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Upcoming Events:

**Rattan Fest
Saturday, September 28th**

Deer Park Ranger 5K

**Booths, Games, Food Trailers
Live Entertainment**

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Watering Restrictions:

See page 7 or go to
www.northaustinmud1.org
For more up to date information

Architectural Control Committee:

For more information, questions, forms, and/or submissions:

Email to: RattanCreekACC@gmail.com

Or watch our webpage at:

www.rattancreek.org

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<https://www.facebook.com/rattancreek>

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.

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 Book Club 7pm *

8/15 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
RC Community Center

8/15 Teen Night

8/26 RRISD School Starts

September

9/2 Labor Day Holiday

9/11 Book Club 7pm *

9/12 Happy Hour
Little Woodrow's 6:30-8pm

9/18 MUD Meeting, 6pm
RC Community Center

9/19 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
RC Community Center

9/28 RATTAN FEST
See Page 16 for more
Information

October

10/9 Book Club *

10/10 Happy Hour

10/16 MUD Meeting

10/17 RCNA Meeting

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



Happy Summer, neighbors!

Ahhh August, the month of summer vacations! Growing up, we didn't vacation much, and my summers were spent jumping barbed-wire fences with my brother and sister and two dogs

tagging along, chasing some Iowa farm critter through a field or splashing around in the creek looking for arrowheads. I'm both envious and impressed that lots of folks these days take the time to show their families the world, and truly take a break from the day-to-day. Even if that world is Sea World - to which I've still never been!

The Fourth of July parade was once again a huge success. How patriotic our neighborhood is! The bridge dedication was a great way to kick off the morning activities and it set the tone for a fun-filled, neighborly kind of day. Full disclosure: I had told the boy scouts early that morning that I was not allowed to win any best-dressed pet awards as your RCNA President, even though I was confident my mohawk-laden border collie was sure to turn some heads. But, it turns out, that my mom's jack russell

terrier, visiting for the week from Iowa, was worthy of the 3rd place prize! She was very excited, I don't think she's ever won an award in her life. So thank you for the RCNA welcome, boy scouts!

We're gearing up for Rattan Fest, and in keeping with the theme that it should be "bigger and better than ever", we're adding even more to the activities on September 28th. The free live music and free beer will be making a return, with many of the same acts as last year including the triumphant return of Loud Chemistry. (Say it with me now, "Play some Zeppelin!") We're hoping to add more food options, and as always, are welcoming as many vendor booths as we can reasonably hold along the pathway in the park. New this year will be staked-out spaces so we can make sure folks are set up in an orderly fashion. The YMCA has offered up the bounce house for the kids, and we'll have face painting, a petting zoo, hot air balloon rides, and cool technology from the Sheriff. New this year is a Car Show - so please, if you have a classic car you'd like to showcase with a cruise through the neighborhood, please let me know. The Deerpark PTA is leading

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the charge on another well-organized and sponsored 5k run, so come early, get your day's exercise in, then stay for food, music, and fun! Mark your calendars - Rattan Fest 2013 is going to be awesome!

We're still working on finalizing a date for the first ever Adult Pool Party. Along the same lines as the Teen Nights hosted by the MUD at the community center during the summers; we wanted to have an adults-only version and offer adults-only beverages as part of the fun, to be co-sponsored by the MUD. As we don't have the date finalized as of the time this newsletter was published, we ask that you please check the website and the Facebook page for updates, and if you are not receiving regular email updates (at least monthly from the RCNA), you probably aren't registered on our email distribution! Please take a moment to head over to the website and sign up for newsletter updates; that will ensure you're getting all last-minute communications that come from a channel other than this newsletter. You can opt-out or unsubscribe at any time. But please don't - unless you move. But please don't move, either. We like you as our

neighbor!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next event, and I'm almost always at the Happy Hours that we host on the second Thursday of the month at Little Woodrow's as well. If you have any concerns or want to chat with me one on one, that's a great time to do it!

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer and pay attention for kids on bikes and in crosswalks when school starts up again. We'll see you soon!

