



# RATTAN CREEK

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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### Upcoming Events:

**Neighborhood Wide  
Garage Sale - Oct 26.**

**Neighborhood  
Clean Up - Nov. 2.**

### **Mandatory**

**Watering Restrictions:**

**Continue Until Further Notice**

**See page 7 or go to**

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

**for up to date information.**

### **Architectural Control Committee:**

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

Email to: [RattanCreekACC@gmail.com](mailto:RattanCreekACC@gmail.com) .

Or watch our webpage at:

**[www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org)**

### ***Join us on Facebook:***

***<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.

#### October

- 10/9 Book Club \*
- 10/10 Happy Hour
- 10/16 MUD Meeting
- 10/17 RCNA Meeting
- 10/26 Neighborhood Garage Sale

#### November

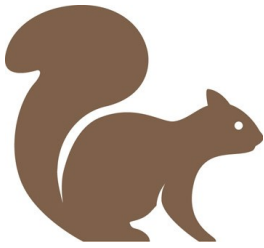
- 11/2 Neighborhood wide cleanup
- 11/3 Daylight Savings "Fall Back"
- 11/11 Veterans Day
- 11/13 Book Club \*
- 11/14 Happy Hour
- 11/20 MUD Meeting
- 11/21 RCNA Meeting
- 11/27 Hanukkah begins
- 11/28 Thanksgiving

#### December

- 12/13 Book Club \*
- 12/14 Happy Hour
- 12/20 MUD Meeting
- 12/21 RCNA Meeting
- 12/25 Christmas Day

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

**<http://www.RattanCreek.org>**



Happy Neighbors, Happy Fall!

Well first things first...can you believe that RAIN during Rattan Fest? Of course it's my luck that we'd be on track to have the largest, coolest, most successful

Rattan Fest to date; only for it to dump rain for an hour just as the real fun was about to get started. But we really need the rain!

So, let's talk about what WAS a success – the Deerpark Ranger 5k was awesome and a huge shout out to Lisa Blackwood and her gang for the successful outreach and event; we had an awesome array of vendors selling some really cool stuff; our food vendors were flipping burgers, tossing slices, serving up ice, and wrapping gyros as fast as their grills could cook them; Brad Jones and his band of heathens brought out some super sweet rides for us to drool over; and the bands that got some play-time in were totally killer. I'm so grateful for all of the volunteer effort and neighborhood participation and attendance – but if I could give a special shout-out to some folks, I need to especially thank: Jason Wynne,

Margaret and Brian Nilson, Dan Self, Brad and Jo Jones, Angie and Dave and Ellen Brown, and Kelly Siegler. These people made sure I only did 50 laps up and down the park trail during the festival and helped with all of the last minute needs and coordination.

So what's next for us? Well, we don't have any formal activities planned in October, though I would love to see some neighborly spirit for the upcoming Halloween evening. In November, we typically host a Thanksgiving Day Flag Football event, which is very laid back – so kick those kids and dads and cousins and aunts out of the kitchen and send them to the park for some football fun! And we're still looking for folks that can help us organize a poker tournament, so if this kind of thing is up your alley, then we could use your participation! Finally, those bands that didn't get to play because of the Rattan Fest rainout? Yeah, they love our 'hood, and want to come back! So send me some feedback through email, facebook, our monthly happy hours, or our monthly meetings, to help get a reschedule on the books.

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The New Year is right around the corner, which means, end-of-term for yours truly and several other RCNA board members. I want you all to know that I am happy to stay active on the board and even be your President again if the bylaws allow and the neighborhood concurs – but it’s up to you! So attend a meeting to give us your feedback, if you have an opinion on the matter. We will also have some vacant positions coming up, so now is your chance to get active and help us grow and provide more activities for our neighborhood.

It seems fitting then, that I recap some of the awesome work this dedicated team of just a few board members has done for the neighborhood in the past few years. We’ve dealt with a hacked website, we’ve grown membership to almost 400 homes, we’ve added new events like Happy Hours, Membership Potluck, and Flag Football, we’ve created a new brand logo and made shirts and koozies for fundraising efforts, we’ve added members to the ACC and processed the neighborhoods’ requests, we’ve worked with the IRS

to reclaim our nonprofit status, we’ve flipped burgers and dogs at our annual pool party, we’ve tossed literally thousands of stuffed Easter eggs for our little ones to hunt, we’ve sung alongside Santa during the holiday caroling eve, we’ve marched alongside the Maverick drumline in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and we’ve grown Rattan Fest exponentially and added cool things like live music and beer in the Park!

Let’s keep the momentum going and sign up to participate if you believe in the value of our neighborhood association and want to get involved! Enjoy the cooler weather and football season, Rattan Creek! And speaking of football...for all you Longhorn fans....\*ahem\* *that was a fumble.*

Your President,  
Renee “ReNeighbor” Mullins  
[reneemullins@gmail.com](mailto:reneemullins@gmail.com)

*Don't forget to join us for fun on  
Thanksgiving Day for Flag Football at the  
Rattan Creek Soccer field!*

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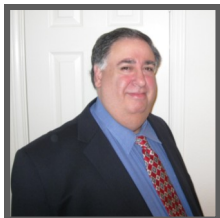


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## Women’s Book Club

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

11/13 *Something Wicked This Way Comes*  
by Ray Bradbury

12/11 *The Language of Flowers*  
by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

***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](mailto:RCNAbookclub@gmail.com) to confirm information and obtain directions to the meeting.

