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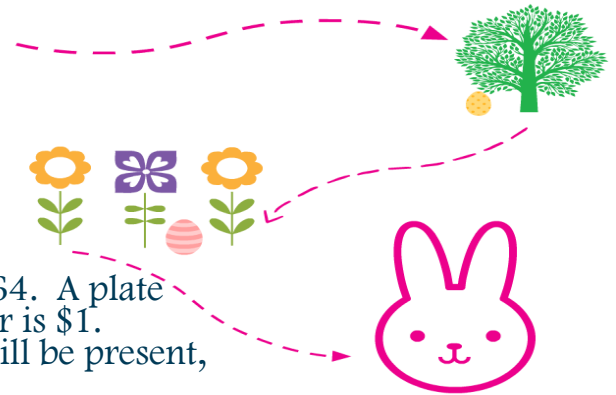
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14th Annual RCNA Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th | Rattan Creek Park

8:30am	Pancake Breakfast
9:30am	Egg Hunt Begins For Ages 0-3
10:15am	Egg Hunt Begins For Ages 4-7
10:45am	Egg Hunt Begins For Ages 8-12



The pancake breakfast supports local Boy Scout Troop 164. A plate of pancakes and sausage is \$3. Coffee, OJ, milk, or water is \$1. Additionally, the Girl Scouts and some local businesses will be present, making it a day to be enjoyed by all!



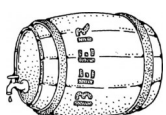
SECOND ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH
1PM-4:30PM

Go here to purchase tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-rcna-crawfish-boil-tickets-15376711157>

FOOD LIVE MUSIC GOOD BEER FRIENDS



RCNA Members Only Pool Party

Saturday, May 23rd
Noon to 4pm

The RCNA is throwing its annual pool party for current dues-paying RCNA members. The afternoon will feature a food trailer, music, prizes, and fun in the pool - all for the low cost of \$25 for the family. This is the only day you can swim at the pool without a pool pass purchased through the MUD - as the MUD graciously donates the pool to the RCNA for this one day out of the year! If you've not yet paid your 2015 RCNA dues, a membership table will be set up at the door.

The party is always a blast, we hope to see you there!



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President's Notes

Happy Spring, Rattan Creek!

So I know I should be grateful for all the much-needed rain, but I am ready for some s-u-n-s-h-i-n-e! Of course, by the time this newsletter hits your doorstep, it's likely to already be 100 degrees in the shade, but I digress...

We've got some awesome events coming up! The 2nd Annual Crawfish Boil is right around the corner (April 25th), and we're expecting it to be way bigger than last year because of all the awesome feedback. We have a full lineup of live music from RIIL Chemistry, Bat City, and Harbor Lights - all three neighborhood bands, kicking off right at 1:30pm. The bugs will be hearty, delicious, and abundant thanks to our cajun (and wannabe cajun) cooks - the Billiots, the Fainbush's, and the Jones'. A keg of beer will be provided by our district engineer, David Malish from Murfee Engineering (and if you wish to bring your own, that's fine - just make sure it's in a can!). The only thing you have to remember to bring is yourself, a lawn chair, and your advance-purchased ticket from here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-rcna-crawfish-boil-tickets-15376711157?aff=es2>.

May 23rd is the Members Only pool party, and as of this newsletter writing, I'm trying hard to get a cool food truck



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lined up - I can't make any promises and don't want to disappoint, but rest assured the food alone will make it worth your while to come pay your dues and hang out poolside with your neighbors for the day. As always, thank you to Bill Burke and our MUD for allowing us the privilege of a dedicated Rattan Creek swim for the afternoon.

Now, time to turn our attention towards an ask. It wouldn't be an article without one, right? While I'm always pushing for more membership (and while I still want that more than anything), I'm going to make a plea for something we need desperately....HELP. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! We are so grateful for the few regulars that we can count on that stuff easter eggs, cook crawfish, man the kegs, attend the parking lot at Rattan Fest, and deliver our newsletters. But it's not enough. We're struggling as a 5 member board to keep up with all the activities and requests that are coming through to us, and we need to build our neighborhood leadership bench. If you've often thought about coming to a meeting to see what we're all about, if you've got ideas for how to spruce up the website, communicate to our residents, or publish a newsletter - **WE NEED YOU.**

And here's the thing about volunteering - it doesn't suck! The other board members and I truly enjoy the time we spend together working for the neighborhood. We have a blast putting on events for you - and the best part is, we've gained some good friends along the way. Maybe you want to know a little bit more about us before you sign up, so let me give you the rundown on these awesome people that dedicate their spare time to making your neighborhood a fun place to live:

Brian Kerman is my VP, and he's our resident expert on all things Rattan Creek. He's invested a decade in neighborhood programs through RCNA and as a realtor, and he never gives up hope that we can grow this community spirit organization into something grand. He's active in McNeil High School band activities as both of his kids are musical savants, and he's just an all around great guy.

