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Upcoming Events

Fourth of July Parade
See back page for more information.

Movie in the Park! July 20th

Sponsored by Gateway Church

Please support the local area Food Pantry by bringing (2) non-perishable food or hygiene items per person for drop off at the park.

Movie starts at Dusk.

For more info: www.RattanCreek.org.

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www.RattanCreek.org**

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RCNA Happy Hour
Join us from 6:30pm - 8pm
on the 2nd Thursday of the month
at Little Woodrow's.

EVENTS:

All Events are held at Rattan Creek Community Center, Park or Pool unless otherwise noted.

June

6/6 Teen Night

6/13 RCNA HAPPY HOUR
Little Woodrow's 6:30-8pm

6/19 MUD Meeting, 6pm
RC Community Center

6/19 7pm Book Club *

6/20 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
RC Community Center

6/20 Teen Night

July

7/3 Teen Night

7/4 4th of July Parade-9am

7/11 RCNA HAPPY HOUR
Li'l Woodrow's 6:30-8pm

7/17 MUD Meeting, 6pm
RC Community Center

7/17 7pm Book Club *

7/18 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
RC Community Center

7/18 Teen Night

7/20 Movie in the Park
Movie begins at dusk

August

8/1 Teen Night

8/8 RCNA HAPPY HOUR
Little Woodrow's 6:30-8pm

8/14 MUD Meeting, 6pm
RC Community Center

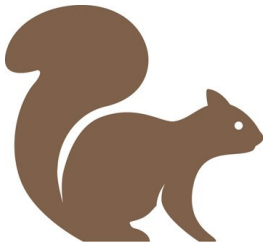
8/14 7pm Book Club *

8/15 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
RC Community Center

8/15 Teen Night

* Book Club -email for meeting location (pg 3).

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Happy Summer, neighbors!

I refuse to believe I have allergies. Anyone else in that school of thought? I've heard it all - you get them when you first move to Austin, you develop them 8-10 years after you move

here, they're worse if you're from here, they're worse if you're not from here, you don't get allergies if you got dirty in the country as a kid, nothing can prevent you from getting them if you live here, everyone has them, it's all in your head.....what's an Austinite to do? All I know is, I've been suffering from headaches, sore throat, coughing, sneezing, and a bad case of the sniffles for about a week now. And I'm not enjoying it one bit!

I spoke in the last newsletter about my recently-planted tomato plants. Well I'm happy to report - they're not entirely dead yet, though they're not fruiting as much as I'd like. Anyone want to offer suggestions on how to improve this situation? My theory on why has everything to do with lack of sun in my hugely shaded yard - but can I complain? I've got a gem of a property that backs up to the

greenbelt and the MUD does such a nice job of taking good care of our park.

Speaking of the MUD, I wanted to remind everyone of the major differences between the two organizations. I continue to read on our facebook page, in emails to myself and fellow board members, and through phone calls, complaints for things like neighbor fence disputes, questions on deed restrictions and park happenings ("can I park a boat in my driveway?" "Can I bury a cat?" "Who is going to repair my fence?" "The greenbelt weeds are too high!" "Why did you cut the greenbelt grass?"), and things related to the park and pool. The MUD is our municipal governing body. They oversee the park, the pool, deed restriction enforcement, and utilities; they work with the city to keep our rates low; they provide key services like awesome trash and recycling services; for our neighborhood, they are the **LAW**. Kind of like... **Clint Eastwood**. The RCNA - well, we're more like - **Six Flags**. We bring the party! Seriously though - our reach extends to providing you information on community happenings (like through this newsletter), planning

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cool events like the Members Only Pool Party, Rattan Fest, Movies in the Park, Happy Hours, Easter Egg Hunt, and other things of that nature (if you would be so inclined to offer suggestions for what you want!). Please, please, please, before you issue a complaint related to something the MUD takes jurisdiction over, think about the proper channels. And do please remember that both organizations hold regular monthly meetings with open forums for your questions and concerns. We are highly visible - you just need to join us for a meeting!

We're kicking off planning sessions now for our biggest event of the year - Rattan Fest 2013, scheduled for September 28th! Yes, it takes three months of dedicated planning to throw such an awesome event. If you'll remember from last year, we grew the festival tremendously with the addition of live music, free beer, kids area with tons of games, and a significant number of booths. To keep this momentum going, we're going to need your help! Please contact me if you would like to sit on a

planning committee or be a volunteer for day-of. It's a community effort!

