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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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Upcoming Events:

Caroling in the Park
Sunday, Dec. 22nd
6:00 pm Caroling
6:30pm Santa Arrives

**Curbside
Christmas Tree Pickup**
on Monday's: Jan 6 - Jan 20
*Remember: Cut Trees No Longer
than 4 feet in length !*



**RCNA Membership
Potluck Dinner**
JANUARY 22ND
From 6pm - 8pm

Come join the RCNA,
Share a recipe & eat some dinner,
Sign a petition for Williamson County
to do sidewalk maintenance.

Join us on Facebook:
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.

December



- 12/11 Book Club *
- 12/14 Happy Hour
- 12/16 MUD Meeting, 6pm
RC Community Center
- 12/19 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
RC Community Center
- 12/22 Come See Santa &
Caroling in the Park, 6 pm
Rattan Creek Park
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/31 New Year's Eve

**NO FIREWORKS
IN THE PARKS
ALLOWED!!!**

January



- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/8 Book Club *
- 1/9 Happy Hour, 6:30pm
- 1/15 MUD Meeting, 6pm
RC Community Center
- 1/16 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm
RC Community Center

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



Dear Neighbors,
As I reflect on my two years as your President and approach the New Year with the desire to continue serving the RCNA, I wanted to have a heart to heart with you all and touch on some

themes that have emerged as being of upmost interest to our Rattan Creek residents. Folks, I really hope my message resonates with each and every one of you.

For every “thank you” this dedicated board of volunteers receives for their efforts in sustaining this organization, I hear 25 complaints on what we’re not doing well and experience countless unrealistic expectations from neighbors that don’t truly appreciate how much is done with how little volunteer help we have. And as community volunteers, we know this is a thankless job and we do it anyway; but while I can let some of the negativity roll off me without offense (I’m from Iowa, I’m pretty tough!), I fear it takes a toll on my fellow comrades on the board. And that, my friends, breaks my heart.

So let me approach this a different way. I want to level set what I feel being President of this neighborhood association is about, and I feel it’s fair to level set my expectations of our residents at the same time.

Here’s what I commit to you as your President if you choose to re-elect me for the 2014-2015 term:

- I will strive to plan activities that relate to the masses
- I will keep things fun
- I will Keep it Weird – which includes planning the kinds of events that involve drinking a Shiner and grooving to some live music whenever possible
- I will manage our meager budget responsibly and invest in the activities that are important to the folks that have funded the organization
- I will petition on behalf of the residents to keep our community safe and beautiful
- I will do my best to expand our reach and find volunteers to help us do more
- I will be the RCNA liaison on issues and

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activities that involve the MUD

- I will pay more attention to concerns that come from dues-paying residents than the complaints of those that don't support our mission financially

In return, here's what I expect of each and every community resident:

- That you will consider paying your dues at the start of the new year, if not for the activities we plan, but for all the other good that comes of a strong neighborhood association
- That you will engage all board members constructively and with respect
- That if you have a skill that could be of value, you consider volunteering a small portion of your time to support our efforts
- That if you feel very strongly about something, you participate actively to try and help us change it
- That you try to attend at least one event or meeting throughout the year
- That you treat your fellow neighbors with

kindness and respect, and attempt to resolve small neighborly disputes amongst yourselves without intervention from the MUD or the RCNA

- That you bring forward your ideas and your suggestions. We can't plan things for you if we don't know what you want us to do differently
- That if you sign up to sit on a committee or be a board member, that you make every effort to attend our once a month meetings, a maximum 2 hour time commitment per month.

I hope these ideals and expectations resonate with you, my fellow neighbors. If they do not, I welcome you to join the January board meeting and run for a board position or voice your concerns before the new president is elected.

The final thing I wanted to address were the topics that have come up frequently over the course of my term. Here is a series of themes, and the responses that represent the boundaries of what RCNA can do for you.

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Women's Book Club



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

Dec. 11-- *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Jan. 8-- *The Beekeeper's Apprentice: Or on the Segregation of the Queen* by Laurie R. King

Feb. 12-- *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See

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

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RCNA—ACC
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Austin, TX 78720-0584 or
ACC.RattanCreek@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.

