



# Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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## Easter Egg Hunt

Once again we are desperately seeking individuals to help us with the Easter Egg Hunt. We need folks to stuff eggs and to help the day of the hunt.

Scheduled Easter Egg Stuffing dates are as follows:

Thursday March 18 at Rattan Creek Pool 6 pm.  
(Before the RCNA meeting)

Tuesday March 23 at Rattan Creek Park 6 pm  
(Elkhorn Mountain Pavillion)

Wednesday March 24 at Rattan Creek Park 6 pm  
(Elkhorn Mountain Pavillion)

Please call Dallas Hall 257-3494 to volunteer to stuff eggs. Even if you can't make one of the stuffing dates, we can drop off eggs to you or you can pick them up. Leave a message if no one answers. She will get back to you.

If you can help on the morning of the hunt please call Roger & Pam Durden at 336-1520 . *We Need Your Help!!*

We have changed the hunt a little bit so be sure to check out the schedule on the back page!

## Before the Easter Egg Hunt Come Enjoy A Great Pancake Breakfast!

**When:** Saturday, April 3  
**Time:** 8:00 – 10:00 am  
**Where:** Rattan Creek Park  
**Cost:** \$3 per individual or  
\$10 (max) per family



**Come and enjoy a great  
breakfast and support your neighborhood Scout  
Troop # 259**

## EVENTS

### MARCH



Mar 3 Late Start  
Day (Middle School Only)  
Mar 15 – 19 Spring Break RRISD  
Mar 17 St. Patricks Day  
Mar 17 **MUD Meeting** (6pm)  
1000 Congress, Ste 1300

### **Mar 18**

**6pm Easter Egg Stuffing  
@ Rattan Creek Pool**  
**7 pm RCNA Gen. Meeting  
@ Rattan Creek Pool**

Mar 23 Easter Egg Stuffing @  
6pm Elkhorn Mountain Pavil-  
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Mar 24 Easter Egg Stuffing @  
6pm Elkhorn Mountain Pavil-  
lion

Mar 31 Early Release Day (Elem)

### APRIL

Apr 2 Spring Holiday  
(Good Friday)

Apr 3 **EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

*(RCNA Sponsored Event)*

Apr 4 **Easter  
& Daylight  
Savings Time**  
*(SPRING AHEAD)*



Apr 10 Neighborhood  
Garage Sale

Apr 10/11 Neighborhood CleanUp

Apr 15 RCNA Exec. Meeting  
@ 7pm Pond Springs Elem

Apr 22 MUD Meeting  
1000 Congress Ave, Ste 1300

**RCNA Board of Directors**

P.O. Box 200584

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# Constable's Corner

As many of you are aware we have been working alot of selective traffic enforcement in your neighborhood. Let me explain that selective traffic enforcement is performed when complaints have been received from the citizens regarding traffic violations in certain areas. One of those areas is the four way stop on the corners of Dallas and Tamayo. Another was regarding speeding on Tamayo and Amasia near the mail boxes.

Just last night I stopped a fellow for running the stop sign. When I made contact with him he told me that he knew he had run the sign, that he didn't mean to and could I please give him, "some kind of I'm sorry thing or something." In other words, he wanted me to extend him a courtesy. Courtesy is the topic of this month's constable's corner.

This column has addressed different law violations over the past year. It is a given that it is against the law to exceed the speed limit. It is against the law to run the stop signs or run the red lights. It is against the law to ride a bicycle at night without benefit of a head beam. There are some things that are not only against the law, they are foolish and possibly dangerous.

Last week we had a dad upset because his son had been issued several citations for operating and unregistered, uninsured moped with no motor cycle license, no helmet, etc. Was there something we could do? We did. We performed our job. The residents of Milwood should not be subjected to an inexperienced motor cycle driver who does not respect the laws of the state of Texas traffic code.

Some of the most time consuming complaints by the residents that we deal with have to do with things that are not necessarily against the law but are discourteous and rude.

Example: a resident wrote to us that people were speeding excessively in the area of Tamayo and Amasia. We worked selective traffic in that area, several citations were issued. I logged the vehicle speeds and wrote back to him that while all the vehicles were not speeding, that because citizens get their mail there, it would be courteous to slow down in that area.

Another situation was regarding loud music during the day. Against the law? No. Annoying to the next door neighbor who had worked all night and is trying to sleep? Yes. We lucked out with this one, the guys worked together with us and compromised.

A current situation is a resident who practices archery in the back yard. Arrows are sent in the direction of other residences. Against the law? Not in the county. Unnerving to the surrounded residents who fear that they or perhaps a pet will be hit by a stray arrow? You bet. I know I wouldn't like it. Against the deed restrictions of Milwood? We'll see, we're still working on this one.

Courteous: a marked respect for others.

This month I'm asking you for courtesy. Please stop at the stop signs. Please watch your speed in the neighborhood. Please educate your children on the bicycle requirements for riding after dark. Please don't let your teens drive with out licenses. Please look out for yourselves and each other so that we can "go out and catch real criminals."

