



# Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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## Around Milwood

### ANNEXATION UPDATE:

The City of Austin removed North Austin MUD 1 from the Dec 31, 2009 MAP (Municipal Annexation Plan) on May 27, 2010.

The City of Austin can put us back on the list after a period of one year has past and begin the process all over again.

The MUD board will be continue to work with their attorney, in the best interest of the neighborhood.

Alex Hill

Rattan Creek News MUD Reporter

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## EVENTS

### June

- Jun 5 Hurricane Swim Meet
- Jun 10 Teen Night,  
Cover Charge \$3
- Jun 16 MUD Meeting, 6pm  
RC Community Center
- Jun 17 RCNA Meeting, 7pm  
RC Community Center
- Jun 20 Father's Day
- Jun 24 Teen Night,  
Cover Charge \$3
- Jun 26 Hurricane Swim Meet

### July

- Jul 4 4th of July Parade, 9am  
Rattan Creek Park  
Starts at the Corner of Tamayo  
and Elkhorn Mountain
- Jul 8 Teen Night,  
Cover Charge \$3
- Jul 10 Hurricane Swim Meet
- Jul 15 RCNA Meeting, 7pm  
RC Community Center
- Jul 21 MUD Meeting, 6pm  
RC Community Center
- Jul 22 Teen Night,  
Cover Charge \$3

### August

- Aug 3 Teen Night,  
Cover Charge \$3
- Aug 18 MUD Meeting, 6pm  
RC Community Center
- Aug 19 RCNA Meeting, 7pm  
RC Community Center
- Aug 19 Teen Night,  
Cover Charge \$3
- Aug 24 RRISD School Begins

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**No Section Heads needed at this time**

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**Thank you to Andriel Rotzler, David Osmond, & Renee 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

There were three significant events that took place in the District during the month of May that I felt it was important to discuss with you, and to let you know that if you missed any or all of them, you missed something special. On Wednesday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup> our M.U.D. Board of Directors sponsored a Town Meeting at the Rattan Creek Community Center to discuss the topic of Annexation. The Great Room was packed with interested and concerned citizens. Attendees were treated to a very well thought out and informative Powerpoint presentation that outlined a possible timeline as well as all of the positive and negative impacts of annexation were presented. At the conclusion of the presentation there was a considerable number of questions that encouraged a great deal of dialogue between community members, the M.U.D. Board and the attorneys that were hired that are working on behalf of the MUD.

If you did not come to the Rattan Creek Park on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> you missed one of the best Rattan Fests that we have had in recent history. The clouds and rain held off the for day, and beautiful sunshine prevailed. Vendors and community businesses and organizations were present. Crossroads Community Church provided snow cones and ice cold drinks and there was a yummy pie baking contest. The members of the RCNA Board and I were so proud to talk through the park and greet the vendors and community members who enjoyed the event. It was truly a great time had for all. In the afternoon, members of the RCNA were treated to yet another great event. Our Members Only Pool Party was also a memorable event.

Participants enjoyed the wonderful catering of Pok-E-Jo's, ice cold beverages and for desert the yummy cakes and pies that were entries in our Pie Cook Off. Congratulations to Jo Jones for entering her 1<sup>st</sup> place Pecan Pie. Get all the pie recipes in this issue. These two events, both Rattan Fest and the Member's Only would never have been possible without the expert and dedicated hard work and coordination of Dallas Hall. Once again she and her cadre of volunteers out did themselves. A special thank you goes out to all who helped out to make these events the huge successes that they were.

Our next event will be our July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.

Information on this annual fun and popular event can be found on the back page of this newsletter. I also wanted to remind you that our Neighborhood Association will also be holding our Annual Rattan Fest and 5K run, being held this year October 9th. Come and join us for some desert, and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors.

With the warm weather now upon us, and schools closed for the summer district members are out and about enjoying life in Milwood. I want to urge you to please be mindful of bike riders and pedestrians. We all must work together and share our streets and roads. Please watch out for our children and teens and also please obey our posted speed limits.

Our Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association cannot function without you. Please consider becoming a member. The cost is only \$25.00 per household per year. These monies go a long way to provide the social activities that we offer. Additionally, it is more important than ever to become a member, as the RCNA is the voice of the

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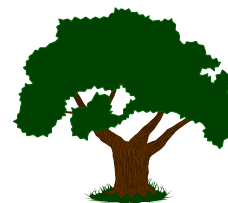
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# Around Rattan Creek

## New Neighbors and Babies:

### New Neighbors:

We would like to welcome the following new neighbors to Milwood:

Michael Mahometa and Lori Roalson  
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### New Babies

Andrew McPherson Laing  
Born April 7, 2010,  
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### Please help us:

*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](mailto:austinredkat@yahoo.com)*

## Milwood ParentActivities

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### Post a message!

Would you be interested in meeting other moms at the playground?