Jason Wynne is my Treasurer. He makes accounting look cool! He offers a pragmatic approach to RCNA leadership and keeps us grounded in reality. I wooed him into an active leadership role in the community over many a Woodrow's beer, and his perspective is solid. I knew I wanted him in my corner after a Tuesday night social bike ride, where he strapped a boom box to his bike seat and cruised around the neighborhood blasting old school 80's tunes. Need a favor from Jason? He likes those IPA's!

Ashley Cooper is my Secretary. We lured her onto the board last year after convincing her that EVERY event is as awesome as our CRAWFISH BOIL! She's a soccer stud and her doppelganger is Sarah Silverman - and much like Sarah, her wit is sharp, and her laugh is infectious. She's always offering to take on more - the point we've had to tell her to stop! So help Ashley have a life outside of work and Rattan Creek, and share the load with her.

Kelly Siegler is my Membership Chair - and don't worry if you saw her at an event and then turned around and she vanished - because she really does move that fast! Kelly just "gets after it", and her drive and ambition is invaluable to the team. She's the one with a baby strapped to her back and a toddler on her hip, and still running circles around the rest of us at every RCNA event. Her smile lights up the park, and her mission in life is to live it up. Who doesn't want to be around someone like that?

Jamie True is our Newsletter Editor - and she's already a super mom with her hands in a million things, so we are actively seeking help to get the newsletter publishing duties off her plate. She magically coordinates the delivery of the newsletter to your doorstep every other month with ONLY volunteers - an undertaking I never saw possible.

And shout out to all of our spouses - Susan, Looch, Scott, Neal, Dave, and Lucas - whom frequently get roped into suiting up in an Easter Bunny costume, navigating cars around the RCNA gear in our garages, or running their butts off during one of our many events - to ensure success when our volunteer turnout is low.

So there you have it folks - this is your RCNA cast of characters, and we balance work and family and friends with the very real commitment we have to this neighborhood. If you've got a spare hour a month even, we could put your love of this neighborhood to good use! Join us at the next RCNA meeting, or shoot me an email with your thoughts on how you'd like to help.

Your community servant,
Renee (Mullins) Curfman
2015 RCNA President



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- As a resident of Rattan Creek for 13 years, I understand the community, appreciate the amenities, and the fantastic real estate growth we have experienced over the past several years. As reported by ABOR, home prices continue to gain traction in 2015.

Free Book Offer: "The Millionaire Real Estate Investor" authored by Gary Keller. If curious about investing in real estate & would like a free copy, be one of the first 5 to contact me.

Please Contact me for a Complimentary:

- ✓ Detailed Market Analysis (Value of your home in 2015 market).
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The Rattan Creek Women's Book Club meets
the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

New members always welcome!

Ladies, don't forget to bring your book suggestions and
please consider hosting the next book club...

For more book club information, please contact
RCNAbookclub@gmail.com

NOTE: Dates and book titles are subject to change.



Architectural Control Committee

Send all submissions for ACC approval to:

**RCNA-ACC
P.O. Box 200584
Austin, TX, 78720-0584 OR
acc.rattancreek@gmail.com**

The MUD has the deed restrictions for RCNA's ACC. If you need copies of your Deed Restrictions, contact or send the request to:

**North Austin MUD 1 — Deed Restrictions
15803 Windemere Dr., Ste. 603
Pflugerville, TX 78660
(512) 251-2934**

- There is an \$8.50 charge for the copies.
- You will need your legal description (ie. lot, block, and section of Milwood), so you get the correct set of deed restrictions for your section.

What Does The ACC Do?

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) handles all submissions related to additions or changes to structural outdoor components of your property. No construction or improvements can begin without written approval of the ACC. The following improvements are considered projects that require approval from the ACC:

- Backyard Play Equipment
- Decks and Arbors
- Fence Replacement
- Home Addition/Renovations
- Storage Sheds
- Pools

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

After you receive your approval letter, you can go forward with your project as you described in your submission. If you go forward with a project without an ACC approval letter, you can be subject to legal action by your neighbors and/or by the ACC.

Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association 2015 Scholarship Award Program

Up to three (3) \$500 scholarship awards available

- Responses must be postmarked no later than May 31st .
- We are not responsible for any lost, delayed or any mail not received.
- The Scholarship applicants will be notified via phone after the RCNA regular scheduled meeting on June 25th.
- Finalists should be prepared to answer questions in an interview format with the RCNA Board, if requested.

Criteria:

- High School Senior that is part of a RCNA member family
- Academic achievement
- 4 hours Community Service with the RCNA (Contact the RCNA board if you need hours!)
- At least 4 hours Community/Public Service outside of the RCNA
- 2-4 page essay discussing what community service means to you
- Completed application, essay and resume (if available) mailed to:

**RCNA Scholarship
P.O. Box 200584
Austin, TX 78720-0584**

Application

Full Legal Name _____

Permanent Address

Phone number(s)

College(s) planning to attend Fall 2015

High School

High School Counselor

Current cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____

On a separate sheet of paper:

- List activities, awards, or special recognition you have received
- Briefly list work experience (attach a resume if available)

Date _____

Signature _____



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- Place Four—President (11/18)
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- Place Two—Vice President (11/18)
Don Conklin, 331-1903
- Place One—Treasurer (11/16)
Keith Collins, 258-6244
- Place Three—Secretary (11/16)
Jo Jones, 335-1805
- Place Five—Asst. Treasurer/Secretary (11/16)
Kim Green, 331-6940

The center, pool, park, and courts are owned by NAMUD 1 and professionally managed by **Crossroads Utility Services Company**. Pool/tennis court applications should be submitted by mail or in person at:

**RCNA Community Center
7617 Elkhorn Mountain
Austin, Texas 79729**

**Community Center Desk 512-257-1255
Pool Desk 512-257-1265
North Austin MUD #1 Desk 512-257-1271**

The pool is professionally cleaned and cared for by **Clearwater Management** (512-331-7066).

NAMUD 1 also enforces deed restrictions and handles neighborhood complaints. If you notice a neighbor has violated a deed restriction, send the signed, written complaint to:

**North Austin MUD 1 — Deed Restrictions
15803 Windemere Dr., Ste. 603
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Angie's List

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North Austin MUD 1 Meetings

9517 Elkhorn Mountain Trail
Austin, TX 78729

January 21	July 15
February 18	August 19
March 18	September 16
April 15	October 21
May 20	November 18
June 17	December 16

- Meetings are usually scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm.
- Meeting dates are subject to change.
- Changes will be posted at www.northaustinmud1.org.



It's Spring!

Time to
renew your
Tennis Court
access by
April 30th.



Deed Restriction Complaints

To file a complaint:

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

Send your complaint to:

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

*This can be a long process, which takes time.
Do not expect an immediate resolution of the matter.*

Remember: Only Rain Down the Drain

To keep the stormwater leaving your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Repair auto leaks.
- Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.), and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.



NORTH AUSTIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
RATTAN CREEK PARK POOL & TENNIS COURT APPLICATION

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. _____ 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 us or our guests. 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 us or our guests. We agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District, its directors, agents, employees and consultants whether paid or volunteer, from any and all claims by us or our guests which may arise out of use of the District's recreational facilities. If this application is on behalf of any minor children, the application represents that the applicant is the legal guardian of said children and fully responsible for such children, and authorized to execute this application and release on their behalf. I understand that the children, if under ten (10) years of age, must be accompanied by a person fourteen (14) years of age or older when using the District's facilities. *I further understand that I am responsible for any damage to District facilities caused by my family, my guests or myself.*

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____
(APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE WITHOUT SIGNATURE)

If you are applying for a tennis access. 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 FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO NORTH AUSTIN MUD #1

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

Recreational Fees:	Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool		
Quantity	Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.		
_____ In-District Season Badge	@ \$20 per badge		\$ _____
_____ Summer (thru Sep 15) _____ Winter (thru Apr 30)			
_____ In-District Annual Badge (Valid May 1 - Apr 30)	@ \$40 per badge		\$ _____
_____ Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)		\$ _____
_____ 10 Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15		\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Pool Membership (Up to 4 Badges)	@ \$200 per household		\$ _____
_____ Summer (thru Sep 15) _____ Winter (thru Apr 30)			
_____ Out-of-District Additional Badge:	@ \$50 each additional badge		\$ _____
_____ Summer (thru Sep 15) _____ Winter (thru Apr 30)			
_____ Tennis Court Access Card (In-District Only)	@ \$40 (Only One Key Per Household)		\$ _____
_____ (Annual Access Card valid through April 30)			
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only) renews annually in January	@ \$25 per household		\$ _____
Swim Badges/Guest Passes are valid only through: Summer - Sep 15 & Winter - Apr 30.	Total		\$ _____

