



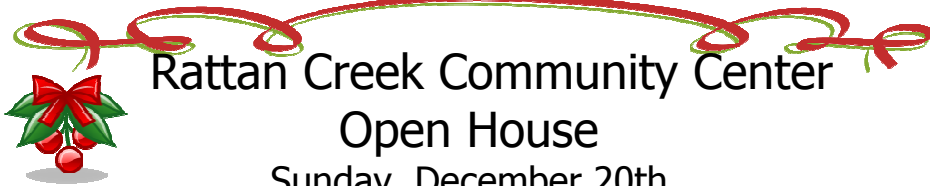
Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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December 2009/January 2010

Around Milwood



**Rattan Creek Community Center
Open House**
Sunday, December 20th
6:00pm to 8:00pm

For rental information contact Community Center staff
at 257-1255 or via email: RattanCreek@sbcglobal.net.

Winter Water Averaging Dates

November 18, 2008 - February 18, 2009

Winter months are used to calculate the sewer averaging because historically customers use less water this time of year. See Page 13 for more details.

Soccer Fields Closed:

Soccer fields at both Rattan Creek and Robinson parks will be closed January 1st - February 15th for routine maintenance.

NO FIREWORKS:

Fireworks are banned on **all North Austin MUD 1 district properties**: this includes the entire Rattan Creek Park as well as the greenbelt and Robinson Park.

Christmas Tree Curbside Pick-up

Christmas trees will be picked up at you home, with your normal trash collection, beginning December 28th through mid- January.

Trees must be cut in 4 foot lengths and bundled, to assist our trash contractor in collecting the trees.



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EVENTS

December



- Dec 12 Hanukkah Begins
- Dec 14 MUD Meeting, 6pm
- Dec 17 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
- Dec 20 Caroling in the Park, 6pm
- Dec 20 Rattan Creek Community Center Open House, 6-8pm
- Dec 21-Jan 1 Round Rock ISD Winter Break
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
- Dec 31 New Year's Eve

January



- Jan 1 Happy New Year
- Jan 4 RRISD Staff Development Day
- Jan 5 RRISD school begins
- Jan 18 MLK Day (RRISD off)
- Jan 20 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm
RC Community Center
- Jan 21 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm
RC Community Center



February

- Feb 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
and Chinese New Year
- Feb 15 President's Day
(RRISD off)
- Feb 17 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm
RC Community Center
- Feb 18 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm
RC Community Center

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The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News reserves the right not to publish any submissions and the right to edit all submissions. Mail to the following address:

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Page 2 Website: www.rattancreek.org

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

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Steeplechase (49), Olympiad (20),

Peabody (22), Balamos (14)

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 still need a Section Head for:

None needed at this time

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 Krista Russell & Amira Wizig 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

I am sure that you would agree that it is hard to believe that we are approaching the holiday season, and 2010. What an exciting year it has been. Your Neighborhood Association has been working hard in continuing its quest to improve our community and make Milwood an even better place to live. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful and dedicated volunteers who attend our monthly meetings and step up and take the lead in volunteering to make all of our events the huge successes they have been. I am very excited to report that besides our veteran leaders, several new individuals have been attending our meetings; they are finding ways that they can fit in and help out. Please consider joining us. We can use your talents and any time that you can offer us. We meet on the third Thursday evening of the month at 7 PM at the Rattan Creek Community Center. Please feel free to join us.

As we are working hard to improve the function, purpose and reach of our Neighborhood Association; we have now developed a Facebook Page where community residents can join, post messages or just keep in touch with Community Events and happenings. Feel free to check us out. The name of our page is "Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association". We are also working on other ways of communicating with our community including the development of different Yahoo Groups. Please watch this space for more details in the future.

With the upcoming holiday season, I want to remind you that we are once again planning our annual Caroling in the Park. This always popular event will be held on Sunday, December 20th beginning at 6:00pm. Please see the back page of this newsletter for specific information on this fun evening.

Speaking of the holiday season, I want to remind everyone that children will be off from school for the holidays, and will be out and about enjoying the wonderful amenities of our community. Please keep your eyes open and watch out for pedestrians, joggers, bike riders and any others that will be sharing our roads and streets. Remember, our streets belong to

everyone.

On behalf of the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association Board, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a joyous, happy healthy holiday season and an incredible 2010.