*If you are interested in volunteering for this position or to have your message updated or posted contact Jo Jones, Editor at 335-1805 Or [jorjones@yahoo.com](mailto:jorjones@yahoo.com)*



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**Keep Your Plants Alive, Not Thriving!**

**Fast Forward**---Even without the heavy rains in May, our plants have been growing fast and look great. However, the bad news is that we must shift our thinking ahead to what an Austin summer yard and lawn needs. So...set your mower as high as possible, mow whenever it needs trimming by 1/3, do not fertilize again until late August, and water deeply whenever you can still see your footprints in the grass after ½ hour.

**Unless it rains 1 inch of water every week** on your yard, you NEED to water your yard and planting beds to keep the plants alive, (not thriving) through the heat of June, July and August. Watch for wilting and then water in early morning for as long as it takes to get water running off. Wait 20 minutes and water again until runoff. This saturates the soil and produces deep roots. Wait until you see sign of water stress before watering again. If you have good deep soil and deep roots you should be able to only water deeply once a

week.

**New grass requires more water** while the roots are growing so water often enough to dampen the soil to just deeper than the root level. With new seed or sod in full sun, this may be several times per day during a drought with blistering sun and drying wind. Slowly spread out the watering times until October and then just water occasionally for the first winter.

**Mature lawns can be watered weekly** or less often when the roots are well established and the grass is dense and tall enough to shade the roots.

**Do not fertilize grass now**, with a high nitrogen fertilizer, it will cause rapid top growth requiring more water. From August to October, spread 1/2 inch of Dillo dirt or other compost to encourage deep turf and roots.

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**When watering, give all plants a long, deep soaking** to encourage a deep root system. To find out how long your watering system takes to output 1 inch of water, put out opened cans around the water sprinklers to measure the length of time it takes to accumulate 1" of water. This time tells you how long to run the sprinklers. Although, if water runs off before this time is up, move to watering another area for an hour or so and return to sprinkle the area again to complete the full time. The amount of water required by full sun or by shaded areas is greatly different so watch for the wilting and then adjust the length of watering time for each area.

**The best time to water is in the early morning** before dawn which allows the leaves time to dry before the sun scorches them. It also lessens the possibility of fungus that is encouraged by humidity and darkness. Slowly stretch the time between waterings out to once every 5 or 7 days and you will have healthier

plants, save water, and comply with the water conservation guidelines.

**Keep a 4" depth of mulch on the planting beds** and around large shrubs and trees to discourage weed growth, help hold in the moisture, and keep the soil and plant roots cooler.

**Other tips for summer:**

**If your grass leaves have turned yellow,** spread chelated iron or iron sulfate.

**Raise the lawnmower blades** as high as you can get them now. Mow often enough so that only 1/3 of the grass blades are cut off. Tall grass develops a deeper, more water efficient root system.

**Remove old flower heads** from all annuals and perennials. This is commonly called dead heading and encourages new blooms.

**Cut the seed heads** off the crape myrtles after they finish blooming in late July to encourage another round of flowers.

**Be sparing with fertilizer on native plants** as

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they tend to grow rampant and do not bloom as well when over fed.

**Do not fertilize grass now**, it will just grow fast and require more water and mowing.

**Spray crape myrtles** with Cloud Cover or another anti-transpirant to prevent powdery mildew. If the mildew is already present, spray with Benomyl mildew control. Fungus can also be controlled with an application of copper and liquid seaweed, 1 tablespoon to a gallon of water sprayed on the leaves.

**Mealy bugs** are controlled with Safer Insecticidal Soap sprayed three times at 7 day intervals. This also controls aphids, thrips, scale, whitefly, spider mites, and earwigs.

**Thrips leave white fluffy** deposits on twigs and the thrips look much like the deposits. They are more of a problem in hot dry weather.

**Use sun screen** and wear a hat to protect your skin from ultraviolet rays which cause sunburn, premature aging and cancer. **To raise the SPF of your clothing** to SPF30, put all your outdoor clothes in the washer, use the

hottest water safe for the fabrics of the clothes, add during the wash cycle a packet of Rit Sun Guard laundry treatment for UV protectant available at the fabric stores with the RIT dye products. It reduces my sun allergy greatly.

**Mow and Mulch:** Sharpen your mower and raise it to the highest setting. Mulch the lawn by returning the clippings back on the grass. Mulching reduces the need for fertilizer and water and inhibits weed growth. Any sharp mower can mulch if your mowing pattern causes clippings to be recut a second time if needed. For the last 18 years I have been mulching grass back into the yard. I spread Dillo dirt or fertilize lightly in May and October, and use no pesticides except Logic in spring and fall and Orthene for spot treatment for the fire ants. The yard looked the best it ever had in '97 when the fall and spring rain made the difference. We are not lucky this year.

