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Around Milwood

Town Hall Meeting

Residents of North Austin MUD 1

Thursday, February 21st, 6:30 pm

Clairmont Retirement Center
12463 Los Indios

www.northaustinmud1.org



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 22nd
10:00 am

Soccer Field of Rattan Creek Park

This years Easter Hunt location will be limited to the Soccer field side of Rattan Creek Park due to the construction.

Parking will be only on the streets near the Park..

See page 14 for more details.



Before the Easter Egg Hunt Enjoy Great Pancake Breakfast!

When: Saturday, March 22nd

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 am

Where: Rattan Creek Park

At Small Pavilion by Playscape



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EVENTS

February

Feb 13 RRISD Middle School
Early Release

Feb 14 Valentine's Day

Feb 18 President's Day

Feb 19-29 Early Voting

Feb 20 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm
9511 RR 620 North

Feb 21 Town Hall Meeting, 6:30
Clairmont Retirement Center

Feb 28 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm
7506 Windrush Dr

Feb 29 Leap Day

March

Mar 4 Primary Voting

Mar 5 Neighborhood Watch 6:30p
at Clairmont-12463Los Indios

Mar 9 Time Change
"Spring Ahead"



Mar 10-14 Spring Break

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

Mar 21 Spring Holiday

Mar 22 EASTER EGG HUNT
Rattan Creek Soccer Field
8:30am Pancake Breakfast
10:15am Easter Parade

Mar 23 Easter

Mar 27 RCNA meeting, 7:00pm
check website for location

April

Apr 2 Neighborhood Watch 6:30p
at Clairmont-12463Los Indios

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

Apr 17 RCNA meeting, 7:00pm
check website for location

Apr 19 Passover Begins

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RCNA-ACC

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For more information, please see inside on page 24.

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 streets:

Avella (9) Dringenberg (21)

and The Bluffs (part of Osborne, Alvin High, Dulles)

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. Extra Newsletters are available at the sign at the Rattan Creek Park. *Numbers in () is the number of houses.*

We need Section Head for:

The Bluffs (150)

Section heads are the start to our delivery process. They must be willing to work quickly to get the newsletters out to the block captains. They receive the newsletters in bulk and break down the count and deliver to the number of block captains in their area. The number of deliveries are in the ().

Thank you to Jill Kaml and Vera Hannusch for volunteering.

If you would like to volunteer as a Block captain or Section head, please contact Jennifer or Dave at 257-3380.

President's Notes

Now that 2008 is here, the RCNA is working hard to bring all segments of the Milwood community together. Our monthly Board meetings are now on the last Thursday of the month at 7 PM. At our last meeting, we were fortunate enough to meet the new leadership of Boy Scout Troop 259. Adult leadership of the Troop spent a few minutes introducing us to the activities that the scouts were involved with. They also discussed some of the challenges that they are facing. As a Board, we pledged to support to these dedicated individuals.

We know that there are other scout and civic organizations that meet in Milwood. We want to find out all about you also, and explore how the RCNA Board can be helpful to you. Please feel free to contact me at 512 921-4490 or e mail me at brikerm@austin.rr.com so that we can chat about your group, and possibly arrange a visit with our Board so neighborhood leadership can become familiar with the worthwhile and dedicated volunteer work that you do with your organization.

There are a few important program notes that I would like to bring to your attention. Easter is almost upon us. Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday March 22nd beginning at 8:30 am with the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast being located at the small pavilion by the playscape on Tamayo, and the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the soccer field of Rattan Creek Park (Elkhorn Mountain and Tamayo.) We would like to encourage everyone to enjoy this special time with your neighbors and friends. See **page 14** for info.

While spring is almost upon us, we hope that all high school seniors living in Milwood will take advantage and apply for our **Neighborhood Scholarship Program**. The RCNA annually awards up to three \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors who are registered for college or technical schools. Please see **page 13** in this newsletter for details about this very valuable and popular service to our community.

I would like to remind you that it is that time of year when your RCNA membership dues are due. By this time you should be receiving our annual Membership Flier delivered directly to your homes. I urge you to support all of the various activities that are sponsored by the RCNA. Annual dues are only \$25.00. Attached to the applications

is a pre addressed envelope for your convenience. We have also taken the liberty of publishing an additional application on the back page of this newsletter. I cannot urge you enough to please send in your dues so that we can not only continue but expand the range of programs and activities that we offer. Once our beautiful new community center opens later this year, the only thing that can prevent us from offering new and expanded programs and activities is your lack of support. You will be surprised as to how far your \$ 25.00 can go.