ALL ITEMS PURCHASED ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

NORTH AUSTIN MUD 1 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RULES

North Austin MUD 1 facilities, including Rattan Creek and Robinson Park; tennis and sport courts, soccer fields, pavilions and greenbelts, etc., are for the use of residents of North Austin MUD 1 and their guests. Residents must be present at all times when using District facilities. Violators are subject to removal, revocation of privileges and possible prosecution, by order of North Austin MUD #1. All rules will be enforced by the General Manager of the District or its designee.

District Manager: Crossroads Utility Services 512-246-1400

Rules For Use of District's Parks / Greenbelts

1. Curfew for the District's parks and greenbelts shall be 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., other than pavilions, sports courts and tennis courts, which shall have a curfew of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
2. No destructive activities shall be permitted within the District's parks. The discharge of fireworks, firearms, pellet guns, air soft guns, paint ball guns, bows and arrows, sling shots and other hazardous items shall be prohibited.
3. No golfing within the District's parks and greenbelts.
4. Disorderly conduct and offensive language shall not be permitted in the District's parks and greenbelts.
5. Motor-driven vehicles and equipment are not allowed within the District's parks and greenbelts, except as authorized by the District.
6. Children under the age of eighteen shall not be permitted to smoke within the District's parks and greenbelts.
7. No glass containers shall be permitted within the District's parks and greenbelts.
8. No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted in the District's parks and greenbelts without prior District approval.
9. All pets must be on leash and under the physical control and restraint by their owners at all times when within the District's parks and greenbelts. Droppings must be removed by the owner.
10. No amplified music will be permitted in the District's parks and greenbelts without specific, prior District approval.
11. The District reserves the right to change or impose additional restrictions on use of the District's parks and greenbelts as situations warrant.

Pool Rules

The pool is available to District residents, who have paid their I.D. card fee, and their guests. Only individuals with an I.D. card may enter the pool area. Report lost or stolen I.D. cards to the Pool Manager. Replacement cards can be purchased for a fee.

1. Use of a pool I.D. card by anyone other than the swimmer listed on the current year's registration form will result in forfeiture of that pool I.D. card.
2. No dangerous behavior, unwarranted, or offensive language will be tolerated and is grounds for discipline by the lifeguards. Offensive behavior, in particular, will be dealt with on an individual basis and could result in suspension from the pool. Any individual suspended three times may also lose all pool privileges.
3. Running, jumping, skipping in the pool area is strictly prohibited.
4. No pets are allowed in the fenced pool area.
5. Pool may close for ten (10) minutes each hour as a safety precaution.
6. No smoking, alcoholic beverages or glass containers are allowed inside the fenced pool or court areas or in the bath house area.
7. No cutoffs or street clothes are allowed in the pool.
8. Only lifeguards are to be on the lifeguard stands. No person shall distract a lifeguard by talking to, or shouting at a lifeguard while on the stand. One lane is normally designated for lap swimming, but additional lanes may be added the Pool Manager.
9. No coaching activities, other than by parent/guardian are allowed, except as provided by the Pool Manager, McNeil High School or the Hurricane Swim Team.
10. No floating devices are allowed in the pool, except appropriate swim noodles, approved water wings, or swim rings, when accompanied by a parent or approved baby-sitter. A parent or approved baby-

sitter must be within arm's reach of non-swimming children at all times.

11. Parents are required to provide written authorization naming a specific approved baby-sitter to attend to their children under ten (10) years old at the pool. The baby-sitter must be fourteen (14) years of age or older and be a pool member or have a valid guest pass.
12. Children under ten (10) years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or authorized baby-sitter at all times while inside the fenced pool area, unless approved by Pool Manager.
13. Lifeguards will not monitor the wading pool. Children in the wading pool must have a parent or baby-sitter present at all times.
14. At the discretion of the Pool Manager and as approved by the District, certain periods of the normal hours of operation may be set aside for specialized activities such as, adults only swim, swim lessons, swim meets, and other special events.
15. Guest(s) must be accompanied by a registered pool member and submit a valid guest pass for admission. Pool members must accept responsibility for their guests. Guest(s) must register with the gate keeper upon admission to the pool facility.