**Newly planted plants** in beds, need extra watering for the first 2 years. Water before

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stress shows or you may kill the plants and this is false economy. For new plants; 1st week - water every day; 1st month-water 3 times per week. For the following spring through fall-2 times per week; during winter-once per week or as needed.

The goal is to encourage root growth away from the plant so use a leaky hose for watering and cover the soil with 4 inches of mulch to develop healthy plants which will make it through the summer, winter, and look great next year.

**Trees in stress:** show as trees which are receding (not growing leaves to the tips of the branches this year) or with brown leaf tips. Construction damages tree roots by compacting the soil, or scraping off the topsoil, or by putting fill dirt over the roots. Death occurs from 1 to 3 years later. In general to save trees in stress, since the roots are not working well, we must give more water and

must get fertilizer to the roots that are left. Put a leaky hose 2/3 the way out the drip line (or farther away for an established tree) and turn on ¼ turn to slowly let it run for 6 to 8 hours every 10 days (in July and August every 7 days). Water and fertilizer must reach the roots 6 to 8 inches down, and must reach all roots. Tree spikes and top dressing with fertilizer probably is wasted money, (too little area is covered and fertilizer only works when the tree is rapidly growing.) (For live oaks, this is the 140 days February to May).

All our trees need the bark to be protected from lawn mowers and weed eaters and need their roots to be cool and slowly fed. The method recommended by TexaScapes and TreeFolks is to build up a 3 inch deep mulch bed or tree ring. Make it like a donut at least 3 foot wider than the trunk of the tree (this is one of the times when much larger is much better). Use any organic mulch, pine bark, compost, or

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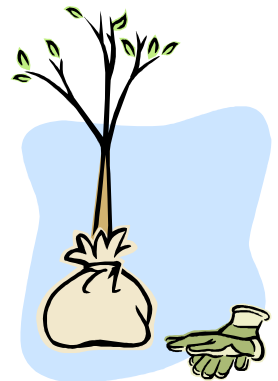
composted soil mixture like Back to Earth (BTE) composted cotton seed hulls.

**Summer flowers** will take extra care in mulching in and watering until they get roots established. A foliar application sprayed on the leaves with a weak fertilizer or liquid sea weed and fish emulsion mixture will encourage blooming and plant growth. As always, the native plants like the **Salvia Greggii**, **Salvia farinacena** 'Mealy Sage', **Salvia Coccinea** 'Coral Nymph', **verbena**, and **lantanna** need very little fertilizer, can take the heat, will bloom until mid fall, and are perennials and will come back up again next year.

**Small understory trees and shrubs** fill out our landscapes and provide resting and nesting places for birds. These Texas-grown trees and shrubs are adapted to the hot weather. **Desert Willows** (*Chilopsis linearis*) is a full-sun flowering tree. They are a multistory

restaurant for hummingbirds. They begin blooming before the crepe Myrtles and bloom until late fall. They require little water plant them in a sunny corner of the fence and they can be planted in summer. **Texas Sages** or **Cenizo** (*Leucophyllum frutescens*) can grow to be a large bush though they take pruning well. Leaves are light gray and blooms are pink to light blue shortly after a rain. Do not over water they will grow fast and get leggy. Again, 3 of them in a sunny corner of the fence will do great.

Happy gardening,  
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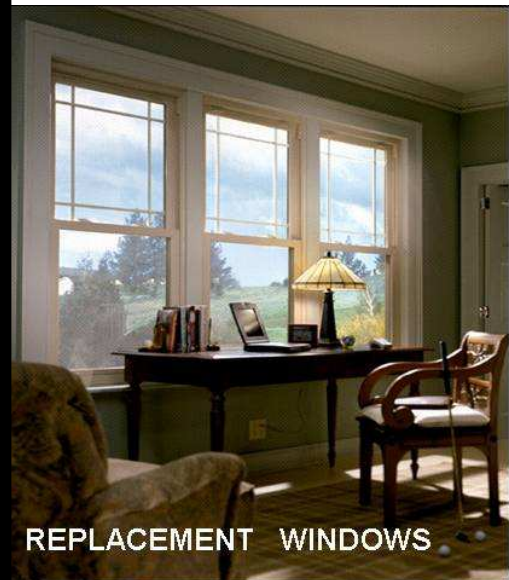
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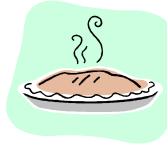


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**Recipe Corner: 2010 Rattan Fest Pie Cook Off Recipes**

**Pecan Pie**

- 4 eggs beaten
- 1 C light corn syrup
- 2/3 C sugar
- 1 Tbsp melted butter
- 1 Tbsp vanilla
- 1 C coarse chopped pecans,
- 1/2 C whole pecan halves



Mix top 5 ingredients together,  
 Stir in chopped pecan pieces.  
 Pour in pie shell.  
 Top with 1/2 cup pecan halves spreading them  
 out evenly over pie.  
 Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes, watch crust  
 after about 40 minutes, cover edges with foil if  
 needed to keep crust from burning.