I hope all the residents have a great time with their spring cleaning this month. Please call our office any time you have a question or con-

***RCNA Garage Sale***

**RATTAN CREEK  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
GARAGE SALE  
AND  
CLEAN UP**

**Sat/Sun April 10 & 11**

**Garage Sale ad will be placed  
in several local papers.  
Garage sales to be held at each  
individuals home.  
Saturday, April 10  
(8:00 – 1:00)**

**Clean-up will be April 10 & 11  
at the Tamayo Bridge.**

**\*\* The Boy Scouts will be di-  
recting the drop offs. You will  
need your ECO Resources  
(MUD) bill.**

**A separate chipping site will be  
available. Limbs and bushes  
will be directed to the chipper  
site.**

**Please do not bring any haz-  
ardous materials to the neigh-  
borhood clean up. This in-  
cludes old motor oil.**

**Neighborhood Awareness**

**PARENTS ON PATROL/NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH  
NEIGHBORHOOD AWARENESS  
VOICE MAIL NUMBER**

**336-7685**

This is NOT an Emergency number - Please call local law  
enforcement first!

**EMERGENCY NUMBER 911  
WILLIAMSON CO SHERIFF - 943-1300  
TRAVIS CO SHERIFF – 473-9770  
CONSTABLES OFFICE - 248-3239**

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cern and we'll see you next month in the constable's corner.

Constable Gary Griffin

**RCNA General Meeting:**

**March 18 – 7 PM**

***Rattan Creek Pool***

**Current Issues:**

**Easter Egg Hunt  
Ziploc Membership Drive  
RCNA “Member’s Only” Pool Party  
Citizen’s Communication**

***VOLUNTEER’S NEEDED!!!***

# Around Rattan Creek

## New Neighbors and Babies:

### New Neighbors:

Jason and Shannon Patton  
7608 Tovar Drive



### New Babies:

Nicole Bogusch  
Born December 8, 1998 to  
Charles & Annette Bogusch  
8219 Amasia Cove

*If you know someone has just moved into the neighborhood, or just had a baby, help us to welcome the new folks and/or congratulate our neighbors on their special event.*

*Please contact Terri Olsem at 219-7931.*

## Soccer Field Information And Reservations



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## Milwood Mom Activities

### Infants:

(newborn to 17 months)

Karen Memrick 258-1370. Our group meets 1st and 3rd Friday's at 9:45 am. Call Karen for details.

### Young Toddlers: (12-24 months)

Dallas Hall 257-3494. Meeting every week, call Dallas for more information.

### Toddlers: (30 - 36 months)

Nancy Salter 219-5216. Meets every Wednesday at various homes, call Nancy for locations.

### Preschoolers: (3-6 yrs)

Mary Jane Tagtow 219-6780. Meeting several times a week for coffee, lunch, swimming, etc. Calendar available.

### Home Schooling Group: (all ages)

Annette Anderson 250-5137.

\*Milwood Mom leaders...Please call Karen Memrick at 258-1370 for updates, changes or reports on activities. Thanks. Karen Memrick

## Easter Egg Stuffers

## VOLUNTEER'S NEEDED:

Call Dallas Hall 257-3494

## Day Of Hunt

Call Elizabeth Kalbacher 219-8047

**In Search Of ....**

After many years of living in Rattan Creek our family has begun to branch out. There are times when we want to go out to eat at a local joint instead of a chain restaurant. We love the variety of restaurants that are available in the North Austin area. We travel all over North Austin in search of local establishments. It has become a real adventure looking for the hidden jewels and Mom and Pop hang outs.

One such establishment is **Top Notch**, 7525 Burnet Rd. If you are looking for the old established hamburger joint, this is it. I last visited on Thursday, February 11, 1999 during the lunch hour. I ate the hickory-smoked cheeseburger and fried onion rings. It was delicious, juicy and full of the memories of childhood. Now, this isn't a fancy place, but a family style restaurant where sandwiches are wrapped in parchment paper and served in baskets. My husband joined me for lunch that day choosing the fried chicken. **Top Notch** is famous for their Fried Chicken and as I watched my husband eat, I knew it was well deserved. Our children, although they were not with us that day, enjoy the chicken tenders, chicken fried steak and the Top Notch Hot Dogs.

**Top Notch** is a little further away than **Short Stop** or **Sonic**, but I think you will enjoy the visit to one of Austin's local establishments. The prices are reasonable for casual dining; we spend around \$25.00 to \$30.00 for our entire family of 5, or a little over \$5.00 per person. I have always found that a sure sign of a tasty casual meal is the ever-present police car in the parking lot at the lunch or dinner hour and I have not been disappointed.