Lastly - this Newsletter. Oh, this Newsletter. You like this Newsletter? I love this Newsletter. Lots of people do. And every door in this neighborhood receives the newsletter, even though it is funded through only a small amount of advertising and membership dues, of which only 200 households have paid so far. Please take a moment and ask yourself - if you expect this newsletter at your door, have you paid your dues to help fund it? Would you consider signing up for newsletter editor duties? It takes, on average, 8-10 hours of work every other month to solicit the advertising, organize content, build the newsletter in an editing program, and work with a printing and delivery company to get it to you. Is anyone out there willing to help the RCNA out with this key service to ensure we can keep providing it?

Watch for emails, facebook posts, and hopefully soon, website updates, on the Movie in the Park -

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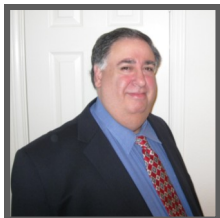


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Women's Book Club

The Rattan Creek Women's Book Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

June 12--*Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey
July 10--*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
August 14--*December 6* by Martin Cruz Smith

New members always welcome!

- Ladies, don't forget to bring your book suggestions and please consider hosting the next book club.
- Please note: Dates and titles are subject to change; please e-mail RCNAbookclub@gmail.com to confirm information and obtain directions to the meeting.

For more Book Club information, please contact RCNAbookclub@gmail.com.

Dates and Titles are subject to change.

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scheduled for July 20th. It will be a food drive cohosted with Gateway Church, so save up those canned goods!

Happy Summer, y'all.
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Architectural Control Committee

Send Submissions to:
RCNA—ACC
P.O. Box 200584
Austin, TX 78720-0584
RattanCreekACC@gmail.com

Do I have to submit plans to the ACC?

Per your deed, a separate committee (the ACC) has responsibility for review and approval of the plans for the "Construction of Improvements upon the Property". No construction of improvements can begin without written approval of the ACC.

Once all of the required documents and fees are submitted the ACC will review your submittal data for compliance with the restrictions on the deeds for your Section. The ACC has 30 days to respond with approval, denial or a request for additional information.

After you receive the ACC Approval letter, you can go forward with your project as you described it in your project submittal documents.

If you go forward with projects without an ACC approval letter you can be subject to legal action by your neighbors and/or by the ACC.

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Watch out for kids

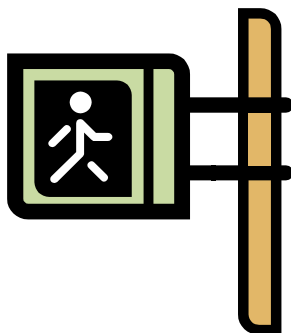
crossing

Tamayo,

at the new

crosswalk

by the Rattan Creek play ground.



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.

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

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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 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 TBSP 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.

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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 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 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,
Chuck Simms



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- 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 complaints to:

**North Austin MUD 1 Deed Restriction
15803 Windemere Dr, Ste 603
Pflugerville, TX 78660**

Need Copies of Your Deed Restrictions:

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**North Austin MUD 1 Deed Restrictions
15803 Windemere Dr, Ste 603
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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.
- (512) 251-2934



Do NOT:

- Leave trash in the parks and greenbelt.
- Toss leaves, yard clippings or trash over your fence into the greenbelt or drainage areas.
- Blow yard waste into the street, it ultimately goes down the storm drains.
- Forget pick up after your dogs in the park, greenbelts and out walking.
- Pour used motor oil down storm drains.
- Pour old paint down storm drains.

**NORTH AUSTIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 - RATTAN CREEK PARK POOL & TENNIS COURTS
APPLICATION FOR 2013 SUMMER SESSION**

Application to Use Recreational Facilities and Release of Liability
PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

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: ____/____/____ (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:

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

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

2013 Summer Fees:	Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool	
Quantity	Check <u>MUST</u> accompany this registration form to be processed.	
_____ Summer In-District Badge (5/1/2013 through 9/15/2013)	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Annual In-District Badge (5/1/2013 through 4/30/2014)	@ \$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 Swipe Cards (In-District Only)	@ \$40 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)	\$ _____
	(Swipe Cards are ONLY VALID May 2013 THROUGH April 2014)	
_____ RCNA Membership (RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)	@ \$25 per household	\$ _____
NOTE: SUMMER BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES ARE VALID THRU 09/15/13	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 or winter only badges & 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 2012 to April 2013)
- Tennis court locks are changed annually – around the end of April. Therefore, for continued access, Swipe cards will need to be purchased/updated once a year. **Only ONE swipe card can be issued per household.** Replacement fee for lost or stolen swipe card will be at the same price of a new swipe card.
- **Tennis court swipe cards will be available for pick up** at Rattan Creek Pool. If you sign up before Tennis Court locks are changed, swipe cards will be available for pick up after April 30th.
- **ID Badges, guest passes & tennis court swipe cards 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 confirmed. You **MUST** bring a copy of your water bill with you to the pool. **ID badges are not mailed.**
- Forms of payment accepted for pool & tennis swipe cards are check & money order. **Credit/debit cards are not accepted at this time. NO CASH will be taken at the pool, only checks.**
- 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 Pool Calendar

