Swim Team

Parmer-McNeil Plaza

Now open for business are (Front row, North to South) Washington Mutual, Cold Stone Creamery, Wirelesslink, Whataburger, Starbucks.

(Back row, North to South) Little Woodrow's, Music City Cycles, Curra's Grill, Nationwide Insurance, VP Salon & Gifts, Best Cleaners, Alpha Nails, KC Dental, and Wachovia.

Other tenants with construction underway include Chipotle, Woody's Pizza and Wings Company, Hot Tubs of Austin, and Schlotzky's. All are expected to open within the month, with the exception of Woody's, which has a September 1 target. Several smaller units are still available.

I have little to report regarding disturbances or concerns from the community this month. The businesses have been considerate, all things considered, and traffic and crowds are unfortunately to be expected at times. Please call or write with questions and comments.

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or email: jrjones@austin.rr.com

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335-1805

ASHLEY LLOYD, 14 - Babysitter -- Red Cross Babysitting course certified, very responsible, would like to baby-sit on weekends. Have experience with children of various ages. 659-2890 (11/06)

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**Thank you to the
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Williamson County Sheriff's
Department.**

Your volunteer time for our community is greatly appreciated!

We had around 150 people participate in the 4th of July parade. **WOW!!!**

The kids did a great job on decorating their wheels! We changed up the route this year and went straight up Tamayo and back down.

It was a lot of fun! Neighbors came out and waved as we passed by. The kids loved the attention and the parade.

We look forward to seeing all of you again next year.

See you again at Rattan Fest!



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Attention: Anyone who wants to have fun! Even if you are not a marathoner, you'll enjoy running or walking this 5K run. (No rain date for the run)

Registration: \$10 kids (under 12), \$15 for adults before August 25. To register, complete the registration form in this issue and mail in with your entry fee. Refunds can be made prior to August 31, if unable to participate.

Late registrants may not receive a t-shirt or Choice of size.

Race Start: Check in and late registration begins at 7:00 am in the pool parking lot. Race starts at 7:30am at the intersection of Tamayo and Elkhorn Mountain.

Awards: Prizes for male and female winners in the following age categories:

13 & younger, 14-25 years, 26-34 years,
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