Tennis & Sport Court Rules

By entering the court for play, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by these rules.

1. Tennis court membership requires obtaining a court access card. Tennis court access cards must be purchased annually at the community center office. Annual renewal occurs in late spring.
2. Tennis courts are for tennis play only. No soccer tennis. No professional tennis lessons are allowed.
3. Proper tennis attire is required, shirts must be worn at all times.
4. No dangerous or offensive conduct or offensive language will be allowed.
5. No glass containers or alcoholic beverages are allowed inside court area.
6. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, skates or motorized vehicles are allowed on the courts.
7. Time limit of 60 minutes must be observed when others are waiting.
8. A maximum of (4) persons per tennis court. A resident member must be present at all times when the court is in use and will be responsible for their guests.
9. The gate to the tennis court area should be closed and locked at all times.
10. All special activities within the court area must receive prior District approval.

Pavilions

*If you do not have a reservation for the pavilion—you may be bumped for someone who does. If they have their reservation, **YOU WILL NEED TO MOVE.** On the day of your event always keep your printed copy with you.*

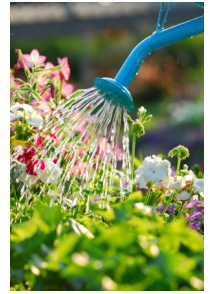
1. You must clean up after your event, take any trash to the dumpster.
2. Print and carry the reservation on the day of event.
3. Reservations are made online at NorthAustinMUD1.org.
4. You will use the first 15 digits off your NAMUD1 account #.

Important Numbers

Jollyville Fire Non-Emergency	512-258-1038
Williamson Cty Non-Emergency	512-864-8282
Travis Cty Non-Emergency	512-974-0845
Crime Stoppers	800-253-STOP
Williamson Cty, Precinct 1	512-733-5380
Travis Cty, Precinct 2	512-854-9222
Dept of Homeland Security	800-BEREADY
Poison Control	800-POISON1
Balcones Post Office	512-331-9802
RRISD	512-464-5000
Jollyville Elementary	512-428-2200
Pond Springs Elementary	512-464-4200
Deer Park Middle School	512-464-6600
McNeil High School	512-464-6300
City of Austin Electricity	512-494-9400
Texas Gas Service	800-700-2443
Southwest Water Company	512-335-7580
Round Rock Refuse	512-255-4980
Call Before U Dig	800-545-6005

WATER CONSERVATION SCHEDULE

North Austin MUD #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
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Wednesday	Noon-1:30pm & 4:30-8pm	11am-9pm	9am-9pm	Noon-1:30pm & 4:30-8pm	Noon-1:30pm & 4:30-8pm
Thursday	Closed	11am-9pm	9am-9pm	Noon-1:30pm & 4:30-8pm	Closed
Friday	Noon-1:30pm & 4:30-8pm	11am-9pm	9am-9pm	Noon-1:30pm & 4:30-8pm	Noon-1:30pm & 4:30-8pm
Saturday	Noon-8pm	11am-9pm	9am-9pm	11am-8pm	11am-8pm
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Ten Simple Ways You Can Increase Your Curb Appeal

Too many people ignore curb appeal until it's time to move. Then they spruce up the place for the next residents. How does this make sense? Every time you come home, the sight of your front door should bring you joy!

Adding curb appeal gives your house that nice and finished look in which you can take pride in. When deciding on how to add instant curb appeal to your house, make sure you consider what your house currently looks like and what will look best with it. Also, consider how much time you have to put into your home improvement project and what your budget is. These type of improvements do not have to be expensive or require hiring a professional. Here are 10 ways to add instant curb appeal for under \$100 that are fairly easy and take less than a few hours to accomplish:

- 1. Paint Your Front Door, Trim, or Shutters on Your House.** Painting your home can definitely add some brightness and revive your house while adding curb appeal. Think of your front door as jewelry for your house. It can be a little flashier than the rest of the outfit the facade is wearing. A strong color that complements siding and trim paint colors can be pleasing. Pick a bold color that makes your house stick out, but just make sure that you match it to the rest of the colors on your house. This home improvement project may take several hours depending on how much you choose to paint, so plan for at least a day of painting. The trim around the roof line, doors and windows also gives your house character. Of course, every house is different, but generally two gallons of paint is enough. To make sure you're adding to or maintaining your home's value, it's a good idea to take a look at common housing color trends.
- 2. Install New House Numbers.** If your house has old or faded house numbers on it, purchase some new numbers. You can also change the location and style in which the numbers hang. Look for modern house numbers that are made from stainless steel, copper, or aluminum. Try to match your new house numbers with the finish that is on your exterior light fixtures to add the best curb appeal.
- 3. Replace Exterior Light Fixtures.** When buying new exterior light fixtures to add curb appeal to your house, be sure to consider both the style of the light fixtures and the function of them. You want your light fixtures to be able to adequately light up your entryway to your house and make it safer. Also, look for light fixtures that have the same mounting system as the current ones that you have to save yourself some time on this home improvement project.
- 4. Install Landscape Lighting.** Adding low-voltage lighting adds a layer of sophistication that ensures your house looks nice 24/7. Add lights around walkways and spot/flood lights to highlight unique architectural features of your home. There are really nice LED and solar options readily available at your local hardware stores.
- 5. Take Care of the Old Landscaping.** Trim overgrowth and pull weeds. Overgrown bushes that block your front windows are not a good look. Ever. Shrubs should frame your windows but never hide them (unless you're on the run from the law or you want to protect a burglar). Removing the old growth will make your plants look greener, more vibrant, and can also make your yard look larger. Another way to add more color to your yard is by using fertilizer. Plus, having healthy plants and lush green grass means you aren't spreading weeds and disease into your neighbor's yard.
- 6. Add Some New Landscaping.** Nothing brightens up your curb appeal more than freshly planted flowers. Planting a variety of colorful flowers around your front yard will add vibrancy to the area. Flank your entryway with plants to create symmetry. Pick plants that (a) require the amount of water that is reliably available for that spot and (b) prefer the amount of sunlight that area receives and you can't go wrong! And don't forget to spread some mulch on all of your beds. It helps the soil conserve water, reduces weed growth, and it gives your house a truly finished look. You should also put some more mulch down in late fall to help protect plants from frost and keep the house looking fresh.
- 7. Clean out the gutters.** Nothing says "Boo Radley lives here" like clogged gutters full of soggy leaves, the odd bit of twigs, that have live oak saplings starting to grow in them. Don't be shy about attempting this housecleaning chore yourself. All you need is a sturdy stepladder, your oldest pair of waterproof garden gloves to protect your hands, and a bucket to fill with water to flush out the downspout.
- 8. Get a new doormat.** This is the exterior equivalent of getting new carpet. You need an upgrade if yours is stained, scuffed, worn down, or faded.
- 9. Refasten loose boards or trim.** As a home settles over time, its structure shifts, potentially causing some of your trim and fascia to move and separate. A quick visual inspection around all the windows, doors and along the roof line is all it takes to identify loose spots or wear and tear. If you do find a place that needs to be repaired, carefully remove the old nail and hammer in a new nail. Hammer the nail flush with the wood, being careful not to dent the wood with the hammer.
- 10. Change the hardware on the front door.** A shiny new door knob or handle is a small modification, but can make a big difference. Over time, the finish on your existing outdoor hardware can fade or corrode. Installing an ornamental, new door knob will modernize the front porch. A new lock set on the front door also improves home security. Get a touchpad type if you frequently lose your keys or have frequent, trusted houseguests.

A well-kept house is a home you can take pride in. And keeping your home looking great doesn't need to cost you a fortune. With a little time and effort, you can improve your curb appeal and add value to your home without breaking the bank.

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Sprinkle a light layer of salt and garlic powder over the avocados.
Scoop about 1/3 cup of picante sauce and a couple squirts of lemon juice into the bowl.
Mush ingredients together really well with a fork or masher (using a blender ruins it, gives it a frothy texture).
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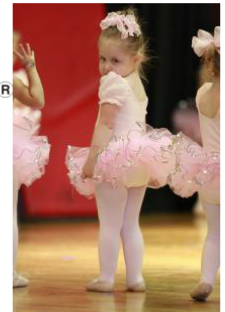
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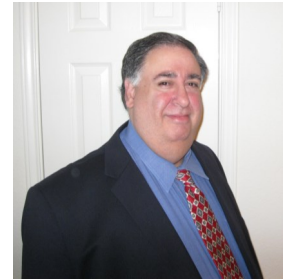
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