Brian Kerman,
RCNA President



*Wishing you a
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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:



No new neighbors at this time

New Babies

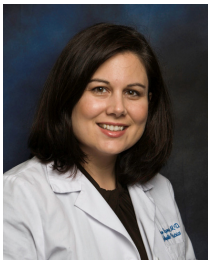


No New Babies to announce at this time

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

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- **Bunco Anyone?** New group forming. Contact Christy Traywick at cwtraywick@hotmail.com or 219-9372 for more details.
- New playgroup for babies/toddlers born in 2008 and later. Moms can contact Melissa at minevarez@yahoo.com.
- 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: Preferably contact Carolyn Brown via e-mail at carolyn@carolynelaine.com or call 922-3991.
- 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?

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December & January Yard Activities, Frost Protection & To Prune or Not?

Preventative maintenance is the name of the game in the winter, with several items listed below. The obvious ones have to do with preventing frost damage. First, a real preventative is to spray plants with liquid seaweed monthly to harden the plants and help them hold moisture. Another method of sealing in the winter moisture is spraying with an anti-transpirant product called Cloud Cover.

When a freeze is forecast (overnight temperature below 25 degrees) there are several ways to minimize damage. Covering cold-tender plants with cloth or plastic will hold in the ground heat and keep the cold wind from the plants. Plants like bougainvillea, plumeria and hibiscus are common non-native cold tender plants that can be harmed by freezing weather. If they are blooming well, after a few days under 40 degrees, they will decline and it is time to move them to store. Prune back the bougainvillea and stack the containers on top of each other in a room or shed protected from freezing temperatures. Oriental hibiscus do need light and water every 2 weeks to survive the

winter. Citrus in containers can be moved inside if not too heavy. Plants that cannot be moved inside can be protected by building a temporary structure around them. A wooden frame with plastic across it works well. Use a mechanics light or even Christmas tree lights for a heat source on especially cold nights.

The cloth coverings are best because they do not conduct the heat away from the plants and if not removed the next morning, the plants will be OK. Plastic coverings are cheap and easy to apply and dry out quickly **but:** the plastic conducts heat away from plants touching it killing the foliage and next morning, plastic coverings must be removed quickly so the sun will not scald the plants. Plastic draped over a blanket works well or a cardboard box works well.

Another easy preventative to minimize freeze damage, is a good watering periodically. Spraying with water in the evening does not work well. If plants look frozen, spray in the morning so the plants will thaw gradually. If plants turn brown after

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freezing, cut this material off and discard it so it doesn't rot and attract bugs and fungus.

Remember to water thoroughly, if we continue to have a warm windy spell, the plants need moisture all winter long. Mulching will conserve soil moisture and mulching also helps protect the roots from freezing. Even if the top growth dies, plants with a strong root system will quickly recover in the spring.

Winter is the time to prune. While the trees and shrubs are dormant, it is time to cut off broken branches and prune to shape. The Texas Department of Agriculture says "pruning is only helpful to remove dead or diseased wood, for periodic thinning, or for removing branches growing toward and hitting the house. Topping trees is generally not recommended if the tree is growing too fast and out of shape, remove it now and plant a better mannered native tree.

Pruning cuts should NOT be flush: they should cut just outside the branch collar, leaving a small stub. The branch collar is the wider area of bark growth where the branch is attached to the trunk. Leaving the collar promotes proper healing by the

branch bark over the small stub. Do NOT use pruning paint, it can slow down the healing process by harboring moisture, insects and pathogens and excluding oxygen.

An exception to the no-paint rule is the live oaks, where the paint may discourage insect vectors, or carriers, of oak wilt disease. These trees should be pruned in late fall, or winter when the vectors are inactive. (More on that below)

Live oak trees require special care. Oak wilt disease is still a serious problem in the Austin Area. We have had several groups of trees in our neighborhood infected that were removed and ditched around to keep it from spreading through touching root systems. The good news is that our trees have been here for hundreds of years and survived many passings of the live oak wilt. It is just another of Mother Natures way of thinning out too dense populations and providing more diversified plants. This is why the Austin Releaf and TreeFolks groups encourage use of many different varieties of trees to assure on-going vegetation after the cyclical invasions of bugs and blight.

Oak Wilt shows as: Large areas of leaves dying

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very quickly. A red oak can die in two weeks. In a live oak tree, the leaves turn brown in symmetrical patterns. This infectious fungal disease is spread by sap-feeding beetles bringing the fungus from an infected tree to your freshly-cut wound. Also the fungus is spread from infected trees through interconnected roots. If you make a cut with an infected saw blade or do not immediately paint fresh cuts, your tree can become infected by the beetles attracted by the fresh sap at the wound.

To help reduce oak wilt infection, follow these precautions when trimming live oak trees.