For more Book Club information, please contact

[RCNAbookclub@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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## 2013 Tax Rate

(per \$100 of property value)

**Total District Assessed Valuation is  
\$771,268,834**

<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$0.2600</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>\$0.0850</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$0.3450</b>

### Residential Service Fees:

Base Service Fee has been set at **\$35.00.**

*The base service fee includes the first 1,000 gallons of water and wastewater, as well as the garbage collection.*

Water rate each additional 1,000 gallon **\$4.65.**

Wastewater rate each add'l 1,000 gallon **\$6.40.**

The rate change goes into effect as of October 1, 2013, which means we will see the new rate beginning on our November bills.

COME JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN AT THE

## 2013 Pond Springs



**Saturday, October 26, 10AM-3PM**

**POND SPRINGS ELEMENTARY**

**7825 ELKHORN MOUNTAIN TRAIL**

**Austin, Texas 78729**

*Tickets will be sold at the door!*

*Silent Auction in the Gym*

**10:00 – 3:00!!**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact

Julie Do [jdo@austin.rr.com](mailto:jdo@austin.rr.com)

If you are cleaning out closets, we are in need of gently used stuffed animals, new or gently used kid games and toys for the kids silent auction and baskets of any size.

## Information on Winter Wastewater Averaging

### Winter Wastewater Averaging Dates Mid-November - Mid-February

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

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

Winter months are used to calculate the sewer averaging because historically customers use less

water this time of year.

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

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

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

**Gary Spoons, Crossroads Utility Service,  
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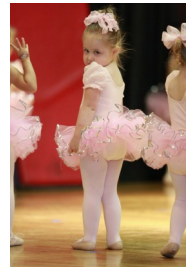
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Webworms are often found on pecan trees around Central Texas. These caterpillars defoliate trees and create large unsightly webs on the tips of tree branches. There are 2-4 generations of webworms that occur each year. The first generation appears April- May and the last generation occurs in the late fall. The last generation is the most damaging generation, which provides these creatures with the name fall webworm.

Webworm larvae, or caterpillars, are about an inch long when fully grown. They are pale green to yellow with tufts of long hairs projecting from their body. Most people notice webbing that webworms create on the tips of branches. Webworms feed within the webbing and use it as protection from

predators. When the caterpillars need new foliage to feed on, they expand the web.

### Webworm caterpillars.



To manage these pests, depending on the size of the tree and accessibility, you can prune egg masses off the tree before they caterpillars emerge (egg masses are on the underside of leaves and are covered with hairs) or prune out small webs when they begin to form in the spring. Webs can also be knocked out of the tree or opened with a stick or jet of water to allow predators in. Insecticides are also available for webworm management. Look for active ingredients such as *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (this product specifically targets caterpillars), spinosad, tebufenozide or carbaryl. Even when using a pesticide, the web must be opened so the pesticide reaches the caterpillars.

Webworms makes their webs at the tips of branches.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Also check out [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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## 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	Until Further Notice
Residential Even numbered address	Thursday and/or Sunday	Until Further Notice
Commercial, Multifamily	Tuesday and/or Friday	Year-Round
<p><b><u>Year-round:</u></b> No watering with automatic irrigation systems between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>May 1 - Sept 30:</u></b> No watering between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. except with hand-held hose.</p>		

Check [www.northaustinMUD1.org](http://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 Spoons

Office: 246-1400

2601 Forest Creek Dr

Fax: 246-1900

Round Rock, TX 78665

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

Board of Directors

512-246-1400

- Alan McNeil, 219-8719 - Place Four  
President (11/14)
- Don Conklin, 331-1903 - Place Two  
Vice President (11/14)
- Keith Collins, 258-6244 - Place One  
Treasurer (11/16)
- Jo Jones, 335-1805 - Place Three  
Secretary (11/16)
- Kim Green, 331-6940 - Place Five  
Asst. Treasurer / Secretary (11/16)

[www.NorthAustinMUD1.org](http://www.NorthAustinMUD1.org)

**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	<b>Check <u>MUST</u> accompany this registration form to be processed.</b>	
_____ 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)	\$ _____
	<b>(Swipe Cards are ONLY VALID THROUGH April 2014)</b>	
_____ RCNA Membership (RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)	@ \$25 per household	\$ _____
<b>NOTE: Winter BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES ARE VALID THRU 04/30/14</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

