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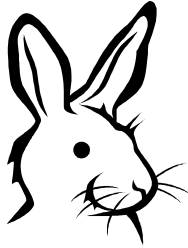
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Around Milwood

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The Easter Event is coming!!!

Hello Milwood, It's that time of the year again. Easter is coming the first weekend of April. Our Easter Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 7th. That always causes a little problem... everyone forgets about donating to the Easter Hunt. It just sneaks up on all of us. ☺ We always rely on our neighbors to donate candy and help us out.
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Our "Neighborhood Watch" Program is now in full swing! You will soon see old "Neighborhood Watch" signs being removed and new ones being put in their place.

Many of your neighbors have signed up to receive updates and are attending the meetings at the Clairemont Retirement Center on Los Indios. We need everyone's help to make our neighborhood safer.

If you are interested in more information about neighborhood watch or when the next meeting is, please email watch@rattancreek.org.

Austin Cleaners Grand Opening see page 10

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EVENTS

February

- Feb 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
7600 Windrush
- Feb 19 President's Day
- Feb 20 TAKS testing
- Feb 21 MUD Meeting, 6pm
9511 RR 620 North
- Feb 26 RRISD Day off
Staff Development Day



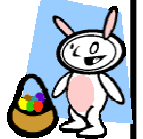
March

- Mar 11
"Spring Ahead" -
- Daylight Savings Time Change
- March 12-16 Spring Break
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day
- Mar 21 MUD Meeting, 6pm
9511 RR 620 North
- Mar 22 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
7600 Windrush



April

- Apr 6 Bad Weather Makeup Day
- Apr 7 Easter Egg Hunt
at Rattan
Creek Park
- Apr 8 Easter Sunday
- Apr 9 Bad Weather Makeup Day
- Apr 14 Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Apr 18 MUD Meeting, 6pm
9511 RR 620 North
- Apr 19 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
- Apr 21,22 Neighborhood Clean Up



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Architectural Control Committee Information:

The ACC function handled by the builder/developer for years has been turned over the RCNA.

Any submissions for ACC approval will need to be sent to:

RCNA-ACC

6001 W. Parmer Ln. Ste. 370 PMB 182

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For more information, please see inside on page 26.

Or contact Chuck Simms for more specific information needed via email: RCNAACCVS@aol.com.

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- You will need your legal description (ie. lot, block, and section of Milwood), so you get the correct set of deed restrictions for your section.

Block Captain Needed for Newsletter Delivery:

We need a Block Captain for the following street:

Part of Humphrey (9)

Part of Dallas (32)

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.*

Thank you to Janis Hillenmeyer and Rebecca Meisch for becoming block captains.

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

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President's Notes

Happy New Year Rattan Creek neighbors, family and friends. I'm finding it hard to believe it's now **2007**. Is it tax time again already? I'll start with wrapping up last year. Santa in the park went great! After a short delay Santa came and saw all the children waiting in a very long line. In all of my years of Santa in the park, that was the best turn out I've seen. Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 164 for the bonfire, the Jollyville Fire Department for bringing Santa and of course Dallas Hall for running the event.

Our focus this issue, as it is always this time of year is membership. Everything we do and would like to do starts with membership. **We need you to join.** Unlike most neighborhoods' associations Rattan Creeks' is **completely voluntary.** Soon you will be receiving a flyer to your door with a self-addressed envelope. Please take the time to fill it out and send it in with your small **\$25** contribution.

You can also look on the back of the newsletter and cut it out to send in or use Paypal. Just go to

our website <http://www.rattancreek.org> and click on membership then click on the Paypal link. That's correct only **\$25 annually.** Read the flyer, which will be delivered to your doorstep soon, or RCNA Dues for 2007 on the back of this letter and see all that your contribution goes toward.

Next, for all you super neighbors who have joined in the past and are joining this year, please talk to the friends around you and ask them if they are members. If they are not, ask them to join us.