- Never prune live oak trees in the spring or fall when beetles are active. Prune in the dead of winter before the flush of growth in February or in the heat of July or August.
- Always disinfect your saws and clippers before and after cutting each tree. And paint wounds immediately with pruning sealer.
- Always purchased fully seasoned and dry firewood as oak wilt can be spread by beetles living in green wood. Cover any firewood with clear plastic and bury the edges. Use up all stored firewood by February 15th.

- The safest way to prune live oaks is to hire a professional to do the work with sterile saws and who will haul off all limbs.

Remember to water all trees and shrubs if we have a long dry spell, healthy trees will withstand frosts and diseases better. To strengthen live oak trees, fertilize under and around an area which is 1 ½ to 2 times the drip zone and water well during December through February when the trees are actively growing and are: dropping leaves, blooming, dropping husks and blooms, and spreading yellow pollen on our cars. This is a critical time for watering and fertilizing your live oak trees. Water in the night or early morning to reduce brown patch and other fungus in lawns.

For more information about Oak Wilt call the Travis county Agricultural Extension agent or call the Texas Forest Service at 266-9535, they will come and inspect any suspected trees at no cost.

Prune shrubs now while dormant, if done too late in the spring, a spurt of new tender growth in an unseasonable warm spell may be frozen by a late frost.

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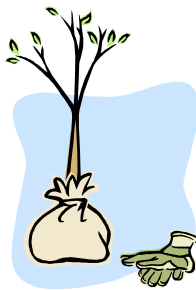
RCNA Member / Milwood Resident 18 years

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Crepe myrtles can be trimmed to shape or down to pencil sized branches as desired up through mid February. They bloom on new wood so pruning much later in the spring reduces blooming.

Bright colors from annual plants can brighten up the entire landscape. Select a few sunny spots and add some flowering annuals like the pansies, flowering kale, calendula, dianthus, snapdragons, and sweet alyssum. Prepare for spring color by adding bulbs such as hyacinths, daffodils, ranunculus, and gay feather. Keep tulip bulbs in the refrigerator at 45 degrees for 45 days or until mid December. If there is no rainfall, it is important to water in the winter. Water in the mornings to prevent brown patch in lawns and other fungus.

Now is the time to plan shrubs and trees. Success with planting in November and January is the highest of any time of the year.



Happy gardening,
 Chuck Simms
 "The Gardening Guy"

Recipe Corner

Date Bites

(taste like a brownie bite)

- 2 cups of dried dates**
- 3/4 cup of raw walnuts**
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder**

- 1) Throw it in a food processor until finely chopped.**
- 2) Set out a plate and put unsweetened coconut on it.**
- 3) Grab a tablespoon of the mix and press/roll it into a ball and then roll it in the coconut!**

Yummm! Date Bites

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- **KEEP YOUR HEAT TURNED ON AT ALL TIMES!** Do not turn your heat off even if you plan to be out of town for a few days. Just set your thermostat on at least 60°.
- **OPEN ALL CABINET DOORS UNDER THE SINKS** to allow heat to circulate and keep the pipes warm.
- **ALLOW ALL FAUCETS TO DRIP** with a small steady drip of water (running water does not freeze). Don't forget to remove any sink stoppers!!
- **WRAP YOUR EXTERIOR FAUCETS** or cover with the faucet nipples (can be found at any hardware store).
- **MAKE SURE TO TURN OFF THE WATER**

TO YOUR WASHING MACHINE, especially if you do not have metal braided hoses. Do not assume you are safe since your washing machine is located in the garage.

Other items not to forget:

- **DON'T FORGET THE PETS!!**
- **DON'T FORGET TO STOP THE MAIL AND NEWSPAPER.**
- **ASK A NEIGHBOR / FRIEND TO CHECK ON YOUR HOME.**

These are just a few precautions that may save you some headache and heartache after you return.

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REAL CHRISTMAS TREES can be dangerous if not properly handled. For several years in the US approximately 500 fires each year have started with Christmas trees. Follow these precautions if you use a real tree inside your house or apartment.

Look for and purchase only a tree that is fresh. The needles on a fresh tree will be shiny green and pliable. Needles should not come off when you run a tree branch lightly through your hand. If needles are shedding or brittle, the tree is not fresh.

Cut off approximately 1/2 inch of the base of the trunk to expose new wood and capillaries before placing the tree in the stand.

The tree stand **MUST** allow for the bottom of the tree trunk to be in water. A gallon or more capacity is recommended. The tree may use a gallon of water in the first few days inside a dwelling. Add water as necessary.