**Top Notch** is open Monday – Saturday, 11:00 am – 8:00 pm. I found it most intriguing and charming that car service is still offered in addition to the available dining room. You may visit the web site for **Top Notch**, complete with menu and further information, through [www.citysearch.com](http://www.citysearch.com). As a closing note, if you are looking for low fat, this is not the place for you, even if salads are available.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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**Thad H. Gillespie, D.D.S.**

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**LOST AND FOUND**

My son has found a Diamondback Bicycle on Corpus Christi Drive on the south side of the Jollyville Elementary School. We have possession of the bike and would like to return it to the rightful owner. Please call 219-1909 with a style and description of the bike and it is yours.

Pam Teich



**HURRICANES SWIM TEAM**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

SIGNUPS:

Jollyville Elementry      Pond Springs Elementry  
April 28                      April 27  
6:30-8:00 PM              6:30-8:00 PM

Rattan Creek Pool  
May 1  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Questions? Call 258-1819**



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## Ziploc Membership Drive – Join Today!

Once again, our Block Captains will have *ziploc bags* on their front porches until **March 31** for us to drop off our **1999 RCNA dues**. It's time to support your neighborhood association! Save a stamp, and be eligible for our membership drive drawing at the April RCNA meeting, rush your **\$10 dues to the closest ziploc bag by March 31!** Block Captain addresses can be found in this issue of the Rattan Creek Neighborhood News. (see page 8 )

Two of the individual pool memberships donated by the NA MUD 1 will be awarded at the April RCNA meeting as well as gift certificates and other prizes donated by the RCNA. We will have a separate drawing for block captains or individuals who collect memberships. (your chances of winning increases with each and every membership collected.)

Often times, the recognition of those folks responsible for the continued success of any organization are overlooked. The RCNA is fortunate enough to have Section Heads and Block Captains that, year after year, help hold our community together by delivering the newsletters directly to your door.

Whether or not you choose support the RCNA, please stop by and thank your block captain for their contributions to our community.

**See next page for list of block captains.**

**BLOCK CAPTAIN LIST**

12903 Adak Cove	April Bliss	6817 Luckenbach Ln	Kelly Lopez
13400 Albania	Shirley Meyer	6504 Luckenbach Ln	Robert Lewandowski
13106 Amarillo	Troy Singleton	8232 Luling Ln	Julie Flores
13200 Amarillo	Laurie Harris	7925 Luling Ln	Kyle Bengtson
8220 Amasia Cv	John Babyaks	Luling Ln	Block Captain Needed
13360 Amasia Dr	David Stimson	13114 Marble Falls Cv	Mike Holder
13204 Amasia Dr	Greg Serres	12707 Margit Dr	Beatrice Edmonds
13313 Amasia Dr	Dan Sansom	12912 Margit Dr	Frances Mitchell
13317 Amasia Dr	Michael Miller	12609 Marimba Trl	Tim Green
13432 Athens Trl	Dawn Hood	12923 Marimba Trl	Justin Turner
Athens Trl	Block Captain Needed	13222 Marrero Dr	Gary Runn
8109 Avella Dr	Adam Nolley	12805 Modena Trl	Judy Reinhart
13413 Balamos Dr	Rosa Cardoza	12909 Modena Trl	Cynthia Coffman
13113 Bidwell Dr	Becky Magdalena	12931 Modena Trl	Marlene Kenady
13334 Black Canyon Dr	Ray Anderson	Modena Trl	Block Captain Needed
12810 Blackfoot Trl	Karen Ochoa	13303 Montaque Cv	Kevin Kreiling
13416 Bolivia Dr	Cheryl	7600 Montaque Dr	Stephen Damman
7101 Boniface Ln	Mike Russell	13000 Moorcroft Ln	Don Ernst
13106 Boomer Ln	Leon Cloud	13409 Moscow Trl	Pam Donaldson
7015 Buccaneer Trl	Duane Cauthron	13025 Muldoon Dr	Annette Anderson
6601 Corpus Christi	Lisa Coucke	12910 Muldoon Dr	Steve Nash
6501 Crowley Trl	Renee Murphy	7403 Napier Trl	Penny Finuf
6916 Dallas Dr	Ritamae Mire	7507 Napier Trl	Gene Adams
7439 Dallas Dr	Nick White	13129 New Boston Bend	Cory Becker
7606 Dallas Dr	Collette Torres	12604 Olympiad Dr	Ron Hackathorn
7017 Dallas Dr	Janis Ottmers	7918 Osborne Dr	Curtis Mercer
7011 Dallas Dr	John Vasquez	13102 Overton Pass	Matthew Schoellmann
8125 Darwin Cv	Nicki Lutostanski	7445 Peabody Dr	Paula Taylor
13247 Darwin Ln	Diane Morris	7400 Peabody Dr	Tammy Onolsem
13209 Darwin Ln	Debbie Brase	7611 Pheasant Rock	Esther Gonzales
13017 Debarr Dr	Chuck Simms	7201 Pine Bluffs Trl	John Gillen
13217 Dime Box Trl	Gloria Mosiman	7800 Portland Trl	Daren Fisher
12617 Dringenberg Dr	Bill Ketcham	7303 Potters Trl	Pat Tallent
7610 Elkhorn Mtn Trl	Chuck Jeffords	7324 Potters Trl	Kaye Crawford
7635 Elkhorn Mtn Trl	Caryn Kelly	13207 Quadros Pass	Lisa Sinclair
13426 Gent Dr	Don Boothby	7306 Rankin Trl	John Wagner
13105 Green River Trl	Dawn Bachman	8101 Rimini Trl	Karen Ressel
13119 Green River Trl	Brad Jones	7010 Riverton Dr	Barbara Garza
13121 Greybull Trl	Charlie Lancaster	7104 Rock Springs	Belinda Vasquez
7602 Grovedale Trl	Becky Rabel	13417 Rosello Dr	Gary Alexander
8113 Hendricks Dr	Julie Wilson	12701 Sheyma Cv	Lisa Keller
6612 Hondo Bend	Sylvia Frisch	6720 Shiner St	Mark Mcdaniel
13143 Humphrey Dr	Matt Marino	13101 Sinton Ln	Kathy Ford
12804 Humphrey Dr	Don Tatman	7928 Snookhook	Judy Williams
13220 Humphrey Dr	Randy Fox	12914 Steeplechase Dr	Ryne Horvath
13333 Humphrey Dr	Marc Sullivan	Tamayo Dr	Block Captain Needed
13023 Humphrey Dr	Gloria Adair	13003 Tamayo Dr	Mary Jane Tagtow
13003 Irby Pass	Donna Olivarez	13102 Tamayo Dr	Erin Monaghan
8213 Ito Cv	Gail Swanson	13113 Tamayo Dr	Charles Sorkin
7805 Jenner Cv	Patrick Vanderwilt	7806 Taranto Dr	Danny Meek
13203 Kepler Cv	Byron Barnes	Tesoro Trl	Block Captain Needed
13236 Kerrville Folkwy	Hakim Wakil	13107 Tilder Dr	Osie Lebowitz
13277 Kerrville Folkwy	Ja Lynne Colleran	13205 Tortosa	Brian Ghedi
8113 Kiana Dr	Julie Scales	13413 Tossa Ln	Jane McNally
13309 Kingman Dr	Kevin Darby	Tovar Dr	Block Captain Needed
12600 Langoff Cv	Sandy Thompson	7404 Tovar Dr	Larry Gilman
13115 Lubbock Ln	Jack Lawson	7904 Truman Cv	Bobby Finley