ACC.RattanCreek@gmail.com

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I want to put solar panels on my house – do I have to go through ACC, or can I just do it?

HECK YES you can put solar panels on your house – I love oxygen and love the environment. And no, it does not require you to receive express permission from the ACC. However – let your neighbors know you plan on doing it and keep the construction (as with any construction) to business hours, out of respect for the homeowners around you.

My neighbor needs to fix his fence. Can you tell him to do that for me?

Actually, no. But are you sure it's "his" fence? What determines whose fence it is, is what piece of property the fence is actually on; not which "side" is facing "out". Dig up your survey and figure out whose property it's on; and if it truly is on the lot line, you guys have to come to an agreement. It's nice if you can split down the middle; if not, this is not a dispute the MUD or the RCNA can solve.

My neighbor's tree is growing over into my yard. Can you tell her to trim it?

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your neighbor and have a polite conversation about this pesky little tree problem. Step 3. Come borrow my chainsaw if your neighbor isn't concerned about the tree limb that is scraping your bedroom window.

I don't have little kids. Why should I pay my dues when your activities are only for kids?

I've actually heard this more than once and this boggles my mind. I don't have little kids either, and I feel we have a great mix of regular activities that offer something for everyone. And if everyone paid their dues, we could do even more activities for all kinds of people representative of our diverse neighborhood.

What are you going to do about our broken sidewalks? They're unsafe and ugly.

You bet they are. I'm forming a committee to constructively engage with Williamson County to have them fix our sidewalks, which is currently something they a) tax us for and b) are legally bound to maintain for us. More to come in the January potluck/membership meeting where we'll speak on this topic. Come participate, and join the

movement!

What are you going to do about that ugly green dragon on Dallas Drive?

Absolutely nothing. I love that green dragon. Sometimes when I'm walking my dogs down Dallas, I'll call my mom and be like "Mom! Help! I'm being chased by a 9 foot tall dragon! If I never talk to you again because I'm eaten alive, I love you! Aaagggghhh!!!" and we get a good chuckle out of it and move on with our lives. It's Austin, people. Those folks are Keepin' it Weird, and I applaud them for it.

The website is outdated and I don't believe in Facebook. How do I know what's going on?

Keeping up with all the various ways in which our residents prefer to receive communications is nearly impossible. We effectively need a full time volunteer just to help us manage our social presence on the web and in print, something we don't have today. We'll continue to provide a bi-monthly newsletter provided we can find a couple of editors that want to volunteer to commit to being editors for a full year. We'll slowly add more static content to the website when we can

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squeeze it in. We'll look to expand our reach to NextDoor.com as time allows. And we'll continue to drive traffic to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/rattancreek) for the most up-to-date, dynamic content and active discussion. If you don't like Facebook, congratulations on being one of roughly a five-person rebellion. If you don't "trust" it, come talk to me about why you can. My day job is in information security, I would never encourage anyone to use an internet service that is insecure.

Ok, I'm in. What's the next event and how do I get involved?

We're Caroling in the Park with Santa from 6-8pm on Sunday, December 22nd. And then come January 26, we're going to have our 2nd annual Membership Drive and Neighborhood Potluck. From there you can pay your dues and sign up to get involved – or even tell me how "uncool" it is that I wrote this article!



In closing, neighbors, I want you to look around at the gem of a neighborhood in which we live. Think about how lovely it is that you have volunteers committed to serving you with even just a few fun activities in a year's time, and think about the massive opportunity in front of us to grow this association into something so great with just a small annual investment and some positive, constructive dialogue. I might be biased, but I think I have one of the greatest cul-de-sacs and set of neighbors in the whole darn community – stop by sometime and see what we're all about.

Here's hoping I can serve you well for another 2 years! And here's to a joyous holiday season to all of you.