Submitted by Jo Jones  
 2010 Rattan Fest Pie Cook Off

**Strawberry Cream Cheese Pie**

- 2 pkg 8 oz Cream Cheese
- 1 can 14 oz Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 Pint of Fresh Strawberries
- 1 Graham Cracker Crust

Combine cream cheese, milk and  
 strawberries.  
 Mix with mixer.  
 Pour into pie crust.  
 Put in refrigerator.  
 Ready to serve in 20 minutes.

Garnish with dollop of whip cream and a slice  
 of strawberry.

Submitted by Dallas Hall  
 2010 Rattan Fest Pie Cook Off

*(More Recipes Continued on page 12)*

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](mailto:arandall5@austin.rr.com)

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**Thin Mint Chocolate Mousse Pie**

**For Crust:**

1 – 1 ½ Sleeve(s) Girl Scout Thin Mint Cookies Finely Crushed  
6 Tbsp Melted Butter

**For Mousse:**

2 ¼ C Heavy Whipping Cream  
1/3 C Unsweetened Cocoa Powder  
14 oz Bittersweet Chocolate Squares, Chopped  
1 Stick + 2 Tbsp Unsalted Butter, cut up  
2 Tbsp Vanilla (not imitation)  
¼ tsp Salt  
8 Egg Whites (from large eggs)  
2/3 C Sugar

**Topping:**

Cool Whip  
A few crumbled Thin Mint Cookies

- Whisk Cream and Cocoa in large saucepan until blended.
- Bring to a boil over medium heat, whisking occasionally.
- Remove from heat: whisk in chocolate squares and butter until smooth.
- Whisk in vanilla and salt.
- Scrape into large bowl. Let cool until room temperature.
- Beat Egg Whites in a large bowl with mixer on medium until frothy.
- Gradually beat in sugar; beat on high until peaks are stiff and glossy.
- Gently whisk in about 1/3 of the whites into the chocolate mixture.
- Fold in remaining whites.
- Pour Mousse into pie crust and chill until set, about 2 hours.

Add cool whip over entire pie and sprinkle with additional thin Mint Cookie crumbs.

Submitted by Mysti Burgess

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*(More Recipes Continued on page 14)*



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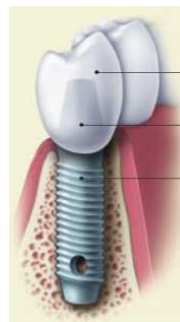
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**Swim Lessons:**

Eight Lessons per session, Monday – Thursday, 30 minutes each  
Friday used as makeup day if necessary  
Teacher to Student ratio – 1:5  
MINIMUM of three (3) students per class  
Children under 3 years old – private lessons only (see lifeguards)

**SWIM LESSON SKILL LEVELS AVAILABLE:**

Tot-Beginner, Beginner, Advanced Beginner, and Intermediate

**SESSIONS:**

SESSION I  
SESSION II  
SESSION III  
SESSION IV

**DATES:**

JUNE 7 – JUNE 17 (M-TH)  
JUNE 21 – JULY 1 (M-TH)  
JULY 5 – JULY 15 (M-TH)  
JULY 19 – JULY 29 (M-TH)

**CLASS TIMES (for each session)**

**Mornings:** 10:00 – 10:30 AM      **Evenings:** 5:30 – 6:30 PM  
10:45 – 11:15 AM                      6:15 – 6:45 PM  
11:30 – 12:00 PM

*We reserve the right to eliminate or combine class times if there are not enough students signed up to fill a class at a particular time.*

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**Swim Lesson Registration**

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class Level \_\_\_\_\_ Session \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Swimming Skill (Please check one): Beginner \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_

*Instructors will evaluate the student's skills and student may be moved to another class level.*

**Ultimate Chocolate Pecan Pie**

Preheat Oven to 350°.

- 1 C Karo Syrup
- 3 Eggs
- 1 C Sugar
- 2 Tbsp Butter, Melted
- 1Tbsp Vanilla Extract
- 1 ½ Cups Pecan Halves
- ½ C Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chips
- 1 Unbaked Pie Crust

Stir in first five ingredients together thoroughly in a bowl.

Place the pecan halves and chocolate chips in bottom of pie crust.

Pour pie mixture over the pecans and chocolate chips.

Place pie in center rack and bake for 60 to 70 minutes.

Cool for 2 hours before cutting and enjoy.

Recipe submitted by Victoria Doss

2010 Rattan Fest Pie Cook Off

*(Continued from page 3)*

community to the MUD Board, and the City of Austin regarding important issues. The more RCNA members we have, the stronger and more credible our voice can be in protecting your interests, and helping to maintain the high quality of life that we have all become used to.

In closing, I want to encourage you to please feel free to contact myself or any of the other dedicated RCNA Board members if you have questions or concerns about our community. All of our contact information can be located on the inside front cover of this newsletter. You can also feel free to follow neighborhood events or post relevant community events on our Facebook page.