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7706	Van Dyke Dr	Mark Ranus
9905	Varcella Trl	Karen Baker
7913	Varcella Trl	Vivian Floyd
13206	Vendrell Dr	Hutch Gregg
7514	Windrush Dr	Becky Smith
7603	Windrush Dr	Kristen Piller
12603	Wittmer Dr	Ned Reinhold

**Save A Stamp: Please take your RCNA dues to the nearest block captain to you.**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association**  
**P.O. Box 200584 – Austin, Tx 78720-0584**  
**Annual Membership Dues – \$10**  
**(January – December)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

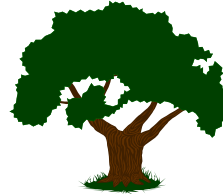
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Membership:  Renewal     New

I would like to volunteer to assist with:  
 Activities     Committees     Newsletter

**Thank You For Your Continued Sup-**



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# North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 Rattan Creek Pool Summer Schedule 1999

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 1999</b></p> <p><b>May 1 Swim Team Sign up at pool 11:00 to 3:00</b>  <b>May 1 &amp; 2 Residents Welcome Tags not Required</b>  <b>11:00 - 9:00 PM</b>  <b>May 1-20:</b> Monday - Friday Swim Team 4:00 -8:00 PM  Saturdays- Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  Sundays- Open Swim 12:00 Noon - 9:00 PM</p> <p><b>Schools is Out! May 20<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p><b>May 20-31:</b> Monday-Friday Swim Team 7:00-11:00 AM  Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  Saturdays - Open Swim 11:00 AM- 9:00 PM  Sundays - Open Swim Noon to 9:00 PM</p> <p><b>May 24<sup>th</sup>:</b> <b>Memorial Day celebrated</b>  Open Swim 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 1999</b></p> <p><b>Aug 1-31:</b> Monday-Friday Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  Saturdays Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  Sundays Open Swim Noon - 9:00 PM</p> <p><b>August 11<sup>th</sup>: School Opens (Tentative )</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 1999</b></p> <p><b>June 1-30</b> Monday-Friday- Swim Team 7:00-11:00 AM  Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  Saturdays - Open Swim 11:00 AM- 9:00 PM  Sundays - Open Swim Noon to 9:00 PM</p> <p>=====</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Teen Nights 8:00 to 10:30 PM</b>  <b>May 28 - June 11, 25 - July 9, 23</b>  <b>August 6</b>  \$2.00 cover charge</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 1999</b></p> <p><b>Sept. 1-7:</b> Monday-Friday Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  Saturdays Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM  Sundays Open Swim Noon - 8:00 PM</p> <p><b>Labor Day Celebration! Open Swim 11:00 - 9:00 PM</b></p> <p><b>Sept. 8-13:</b> Monday-Friday Open Swim 4:30-8:00 PM  Saturdays Open Swim 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM  Sundays Open Swim Noon - 8:00 PM</p> <p><b>September 13: - Pool Opens Winter Swim</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 1999</b></p> <p><b>July 1-31:</b> Monday-Friday- Swim Team 7:00-11:00 AM  Open Swim 11:00-9:00 PM  Saturdays - Open Swim 11:00 AM- 9:00 PM  Sundays - Open Swim Noon to 9:00 PM</p> <p><b>July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>Swim Meets May 29 June 19 and 26</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTES:</b></p> <p>See other pages for Membership Application for Pool Use. Tags <b>MUST</b> be purchased by mail or in person at:</p> <p>ECO Resources  NAMUD No.1 Pool Tags  9511 Ranch Road 620 North  Austin, Texas 78726</p>