Lastly, I want to ask everyone to remember to be mindful of our children and others. Please obey speed limits within our community. We need everyone's help to insure the continued safety of everyone in our community.

Brian Kerman, President
Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association

RCNA Winter Meeting Location: During the cooler months the RCNA meetings will be held at the President's home at **7506 Windrush Dr.**

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Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

New Neighbors:

Please help us welcome the following new neighbors to Milwood! If you live near them, stop by and welcome them to our neighborhood:



Nancy and James Uhrinec at 12700 Margit Drive

Daniel at 7600 Montaque Drive

New Babies

**Welcome new baby Mathew Charles!
Born on November 6, 2007 at 8 lbs, 8 oz
to Kristen and Doug Laing on Margit Drive**



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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Milwood Parent Activities

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

- **Bunco Anyone?** New group forming. Contact Christy Traywick at cwtraywick@hotmail.com or 219-9372 for more details.
- New playgroup for babies/toddlers born between September 2005 – August 2006. Contact Debbie Waller at 215-2878 or dwall75@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.
- 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!

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Caroling in the Park

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- Jollyville Fire Department for bringing Santa out
- McNeil High School Chorale Group: Absolutely Outstanding Singing, while wearing beautiful period clothing which added to the holiday spirit
- Troop 164 for a warm and wonderful bon fire!

All of you made our Caroling in the Park a wonderful and memorable experience.

Thank you again,
Dallas Hall & the RCNA



Easter is on it's way!

Yes, it's that time of the year again. Easter comes **early** this year. The **22nd of March** is our Easter Hunt. What does this mean? It sneaks up on us.

This year, the RCNA is replacing all the Easter Eggs with new, middle sized eggs. That means 7,000 new eggs! That is a big expense. So, I am asking for our neighborhood, like it always has, to jump in there and help out with the Easter candy donations.

I will also need help the day before and the day of the event:

- Stuffing eggs with candy.
- Setting up fences the night before and taking them down the next day.
- Getting the candy to the proper areas the day of the event.
- Distributing the candy at the baby area.
- Distributing candy and eggs at the two big kid hunts.
- Clean up

It is a lot of fun! *If you have a high school student, this would be great community service hours. This can also go towards the requirements for the RCNA scholarship. (4hours)*

Items needed for RCNA Easter Egg Hunt

(all items must be individually rapped)

Baby area:

Dum-Dums, animal cookies, cookies, gummies, kisses, crackers, etc...

Older Kids:

Dum-Dums, suckers, assorted candies, hard candy, kisses, Air Heads, Jolly Ranchers, Tootsie Roles, Ring Pops, Gum, etc...

I find the best place to buy candy is at Sams or Casco. You get a lot more for your money. But we love any donations!

As always, thank you for all the support you give our neighborhood. It always shows at the Easter Event. If you have any donations, please feel free to drop them off or give me a call.

Thanks again! I look forward to seeing all of you there!

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

Planting Time is almost here, although, 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 visable 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, the 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 waterings. 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

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Mr. Gonzalez was just appointed as a Municipal Court Judge for the City of Cedar Park, Texas. He has been in Austin, Texas for one year and was recommended by Judge Joseph Oswald, appointed by City Manager Brenda Eivans, approved unanimously by City Council of Cedar Park, Texas. Sworn in on January 16, 2008. There were many applicants, and at least two others were seriously considered.

Mr. Gonzalez will continue to practice family law, including divorces, child support, child custody, probate matters, wills. Criminal law for any type of criminal offense DWI, theft, drugs, assault, sexual offenses, traffic tickets, probation violations, expunctions, family domestic violence. Immigration, Civil litigation, Personal Injury, Wrongful Death, Wrongful Termination, Real Estate matters and Appeals.

He has 14 years of experience in the legal field. Three years as a former federal drug task force prosecutor.

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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 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

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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 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

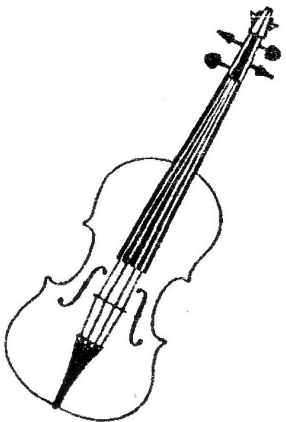
multiple main stems (try for only ne main stem). When pruning, make the cut beyond the branch collar leaving a small stub. A flush cut requires the bark of the trunk to eventually close the wound and is much slower growing than the branch collar bark, which will quickly enclose the nub. Do NOT paint 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.