All the best for a wonderful summer;

Brian Kerman, President  
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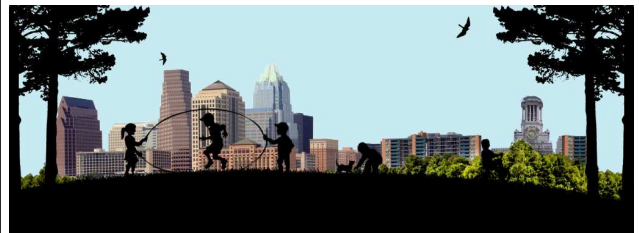
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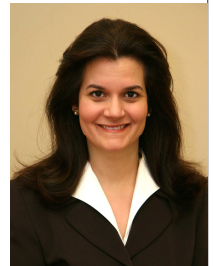
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## Resurgence of Texas Oak Wilt

A recent resurgence of oak wilt has occurred on property near the intersection of Tamayo and Parmer Lane. This has been an ongoing issue in this general area and periodically flare ups become evident.

A portion of this particular flare up is located within the North Austin MUD's property located within the entrance greenbelt area north of Tamayo and is being dealt with promptly and responsibly by the District.

Dead and infected trees are being removed and all efforts are underway to preserve viable trees via fungicide injections and possible trenching on the District property. Certified Arborists are supervising these efforts.

Residents in the area should be diligent in

monitoring their trees and taking action, if necessary. It is highly recommended that certified arborists be contacted and their services engaged should mitigation be necessary.

You can find more information on Oak Wilt at [http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/howtos/ht\\_oakwilt/toc.htm#symptoms](http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/pubs/howtos/ht_oakwilt/toc.htm#symptoms) . This website has illustrations which can help you identify Oak Wilt by looking at the leaves, depending on the type of Oak trees that you have. Another great website is <http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/ow/states/tx/tx.shtm>. This website has links to several other pages that could be helpful.

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# Rattan Creek Pool Hours

## June

**June 1-30 Hurricane Swim Practice**  
**Mon - Fri: 6:45 am - 10:50am**

**June 1-30 Open Swim:**  
 Mon through Fri: 11:00 am - 9:00pm  
 Sat: 11:00am to 9:00pm  
 Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00pm

**June 5, June 26: Hurricane Swim Meets**  
**Pool Opens 1:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Teen Nights: June 10 & 24**  
**Cover Charge \$3.00**



## July

**Water Aerobics: Tuesday and Thursday**  
**6:45 pm - 7:45 pm**

**July 1-16: Open Swim**  
 Mon through Fri: 11:00 am - 9:00pm  
 Sat: 11:00am to 9:00pm  
 Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00pm

**July 17-31: Open Swim**  
 Mon through Sat: 9:00 am - 9:00pm  
 Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00pm

**July 10: Hurricane Swim Meet**  
**Pool Opens 1:00pm - 9:00pm**



**Teen Nights: July 8 & 22**  
**Cover Charge \$3.00**

## August



**Aug 1-23 Open Swim**  
 Mon through Fri: 11:00 am - 9:00pm  
 Sat: 11:00am to 9:00pm  
 Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00pm

**Aug 24-31**  
 Mon through Fri: 11:00 am - 9:00pm  
 Sat: 11:00am to 9:00pm  
 Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00pm

**Teen Nights: August 3 & 19**  
**Cover Charge \$3.00**

## September

**Sept 1-5 Open Swim**  
 Mon through Fri: 11:00 am - 8:00pm  
 Sat: 11:00am to 8:00pm  
 Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00pm

**Sept 6 Labor Day** 11:00am - 9:00pm

**Sept 7-15 Open Swim**  
 Mon through Fri: 12:30 pm - 1:30pm  
 4:30 pm - 8:00pm  
 Sat: 11:00am to 8:00pm  
 Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00pm

**Winter Swim Season Begins : Sept 16-30 Open Swim**  
 Mon through Fri: 12:30 pm - 1:30pm  
 4:30 pm - 8:00pm  
 Sat: 11:00am to 8:00pm  
 Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00pm



### Pool Applications:

Can be submitted by mail or in person at the Pool entrance. Mail to: NAM 1 Pool  
 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail  
 Austin, Texas 78729  
 In person submit Mon - Fri 4:00 - 7:00pm  
 Sat Noon - 7:00pm

**All Hours Are Subject To Change**  
**Rattan Creek Pool 257-1265**  
**Manager: Andrea Sivells**  
**Pool managed by**  
**Clearwater Management: 331-7066**

**Reservations for the Parties at the Pool**

**MUST be made through the pool office in person 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 2010 SUMMER 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 PRINT CLEARLY below: (See tennis rules for more info)**

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

2010 Summer 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**

_____ Summer In-District Badge	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Annual In-District Badge	@ \$40 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Summer Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household	\$ _____
_____ Additional Out-of-District Summer Badge	@ \$50 each additional badge	\$ _____
_____ Summer Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
_____ 10 Summer Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15	\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court Key (In-District Only) (KEY IS ONLY VALID THROUGH October 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	\$ _____
<b>SUMMER BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 09/15/10</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**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 2010 to April 2011)
- Tennis court locks are changed every 6 months – around the end of April/ or 1<sup>st</sup> of May & end of October or 1<sup>st</sup> 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 available for pick up** at Rattan Creek Pool. If you sign up before Tennis Court locks are changed, then 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](http://www.northaustinmud1.org)).