Your President,
Renee "ReNeighbor"
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reneemullins@gmail.com



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Women's Book Club

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

August 14--*December 6* by Martin Cruz Smith

Sept. 11--Where'd You Go Bernadette
by Maria Semple

Oct. 9--The Storyteller by Jodi Picoult

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.

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.

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A Little Bit of Nearby History

Round Rock History: No one knows exactly when the "round rock" spot was first discovered as a low water crossing, but the round rock still stands in Brushy Creek as a tribute to the weary pioneers who forged the creek looking for a better way of life by heading west. Historians have said that commerce had begun during the mid-1830's. But the town named Round Rock was born when the settlers found out in 1854 after trying to open a post office, that the town name of Brushy was already taken.

A band of outlaws rode into town one hot, Texas summer day; they met up with Sheriff Grimes, a local deputy. Their notoriety preceded them and Sheriff Grimes was expecting them. Sam Bass was seriously wounded when gunfire followed. He did manage to escape, but was said to have died the next day. Texas Rangers later found him. The bullet hole still remains in the doorway on Main Street. It is always fun to go to "Old Frontier Days" and see the re-enactment of the showdown.

In 1864, Jesse Chisholm marked his trail from Abilene to the Rio Grande through Round Rock, and the little town of Round Rock began to grow. Main Street, began to take shape in 1876, when the Texas Land Company began building a new town across the creek, at the end of the line for the Great Northern Railroad.

Every 4th of July, Round Rock hosts it's Frontier Days, recalling it's wild west heritage with an reenactment of the shooting of Sam Bass.

Texas has more buried treasure than any other state. Much of the hidden treasure is said to be tied to the robber, Sam Bass, who hid in the town of Round Rock. Bass was in Round Rock preparing for a bank robbery, until a final shoot out with the Texas Rangers on July 19, 1878. Many said before he died, he hid his loot from his robberies somewhere in the area.

The trail of Sam Bass continues toward the State Capital, where he allegedly buried \$30,000 in the community of McNeil. No treasure was ever recovered, and there is little remaining of the town of McNeil, located in the northern part of Travis County, near Round Rock.

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Cedar Park History:

Various sources indicate that Cedar Park has been inhabited for over 10,000 years - including the book "The History of Cedar Park", published in the 1980's, documenting a study done by The University of Texas in the 1930's and the evidence of "LeAnn - the Leanderthal Lady" whose skeleton was discovered during the construction of FM 1431.

The first permanent shelter, a military fort, was built in the 1830's. Before Cedar Park took its name it was known as Running Brushy and Bruggerhoff. Cedar was used by the Indians and early settlers for building shelters, fencing, and furniture. A Cedar Mill existed near US Hwy 183 and Cypress Creek Road in the 1930's. People of Cedar Park made their living from cutting cedar posts.

In the 1880's a government program encouraged railroad companies to build in undeveloped areas. In 1881, a line was built between Burnet and Austin by the Northwest Railroad Company. In the late 1920's, when US Hwy 183 was paved, Cedar Park began to grow.



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2013-2014 CALENDAR

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	Student Holiday/Staff Development
	Student and Staff Holiday
	First/Last Day of Classes
	Six-Weeks Grading Period
	Nine-Weeks Grading Period
	Elementary/Middle Early Release

AUGUST
 12-14 New Teacher Orientation
 15-23 Staff Development/Preparation
 26 First Day of School for Students

DECEMBER
 4 Elementary, Middle Early Release
 20 Semester Ends
 23-31 Winter Break

MARCH
 7 Nine-Weeks Ends
 10-14 Spring Break
 19 Elementary, Middle Early Release

SEPTEMBER
 2 Labor Day Holiday
 25 Elementary, Middle Early Release

JANUARY
 1-3 Winter Break
 6 Second Semester Begins/
 Student Holiday/Staff Development
 7 Classes Begin
 20 Martin Luther King Day/Holiday

APRIL
 11 Six-Weeks Ends
 18 Spring Holiday/Bad Weather Day #2

OCTOBER
 4 Six-Weeks Ends
 14 Columbus Day/Staff Development
 25 Nine-Weeks Ends
 30 Elementary, Middle Early Release