If they are the large variety and must be made 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

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Neighborhood Watch

Hello Rattan Creek,

I hope everyone is enjoying the New Year. Remember, if you suspect trouble and just want to get something suspicious checked out, call the Williamson County non-emergency number 943-1389 and let the deputies investigate. If you witness criminal activity or an emergency, call 911.

Break in: We have been contacted about things disappearing from a few garages. Remember to keep your garage closed and locked when you are not around. Keep an eye out for your neighbors and call the police if a situation warrants investigation.

Traffic: There have been several reports of suspicious vehicles in the neighborhood. It never hurts to have an officer check out suspicious behavior so give a call if you feel it necessary.

Dogs: No issues reported recently, but keep in mind there is a leash law in Williamson County. If you notice a problem with dogs running loose, call the non-emergency number to get them rounded up (943-1389). If you feel there is a serious threat, call 911.

Noisy Neighbors: This is always a hot topic. If you have a problem neighbor, whether it is a garage band, dogs, etc..., your best weapon is persistence. Keep a record of when the issues occur, call police and document the times called and reactions, and keep calling and documenting to give the police the information they need to issue a citation. Once you have a month or so of documented behavior, contact us at watch@rattancreek.org and we will provide that to the deputies to get the issue addressed.

Issues in the parks: We have had a few minor issues in the parks. If you see teens in the park during school hours, call the non-emergency number. They will be taken back to school to explain themselves and deal with the consequences. If it looks serious, call 911. If you just want a deputy to check something out or defuse a situation call the non-emergency number 943-1389. Most of us have cell phones. Don't be afraid to use them.

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Recipe Corner By Natasha Randall

Cherry Cheese Cake

- 1 Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 8oz. package cream cheese
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 graham cracker pie crust
- 1 can "pie filling" cherries

Blend sweetened condensed milk and cream cheese. Gradually blend in lemon juice and vanilla. Beat until firm. Pour into pie crust. Chill for 3 hours. Add chilled cherry topping.

Quick Cinnamon Toast

- 1/4 c. butter or margarine, softened
- 1/4 t. nutmeg
- 1/4 c. brown sugar, packed
- 1 t. cinnamon

Beat all ingredients until fluffy. Refrigerate in a covered container. Spread on hot toast or muffins.

Oatmeal Raisin Muffins

- 2 1/2 c. quick-cooking oatmeal
- 2/3 c. water
- 1 egg beaten
- 1/2 c. raisins

Combine all ingredients and stir with a fork just enough to moisten ingredients. Spoon into greased muffin tins. Bake 425° F for 20 minutes.

If you have a recipe you love and would like to share with the neighborhood, please send the recipe to Natasha Randall at arandall5@austin.rr.com

Do you have a **low cal or low fat recipe** that you would like to share? We would love to include those recipes as well, please send the recipe to Natasha Randall at arandall5@austin.rr.com



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Greenbelt access: Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the greenbelts. This includes driving back there for easier access to your backyard while loading or unloading. If you are back on the greenbelt, keep your eyes open. We have had several incidents with teens doing things they shouldn't. I wasn't given a lot of detail but it's worth mentioning. There has been at least one arrest.

Curfews: If you see people in the park after 10:00 P.M. or teens running around the neighborhood after midnight Sunday through Thursday, or 1 A.M. Friday through Saturday, call it in. Better a curfew violation now than something more serious later.

For the most part our problems are sporadic and not too serious. Let the police know if you see a problem and we can keep it that way.

Mike Hall
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

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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.

Happy gardening,
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**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association
2008 Scholarship Award Program
3 - \$500 scholarship awards available**

1. Responses must be postmarked no later than May 31st.
2. *We are not responsible for any lost, delayed or any mail not received.*
3. The Scholarship applicants will be notified via phone after the RCNA regular scheduled meeting on June 26th. Finalists should be prepared to answer questions in an interview format with the RCNA Board, if requested.

Criteria:

- High School Seniors limited to **RCNA member families**.
- Academic achievement.
- Attach a list of Community Service and/or Public Service (**minimum of 8 hours required, with a minimum of 4 hours with the RCNA**). **Contact the RCNA board if you need hours!**
- 2-4 page written essay discussing what does community service means to you.