Decorative lights should bear the label of Underwriters Laboratory(UL). Follow the light manufacturer's instructions. Do not connect more lights together than the manufacture specifies. If you string too many light strings together they will

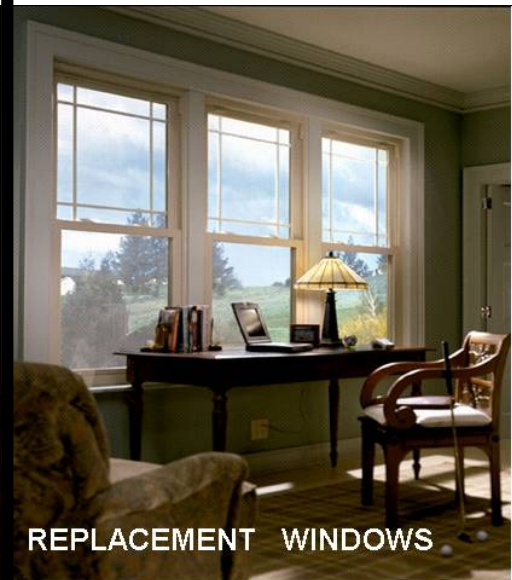
overheat. Replacement bulbs should be the correct wattage as specified by the manufacturer.

BURNING CANDLES are dangerous if not properly handled. Several fires are started each year in this area by candles. Some fire codes or rules prohibit the use of candles in multifamily dwellings (apartments). If you live in an apartment, check with the manager before using candles.

If you do use candles, please use these precautions:

- Use candles sticks or holders that are designed to hold candles upright and are made of non-combustible material (metal, glass or ceramic). Do not melt wax into a saucer or dish and stick the candle to it. These candles tend to fall over and may continue to burn.
- Never place a candle near a real Christmas tree or tree boughs used for decorations. Never place combustibles such as bows, plastic wreaths or garlands at the base of burning candles.
- Keep candles away from curtains, drapes, or

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- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/3 cup milk
- 6 eggs - beaten
- salt and pepper to taste
- 8 ounces mushrooms - sliced
- 1 12 inch pizza crust
- 2 cups ham - cooked and diced
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese - shredded
- 1 cup Swiss cheese - shredded
- 1/4 cup green onions - sliced, more for garnish

Directions:

Heat oven to 400° F.

In a medium skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of margarine, one tablespoon on olive oil over medium heat.

Add mushrooms and green onions and sauté until the mushrooms start to brown, approximately 10 minutes.

Sprinkle with flour then pour in the milk and stir to combine, keep stirring until it becomes thick, approximately 3-5 minutes.

Remove from heat and set aside.

In another medium skillet, melt 2 tablespoons of margarine or butter over medium heat.

Add eggs and cook, stirring gently until soft scrambled.

Add in the mushroom mixture and stir to combine. Salt and pepper to taste.

Place pizza crust on baking sheet.

Top with the egg mixture, half of the cheese, sprinkle with ham and then the rest of the cheese.

Sprinkle green onion over the top and bake for 15-20 minutes or until the cheese is melted and bubbly.

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Thank you!

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any other combustibles.

- Do not leave candles burning in a room, if an adult is not present.

FIREPLACES can be dangerous if not properly managed. Numerous fires are caused each year in this area by improper use of fireplaces or improper ash disposal. When using a fireplace, the following precautions should be observed:

- Keep furniture, combustibles and firewood at a safe distance from the fireplace.
- Make sure the chimney flue vent is open before lighting the fire.
- Close the fire screen after lighting the fire.
- If commercial, pressed fire logs are used, the instructions accompanying them should be followed and only one log at a time should be burned. Do not cut these logs into smaller sizes.
- Do not use the fireplace as an incinerator to burn paper, cardboard, packing material, etc.
- Never use the flammable or combustible liquid as a fire starter.

Fireplace ashes can remain hot enough to start a fire for 24 hours or longer. Do not attempt to

collect ashes until 24 hours after the fire has burned out. Ashes should only be put in metal containers and then not placed on or near combustibles. Do not put ashes in outside plastic containers until at least 48 hours after the fire has burned out.

CHIMNEY FIRES - If a fireplace is used often, or over a period of time, a buildup of tar and soot called creosote will condense and collect on the inside of the chimney. This creosote will burn. If it gets thick enough and hot enough, it will ignite inside the chimney. A chimney fire will usually be noted by a loud, roaring noise that may last several minutes. These fires can be damage the chimney and may cause cracks in the masonry flues. They may throw sparks and flames out the top of the chimney. If you think you have a chimney fire call the fire department immediately by dialing 911.