Which brings me to a higher level of commitment, volunteering. **Your neighborhood needs you!** The amount of time you spend could be very little and not even regular. We need Committee Members, Block Captains (Newsletter) Section Heads (Newsletter) and people to help with events. This year we have started a neighborhood watch. The Watch is going good with a lot of people participating but we always could use more.

I myself don't have a lot of time. I have a three-year-old son, Peter and a one-year-old daughter, Kathryn plus a full time job with a long commute. I just try to do what I can when I can. High School Seniors interested in the Associations' scholarship will now need to have 8 hours of community service to qualify. We here at the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association have one simple goal or mission; make Rattan Creek the best place we can to live! Please come and help us achieve our goal.

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John Lenz,
RCNA President

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New Neighbors:

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 Anthony & Edna Hutchinson & 4 children to
 Grovedale Trail

Stephanie & Derik Polay to 13456 Athens Trail

Welcome to Milwood!! We hope you love it here!

New Babies

Congratulations to Alison and David DeStefano of Albania Way who had little girl Rylee Isabella March 22, 2006.



Congratulations!

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



Milwood Parent Activities

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

- New playgroup for babies/toddlers born between September 2005 – August 2006. Contact Kerry Crowe at 250-8945 or kerrycrowe@yahoo.com.
- Playgroup for babies (and their Moms) with birth dates from around July/August 2003 to 2004: Call Lori Poppe at 258-1952 or e-mail at loripoppe@yahoo.com.
- Playgroup for children with birth dates in Fall 1996 and 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.

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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February, March Gardening Tasks – It’s almost planting time!

Planting Time is almost here, remember, we can still have a freeze past Valentines Day and into mid March.

Plant some colorful annual plants. For spring and summer color, try carnations, mums, petunias and bluebonnets. A small bed or some pots with some annual flowers provides a spot of color for your yard at a nominal cost. They are more visible and easier to maintain if they are near a door or window to enjoy and to remind you to water, fertilize, and deadhead them periodically.

Most of the herbs do well in pots and make your front entrance smell great after a rain or when you water them. Try Rosemary, Thyme, Basil, Mints (a dozen types, great for adding to tea), or a couple of Chile Pequin (has small red peppers). Use pots bigger than you think you need (but small enough to move in or out of the sun) remember, plants grow, and several plants in a pot make a bushy bouquet quickly. A pot can make a pretty touch to the **front sidewalk, deck, patio, or driveway.** Improve the look and value of your home.

Perennial flowers and shrubs will come back each spring and provide many years of enjoyment.

For full sun areas there are the lemon colored and the hot pink Verbenas, Blue and White Mistflower, several types of Lantana, Mealy Blue Sage that spread well and bloom all summer in full sun.

For partial shade the red and yellow Texas Gold Columbine are great plants (mine stayed green all winter), nice lacy, blue green foliage and they bloom most of the summer with an occasional foliar feeding of liquid seaweed or something. They really need compost for mulch to do well in mottled shade. The Fall Asters, Purple Coneflower, Tropical Sage, Turks Cap and Zemenia all bloom in partial shade and will attract and feed butterflies and hummingbirds and birds to your yard. A very relaxing sight.

Trees - It is always time to plant trees so if you have been putting it off, select a few 1 to 5 gallon trees and start growing the beauty and shade you’ll enjoy for years. Remember, deciduous trees on the

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South and West side of the house to block the summer sun and let in the heat after the leaves fall in the winter. Large shade trees include the Cedar Elm, Chinquapin Oak,, Bigtooth Maple, the Chinese Pistache, and the large Burr Oak.

Some of the evergreen favorite trees are: Large Live Oaks, and smaller trees Texas Mountain Laurel (for a small tree with beautiful and fragrant blooms in the spring), Cherry Laurel, Southern Wax Myrtle, Yaupon holly , Montezuma Cypress do lose their leaves for a short time,(plant in a low spot, they need a lot of water to stay green).Some pecan trees but require a lot of spraying etc, so check with the Travis County Extension office for a variety that will do well in your neighborhood.