Application:

Date _____ Signature: _____

Contact phone number h: _____ / c: _____

Full Legal Name _____

Permanent Address _____

College(s) planning to attend Fall 2008 _____

Name of High School _____

Name of High School Counselor _____

Current cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____

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

Briefly list work experience: _____

If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, choose only those you consider most significant. You may attach a resume if available. Return application form, essay and resume (if available) to **RCNA Scholarship, P.O. Box 200584, Austin, TX 78720-0584.**



RCNA Member's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



*Saturday March 22nd
10:00 am*



Soccer Field of Rattan Creek Park

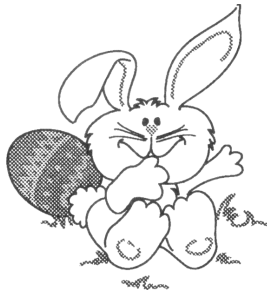
Exclusive Area For Wobblers and Toddlers in the Kiddie Corral

Open from 9:30 to 11:00 am

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Don't Forget Your Camera - Photo Opportunity with the Easter Bunny!

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*Parade with the
Easter Bunny and Fire Engine
Will start at 10:15 am*



Decorate Your Wheels and Join In The Fun!

The Hunt will begin AFTER the Parade!!

Ages: 7-10 will *HUNT FIRST* at 10:30am

**Ages: 4-6 will *FOLLOW* at 10:45am
(Eggs will be restocked for the second wave!)**

Remember:

The Boy Scouts Are Cooking Pancakes from 8:30 to 10:30 !!!



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 2008 SUMMER SESSION**

NAMUD #1 Water Bill Account No. _____ Home Telephone No. _____	
(Application will be considered incomplete without account number)	
Name _____	
<small>(As it appears on NAM1 bill)</small>	
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)
If you are applying for a tennis key/membership, YOU MUST SUPPLY AN EMAIL ADDRESS IN ORDER TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE ONLINE RESERVATION SYSTEM. Please PRINT CLEARLY below: (See tennis rules for more info)
email address: _____

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>
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO Southwest Water Company

Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed		
CHECK MUST BE SEPARATE FROM WATER BILL PAYMENT – DO NOT MAIL APPLICATION W/ WATER BILL		
2008 Summer Fees:	ALL ITEMS PURCHASED ARE NON-REFUNDABLE	
Quantity	***** POOL MEMBERSHIPS NOT FOR SALE AT THIS TIME ***** Projected Re-Opening of Pool to be June 1, 2008* <i>*Date is Subject to Change Depending on Construction Schedule</i>	
_____ Tennis Court Key (In-District Only)	@ \$25 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)	\$ _____
<small>(KEY IS ONLY VALID THROUGH OCTOBER 2008. KEYS WILL BE MAILED WEEKLY.)</small>		
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only)	@ \$25 per household	\$ _____
<small>(RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)</small>		
	Total	\$ _____

Rattan Creek Park, Court Rules and Regulations

Rules are established and adopted by the North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors
By order of North Austin MUD #1.

All rules will be enforced by general manager of the district or his designee.

District Manager: Southwest Water Company 335-7580

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

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.

Tennis Court Rules: (In District Members Only)

Tennis Court Hours 7:00 am – 10:00 pm.

**Identification tags and tennis court keys must be purchased through the District Manager
Southwest Water Company
9511 RR 620 N, Austin, Texas 78726-2908**

1. By entering the court for play, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to abide by these rules.
2. Tennis courts for tennis play only. No Soccer tennis.
3. No glass containers or alcoholic beverages permitted on the courts.
4. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, or motorized vehicles allowed on courts.
5. No dangerous or offensive conduct or offensive language will be allowed.
6. Proper tennis attire must be worn at all times. Shirts will be required at all times.
7. No tennis lessons allowed after 6:00 pm weekdays or anytime on weekends.
8. Gate should be closed and locked at all times.
9. A maximum of (4) players are allowed per tennis court at any time.
10. Application and fee for court keys MUST be paid at ECO Resources (separate from water bill). Keys are not available for pick up. Keys will be mailed weekly. Only one key per household will be issued. Absolutely no applications or fees will be taken at pool.
11. All household members using the courts will need to obtain a tag at the pool. Members should keep tags with them at all times when playing. Members can be required to show tags at anytime.
12. All tennis court reservations will be made by registered tennis members through the online tennis reservation system. Tennis court reservations may be made one week at a time, and not more than 7 days in advance.
13. A maximum of 2 hours per reservation and one reservation per member per day, with a maximum of 4 reservations per week, may be made through the online tennis reservation system. Court reservations can be made up to 7 days in advance of play. Once you have scheduled 4 reservations, the scheduler will not allow you to make another until 7 days from the day you made your first reservation.
14. Reservations must be made at least 1 day in advance of playing in order to be guaranteed. If open times are available then walk on play is permitted.
15. Members have 15 minutes to make their reservation before the court will be declared open.