FEBRUARY
 5 Elementary, Middle Early Release
 14 Six-Weeks Ends
 17 Staff Dev./Student Holiday/
 Bad Weather Day #1

MAY
 7 Elementary, Middle Early Release
 26 Memorial Day/Holiday
 30 Last Day of School for Students

NOVEMBER
 8 Six-Weeks Ends
 27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday

JUNE
 2-3 Second Semester Ends/Staff
 Development/Prep Day

Water Conservation Schedule

North Austin M.U.D #1, as a wholesale water customer of the City of Austin, is voluntarily following the City's watering days' schedule.

Customer Class	Outdoor Water Use Days	Effective
Residential Odd numbered address	Wednesday and/or Saturday	May 1 - Sept 30
Residential Even numbered address	Thursday and/or Sunday	May 1 - Sept 30
Commercial, Multifamily	Tuesday and/or Friday	Year-Round
<p>Year-round: No watering with automatic irrigation systems between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.</p> <p>May 1 - Sept 30: No watering between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. except with hand-held hose.</p>		

Check www.northaustinMUD1.org for more information.



Providing North Austin MUD 1 with

- Water & Wastewater Utility Management Services
- Coordinating with Park & Pool Management
- Utility Maintenance
- Accounting
- Billing & Collections
- Local Customer Service

NA MUD 1 Phone: **257-1271**

General Manager: Gary Spoonts

Office: 246-1400

2601 Forest Creek Dr

Fax: 246-1900

Round Rock, TX 78665

www.crossroadsus.com

Deed Restriction Complaints

- 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:

Send request to:

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

- 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

North Austin MUD 1

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**NORTH AUSTIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 - RATTAN CREEK PARK POOL & TENNIS COURTS
APPLICATION FOR 2013 WINTER 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>
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____

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

2013-2014 Winter Fees:	Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool	
Quantity	Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.	
_____ Winter In-District Badge (9/15/2013 through 4/30/2014)	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Winter Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household	\$ _____
_____ Additional Out-of-District Winter Badge	@ \$50 each additional badge	\$ _____
_____ Winter Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
_____ 10 Winter Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15	\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court 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: Winter BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES ARE VALID THRU 04/30/14	TOTAL	\$ _____

ALL ITEMS PURCHASED ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Mail or Deliver to Rattan Creek 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 swipe cards 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



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



September 2013:

Sept. 1 Sun: Pool Open 12 Noon to 9:00 pm

Sept 2: Mon: Labor Day 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: Sept. 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

October 2013:

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

October 14 RRISD Holiday
Open Swim:(tags required) 11:00am - 8:00 pm

November 2013:

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

Nov. 27 & 29 Thanksgiving Holiday
11:00am - 8:00pm
CLOSED ON THANKSGIVING DAY!

DECEMBER 2013:

Dec1 -20:
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

Dec. 21-Jan. 7: RRISD Out Winter Break

Pool Manager Tom Mulbry 257-1265
Pool Hours are subject to change.

Rattan Creek Pool: 512-257-1265

RC Community Center

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rattancreek@sbcglobal.net

Summer Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 12-8pm
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McNeil Mavericks Swim Practice

begins September 3rd:

Mon-Fri 6:30-8:30 AM

Rattan Creek Winter Master Swim Program:

Pg 10 Mon-Fri 5:30-6:30 AM

Bridge Dedication and Opening:

On the 4th of July, North Austin MUD 1 and Williamson County celebrated the opening of our new pedestrian bridge over Rattan Creek. This bridge connects the folks on the west end of Dallas to the Rattan Creek trail without having to walk all the way down Dallas to Tamayo.

Lisa Birkman, Williamson County Commissioner, Pct. 1 and Mary Clark, from Commissioner's office, were invited to dedicate our bridge, which in part was funded by a grant through Williamson County and Cap Metro money for Park Improvements.