For under story size trees with beautiful spring blooms, plant and enjoy the Mexican Plum, Texas Redbud, Texas Persimmon (a bit dirty with dropping fruit, so put one or three in a corner), or Desert Willow in full sun, or the Possumhaw with the scarlet red berries visible this time of the year.

Shrubs for sun/part shade include the Argarita,

Bear Grass, Cherry Sage, Dwarf Wax Myrtle, Dwarf Yaupon Holly, Evergreen Sumac, Glossy Abelia, Hawthornes and a large bush with green changing to white to purple berries that the Mocking Birds love, the American Beautyberry.

Remember to water new plants weekly to monthly during dry spells for the first year, periodically for the first 2 years to establish the roots. After that your watering can be determined by how fast you want the plants to grow.

Tree folks says to be sure to have a wide ring of soil covered with mulch around the base of the tree, at least 3-4”deep mulch will stretch out the time between watering. As it decomposes it provides food for earthworms and other little soil builders. Earthworms bring rich subsoil to the soil surface and decompose organic matter into invaluable compost. They also leave tracks in the soil which allow moisture and air deep down where your tree roots need them.

Check the moisture level of your tree at least once per week . When the soil is dry 1” below the surface, water the tree slowly and deeply. Recommend at least 5 gallons per week for the first year and double that the second. That’s for a well mulched tree. It takes much more water for trees without good mulch cover of the soil.

Add Compost - As always, add composted material to beds and lawns for slow release fertilizer and to add organic matter to our Blackland Prairie heavy clay soil. If you have very little soil over layers of limestone, you need organic matter also. The nurseries have composted material by the bag and by the truck load. Several of our neighbors split a 6 yard truck load of Dillo Dirt to share the cost of the delivery truck every

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year or so in Spring or Fall. It sure makes great looking flowers and grass and helps lower the pH of our alkaline soil which releases the nutrients to the plant roots. Dillo Dirt is available in bags now at many of the local nurseries.

Tree Care Should Wait - We can still have a freeze through Valentines day so pruning fertilizing and cleanup of yards should wait until at least late February. These activities stimulate new growth that can be easily killed by a late frost. Most plants require warm nights (when the soil is really warm) before much growth starts in the spring.

If you have compacted soil in your yard where the water and air do not reach the roots, the best treatment is to rent an aerator, run it over your yard and then fertilize with 1/8 to 1/4 inch of Dillo Dirt. If you have a sprinkler system, mark the location of the heads and stay away from the sprinkler heads.

Do NOT smother tree roots, with more than 2 or 3 inches of soil, mulch, rocks, or anything over the roots of trees (especially Live Oaks). It will reduce the ability of the roots to gather oxygen, exclude

carbon dioxide, and limit water flow. This greatly slows the growth of the tree and some trees will die.

Early spring fertilization usually does wonders for the strength and growth of live oak trees. Put 2 or 3 inches of compost and 4 inches of mulch under the tree extending 1 1/2 times beyond the drip line. I was surprised to learn that the Austin area native trees have such a wide spread root system to help the tress to quickly capture rain water before it runs off.

The trees around new homes have been stressed by cut roots and the compaction of the soil by construction equipment. A practical process to loosen up our heavy black clay soil includes:

- Go in with your neighbors to rent an aerator to loosen up the soil;
- Fertilize with a slow release fertilizer (urea based) or 1/8 to 1/4 inch of Dillo dirt and;
- Water it in well every week for several months during the growing season. Tree spikes or any strong fertilizer spread on the grass feeds the top few inches where the grass roots

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are, but will not get the fertilizer down to the tree root hairs 8 to 10 inches deep where it is needed. Nothing migrates through our heavy clay soil quickly.