HOW CAN YOU PREVENT A CHIMNEY FIRE? Periodically have your chimney inspected and cleaned, by a professional chimney sweep. Do not build unusually large or hot fires and observe the precautions mention earlier.

Each household should have a portable dry chemical FIRE EXTENGUISHER readily

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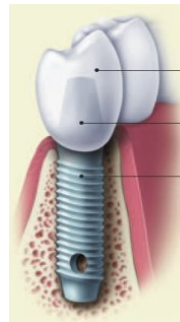
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available. The recommended size and type should be rated by UL as 2-A:10-B:C or larger numbers (approximately a 5 pound size). The very smallest extinguisher for practical use should be rated as 1:A10-B:C (approximately 2 1/2 pound size).

The "A:B:C" rated designation is important. It means the extinguisher chemical is effective on ordinary fires (Class A fires such as paper, wood, cloth, etc.), on flammable liquids (Class B fires such as oil and grease fires), and it is safe to use on energized electrical equipment (Class C fires). Read the instructions printed on the extinguisher BEFORE they need to be used.

Report the fire by dialing 911 **before** using the extinguisher. If the fire is on or in a stove, turn off the heat as soon as safely possible. When using a fire extinguisher keep your back to an exit. Avoid breathing smoke. If the fire becomes too large, get out and close the door behind you.

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Winter Water Averaging

Mid-November - Mid-February

Actual dates will be printed on the water bills and will also be available on the North Austin MUD #1 website: www.northaustinmud1.org.

The District's Rate Order states that bills for sewer service shall be computed (1) on the basis of the average amount of water used by the customer during the winter season based upon the average of the monthly readings of the customer's water meter for the preceding December, January and February billing periods or (2) on the basis of the customer's current monthly water bill, whichever is less.

If a residential customer does not have a history of water usage during the preceding December, January and February billing periods, the customer's monthly sewer bill shall be calculated based upon (1) the customer's current monthly water usage or (2) on the basis of 10,000 gallons water usage per month, whichever is less.

Winter months are used to calculate the sewer averaging because historically customers use less water this time of year.

If the averaging months are unusually warm, and the majority of residents use larger than normal amounts of water the Board may elect to drop the highest month's usage.

Any resident filling a pool during the averaging months will be allowed to subtract the water used from the usage of the month the water was used. Requests for this must be made in writing to Gary Spoons, c/o North Austin MUD #1, 2601 Forest Creek Dr, Round Rock, TX 78641-1232.

Any resident with a houseline leak during the averaging months may request a reduction in sewer usage. This also must be in writing and have documentation as to the leak and work accomplished to repair the problem.

Gary Spoons,
 Crossroads Utility Service,
 District Manager for North Austin MUD #1

You Are Invited!!



Annual Girl Scout Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 5th

1:00-3:00 PM

Pond Springs Elementary Cafeteria

The Girl Scouts of our local Springwoods Girl Scout Service Unit will be hosting our annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 5th, at the Pond Springs Elementary cafeteria. The girls will be selling lovely hand-made gifts ranging in price from \$.25 to \$3.00.

All proceeds will go to the "Kids Helping Kids" program, which provides funds to help our local school nurses buy shoes, prescription eye glasses, and other things for our neighborhood children who are in need.

So, come check out our Girl Scout Holiday Bazaar and buy something lovely for a teacher, a friend, or a family member! This event is a lot of fun and is a great way to get ahead on your holiday shopping. The best part is that the sale benefits the children in our local neighborhood schools!

The girls will also be collecting canned goods for the food bank, so bring some canned goods to donate!

If you have any questions, please contact Jessie Haug (335-3334 or jessiehaug@yahoo.com) or Kim Hill (336-1506 or kimghill@yahoo.com).

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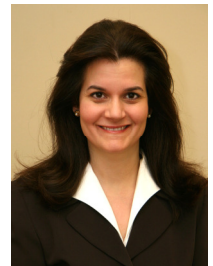
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Rattan Creek Pool Hours

December:



McNeil Swim Team:

Mon-Fri 6:00am - 8:00am

Dec 1-21:

Pool Open:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 Noon to 1:30pm
4:30pm to 8:00pm

Sat: 12 Noon to 8:00pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00pm

Dec 21-31: Winter Holiday Hours:

Pool Open:

Mon-Fri: 12 Noon-8:00pm

Sat: 12 Noon-8:00pm

Sun: 12 Noon-8:00pm

Dec 24: Christmas Eve: CLOSERS EARLY

Dec 25: Christmas: POOL CLOSED

Dec 31: New Years Eve: CLOSERS EARLY

January:



January 1: New Years Day POOL CLOSED

Jan 2-3

Open Swim: 12 Noon to 8:00 pm

McNeil Swim Team: Mon-Fri 6:00am - 8:00am

Jan 4- 31:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 Noon to 1:30pm
4:30pm to 8:00pm

Sat: 12 Noon to 8:00pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00pm

February:

McNeil Swim Team: Mon-Fri 6:00am - 8:00am

Open Swim:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 Noon to 1:30pm
4:30pm to 8:00pm

Sat: 12 Noon to 8:00pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00pm

March:

Open Swim:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 Noon to 1:30pm
4:30pm to 8:00pm

Sat: 12 Noon to 8:00pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00pm

Pool Applications:

Mail to:

NAM1 Pool
7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail
Austin, Texas 78729

Or Deliver in person, at the pool window, during the following times:

Mon, Wed, Fri from 4:00 - 7:00pm

Tues, Thurs from 12-1:30 pm

Or Sat from Noon - 7:00pm

All Hours Are Subject To Change

Rattan Creek Pool 257-1265

Manager: Andrea Sivells

Pool managed by

Clearwater Management: 331-7066

Pool Application and Rules for Pool Use
are available online at

www.northaustinmud1.org

Reservations for the Parties at the Pool

MUST be made through the pool office or call 257-1265.

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 2009 WINTER SESSION**

NAMUD #1 Water Bill Account No. _____	Home Telephone No. _____
Bring copy of your water bill with you if coming in person. (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)	
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 <u>PRINT CLEARLY</u> below:	
<small>(See tennis rules for more info)</small>	
Email: _____	

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 NORTH AUSTIN MUD #1

CHECK MUST BE SEPARATE FROM WATER BILL PAYMENT – DO NOT MAIL APPLICATION W/ WATER BILL

2009 Winter Fees:

Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool

Quantity

Check **MUST** accompany this registration form to be processed.

ALL ITEMS PURCHASED ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

_____ 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	@ \$50 each additional badge	\$ _____
_____ Winter Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
_____ 10 Winter Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15	\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court Key (In-District Only) (KEY IS ONLY VALID THROUGH April 2010)	@ \$25 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD) (KEYS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE POOL)	\$ _____
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only) (RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)	@ \$25 per household	\$ _____
Winter BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 04/30/10	Total	\$ _____

ALL ITEMS PURCHASED ARE NON_REFUNDABLE

Mail or Deliver to NA MUD 1 Pool 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail Austin, Texas 78729
Check **MUST** accompany this registration form to be processed. - **NO CASH ACCEPTED!**

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION 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 or delivered separately** from your payment for the NAM1 water bill to 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail Austin, Tx 78729.
- 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 & 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 & used by **one** person.
- Annual ID badges are good from the beginning of the summer session until the end of the winter session & not a year from the date of purchase. (i.e. valid from May 2009 to April 2010)
- Tennis court locks are changed every 6 months – around the end of April/1st of May & end of October or 1st of November. Therefore, for continued access, keys will need to be purchased twice a year. **Only ONE key can be issued per household.** Replacement fee for lost or stolen keys will be at the same price of a new key.
- **Tennis court keys currently are not available for pick up** at Rattan Creek Pool. The key will be mailed to you (even if your application is brought in person).
- ID Badges, guest passes & tennis court keys are not pro-rated at any time.
- Guest passes can only be used for the session they were issued in & cannot be “carried over” to any other session.
- Please make sure you are filling out the appropriate application for the ID badges, etc., that you are requesting, so that you are referencing the correct information, fees, etc. (The year & session being registered for will be stated above the list of fees.)
- If your child will be three years of age *PRIOR to opening day* of the session being registered for (even if they are not yet 3 at the time of registration), he/she WILL need an ID badge purchased for him/her.
- Applications & payments must be submitted by mail or in person to NA MUD 1(Rattan Creek Pool).
NO CASH will be taken at the pool, only checks.
- ID badges will be issued to members at the pool after your application is processed and your residency is established. If you bring a copy of your water bill with you to the pool, this will help to speed up the process.
ID badges are not mailed.
- Forms of payment accepted for pool & tennis keys are check & money order. *Credit/debit cards are not accepted at this time.*
- 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.

Applications are not considered complete unless signed.

Application, schedules & 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 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 for
NA MUD# 1(Rattan Creek Pool) 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail Austin, Tx 78729

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 NA MUD 1 / Rattan Creek Pool for a \$10.00 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 pets are allowed in the fenced pool area.
4. Pool may close for ten (10) 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.
14. Parents must be within arms reach of non-swimming children at all times.