Sincerely,

Renee "ReNeighbor"

Mullins

reneemullins@gmail.com

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,
District Manager for North Austin MUD #1**

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>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

Board of Directors

512-246-1400

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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	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 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

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

Winter Break

Dec. 21-Jan. 7: RRISD Out

Pool Open: M-F 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

Closed for Holidays

Pool & Community Center:

*Christmas Eve & Christmas Day,
 New Years Eve: Closing Early(6pm)
 All day New Years Day*

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

April 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: 4:00-8:00 pm
 Sat: 12-8pm

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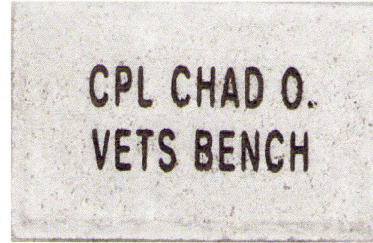
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<http://worknotes.com/TX/Austin/GailHardingTutoring/>

or

Contact me at:

gailharding2010@gmail.com

Thank You For Your Dedication!

The RCNA would like to say thank you to **Angie Brown** for her years of quiet and faithful service to the RCNA.

As she steps down in December from being the treasurer and a board member, we wish her the best!

Be sure to say **thank you** when you see her!

Want More Info on Google Fiber:

This website will give you more information about Google fiber and a place for you to get questions answered as well as more information as it comes available.

<https://fiber.google.com/about/>

Be sure to sign up.

Have back pain? Feel Fatigued?

Come to STRETCHING 101 class so you can:

Reduce pain

Improve flexibility

Feel better

Increase energy

This is an 8 week course that includes everyday stretches, yoga and pilates.

**Rattan Creek Community Center
6pm, Wed. evenings.**

Anyone can come-bring friends, family. First come, first serve-capacity 20 people-bring a mat if you have one.

Easy stretching for all levels, ages. Recommend getting doctor approval before starting any fitness or stretching program.

\$10/class with pass or \$15 each for drop in.

Need minimum 5 people for class, max 20.

Please RSVP - sign up via email:

jerristarbuck@yahoo.com

Holiday Precautions

If the Weather Bureau issues a Freeze Warning, remember to follow these guidelines to help prevent frozen or busted pipes:



- **KEEP YOUR HEAT TURNED ON AT ALL TIMES!** Do not turn your heat off even if you plan to be out of town for a few days. Just set your thermostat on at least 60°.
- **OPEN ALL CABINET DOORS UNDER THE SINKS** to allow heat to circulate and keep the pipes warm.
- **ALLOW ALL FAUCETS TO DRIP** with a small steady stream of water. (running water does not freeze) Don't forget to remove any sink stoppers!!
- **Wrap your Faucets:** Be sure to disconnect any timers and hoses from your faucets. If you use towels to wrap your faucets, cover them with plastic

Other items not to forget:

- **DON'T FORGET THE PETS!!** Make sure they have plenty of food and water and a dry warm place to sleep, if they are outside pets.
- **DON'T FORGET TO STOP THE NEWSPAPER. AND MAIL.**
- **ASK A NEIGHBOR / FRIEND TO CHECK ON YOUR HOME.** Use timers on your lights too!

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

***The RCNA wishes you
safe travel
and happy holidays
to you and yours!***



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:

RattanCreekNewsletter@gmail.com.

Fabian's Tamales, made fresh daily, free delivery in the Rattan Creek Neighborhood. Pork, Chicken, Spinach, or Black Bean. Free Homemade Hot Sauce. \$8.00 a dozen. Made with 100% Pure Olive oil. All organic. Catering available. Proceeds to support UTSA Baseball Team. Donations are welcome. To order call 512-769-2536. (6/14)

Hannah Winkler, 16, Pet Sitting. I love all kinds of pets and have previously pet sit for many people. I'm available before and after school, weekends, and over most holidays (such as Christmas). You can contact me by email (hannahwink@yahoo.com) or phone call ([512-966-5798](tel:512-966-5798)). (6/14)

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 or call (512) 809-6702. (12/13)

Ahmad Baytie-14 yrs old I do lawn mowing anywhere around the Milwood area. I will only be available on weekends during the school year and daily during school breaks. I can work prices out. I do lawn mowing and blowing. You can contact me on my cell number which is **(512)-914-3188**. I will respond to my calls ASAP. I have had experience and have my own tools thank you. (12/13)

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. To schedule a time. Call 512-461-3430 or email at mariahlangpink@yahoo.com (12/13)

Attention Teens:

Looking to pick up extra cash without having a steady job? If you are serious and dependable, advertise your services for part-time work here.