Prune Trees and Shrubs - Prune now only to remove dead branches, diseased, crossing, rubbing, damaged branches, narrow weak crotches, or multiple main stems (try for only one main stem). When pruning, make the cut beyond the branch collar leaving a small stub. A flush cut requires the bark of the trunk to eventually close the wound and is much slower growing than the branch collar bark, which will quickly enclose the nub. Do NOT paint the cuts on any trees (except for live oaks to keep away the beetles carrying the live oak fungus).

Late February is time to **prune the lovely crepe myrtle trees/bushes** that can be pruned down to wood the size of a pencil. They bloom on new wood, so pruning helps the new branching and the blooming if not done too severely.

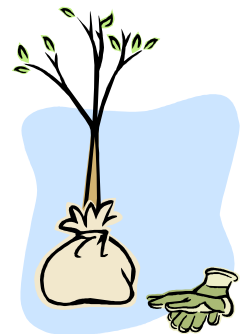
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smaller, use the old maintenance trick and cut off near the ground at an angle, 1/3 of the largest trunks. Next year, prune the new growth for shape and cut out another 1/3 of the largest trunks. In 3 years you will have a healthy new cluster of trunks with heavy flowering provided by the massive root system developed over the years. Aggressive top pruning will work ok but it makes ugly stick trees for a few months.

Plant some things now and begin to build the future yard you want. Your kids will even want to help if they get to participate in the planning, buying, planting and watering. Enjoy gardening it improves your outlook and life -- you deserve it.

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Neighborhood Events

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I store all candy donations in my home, so if you are out and about and it is still February or March, that's fine. Just drop it off at my door. Please remember to leave your name on the candy bag so I can put your name in the newsletter with a big thank you!



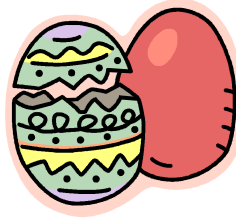
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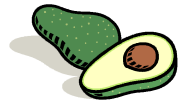
Tortellini Soup with Sausage



- 1 (9 ounce) package refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 pound ground sausage
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 can sliced olives
- 2 (8 ounce) cans Basil, garlic, & oregano flavored tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- salt and pepper to taste

- Brown sausage in a pan and drain off fat.
- In a large sauce pan combine all the ingredients and cook until heated through and bubbling.
- Stir frequently to keep from burning the bottom.
- Serve with a loaf of French bread and enjoy!

Guacamole



- 3 ripe avocados - peeled, pitted, and mashed (Ripe avocados are soft to the touch)
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt or to taste
- 1/2 cup diced green onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 roma (plum) tomatoes, diced
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic or garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper

DIRECTIONS

In a medium bowl, mash together the avocados, lime juice, and salt. Mix in onion, cilantro, tomatoes, garlic, and pepper. Refrigerate 1 hour for best flavor, or serve immediately. Do not make too much ahead of time because the avocados after a few hours will turn brown.

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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**AUSTIN
CLEANERS**

7318 McNeil Road

Austin Cleaners announces Grand Opening!



Two local McNeil graduates are set to open Austin Cleaners on the corner of McNeil Rd. and San Felipe this February. Jeff Judy and Adam Dartz, both McNeil graduates, are partnering up to open what they hope is a series of new dry cleaning businesses in the Austin area. Jeff holds a Bachelor's degree from UT and a master degree from both Stanford and Northwestern. Adam is a graduate of Texas State. Both young men have been long time friends starting from the days they played soccer together at McNeil HS. They had been looking to go into business together for quite some time and when this opportunity arose they jumped at the chance. Although they are only 26 and 27 years of age, both of them have previous experience in entrepreneurial ventures. They believe that Austin is a great market to open a service oriented business such as dry cleaning, due to the fast growing highly educated population and increasing need for convenience services for the young and old professional alike.

Austin Cleaners follows a trend of more environmentally friendly dry cleaners, not using the most common dry cleaning solvent perchloroethylene, also known as

PERC. The National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) have concluded that PERC is a toxic contaminant and potential human carcinogen. Both Jeff and Adam agreed from the beginning that they would only use cleaning products that were known to have no harmful effects to their employees and the environment, unfortunately PERC is still used by over 70% of dry cleaner businesses nationwide.