16. Walk-on players are not guaranteed continued court availability, if a person shows up with proof of their reserved time, but not 15 minutes late, the walk-on players must give up the court immediately to the reserved party.

17. A member may have maximum of 3 guests at one time on the court. A member must be present on court with their guests.

18. Special tennis activities such as league play and park tennis socials will be scheduled through Southwest Water Company. Scheduling for these events will not be available online.

**** An email address is mandatory to be established with the online reservation system. All reservations will be scheduled by registered members.***

Absolutely, NO reservations will be made by phone.

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.
By order of North Austin MUD #1.**

***All rules will be enforced by general manager of the district or his designee. District Manager:
Southwest Water Company 335-7580***

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.

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.

During the reconstruction of the community center and pool bath house, the pool will have to be closed for liability reasons.

Please bear with us during the construction phase.

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North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors notes on the March 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 PBF Covenant Management, LLC reported on December 27, 2007:

New complaints received (18), Calls for advice (7), Emails for advice(1), First letters sent (19), Number of cover letters to rental owners: (5), Second letters sent (7), Repeat letters sent (1), Violations sent to MUD attorney (0), Number of cases closed (violations corrected) (19), Number of cases in litigation(2).

Rattan Creek Park Pool:

- The pool closed on schedule January 8th. The temporary buildings were removed, the temporary electrical and plumbing connections removed and the temporary fencing moved as needed.
- The pool will be closed until the pool building construction allows safe opening.
- One pool water heater has been repaired and is ready for use if needed
- Several pool water leaks were found and pipes repaired in the 5 skimmers and 3 return lines. The water level will be watched for any additional leaks.

You may see the pool pumps running intermittently to continue to test for leaks and to circulate and maintain the quality of the water in the pool until it can be cleaned and reopened.

Other pool related activities:

The Hurricane Swim team received reimbursement from the NAMUD#1 property insurance company

for the amount of \$3,500.00 for the property that was damaged or destroyed in the fire.

The McNeil H.S. swim team used our pool for pre swim meets. They are patiently waiting for our pool building to be rebuilt so they can return to our pool for practice sessions.

Rattan Creek Park Bath House Community Center Rebuilding: Meetings and the approvals process continues on the Rattan Creek Park master plan. The Community Center and Pool Building construction contract was bid and the lowest bidder selected.

When construction starts, the Rattan Creek Park Parking lot will be closed and used for construction staging.

Many thanks to Directors Keith Collins and Jo Jones for their many extra hours work on this project.

Greenbelts and parks and soccer fields: Trees in the parks have been trimmed to raise the canopy, remove dead wood, and allow sun on the grass to encourage grass growth. The wooden bridge on the Rattan Creek Trail just East of Rattan Creek Park will be replaced soon by Landscape Specialties of Texas.

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Deed Restriction Violations:

- Be sure to include the address in question, nature of your concern and your name and address.
- Deed restriction violations must be submitted in writing to:

**PBF Covenant Management, L.L.C.
202 Walton Way, Suite 192
Box 142
Cedar Park, TX 78613-7046**

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The soccer fields: All 3 fields are closed for use while the turf is leveled, fertilized and seeded and new grass grown.

Booster Station Pressure Pumps: Our District Engineer, David Malish tells us that the pump projects are operating and tested. With the grading and seeding completed, the City of Austin has given final approval to the project.

You may notice that only one of the 4 pumps is running at one time, however, use is being scheduled through all pumps for even wear. When the summer high water usage starts, the programming and run cycles will be rechecked at a high consumption time to assure smooth transition to multiple pump operation.

The trees around the pressure pumps have been trimmed by Davey Tree. TexaScapes is preparing a landscaping design with deciduous small trees and shrubs to screen the pump stations and the fence from street view.

The yearly Audit Report by Pena Swayze & CO., L.L.P. was received in November, the only issue raised was the 2006 – 2007 Williamson County tax collection distribution which was corrected before the audit report was approved by the Board at the December meeting.