**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY  
BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION**

- All members receiving badges must be listed, with birthdates, for the application to be considered complete.
- Guest passes can only be purchased by a member of the pool. All guests must be accompanied by a pool member.
- One complimentary pass, which can be used three (3) times, is issued with each badge purchased. (Two (2) passes will be issued with each annual pass.)
- A packet of ten (10) guest passes consists of four (4) cards totaling ten (10) uses.
- A check made payable to North Austin M.U.D. #1 (NAM1) Pool must accompany the application to be processed.
- The check for the pool, tennis key and the RCNA **must be mailed separately** from the payment for the NAM1 water bill.
- Replacement fees for lost or stolen badges are as follows:  
Summer / Winter Badge: \$5.00 each                      Annual Badge: \$10.00 each
- If purchasing a combination of summer only / winter only and annual badges, please specify for whom the annual badges are to be assigned to.

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

**PLEASE ALLOW TWO (2) WEEKS FOR PROCESSING**

**RATTAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

**NORTH AUSTIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 - RATTAN CREEK PARK POOL**

Application to Use Recreational Facilities and Release of Liability

**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING – INCOMPLETE APPS. WILL BE RETURNED**

**All Applications Due To ECO Resources, Inc. By April 1<sup>st</sup> To Guarantee Badges For Opening Day**

NAMUD #1 Water Bill Account No. _____	Home Telephone Number _____
(Application will be considered incomplete without account number)	
Name: _____	
(As it appears on NAM1 bill)	
Address: _____	
Emergency Contact Person: _____	Telephone Number: _____

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:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 (Application will be considered incomplete without signature)

<b>Household Members Attending Pool:</b> (All members receiving badges must be listed)		
(Badges required for ages 3 and up)	Date of Birth	Tag I.D. Number (To be filled in by NAM1)
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**NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL.**

**Summer Fee Schedule**

**Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool**

Quantity		
In District Badges	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
Out of District Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household	\$ _____
Additional O.D. Badges	@ \$20 each additional badge	\$ _____
Guest Passes (only w/ badges)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
10 Guest Passes (only w/ badges)	@ \$15	\$ _____
Tennis Court Key (In District Only)	@ \$10 each	\$ _____
RCNA Membership (In District Only)	@ \$10 per household	\$ _____
Annual Badges	@ \$40 per badge	\$ _____
<b>Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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## It's Finally March and Planting Time!

**If the soil is wet** enough to stick to your shoes, better wait for a while to do the lawn and bed clean up. Working wet heavy clay soil like ours creates many problems. Wait to rake lawns also so you do not pull up all the growing roots with the dead leaves. Most yards in Austin should not be scalp mowed and have the grass thatch removed because the dead grass thatch will naturally compost in place with our spring rains. If you have a heavy grass thatch build-up, you are over fertilizing and watering. Save time and money by reducing both fertilizer and water next summer.

**If we are in a drought condition**, look at your plants and keep them watered enough to look fresh and not wilted. Withholding water may let your plants die and you will have to pay for very replacement work and new plants. Protect your investment in your landscape by smart watering.

**Brown Patch in St. Augustine Grass** is the wet soil condition where you have circles of fungal brown patch. Rake the dead grass thatch off and compost or throw away. Add live compost and the microbes will eat the fungus. If you water by

sprinkling lightly to encourage grass spreading and then let the grass dry in between waterings you will reduce the fungus growth.