Austin Cleaners is conveniently located on the corner of McNeil Rd. and San Felipe, one block east of 183 in the new San Felipe Market retail center next to the Tin Star restaurant. This makes the location a convenient stop for commuters that make the daily pilgrimage through the busy McNeil & 183 intersection.

“We were looking for a location that was easily accessible for people who live in Milwood and surrounding neighborhoods. And we feel the ease of getting in and out of the retail center, which is accessible when heading east or west on McNeil road and also accessible from San Felipe is one the most convenient factors for our customers.”-Adam.

With little differentiating competing dry cleaning businesses, Austin Cleaners is hoping to stand out with its superior service and unmatched product while still undercutting their competitors' prices. Jeff and Adam are also hoping to score big with an ad campaign that stars “Sir Austin”, a cute loveable butler that “hails from a long lineage of professional butlers and cleaners”. So next time you are in the neighborhood you should stop by Austin Cleaners for a cup of coffee and great service.

Neighborhood Watch

Break in: We recently had a break in at a home in our area, it occurred during the day while the home owner was at work. The offenders entered through the front door, which they kicked in. This is apparently easy on double doors and the homeowner mentioned he had not properly secured the latches on them. The advice here is to make certain your doors are adequately secured, and if you have safe with a key, it's only as secure as where the key is.

Flipping: The deputies recently alerted us to watch for this type of activity. That is a police term for people testing car doors to see if they are locked and stealing things if they find a car unsecured. Well, someone was paying attention and 2 teens, were arrested with stolen articles in their possession, all linked to cars they had been visiting. There is a neighbor out there that really deserves our thanks. One phone call can save a lot of people some serious inconvenience.

BB Guns: Be on the alert for kids with BB guns. Several residents have reported kids shooting things on the green belt. If you see a kid with a BB gun, call 911 immediately. A kid was killed with an air rifle near 620 recently. It is illegal to carry a deadly weapon in public, shooting animals without a hunting permit is illegal, and harming pets or wildlife is considered animal cruelty.

Update: At Christmas, there were few occurrences of vandalism of holiday displays. The culprits, in at least

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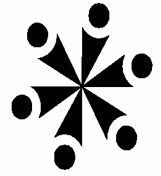
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PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

- 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			
Mail or Deliver to ECO Resources, 9511 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, Texas 78726			

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

All summer and winter tag swimmers can use the pool during October.

February 2007

Feb 1-16: Mon, Wed & Fri:
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

**Pool Closed for Maintenance:
February 17 - March 2**



March 2007

March 3-31: Mon, Wed & Fri:
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

March 12-16 Open Swim: 12:00 noon to 8:00pm
"Spring Break"

April 2007

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



Easter Sunday : April 8th

***Rattan Creek Pool is Managed
by Clearwater Management***
Manager - Mandy Paul
Pool phone - 257-8175
Clearwater Management
Phone - 331-7066

May 2007

May 1-23: Mon, Wed & Fri:
12:00-1:30
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm



May 24: Last Day of School
Open Swim: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

May 25-31: Open Swim: Mon through Saturday
11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sun: Noon - 9:00 pm

Hurricane Swim Team



**The Hurricane swim team will use the
pool for practice May 1st until May 23rd
each weekday evening.
7 to 9pm**

**Lap swimmers are allowed to swim
Tuesday and Thursday 7 to 9 pm during
this time.**

Swim Meets to be announced!

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 January 2007 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 Treasure of the Hills Senior Citizens Center reported on December 26, 2006: New complaints received (5), Calls for advice (9), First letters sent (7), Second letters sent (0), repeat letters sent (0), Violations sent to MUD attorney (1), Number cases closed (violations corrected): (14). The Architectural Control Committee activities are described in another section.