June 2013:



June 1-30:

Mon - Fri:

Swim Team: 7:00 am to 11:00 am
Open Swim 11:00am to 9:00 pm

Sat: 11:00am to 9:00 pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00 pm

Teen Nights - June 6th & 20th
\$ 3.00 Admission
8:00 pm - 10:30 pm

July 2013:



July 1 -15:

Mon - Fri:

Swim Team: 7:00 am to 11:00 am
Open Swim: 11:00am to 9:00 pm

Sat: 11:00am to 9:00 pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00 pm

July 16-31:

Mon: - Sat: 9:00am to 9:00 pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00 pm

Teen Nights - July 3rd & 18th
\$ 3.00 Admission
8:00 pm - 10:30 pm

August 2013:



August 1 - 25:

Mon - Sat: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00 pm

School Opens August 26, 2013

August 26- 31:

Mon - Sat: 11:00 am to 9:00 pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00 pm

Teen Night August 1st & 15th
\$ 3.00 Admission
8:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Pool Hours are subject to change.

September 2013:



Sept. 1

Sun: Pool Open 12 Noon to 9:00 pm

Labor Day Sept 2:

Mon: Pool Open 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

September 3 - 15:

MWF: Pool Open 12 Noon to 1:30 pm
4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Sat: 11:00am to 8:00pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00 pm

Winter Season Begins: September 16th Sep. 16 – May 15

MWF: Pool Open 12 Noon to 1:30 pm
4:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Sat: 11:00am to 8:00pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00 pm

Book a
Pool Party
at the lifeguard office
or call 512-265-1265.

RC Community Center

512-257-1255

rattancreek@sbcglobal.net

Summer Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 12-8pm

Sat: 12-8pm

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**Rattan Creek
Community Center**
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Learn to Swim Program

By Clearwater Management – 331-7066

Qualified Instructors

2013

For Ages 3 to Adult

COST: \$55

Swim Lessons:

Eight Lessons, 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

Session:

Session I

Session II

Session III

Session IV

Dates:

June 3 - June 13 (M-TH)

June 17 - June 27 (M-TH)

July 1 - July 11 (M-TH)

July 15 - July 25 (M-TH)

Class Times

Mornings: 10:00 - 10:30 am

10:45 - 11:15 am

11:30 - 12:00pm

Evenings: 5:30 - 6:00pm

6:15 - 6:45pm

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.

Swim Lesson Registration

Students Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____ Parents 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.

**Turn in Swim Lesson request at Rattan Creek Pool Office
7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail**

Going Out of Town?

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.

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.

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

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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.



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It is RCNA members like you that ensure our Rattan Creek community continues to thrive. Thank you for your continued support & welcome to all new members, we look forward to meeting you.

Membership Benefits Include

- Voice to the counties, city, and MUD Board on behalf of the neighborhood
- Rattan Creek Neighborhood Newsletter has distributed over 18,000 newsletters annually throughout the neighborhood. In 2011, we shifted to an online newsletter and a smaller delivered version with information and event reminders.
- Annual Neighborhood events including; Easter Egg Hunt, "Members Only" Pool Party, Fourth of July Parade, Rattan Fest and 5K Fun Run, National Night Out, Caroling in the Park, and much more.
- RCNA Scholarship Fund provides university scholarships of \$500 to high school seniors of RCNA members.
- Neighborhood involvement committees including Neighborhood Watch and Architectural Control Committee.

Becoming a Member Today!



Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association

P.O. Box 200584 - Austin, TX 78720-0584

Annual Membership Due - \$25 per household

January - December 2013

The RCNA is a group of volunteers dedicated to creating a great community for all families here in Rattan Creek. Your dues help support the many community wide events we hold each year including:

**Easter Egg Hunt • July 4th BBQ • Monthly Happy Hours • Movie Nights in the Park • Members Pool Party
• Book Club • Annual Rattan Fest and 5K Fun Run • College Scholarships • and much more...**

Please fill out and return the form below or visit www.RattanCreek.org to pay your dues and help support our great community. We also graciously accept donations.

Membership: Renewal New **Total Amt Included: \$** _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

(Your email will be used for RCNA communications only.)

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Fourth of July Parade!

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