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.

Website: www.northaustinmud1.org

Deed Restriction Complaints:

The Board approved the following change for restrictive covenant violations. All complaints should be sent to :

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 Lisa Birkman 733-5380
 Travis, Precinct 2 854-9222

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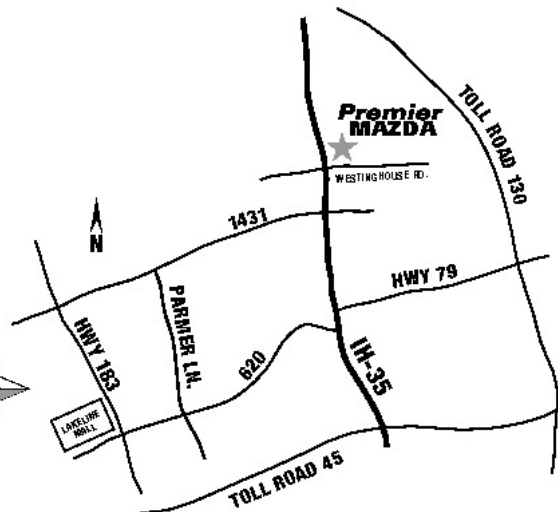
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Williamson County History By Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman, Precinct One

Did you know that Williamson County was named after a man nicknamed "Three Legged Willie"? Or that Williamson County was located along the famous "Chisholm Trail," the route of many cattle drives from Texas north to Kansas, where the cattle were sold?

Williamson County has a rich history from cowboys to state senators. I encourage everyone to explore their local roots and learn more about our county's varied and interesting past.

Williamson County was named after Robert McAlpin Williamson, also known as "Three Legged Willie," because of the wooden leg he was forced to use after an illness rendered his right leg useless. Judge Williamson served our state in many ways, as a lawyer, judge, newspaper editor, state senator, soldier and more. His portrait hangs in the State Senate chambers today and a copy hangs in the county courthouse. More historical information about the county can be found at the Williamson County Historical Museum, 716 S. Austin Avenue, in Georgetown across from the courthouse.

The recently restored county courthouse also is a treasure trove of history. It was built in 1911 and is the fifth to be constructed. It has many historic and beautiful features, such as the state of Themis, the Greek goddess of divine justice who sits atop the

courthouse to remind all of us that our laws should be justly applied to all. It was the site of the state's first successful prosecution of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920's. One of my favorite features is on the courthouse lawn. It is a statue of former Williamson County Sheriff Henry Matysek. He served the county from 1954 to 1974. I like it because I can see the likeness to his daughter, former Round Rock City Secretary Joanne Land, in his face.

The history of the county is important to me not only as a commissioner, but also because my ancestors first settled here in about 1851, when they came in a covered wagon from Bagdad, Tennessee. They named the town they began in Texas after their hometown in Tennessee. Those of you that have traveled Bagdad Road in Leander or visited the cemetery there have seen the last of what was the town, before the railroad came to the Leander area, causing the town of Bagdad to move and become Leander. Martin Jones Wells, one of my ancestors on my father's side, was one of the first Texas Rangers and a farmer in that area in the mid-1800's. A historical marker was recently placed at the Bagdad cemetery to honor his life.

Whether you are a sixth generation Williamson

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County resident or new to the area, I urge you to explore and discover something new about the county's past.

The Williamson County Historical Museum is open Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m., Friday, noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Tuesday by appointment. The Williamson County Historical Museum hosts 30-40 minute guided tours of the newly restored courthouse on the square in Georgetown every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. An additional tour is offered Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, please contact the museum at 943-1670 or cdyer@wilco.org, or visit www.wchm-tx.org.

And, if I can be of assistance to you with any county matter, please contact me at lbirkman@wilco.org or 733-5380.

Lisa Birkman,
Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 1

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Architectural Control Committee:

Be sure to include the following information along with the proper forms on you submissions

1. Legal description of property
2. Description of work to be performed
3. Drawing of work to be performed
4. Description of materials to be used
5. Copy of survey (to insure proposed changes will not encroach in any recorded easements)

Once submitted, the ACC has 30 days to respond with approval, denial or request additional information.