Rattan Creek Park Pool: The pool is on the normal winter hours. The water remained at 81 degrees. Clearwater Management has met with the McNeil High School swim team Coach and over the unusually cold weather. The heaters have had problems and one was broken by the recent ice storm that we had in January. The other one has problems and repairs are being scheduled. The temperature has been maintained in the pool.

Rattan Creek Park Community Center Rebuilding: We are the final stages of design for the new community center and bath house. We are planning for the location to be between the 2 sets of tennis courts, located along the area of the old building as well as near the deep end of the pool. Our timing for completion of this project will depend on approval by the City of Austin.

The initial goal for construction was to not have to use portable buildings for the summer swim season. Our current building plan is for a new heated/cooled bath house with hot and cold showers and dressing area, along with a 2 story

community building consisting of 2 large meeting rooms and 1 smaller meeting room and several offices, and a kitchen/break room, as well as 2 outdoor restrooms near the play area. Many thanks to Directors Keith Collins and Jo Jones for their extra hours work on this project.

Rattan Creek Playscape: The rubber mats for under the swing sets have been installed.

Greenbelts and parks and soccer fields: Winter grass in the parks has germinated and irrigation schedules are back to normal. The rain and flooding over the soccer fields (all are in the 100 year flood plain) are being monitored to see if the seeding soil addition and fertilization is progressing well despite being under water for a time. The time for the soccer fields to be closed has been extended until February 28.

Booster Station Pressure Pumps: The pump projects have gone out for bid. The pumps are being scheduled for installation as soon as possible. Many thanks to Directors Alan McNeil and Don Conklin for their extra hours work on this project.

Sewer System T.V. Inspection: The District engineer has been reviewing the TV camera inspection of the District's wastewater collection

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Deed Restriction Violations:

Deed restriction violations must be submitted in writing to:

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

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

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mains. This is the 2006 part of the required inspection of the entire system every 5 years.

The Annual Audit report: including Financial Statements, Supplemental Information, Independent Auditors Report, and a Management Report was submitted and described to the Board by Mike Swayze of the Pena Swayze & Co., L.L.P. Certified Public Accountants.


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.

Chuck Simms, Assistant Secretary, 331-9630
NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.

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some of these activities, were apprehended.

Toilet Papering: While not exactly high crime, it is annoying and inconvenient enough to be illegal. If you see it, call it in. If your kids mention they want to do it, stop them. A parent actually drove some kids to do this recently. This law comes under causing undue inconvenience to others, just as letting the air out of a persons tire does. It's surprising all the little ordinances there are out there.

And please remember there are curfews for kids!

One last thing: Somebody called in about motorcycles on the green belt. If you see it, call it in to 911. The caller did just that and hopefully the message got through.

Watch out for squirrels! Someone swerved to avoid one by the park and hit three cars. Fortunately, it was just the cars getting hurt. I'll leave the moral of that one to you.

The deputies have told me we can be thankful to live in such a low crime area. These incidents show we are calling in on the things we should be to keep it that way. In December there were only three 911 calls for our area and 2 were domestic incidents. We had a few more this month, but it looks like we got closure on at least one so far, which is good.

Thanks for keeping an eye on our neighborhood!
Mike Hall
Coordinator, Rattan Creek Neighborhood Watch
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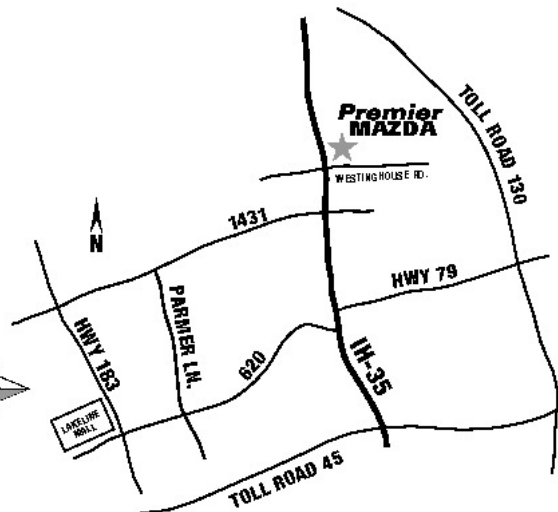
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Commissioner's Corner