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

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

# Rattan Creek Pool Calendar

## 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:

Dec 1 -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

## January 2014:

**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

## February 2014:

**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

**Pool Closed  
For Maintenance**  
**Exact Dates To Be Announced:  
February-March 2014**

## March 2014:

**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

## Swim Team Hours:

**Pool Manager Tom Mulbry 257-1265**  
**Pool Hours are subject to change.**  
Rattan Creek Pool: 512-257-1265

### **RC Community Center**


**512-257-1255**

*rattancreek@sbcglobal.net*

#### Winter Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12-1:30 & 4:30-8 pm  
Sat: 12-8pm

Book the **Rattan Creek  
Community Center**  
for your next **Party!**



**McNeil Mavericks**  
Swim Practice


**Mon-Fri 6:30-8:30 AM**

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**St. Dominic Salvio**  
Swim Practice

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**Rattan Creek Winter**   
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# Halloween Safety

## Did You Know?

The United States Consumer Products Safety Commission has recorded that the three most common Halloween-related injuries are:

1. Eye abrasions from sharp objects attached to masks or costumes;
2. Skin irritations or rashes from decorative face paints or creams, and
3. Burns from flammable costumes being ignited by open flames (candles, Jack 'O Lanterns).

We hope you will find the tips below helpful in creating a fun and safe Halloween environment for your children



## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

**Remind Children that they *SHOULD* always:**



- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk on sidewalks and driveways.
- Cross only at corners.
- Never cross between parked cars.
- Walk facing the oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- Always remove masks before crossing streets.
- Be aware of cars that may be turning into or backing out of driveways.
- Don't play near lit jack-o-lanterns.
- Never go into a stranger's house.

- Visit only houses where the lights are on.
- Be sure and say thank you for your treats.

**Parents - Remember You *SHOULD* always:**

- Know the route your children will be taking.
- Make sure children are accompanied by an adult.
- Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties.
- Set time limits on when children should return home.
- Explain to children the difference between **tricks and vandalism**.
- Instruct children NOT to eat treats until they return home and you have had a chance to inspect those treats.



**Motorists and Neighborhood Residents Should:**

Drive cautiously on Halloween Eve. Excited youngsters may forget some of these safety rules and dart out in front of your car.

Remove all obstacles from lawns and steps to prevent children from being injured.

Have a well-lighted home, both inside and out, to prevent vandalism and to prevent injuries to our little ghosts and goblins.

Have a safe Halloween!!

## 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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**Mariah Lang, 17**, Babysitting. I love children of all ages. I have had lots of experience with children through previous babysitting and serving at church. I am certified Nurse's assistant and CPR Certified. Call 512-461-3430 or email at [mariahlangpink@yahoo.com](mailto:mariahlangpink@yahoo.com) to schedule a time.

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**Madison Freeman, 17.** Babysitting. I absolutely LOVE children, and am comfortable sitting for any ages. I have babysat for many children for many years, and can supply references upon request. Very flexible with hours. CPR certified. E-mail [madisoncfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:madisoncfreeman@gmail.com) or call (512) 809-6702. (8/13)

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**Dana Stimson- 17**, Babysitting and Pet Sitting. I'm available to babysit or take care of pets while you're out of town. Many years of experience in babysitting & pet-sitting in the Rattan Creek Neighborhood. I have experience of caring for all ages: infants, toddler through school age. I can babysit your children in the comfort of their own home. Late night? Weekends? After School? No problem. My pet sitting rates are \$10 a day. Call me: 512-791-1853 or email: [danakei.stimson@gmail.com](mailto:danakei.stimson@gmail.com). (8/13)

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## Classified Ads:

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

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# Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association

## Join the RCNA Today and Enjoy Year Round Benefits

Thank you for considering becoming a member of the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association (RCNA). Hundreds of members strong, our neighborhood continues to prosper with clean and safe parks, exciting neighborhood events, and a new Rattan Creek Community Center.

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

**Join NOW remainder of 2013 + 2014 Annual Membership Due - \$40 per household**

*Annual Membership runs the calendar year.*

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](http://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.)*

[ ] I would like to volunteer. Please contact me.



# Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale **Saturday, October 26** 7:00 am until you choose to close

The RCNA runs ads for a neighborhood wide Garage Sale (Saturday Only), giving the boundaries of our neighborhood and the time of the neighborhood wide garage sale.

**No Rain Date is given for this event!**

- The RCNA has a few signs to get folks into the neighborhood, but from there it is up to you to direct the folks to your sale.
- Each person has the garage sale at their own home, or with a neighbor who is planning to have one. If you want to do one, but do not want to do it alone, talk to your neighbors!



## **Fall Curbside Clean-Up** **November 2nd**



Please place your items out at your curb **BEFORE** 7:00 am on Saturday!  
This is a perfect time to get rid of large items.  
The trucks will circulate through the neighborhood until full.

**Hazardous Items Will NOT Be Collected**, including the following items:

- Tires
- Oil
- Combustible or flammable items,
- Refrigerators / Window Units or anything with Freon.
- Batteries
- Paint

**Limbs, Brush, old Lumber: Will be collected at curbside -**

**Limbs & Brush MUST be CUT and BUNDLED** no longer than 4 foot in length & not bigger than 2 feet in diameter.

**Old lumber MUST** have nails removed or hammered down.