**ALL INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT PROCESSING**

RATTAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

**Rattan Creek Park, Pool and Court Rules and Regulations**

Rules are established and adopted by the North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors  
Pool Identification tags and tennis court keys must be purchased through the District Manager 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:**

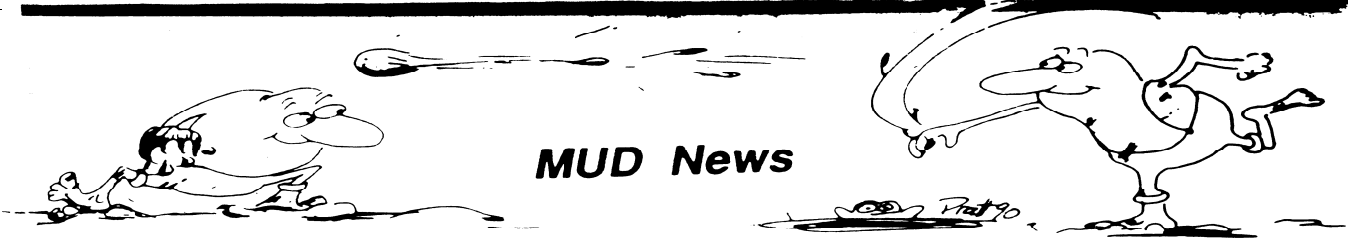
Court Hours: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

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.



**North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors notes on the April 2010 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 April 26, 2010: New complaints received (12), Calls for advice (4), Emails for advice(3), First letters sent (1), Number of cover letters to rental owners: (0), Second letters sent (3), Repeat letters sent (0), Violations sent to MUD attorney (1), Number of cases closed (violations corrected) (26).

**Rattan Creek Park:** Water storage tank is on schedule for installation. The park tables & benches are going to be repainted.

**Robinson Park:** The new Pavilion at the corner of Amasia and Humphrey will be open soon.

**Rattan Creek Park Pool:**

- Hurricane Swim Team is practicing in the mornings Monday through Friday.
- Pool slides are closed for repairs.
- 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:** All fields are open and ready for play.

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

**Water Loss:** Coming out of this past extreme drought, and with aging infrastructure, the district has begun to experience a high water loss. The district engineer and general manager are actively working to locate the source of the leak(s).

If we are in your section turning off the water for a short period of time, you will receive a tag on your door in advance, explaining that we are going to shut off your water for a short period of time.

**Utility Management Company:** Crossroads Utility Service **257-1271 or 246-1400**. The physical address is 2601 Forest Creek Round Rock. The correct mailing address for the water bills:

**North Austin MUD 1  
PO Box 4901  
Houston, Tx 77210-4901**

*\* 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.*

Jo Jones, Secretary  
NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.

**Website:** [www.northaustinmud1.org](http://www.northaustinmud1.org)

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## New County Annex Opens in Round Rock By Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman

The new J. B. and Hallie Jester Williamson County Annex is open at **1801 E. Old Settlers Blvd., Round Rock, TX 78664**. The new annex has the following offices and contact numbers:

Williamson County Commissioner,  
Pct One Lisa Birkman

Suite 110  
Phone number: 244-8610  
Fax number: 244-8616

Williamson County Justice of the Peace,  
Pct. One Dain Johnson

Suite 100  
Phone number: 244-8622

Williamson County Constable,  
Pct. One Robert Chody

Suite 105  
Phone number: 244-8650  
Fax number: 244-8662

Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector Deborah  
Hunt's Round Rock office

Suite 115  
Phone number: 244-8644  
Fax number: 244-8645  
(This location includes a drive through)

We will be having a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. The ribbon cutting will be at 10 a.m. followed by live entertainment, food and tours of the building until 6 p.m. All citizens are invited to attend.

For more information on this and other county parks and activities, go to [www.wilco.org](http://www.wilco.org) or contact me at 733-5380, [lbirkman@wilco.org](mailto:lbirkman@wilco.org).

Lisa Birkman  
Williamson County Commissioner,  
Precinct One



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General Manager: Gary Spoons

Office: 246-1400                      2601 Forest Creek Dr  
Fax: 246-1900                      Round Rock, TX 78665

[www.crossroadsus.com](http://www.crossroadsus.com)

### Filing a Deed Restriction Complaint:

- All complaints must be in writing, be sure to list the address of the home in question and the complaint.
- The complaint letter must be signed.