**Thin St. Augustine grass and Live Oak leaves.** If you have thin spots in St. Augustine grass, in early spring and fall, overseed with Fescue grass seed to thicken the turf and let the St. Augustine re grow. In Austin, most leaves will naturally compost in place and provide fertilizer to the soil and can be left in place, especially if you have a mulching mower. Live oak leaves and some other leather-like leaves need to be raked up because they will make thatch-like layers and not let the water and air through. Live oak leaves do not compost easily either, so bag them and put out for the solid waste disposal pickup.

**Plant and fertilize now.** Finish planting roses, fruit trees, and vines and then feed all perennials by mulching with compost to control fungi and to slowly feed the plants. There are many granular fertilizers (organic or non-organic) which will build up the perennials now early in the spring. Follow

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the directions on the package and spread well and water in well to make the fertilizer available to the plants.

A light dressing with fertilizer every 6 weeks will keep plants blooming and growing well all summer. If you want additional growth on trees apply a double coverage of fertilizer under and around the trees to 1-1/2 times the drip zone. Water well two or three times in the next few days to really dissolve the fertilizer and take it down 8 inches to the Live Oak tree roots. This is especially helpful for live oaks in February and March when they are growing fast and losing leaves, flowering, re-growing leaves and generally creating a mess.

Dillo Dirt works well as a general top dressing (1/8 to 1/4 inch) for the grass and the beds. It works slowly over 6 months and is will not be too strong and burn plants. A commercial composted product available in bags called Back To Earth (BTE) works well around plants to fertilize slowly and also keep weeds down . Use 3 to 4 inches of BTE or other coarser mulch under plants and trees for weed

control. The larger nurseries have bulk compost which is cheaper and works well for a top-dressing on grass and for thicker mulching of plants in beds.

Lawn fertilizers are difficult to identify and

purchase. To be precise, go to a nursery or contact Texas A&M for a soil sample kit. You will get back a report on your soil conditions and recommendations of the amount of Nitrogen and other nutrients which are needed for your soil. General guidelines for fertilizer use are:

Use slow-release granular organic or chemical fertilizers; Top-dress with compost or Dillo Dirt. Apply a slow-release blood, fish, and bone meal in early spring. Avoid more than 1 lb. Nitrogen per 1000 sq. feet. per application. Look at the percentage of nitrogen on the bag (the first number, like 15) .means a 40 pound bag with 15% nitrogen contains 6 pounds of nitrogen. That would be enough for 6000 sq. ft. Much more than our average yard. Watch the application rate carefully, Using a broadcast spreader seems safer, you are not dropping piles of fertilizer every time you stop or turn around. A pile of fertilizer can kill the plants and the soil in that area for several years. Stop by and see my dead spot ;-)

**Lawn weeds:** If you have rampant annual weeds growing from seeds a weed-and-feed fertilizer can help . These pre-emergents can kill certain types of seed before they can germinate. If you use one be sure it is approved for your variety of grass. You may need to use it both in spring and fall for sever-

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al years to eliminate these annual grasses. Weed-and-Feed products applied anywhere near the root zones of trees can cause irreparable damage to those trees, be careful. Also it is more expensive than needed and runoff from your yard can kill other plants and pollute the creeks. The safest solution to eliminating weeds is removal of individual plants by digging or spraying carefully to not kill other plants. Do not use a weed killer in a garden hose end sprayer because the overspray can kill all near plants and trees: yours and your neighbors.

**Mowing Grass Height;** If your grass is grown at an appropriate height and not cut too low to the ground, weeds will have little chance to become established. Cutting St. Augustine grass and Bermuda grass at 3-1/2 inches works well with our climate. Because Bermuda grass grows well in full sun, this longer cut grass provides additional shade for the roots which minimizes water loss from the soil.

The mowing rules are:

- Mow often enough to only cut 1/3 of the existing green foliage at any one mowing. Any more than that weakens the plants by requiring food reserves to heal the cuts. .

- Never shave the lawn too close, it encourages bare spots, weed invasions, and destroys the food producing leaf blade.
- Mow before grass gets too high because then you will cut off more than 1/3 of the plant reducing its ability to collect oxygen and sun and make food for the plant.
- Lawn Clippings are free food, do not cart them away. Mow with a mulch type blade so the small clippings will return the nutrients to the soil. Mulching mowers return the equivalent of one fertilizer application per year. Replacement mulching blades or multiple blades can make your mower a mulcher.
- Sharp blades make clean cuts, the grass looks better and less plant food reserves are needed to repair and heal the clean cut. Buy a large file and learn to file or grind the blade to sharpen it.

**Frost damaged or dead foliage** should be cut back to good wood after March 1<sup>st</sup> to encourage new growth after the late frost date.

**Do Not prune live oak trees** after February 15 to minimize the spread of Oak Wilt disease. If pruning is essential, hire a professional who knows how to properly sterilize tools, paint wounds, and dispose

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of cut limbs.