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.
3. Parents must be within arms reach of non-swimming children at all times.

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.

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)

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

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.**
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 NA MUD 1 (Rattan Creek) POOL(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 CASH** 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.**

Page20 **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:

Crossroads Utility Services 257-1271

Sport Court Rules:

Court Hours: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

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

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 situations warrant.



MUD News

North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors notes on the October 2009 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 October 28, 2009:

New complaints received (37), Calls for advice (8), Emails for advice(7), First letters sent (21), Number of cover letters to rental owners: (6), Second letters sent (3), Repeat letters sent (0), Violations sent to MUD attorney (0), Number of cases closed (violations corrected) (38).

Rattan Creek Park Playscape: The two new playscapes have been installed and are now open for play. Thank you for your patience!

Rattan Creek Park Pool:

- McNeil Swim Team has begun practicing Monday through Friday, from 6:00am to 8:00am!
- To have a party at the pool you need to schedule with the pool manager. Andrea Sivells is our pool manager. Pool phone number is **257-1265**.

Greenbelts and parks and soccer fields:

Soccer fields: All 3 fields; 2 in Robinson Park and Rattan Creek Park are to be closed from January 1 through February 15th for field maintenance.

Community Center: Reservations for the rental of the community center rooms are picking up. A deposit is collected and held to cover any damages.

Residents of North Austin MUD #1 can rent the facility for a very minimal fee.

Out of District folks, who are wanting to rent the facility, will of course, be charged more than an in-district resident. For more information regarding the community center, call **257-1255**.

Utility Management Company:

Crossroads Utility Service is our water/wastewater manager. The number to reach them is **257-1271 or 246-1400**. The mailing address for the water/wastewater bills is **2601 Forest Creek Dr. Round Rock, Tx 78665-1232**. *Please do not drop your water bills at Southwest Water or the community center.*

Note that these are unofficial notes about the Board activities. After Board approval at the next meeting the official minutes of the meetings are posted on the web site.

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COUNTY NEWS

By Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman

Photos with Santa

The Williamson County Brown Santa program, which is sponsored by the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, will offer photos with Santa at the Wolf Ranch shopping center, located at the southwest intersection of SH 29 and IH 35 in Georgetown. Photos will be taken from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays from Nov. 28 through Dec. 20 excluding Dec. 12th. A suggested donation of \$5 will be donated to the Brown Santa program, which provides toys and books to needy school aged children in the unincorporated portions of the county. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the program. For more info, go to www.wilcobrownsanta.com.

Emergency Notification on Your Cell Phone

Residents of the 10-county Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) region, which includes Williamson County, are now able

to register and receive notifications on their cellular telephones for emergencies that may affect their homes and businesses or those of their relatives. Through a web-based application, individuals are able to enter their name and cellular telephone number then attach one or more locations to that number in order to get important public safety messages. Residents can go to the website at <http://wireless.capcog.org> and follow the instructions to add their information into the ENS cell phone registry.

In 2004, responding to requests from members of the CAPCOG Homeland Security Task Force, CAPCOG used a combination of homeland security grant funds and funds from participating local governments to implement the ENS. This system allows public safety personnel in participating jurisdiction to relay critical emergency information to their citizens

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- There is an \$ 8.50 charge for the copies.
- Once you have paid for the copies, a set will be mailed to you.
- Include your legal description (lot, block, section of Milwood), so you get the correct set of deed restrictions for your section.

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 Administrative 258-1038

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Crime Stoppers 1-800-253-STOP

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 Williamson, Precinct 1
 Lisa Birkman 733-5380
 Travis, Precinct 2 854-9222

Dept of Homeland Security 1-800-BEREDAY

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 (1-800-764-7661)

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 11900 Jollyville Rd. 331-9802

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Easy Turkey Enchiladas

- 2 cups of shredded Cooked Turkey
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- 1 can (10 oz) Green Enchilada Sauce
- 1 cup chopped Onion
- ½ loaf of processed cheese, cubed
- 12 corn tortillas

1. Heat oven to 400° F. Spray a 9” x 13” baking dish with non-stick spray, set aside.
2. Combine turkey, ½ can of enchilada sauce, ½ cup of onions and ½ of the cubed cheese in a large mixing bowl, set aside.
3. Heat tortillas until soft*, then spread ¼ cup enchilada mixture down the center of each tortilla and roll tightly, one at a time. Place in a prepared baking dish in a single layer, seam side down. Spray enchilada

with non-stick cooking spray to keep moist during baking, set aside.