Send the written complaints to:

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**202 Walton Way, Ste 192, Box 142**  
**Cedar Park, Tx 78613-7046**

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- 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.

## What does my \$25 dues pay for?

Over the past couple of years, the RCNA has had only about 400 out of 2600 households send in their \$25 annual dues. We are lucky to live in a neighborhood where the dues are voluntary. Many neighborhoods and especially the new ones, the dues are mandatory. Most neighborhoods pay \$10+ each month, **our dues are only \$25 a year.** We are actually lucky to live in a neighborhood with a voluntary organization that is able to produce the type of activities and newsletter that we have. Help support your neighborhood association, send in your \$25 dues now or go online to [www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org) and pay with a credit card using our secure site.

The newsletter is quite expensive to produce when you look at the fact that we print 3100 newsletters every other month. The advertising helps to pay for the newsletter, but there is still a cost funded by the RCNA every issue. To make sure that each home is kept informed a newsletter is delivered directly to their doorstep. We deliver via a block

captain system which helps us to keep the cost down. Many have asked why we don't mail the newsletter so that the newsletter is received in a timely manner. Well, it is quite simple...**MONEY.** Think about what it would cost to mail out to 2600+ homes, 6 times a year. We can't do that with the small number of folks who pay their dues. We could if we delivered only to those who pay their dues. \$25 a year is all we are asking.

### What activities you ask?

For instance, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Every year we have more and more children, but less and less funds to work with. Many folks have voiced that we should have more eggs/prizes for the children. Well, that takes money and volunteers. With the dwindling involvement in the neighborhood association (both monetary and volunteers), events such as this will inevitably suffer. Yes, we do get some donations of candy

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Before you head out of town on vacation this summer, make sure you take these simple precautions so the old homestead is in good shape when you return.

Every year, 6 million home burglaries occur in the United States, most of them during the summer months. Vacations provide burglars with plenty of time to break into empty homes, remove large items, and leisurely search for valuables and sensitive information. These days, you need to be just as concerned with thieves stealing your identity as your big-screen television and Grandma's silver.

Your goal is to make sure your home is well-secured and to create the illusion that someone is home at all times. Here are the major areas you should be concerned about:

**DOORS AND WINDOWS:** Make sure every opening is securely fastened. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a 1-inch "throw" and reinforced "strike plates" with 3-inch screws. Do not rely on your automatic garage door for

security. Disable the automatic door opener (most have an "Off" switch, or you can simply unplug it from the power source) and secure the door with a strong padlock or other locking device. Properly secure all sliding glass doors by placing a wooden dowel in the track to keep the door from sliding open, and install vertical bolts so that the sliding portion cannot be lifted from the track.

**LIGHTS:** Keep the perimeter of your home well-lit. Low-voltage outdoor lighting operated by a timer or photocell is a cost-effective way to discourage intruders. Create the illusion that you are home by using timers inside the house on lamps, radios and TV sets. Set them to turn on at various times as if you were at home.

**MAIL AND PAPER:** If you ask one trusted neighbor to pick up mail and newspapers each day, it limits the number of people knowing of your absence.

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**CAR IN DRIVEWAY:** If your absence means no cars in your driveway, ask your neighbor to park his or her car in your driveway.

**GARBAGE:** On trash day, ask your trusted neighbor to put one of his or her trashcans in front of your house to keep up the lived-in illusion.

**WASHING MACHINE:** Be sure to turn off the water supply to both the hot and cold water to your washing machine. Hoses which are under pressure can break and do a lot of damage.

**HEATING AND COOLING:** Turn an electric water heater off (for winter vacations, turn it to the lowest setting); leave only the pilot light burning on a gas water heater. In the summer, leave the air conditioning on at a setting of about 85 F to control humidity. (In the winter set the heat to 50 F to keep things from freezing.)

**REFRIGERATOR, FREEZER AND ICEMAKER:** The week before a vacation is a good time to clean out the refrigerator and

freezer. Once you are ready to leave and have emptied the appliances of perishables, turn them to their lowest settings and the icemaker off. If it does not have a switch, lift the wire arm or disable as necessary.

**ELECTRONICS:** To protect against lightning damage, unplug all but one television, one radio and a few strategic lamps (those you will set with timers), as well as all microwave ovens, extra phones, computers and so on.

**ANSWERING MACHINE:** Do not record a message that indicates you are on vacation and don't let incoming messages accumulate. A very long "beep" tells a burglar that there are lots of messages in the "In" box, and that can mean only one thing: No one is home!

For information on evaluating your home's current safety measures; assessing your home's entry points; finding out what attracts and discourages burglars; and learning how to implement a cost-effective security program, visit the Burglary Protection Council Web site [www.burglaryprevention.org](http://www.burglaryprevention.org).