**If caterpillars** ate leaves of your plants last year, now is the time to buy some *Bacillus thuringiensis* ( called BT, Bio-Worm killer, Thuricide, et al). Look at your plants often and when you see some worms, mix up some (just as much as you can use, it does not last) and spray the plants with caterpillars, they like the tender tips so get the ends especially. Watch your Texas Mountain Laurel trees, the tips are especially tender and that is where the fragrant purple blooms will appear if you spray a few times so the worms don't spoil the blooms.

**For the mealy bugs** and anything else soft bodied, including fleas, scatter sharp (not from the pool supply store) diatomaceous earth (DE) around the plants on dry days. There are commercial products with DE and pyrethrum which are especially effective. If you have cats or dogs, scatter some DE where they roll in the dirt and you may not have any fleas on the pets this year. You must repeat every few weeks as it washes into the soil.

**Only spray the plants effected** by worms and scatter DE where you are losing plants to bugs. It really is a waste of money and it damages the environment to go over the entire yard with a general

purpose bug killer. Take the time to see what the problems are and take care of those, you will enjoy the walking around also. I have found that spreading a general purpose insecticide around the foundation and in beds near the house in spring and fall when the bugs are trying to move inside provides a barrier for the critical few weeks. Much more effective and cheaper than covering all the yard.

**Fire ant control** I do not know if we will be able to buy Logic again this year, a carcinogen was found in it and it was taken off the market last fall. The ranch supply stores may have it under the name Award. The only alternative product for full yard coverage I know about is Amdro. There are some new products coming out. Give them a try and call me with the results. Happy hunting

If you still have some Logic, start with spreading the Logic (Award) when the dew has dried, soil temperature is above 60 degrees, and it is 2 to 3 hours before the rain. Sprinkle everywhere except within 4 feet of mounds. These principles apply to any insecticide, the idea is to spread it when the bugs are active and foraging for food and will pick it up and take it down to the queen.

For fast control of fire ant mounds where you walk or play, sprinkle 2 teaspoonfuls of Orthene powder on each mound. It smells bad so the cats, dogs, and kids will

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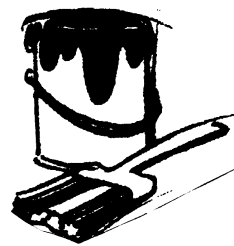
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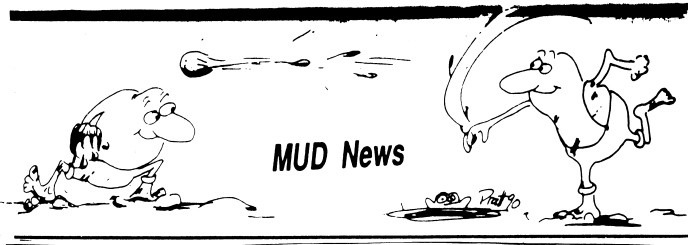


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**MUD Board of Directors Actions:**

The status of the projects in work and which were approved at the February meeting of the Board are listed below:

1. Park Maintenance
2. Pool Maintenance
3. Bond Sale Completed
4. Robinson Park Trail Project Moving Slowly
5. Rattan Creek Trail Repairs
6. Rattan Creek bed and Recharge Zone Maintenance

**1. Rattan Creek Park Maintenance:**

Spreading fertilizer and increased irrigation have the winter rye grass; and emerging perennial grasses in the park looking great again. The Crepe Myrtle and other trees were pruned for clearance and to remove dead branches. The mulch in the tree wells was turned to allow air access. The ornamental grasses were cut back to above the growth areas.

The Milwood entrance area on the corner of Palmer Lane and Tamayo Drive is now being maintained by your District so TexaScapes will maintain the area we will pay for the lights now. There are a few more areas still owned by the Milburn Company/ Continental Homes of Austin which will be transferred to the District as Milburn finishes building on the residential property.

**2. Rattan Creek Pool:**

The repairs were almost finished by the 4<sup>th</sup> week of February, the new pool membership forms, the schedule with the Hurricanes Swim Team activities are in this newsletter, and we are ready for spring swimming.

The Board is finalizing the contract with RRISD so the McNeil High School Swim Team can begin training at our pool in August. We will be reimbursed by the school district for our gas heating cost, this is a win-win agreement. Time to swim folks, check the schedules for the time convenient to you.

**3. Bond Issue Completed:**

The bonds have been sold and a schedule is being prepared for the District to reimburse the Milburn

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**NA MUD #1 Board of Directors:**

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Company for their costs for the streets, water, and wastewater infrastructure per our Covenant with the City of Austin and the TNRCC approval.

**4. Robinson Park Trail project Moving Slowly:**

The platting of the park has been approved by the City of Austin. Now the actual design and layout of the trail will be prepared and then submitted for approval to the City and Williamson County. Impacting the design will be the location and construction of Anderson Mill Road and also the City drainage project for the East tributary of Lake creek which crosses Robinson park. Our District Engineer David Malish, District Manager Gary Spoons, lawyer Sharlene Collins, and Directors Conklin and Simms met with the Springwoods MUD representatives who are managing the project. We are working to identify the impact of their project on our park and on Lake Creek downstream as it goes under Palmer Lane. Our goal is to complete construction of the trail from Humphry Dr. across the park to Anderson mill Road before school starts in the fall so there will be a safe and clean walking path from our District to the schools on Anderson Mill Road. It may be

several years yet before Anderson Mill Road completion provides faster driving access.