Some of the most requested are:

- **Yard Work - including mowing, edging, cleaning flower beds.**
- **Babysitting - Regular basis and especially last minute.**
- **Pet Sitting - Especially during holidays.**

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WILLIAMS SCHOOL OF GOJU RYU

TRADITIONAL OKINAWAN KARATE

Goju Ryu karate is a close quarters self-defense system that deals with the defensive and offensive opportunities that could present themselves in a real-life situation.

Aside from learning how to defend yourself in nearly any situation, regular karate practice provides an excellent cardiovascular workout and offers many healthful benefits including increased:

- ability to shed unwanted weight
- ability to handle stress
- discipline, focus, mental concentration, energy and teaches goal-setting
- strength, balance, flexibility and coordination
- patience and self confidence

Ages 8 through Adults

Classes: Monday and Thursday

Youth - 6 :30 - 7:30 PM

Adult - 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Rattan Creek Community
Center - Great Room

(512) 337-2020

sensei@williamsdojo.com



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.**
Email ad to : RattanCreekNewsletter@gmail.com.

LOW COST SIDING AND PAINTING – Reasonable and reliable. Over 450 homes painted in Milwood. Milwood resident over 21 years. 512-633-2605 (12/13)

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KLEAN BIZZ - “Kleaner Bizzness Clearer View”

- Interior / Exterior Window Cleaning Service for Residential or Small Commercial.
- Gutter Cleaning

Contact Aaron for **FREE** Quote at 512-636-2677 or kleanbizz@yahoo.com (12/13)

Amber Moon Studio: Yoga, Pilates, massage, triathlon coaching & much more! Now also your Rattan Creek connection for **PartyLite** (candles, scents & home décor) & **Pampered Chef** (turn your kitchen into a playground)! Monthly drop-ins for browsing, smelling & general info. Fundraisers also available. Contact Sharon Boon at **512-299-5447**, sharon@ambermoonstudio.com or visit www.ambermoonstudio.com for more details. (12/13)

EXPERIENCED MATH TUTOR - I am a dedicated and patient math teacher who is willing to put in the extra effort needed to help my students succeed. As a result, I have an exceptional success rate with grade school kids through adults, including ESL and special education students. I have been particularly successful with students who have a history of not doing well in math or just don't like math. In fact, most students actually learn to enjoy math as they gain confidence and expertise.

- I specialize in tutoring K- 8 math courses, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, all ACC developmental math courses, College Algebra.
 - I recommend meeting twice a week for 1-2 hours each session. Rates: \$40/hr.
 - Please contact me to discuss arrangements.
- Beth Frick 512-258-7043 or 512-656-5468
email: mathtutor@frickmeyer.com (12/13)

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Every1canplay@gmail.com (12/13)



Happy Holidays!

From the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association!!

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 for 2014 Annual Membership Due - \$25 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 to pay your dues and help support our great community. We also graciously accept donations.

Membership: Renewal New Total Amt Included: \$ _____

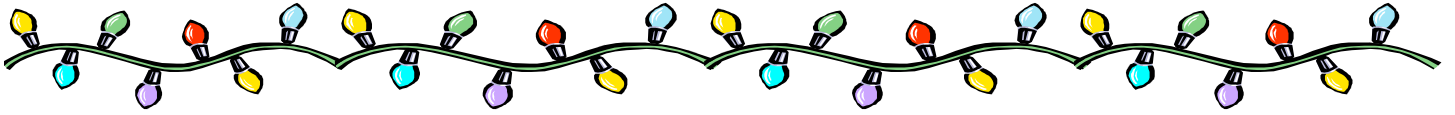
Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

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

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



Join us and sing Carols around the Bon Fire!

You will need a **flashlight**
to see your songbooks!

A fun time is had by all!

*Sunday, December 22nd
at 6:00 pm*



Be sure not to miss Santa...

He should arrive about 6:30 PM.

Santa says "Be Safe! Do not to rush the firetruck!"

*Unfortunately, at this time of the year,
Santa is very busy so he can only spend about an hour with us that evening,
so be sure to come early if you want to see him in person!*

Don't Forget Your Cameras!



**The Rattan Creek Community Center
will also be open
from 6:00 to 8:00pm
Light refreshments will be served.**

**In Case of Rain: we will sing carols and meet Santa inside
of the Rattan Creek Community Center.**