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and eggs, but we always need to buy more.

The RCNA Scholarship Fund started out about 15 years ago and is now given to 3 deserving students. The requirements are easy, volunteer 8 hours of their time to the RCNA and this neighborhood and whose parents are members of the RCNA. The award amount is \$500 per student. This fund is made possible through our dues and donations of individuals and companies that feel this is a worthy cause. Please help us continue this worthy program, our future is in the next generation.

Other events include the "Members Only Pool Party"- the Pool Party is a catered event for those that did pay their dues - sort of a reward. "Rattan Fest"- Rattan Fest may someday be a money maker, but items like the T-Shirts for the run and signs used, do cost us money. "Caroling in the Park"-the song books we use and many take home are printed, so there is a little cost involved here too. The "Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale"- that

is held twice a year, the RCNA pays for the ads and general signs leading folks to our neighborhood.

Please send in your \$25 for the year. There is a lot that happens for your \$25. Hopefully more folks will step forward and volunteer to help at an event, or deliver newsletters or just become involved.

We live in a great neighborhood, one that many folks recognize and watch for homes to come available either for rent or sale. Many of you have friends from other neighborhoods that come out for many of the RCNA sponsored events. It just takes people getting involved. Thank you to the volunteers that year after year help us with the events and newsletter. We really do appreciate your support, we depend on you!!

We invite you to attend our monthly meetings, they are held the third Thursday of every month, at 7pm at the Rattan Creek Community Center.

Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association.

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**RCNA c/o Kelly Buczek**  
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**Amalia Pazzaglini**, 18 - 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](mailto:acpazzaglini@gmail.com), and cell phone is 786-6682.(7/10)

**Austin Crocker**, 13 – Lawn service and pet care. Over 2 years experience. Have all equipment. Located on Shiner street but can travel anywhere in Milwood. Prices starting at \$20 for a small yard. Great references. Phone 584-1580 for an estimate or to schedule work. Please leave message which will be answered ASAP. (1/10)

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**Dana Stimson**, 15 - Babysitting and dog sitting services. I get along with kids of all ages and I'm pretty flexible with anything. I am a Sophomore in high school and I have plenty of experience with babysitting. My pricing for babysitting is usually \$5 an hour. Call for dog sitting prices. Please call me if you need a sitter at 791-1853 or my home number at 335-0473, Thank you! (9/10)

**Jilly Lounsberry**, 18 - 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 [jilly.lounsberry@yahoo.com](mailto:jilly.lounsberry@yahoo.com) , thank you. (11/09)

**Bijan Ahmad**, 15 -Hello I'm Bijan Ahmad or you can call me BJ (nickname). I am 15 years of age, also a local boy scout of troop 164. I'm looking to make some extra money by doing some work that you would want me to do. That's right, I'm trying to diversify what I do. Just tell me what you want done and 8 out of 10 times I will be able to do it. The economy is really bad right now so we can work out a price. Please contact me at my home 335-6934 or email [theaustinpenguin@aim.com](mailto:theaustinpenguin@aim.com) thank you.(9/09)

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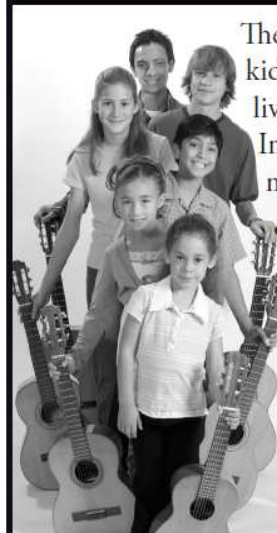
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## Community Center Classes:

Are you interested in taking some classes at the community center? If you are interested in any of the classes, or a different class, please come to the community center office and sign up.

- **Cake Decorating**
- **Conversational Spanish**

**Currently we have folks that have contacted the community center staff that are interested in teaching the above classes at the community center.**

Please be sure to give the community center staff your name address, phone number and email. The instructors will contact you directly, if there is enough interest in a class.



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**June 7- June 11**

*Session 2:*

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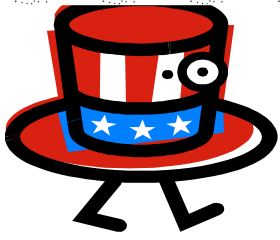
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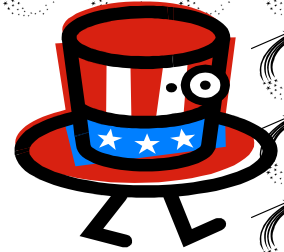
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# Fourth of July



# Parade!

**Come Out,  
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*Boys and Girls,  
Decorate your  
bikes and/or wheels!!!*

**Sunday, July 4th  
9:00 am  
at the  
Rattan Creek Park.**

*Cool Refreshments  
available after  
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