**5. Rattan Creek Trail Repairs:**

Our contractor Landscape Specialties has completed the repairs of the trail damage caused by the mid October rain of 4 inches in 4 hours. The trail surface was damaged by fast water flow both across and also along the trail.

The across-the-trail flow will be redirected by the berms built by shoving dirt up into a low hill in a long curve along the uphill side of the trail. The berms were graded higher, lengthened, and reseeded. Some large rocks were gathered and placed to break up the water flow from the end of the berms also.

The major along-the-trail damage was evident where the flood water hit an obstruction and was forced up higher onto the trail. Some of the obstructions were trees and brush which caught the recently cut cat tails creating a damming effect. TexaScapes has changed their cat tail cutting and cleanup method to minimize the problem in the future. To protect the Trail entry bridge, a dirt berm seeded with grass and a low rock wall were built to deflect this flow in the future from sweeping along

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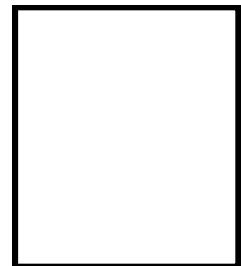
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the trail and cutting a rut in the lower side of the trail surface. Two beams in the bridge were broken so additional beams were added to the sides.

The much-used sand volleyball court border was repaired and 24 cu. yards of masons sand was added.

Further downstream just after the low water crossing, to minimize the damming effect, brush was cleared and chipped on the south east side of the crossing. At the end of the trail turn-around, the creek-bank brush was also cleared. To slow down the flow over the barrier onto the low side of the trail, an additional 12 cu. yards of gabion rock and some local rock was added to help deflect the flow.

All along the trail 90 cu. yards of additional decomposed granite was spread and rolled to repair the surface.

**6. Rattan Creek Bed and Recharge Zone**

**Maintenance:** Back upstream where the creek makes a sharp bend to the north and spreads out into the recharge zone, the creek bank was strengthened with some concrete bags to keep the creek in the upper channel and minimize the water standing in the lower channel which increased our mowing cost. I took some pictures of exactly where the water spreads out into the recharge area and sinks underground. At that time we were still in this 4-month long drought and the lower part of the creek was dry. There is a possibility that some City of Austin digging at the Rattan Creek lift station is lowering the aquifer and draining the creek. That's another story, more when we find out what is happening.

Here's to good hiking, see you on the trail.

Chuck Simms

**THE MUD WILL PROSECUTE**

Several complaints have been received from residents; regarding youths (and adults) riding motorized vehicles in our parks. These vehicles destroy our parks and trails.

***The North Austin MUD #1 does not allow any recreational vehicles on any of the greenbelt areas; Lake Creek, Rattan Creek or the Corpus Christi Pond.*** There are posted signs that these individuals chose to ignore.

Anyone caught riding a motorized vehicle in these areas will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The sheriff's office has been instructed to ticket and file trespassing as well as vandalism charges, if necessary. Currently one individual is being sought for damage to the trail and foot bridge on Rattan Creek.

Gary Spoons, General Manager  
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**Plant some annuals** for summer color. Plant mums in well prepared soil 1 to 1-1/2 feet apart. Plant ageratum, marigold, begonia, portulaca, salvia, or zinnias. A few table spoons of fertilizer (especially phosphorus) will stimulate root growth if watered in well to dissolve the fertilizer. Mulch under and around plants to prevent weeds, conserve water, and control soil temperature.

Plant fall blooming perennials: alyssum, dianthus, lobelia, phlox, verbena, geranium, aster, petunias, and mums.

**Water** Be sure to water new small plants especially well and soak new larger shrubs and trees well also. New plantings need water every day for a week, every 2-3 days for a month, and then weekly to twice a month during spring through fall if there is no rainfall. When they really start growing they NEED water and sparing it for the first 2 years is false economy. Replacing plants is expensive. To minimize water needs, spread 3 to 4 inches of mulch in the beds under all flowers, shrubs and trees to cool the soil and hold in the moisture. I especially like cypress mulch because it is stringy and heavy and stays in place when watering. That pretty wood mulch not only looks good but it is helping your plants survive the heat. Note the way the trees, shrubs, and beds are mulched at the Rattan Creek

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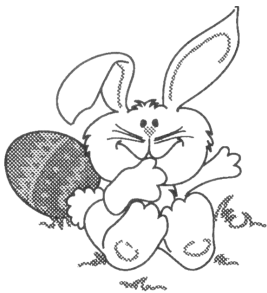
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