RCNA-ACC Action Report 09/24/07 to 11/16/07:

Inquiries for information: 3

Projects submitted for ACC Review:

- #3 Backyard play equipment: 0 inquiry.
- #4 Deck and Arbor: 0 inquiry
- #5 Fences, replacement and relocation: 0 inquiries
- #6 Remodeling / Additions: 1 inquiry
- #7 Storage Sheds: 1 inquiries, 1 request for Approval
- #8 Swimming Pools: 0 inquiry

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

Architectural Control Committee Information:

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

Note the Change in Address!

**RCNA –ACC
13359 N Hwy 183, Ste B-406 PMB # 237
Austin, TX 78750**

(PAK MAIL business is behind the Texas Roadhouse, in the strip mall at the corner of Anderson Mill Road and Hwy 183 access road.)

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

If you need copies of your Deed Restrictions:

You may contact Armbrust & Brown (Attorney for the North Austin MUD #1) at 435-2300.

- There is a charge for the copies. Once you have paid for the copies, a set will be mailed to you.
- 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.



CLASSIFIEDS

Classified Ad rates are 25¢ per word, per issue. Deadline for ads is the first of each month for the following month/issue. **Payment in full is required before publication.** Any ads received after the deadline, will be held until the next issues publication. **No exceptions will be made. Send to:**

RCNA, c/o Kelly Buczek (ph: 258-6482)
6407 Crowley Trail Austin, Tx 78729
or email: kelly@catscradle.us

LOST POCKET KNIFE while playing with my grandchildren near swings/swimming pool area just before Thanksgiving. Belonged to my father. His name on handle. If found, please call 331-4167. Reward. (2/08)

Creative Memories Consultant -

Need help organizing your photos? Need digital photo solutions? Do you want to make beautiful keepsake photo-safe albums? No project is too large or too small. I sell supplies and will help you from beginning to end! Call Roxi Owen at (512)769-9397. Visit website: www.mycmsite.com/roxiowen (2/08)

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ATTENTION TEENS: YOUR ADS RUN FREE, but must be renewed once every 6 months.

The date at the end of your ad indicates the last month your ad will run. All ads must be submitted in writing and mailed or delivered to:

RCNA c/o Kelly Buczek
6407 Crowley Trail Austin, Tx 78729
or email: kelly@catscradle.us

Kristi Glaab, Red Cross certified and experienced babysitter for all ages. Able to babysit during evenings, after school, weekends, during summer days and some school holidays. Phone: 331-5391 (3/08)

Kathryn Burns, 17 - Local Avon Representative and certified Avon Beauty Adviser right here in your neighborhood! Avon has something for everyone, including trendy apparel and beauty products, jewelry, and fragrances for both men and women alike. I GUARANTEE quality service! Don't get overwhelmed with holiday shopping, Avon has what you need! Please call my home phone at 331-0885 or my cell at 289-8611 and/or email me at KathrynforAvon@yahoo.com for a brochure and samples. Receive 10% off your first order! (3/08)

Sarah Balman, 14 - Highly recommended, responsible, mature babysitter!!! I have 4 younger siblings and several years babysitting experience. I love kids, animals and reading. My rates are flexible and I can stay late on the weekends. If you just need a night away, I would love to help! My home number is 363-5233 or my cell is 289-2110 (5/08)

Melanie Bivone, 15 - I have grown up taking care of children in my moms daycare. I can babysit all ages from two weeks and older. I can cook for them, play games with them, and get them to bed on time. With my compassionate heart, I also love animals. I will walk them, feed them, and love them as my own. Please call me anytime on my home phone at 331-5240 or on my cell phone at 297-0705 (7/08)



North Austin M.U.D. Number 1

*c/o Southwest Water Company
9511 Ranch Road 620 North
Austin, Texas 78726*

(512) 335-7580

Please Don't Feed the Storm Drain

When grass clippings, pet waste, automotive products, fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals wash down a storm drain, they don't go away. They flow into rivers and lakes, harming plants and animals and contaminating the water we drink. The technical term is "nonpoint source pollution."

Here's how to make sure that you don't help feed the storm drain:

YARD

Two of our biggest sources of nonpoint source pollution are over-watering and excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides. Here are some tips for reducing nonpoint source pollution from your yard.

- ◆ Do not overfertilize. Sweep (do not wash) fertilizer and soil off driveways and walkways. Use native and adapted plants and grasses that require less water and fertilizer.
- ◆ Leave grass clippings on the lawn to retain moisture and to insulate and nourish the soil.
- ◆ Use nontoxic pest controls.