Much has been written lately about the change in the Williamson County Commissioner's Court. I must admit that when I took office in May of 2004, I never imagined that in two and a half years, I would be the only one remaining on the dais. In the last few weeks, I have reflected back on the times I had with the three outgoing court members.

One thing that sticks out in my mind is when I went to pay a courtesy call on Judge Doerfler, back in the summer of 2003, to tell him that I planned to run for commissioner. I have known Judge John for many years, as he was mayor of Georgetown when my father was a councilman, and his wife, Paula, was one of my P.E. teachers in high school. He and I sat in his corner office in the old courthouse and visited for a little while before I got down to business. After I told him, there was a long silence. He looked out the window and he finally said, "Lisa, I have known you and your family for a long time. If you want to run, then I guess you will, but I don't think this county is ready for a female commissioner." Knowing him,

I think he was sincere, even though, obviously, he was wrong. I have often wondered what he thinks about the new female majority on the court, but he has never commented on that to me. All in all, I think Judge John ran a good meeting and always tried to his best, even though his view of how to govern a county and mine are different. He did pay me a much unexpected compliment a few months ago when he said I was the hardest working commissioner with whom he ever served.

Greg Boatright was the humorist, who kept us all laughing through some tough times. He always had a joke or quick comment and since he sat next to me on the dais, he would always lighten up a tense moment in court. He never seemed upset over public criticism, but I know it sometimes bothered him. Once, he and I attended a large charity dinner in Austin, with our spouses. As usual, he was late. When he got there, we were seated so far in the back corner, we could not even see the stage. He immediately turned to me and said, "So, who did we make mad this time?"

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Frankie and I had the most differences of the three. Being a former teacher, I have always been very detail-oriented and one to read everything, including all the contracts and other documents that come before the court. Frankie was always more of the handshake deal kind of guy, so our styles were very different. Also, our views of how government officials should deal with the public and the media made us on different sides of issues. But, I think Frankie always did what he thought was best for precinct four.

I wish all the outgoing court members the best. They all served the county as best they could and they will be missed.

As to the new court, all of the incoming members also have different backgrounds and strengths. I think that we will all work together well. I have already come to admire Judge Dan Gattis' work ethic. Since he won the Republican primary in March, he has basically worked full-time getting up to speed on the many issues facing the county. In the six weeks or so that Commissioner Covey, has been in office she has also shown a

strong ability to work hard and make tough choices. Commissioner Long brings a wealth of public service to the job and Commissioner Morrison has a wide variety of life experiences which will serve the county well. I look forward to working with all of them.

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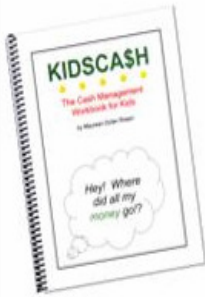
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RCNA-ACC Action report for ACC meeting of 1/25/06:

Projects submitted for ACC Review:

#4 Deck and Arbor 1 submitted, 1 approved

#7 Storage Sheds 2 submitted, 2 denied

#8 Swimming Pools 1 submitted, 1 approved.

Chuck Simms,
RCNA Architectural Control Committee Chair
e-mail: RCNAACCVS@aol.com

Architectural Control Committee Information:

The ACC function handled by the builder/ developer for years has been turned over the RCNA.

Any submissions for ACC approval will need to be sent to:

RCNA-ACC

6001 W. Parmer Ln. Ste. 370 PMB 182

Austin, TX, 78727

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As other issues around our neighborhood arise, the RCNA strives to be the voice for our neighborhood to the Counties, the City, and the MUD Board.

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