North Austin MUD 1 Directors; Alan McNeil, Don Conklin, Kim Green and Jo Jones. MUD contractors and consultants; Gary Spoons, David Malish, Richard Fadal, Tom Leticia, CAPT. Gleason, and Bill Burke were present for the ribbon cutting, along with RCNA President, Renee Mullins and many residents from both sides of the creek.

I would like to thank the young men and women of the McNeil Drum Line. The Drum Line also participated in the Annual Fourth of July Parade which followed the bridge dedication.

Crosswalk:

Earlier this year, Williamson County installed the new crosswalk across Tamayo, near Grovedale. In order for the cross walk to blink warning the traffic that a pedestrian should be crossing, you must push the button and wait for the light to blink.

North Austin MUD 1 would like to thank Joe England, Williamson County Road & Bridge Division and John Lenz, former North Austin MUD 1 Director, for their work in getting the crosswalk approved and added.

Park Watering:

Now that we are in watering restrictions, many of you question how is it that the MUD district is able to water as often as we do during this drought. A few years ago the MUD Board decided to put in a well to water our park and keep it alive. Our water for the Rattan Creek Park comes from that well.

Water Restrictions:

Currently we are on a two day a week cycle. If the drought continues to get worse and/or the lakes get too low, then we may be required to adhere to further restrictions.



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Please Support the Deerpark Middle School



RCNA Ranger 5K Run

Date: September 28, 2013 Race Time 9AM

Race Day Check-In: 8am at Rattan Creek Park

CHIP TIMED Certified 5K Course in the Rattan Creek Neighborhood

REGISTRATION link and VOLUNTEER on PTA website: deerpark.my-pta.org

Or Registration website: <http://rrptiming.com>

Entry Fee: Includes t-shirt

EARLY Ranger REGISTRATION DEADLINE 9/07/2013 - \$15

(Family maximum \$60 early registration only) Preschool Children Free (No t-shirt)

ON TIME Registration and deadline for shirt guarantee 9/8/2013 - 9/13/2013 - \$18

Late Registration 9/14/2013 - Race day - \$20 (no shirt guarantee)

All Proceeds benefit DMS - Sponsored by the DMS PTA

Rattan Fest Booth Registration

Event Date: September 28, 2013

(No Rain Date)

Individual Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone:(hm) _____ (wk) _____

Description of booth: _____

The Rattan Fest guarantees no exclusivity to any booth sponsor.

___ RCNA Member Booths by 9/10 \$10.00

___ Non - RCNA Member Booths \$20.00

___ Late Registration or day of event \$25.00

Make checks payable to RCNA.

Mail booth registration & payment to

RCNA,

P.O. Box 200854

Austin, TX 78730

Or visit: www.RattanCreek.org

Saturday, September 28

Rattan Creek Fall Festival and 5k Run

The 22nd Annual Festival will be fun for all ages, and will include a 9am chip-timed, certified 5k Run benefiting Deerpark Middle School followed by a delicious pancake breakfast fundraiser served by Boy Scout Troop 164, numerous craft booths, as well as games for kids beginning at 10am, food vendors, and *live music* from 1-6pm. This year's musical headliner will be Austin singer-songwriter Colt Landon Baker.

The Rattan Creek Fall Festival, sponsored by the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association, is expected to be bigger-than-ever. Mark your calendars for Sat., Sept. 28, 2013 at Rattan Creek Park, 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail, in far northwest Austin.

For more information please see our website: www.rattancreek.org. This year's 5K Run will allow dogs on leashes no longer than 6 feet. To register for the run, visit www.rrptiming.com.

Admittance to the festival and park is free.

Teen Services Ads:

ATTENTION TEENS: YOUR ADS RUN FREE, for 6 months. You must renew your ad every 6 months.

The date at the end of your ad indicates the last month your ad will run. All ads must be in writing via email to:

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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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Rattan Fest - September 28, 2013

No Rain Date Set

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When: Sat. September 28th

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 am

Where: at Rattan Creek Park

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Deer Park Ranger 5K Run

Rattan Creek Festival

Sept. 28, 2013

Registration 8:00 a.m.

Rattan Creek Park

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