AUTO

Each year Texans improperly dump millions of gallons of used motor oil. One quart can pollute 250,000 gallons of drinking water, enough water to supply a family of four for a year! Autos contribute to nonpoint source pollution in other ways, too.

- ◆ Recycle motor oil, filters, fluids and batteries by taking them to service station that has a recycling program or call 1-800-CLEAN-UP for the motor oil recycling center nearest you.
- ◆ Drive less to reduce auto runoff, carpool, consolidate trips or use mass transit whenever possible.

PETS

Every year thousands of pounds of pet waste wash down storm drains and into rivers, lakes and other sources of drinking water. For your health and the health of others, please pick up after your pet.

- ◆ Pick up pet waste from your lawn. It is not a fertilizer.
- ◆ Encourage friends and family to pick up after their pets using a mutt mitt or plastic, disposable bag and never allow pet waste to wash into storm drains.

HOME

Although most cleaners, paints and pesticides used at home go into the trash or down the drain, if they are used outside or improperly discarded, they create nonpoint source pollution.

- ◆ Use cleaning products that are phosphate free, biodegradable or nontoxic, especially if they are used outdoors. Avoid products with ammonia, chlorine, diethylene glycol, hydrochloric acid, oxalic acid and petroleum solvents.
- ◆ Discourage insects with good housekeeping. If you must eradicate insects, avoid toxic chemicals or use pest control companies that use less toxic products.

To locate a household hazardous waste facility near you, call 1-800-CLEAN-UP. For more information on the Nonpoint Source Pollution Campaign, or for additional materials, please call the TCEQ at 512/239-3100.

www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/exec/sbea/nps/nps.html

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Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association

Serving Milwood at North Austin MUD # 1 since 1983

It's Time To Pay Your RCNA Dues for 2008!

What do I get for my \$ 25 a year, you ask?

Scholarship Fund: Up to 3 scholarships are granted to community minded students preparing for college. Requirements include: The family must be a current RCNA member, for the applicant to be eligible, along with 8 hours of documented community service; preferably at least 4 hours with the RCNA, and an essay about what community service means to them.

Committees: As our neighborhood grows older, we are faced with many new challenges. 1) Architectural Control Committee is now a part of the RCNA, since the builder, who is no longer in our area, was no interested in maintaining the integrity or appeal of our neighborhood, the RCNA has stepped up to take on this role.

2) Neighborhood watch program includes meetings held once a month, as well as an email system to broadcast alerts. **Be sure to indicate and include your email address to receive these alerts.** As other issues around our neighborhood arise, the RCNA strives to be the voice for our neighborhood to the Counties (both Williamson and Travis County), the City, and the MUD Board.

Newsletter: Your dues help pay for the Newsletter, which is now delivered to all the homes, in our district six (6) times a year, through a voluntary block captain system. If you do not receive your newsletter, please contact Jennifer or Dave at 257-3380. You can also get the newsletter from www.rattancreek.org.

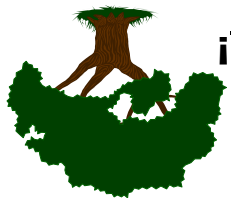
Events: Annual events include Easter Egg Hunt, Neighborhood Wide Garage Sales, "Members Only" Pool Party (which will be after construction is complete this year), July 4th Parade, Teen Nights at the pool, Rattan Fest, 5K Fun Run, and Caroling in the Park.

Please remember that the RCNA membership runs on the calendar year system. Dues are \$25.00 annually. Would 7 cents a day be too much to make it possible for up to 3 students to get a \$500 scholarship for College or University? What if it made possible for hundreds of kids to enjoy an Easter Egg hunt at the park, or provided a few hundred paid members a free lunch at the Member's Pool Party? Your money helps the RCNA handle issues as they arise in our community, keep you informed, as well as sponsor events that everyone in our community can participate in and enjoy. Compared to other neighborhoods that pay anywhere from \$15 a quarter to \$25 or more monthly, our dues are a bargain. January/February is the time to renew your membership with the RCNA!

Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 200584 - Austin, Tx 78720-0584
Annual Membership Dues - \$25
(January - December 2008)

Name _____
Address _____
E-mail: _____
Additional Voluntary Contribution \$ _____
Phone _____
Membership: Renewal New
I would like to volunteer to assist with:
 Activities Committees Neighborhood Watch Newsletter
 Add me to the Neighborhood Watch Alert List

Please pay your dues today by mail
or you can pay online at www.rattancreek.org!



Thank You For Your Continued Support!!