4. Spread the remaining enchilada sauce, cheese and onion over the center of the enchiladas.

5. Bake uncovered for 20 minutes or until cheese is bubbly on the edges and tortillas are golden. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

* Quick Tip: To heat tortillas in the microwave, place tortillas in a plastic bag and heat on High power for 1 minute or until soft and pliable.

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when human life or property is in danger. Originally, the system would only contact only those persons with regular, land-line telephone service.

With the rise in the popularity of cellular telephones, an increasing number of persons no longer maintain traditional telephone service. Instead, they rely exclusively on their cellular telephones as their residence telephone. To address the need to extend the availability of emergency notification to persons without land-line telephone services, CAPCOG's staff worked with a software developer to implement a web-based interface that allows persons to locate their residence on a map and thus receive emergency notifications. This interface was designed to extend the functionality of the CAPCOG ENS to cell phones.

An additional benefit of this service is that persons may link their cellular telephone number to one or more locations, such as their place of business or the homes of relatives. If

a participating local government activates the system for an area that contains a location that has been registered to a particular cellular telephone number, the system will attempt to send the emergency message to that cellular telephone.

The addition of this service is part of CAPCOG's ongoing efforts to ensure that the ENS is the most capable telephone-based notification system possible. Earlier this year, the capabilities of the system were expanded to include the ability to deliver emergency messages to hearing-impaired persons who rely on Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) technology. CAPCOG's implementation was among the first in the country to have this capability.

Contact Info

For more information on this and other county issues, please contact me at lbirkman@wilco.org or 733-5380.

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CPR/AED Classes at Community Center

North Austin MUD #1 announces Adult and Child CPR and AED Classes to be held at the Rattan Creek Community Center.

After numerous requests, North Austin MUD #1 has arranged for Clearwater Management to provide the classes on the following dates throughout the year.

The following dates and times have been set for the classes:

December 13, 2009	1-7pm
February 21, 2010	1-7pm
June 13, 2010	1-7pm
August 8, 2010	1-7pm
November 7, 2010	1-7pm

The cost for the classes is free to the first 10 people signing up for each class and \$35.00 per person, up to a maximum of 18 per class. These classes are open to anyone from North Austin MUD #1.

Sign up sheets for the classes are available at the Rattan Creek Community Center/Pool office.



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Jilly Lounsberry, 17 - I am a cheerleader at McNeil High School and am involved in NHS. I have 4 years experience babysitting children of all ages. I have my driver's license so I can do any driving that is needed. I love children and plan on being a neonatal nurse. Please feel free to contact me if you need a sitter! My cell is 963-9089 and my email is acfcheerbug1991@yahoo.com, thank you. (11/09)

Ellen Brown, 13 - Babysitting. I am Red Cross certified, great with all ages, charge reasonable rates, and available on weekends and late nights. Please contact me at 335-0207 or at indigosquid@gmail.com, and I will get back to you as soon as I can. (11/09)

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Amalia Pazzaglini, 17 - I am a senior at McNeil High School enrolled in the Health Science Technology Academy and many other clubs as well. I have been babysitting since the age of 11, I have a lot of experience with kids, having two nieces of my own. I have a real passion for kids, and I plan on becoming a Physician's Assistant in the NICU. I am CPR / first aid certified, and I am a Certified Nurse's Assistant. My schedule is pretty flexible, and I would be more than happy to watch your kids. My e-mail is acpazzaglini@gmail.com, and cell phone is 786-6682.

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Teen Night: During the summer, our teens can get together at the pool and have a fun and safe time. Life guards are on duty, but we need parental involvement. We need a couple of parents to help with teen nights. It is mostly middle school children who attend. Get to know your children's friends!

Special Events: We have a variety of events during the year, from the Easter Hunt to Caroling in the park. We need people to help during these events; from taking RCNA dues to putting up fences. There are all sorts of little jobs to be done for these events.

Board Members: We always have openings for board members. Attend the meetings! It's a great way to find out what is happening in our community. *You would be surprised!*

Volunteers List: If you would like to volunteer, from a large task to a small, call. I can put you on a list. You can also just volunteer when it is convenient and pass when it is one of those crazy months.

Just ask yourself, "Why do I live in Milwood?" I am sure the answer would be the same, the people, the park, the pool and the events. I know this is why Milwood has been my home for almost twelve years. This is also the reason I have been involved in volunteering for the past ten. I love what our community offers. I know lives can become fast and furious, but a little bit of your time can go a long way for everyone in our community.

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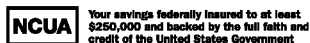
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