



Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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AROUND MILWOOD

Neighborhood Cleanup and Garage Sale October 26th and 27th.

Twice a year the MUD district sponsors a neighborhood clean-up, this occurs the weekend of our time change (weather permitting).

The RCNA sponsors a neighborhood wide garage sale on Saturday, and advertises the neighborhood wide garage sale. Get together with a friend or neighbor and make a day of it.

Teen Nights have proven a success!

Thank you to the folks who volunteered to help with the teen nights such a success. Your help is always needed. The teens have something to look forward to every other week during the summer months. What better place for the kids to hang out with their friends, than the pool. Help us keep this going every year with your support.

Thank you to the Hurricane swim team for the "Movie Nights".

The Hurricane swim team, as a thanks to our community, hosted two movie nights this summer. Everyone who came to the pool, relaxed and enjoyed a movie in the pool. Try not to miss this cool event next year!! Thanks for the great family event.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Every year this event gets harder to choose the winners. Someone's feelings always get hurt and that is not the intention. This year we would like our neighbors to call in and nominate the homes of their choice. Everyone will be a winner.

Beginning Dec 15th through Dec 18th, you will be able to call in and give your neighbors addresses as nominees. Then all the addresses will be published on the Rattan Creek website for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to take the family on a cruise through the neighborhood to look at the lights. Your neighbors work hard setting up their holiday cheer.

Watch the December/January Issue for the phone numbers and website information for nominating your choices.

EVENTS

October

- Oct 14 Columbus Day Observed
RRISD Holiday
- Oct 16 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
9511 Ranch Road 620 North
- Oct 17 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm
Rattan Creek Pool
- Oct 26-Oct 27 *Neighborhood
Cleanup and Garage Sale*
- Oct 27 Daylight Savings Time Ends
"Set your clocks back 1 hour"
- Oct 31 Happy Halloween

November

- Nov 5 Newsletter Deadline
(Dec/Jan Issue)
- Nov 5 Election Day
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 20 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
9511 Ranch Road 620 North
- Nov 21 RCNA Meeting, 7 pm
Rattan Creek Pool
- Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 30 Happy Chanukah



December

- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 15 Holiday Decorating Contest
Begins
- Dec 15 Caroling in the Park &
Santa Arrives via Firetruck
- Dec 18 Holiday Decorating
Contest Nominees
will be posted on website
- Dec 18 MUD Meeting, 6 pm
9511 Ranch Road 620 North
- Dec 19 RCNA Meeting, Exec Board
13207 Darwin
- Dec 25 Christmas Day



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Jo Jones, RCNA Editor, 13119 Green River Trail, Austin, Tx 78729 or e-mail: JRJones@austin.rr.com

President's Notes

My grandfather turned 90 this September. An amazing man, actually. At 90 he is still more active and engaged than I am. Still works 3 days a week as a volunteer pharmacist's assistant at a hospital. Drives himself to work even. Still is an elder in his church. Never missed a day of work in 31 years with the phone company. Still travels overseas three or four times per year. In the last year, he visited Macchu Picchu, Beijing, and the Arctic Circle in Norway. Still votes every election (more about that later).

I've always been very proud of the man. He taught me about discipline. He showed me around our country in the back of his RV. He taught me about duty and patience. He taught me about God – I still have and use the Good News Bible he gave me for my birthday. He taught me about charity – he gives more back to the church and hospital in a year than I have ever been able to muster. Living half way across the country from where I grew up, I didn't get to see him but once a year at most. But those times that I did get to come out here to Texas with him, or travel with him mean the world to me.

My widespread family (CA, MD, AZ, TX) all got together for his birthday party in Bellaire. When my grandfather moved into Bel-

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RCNA Member/Milwood Resident

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laire in the 1940's, there were no freeways, no mini-malls, no smog, no knock-down McMansions like there are today. Just trees and meadows and lots of mosquitoes (The mosquitoes are still there).

Up on my soapbox for a moment: It's good to be reminded of just how awful a neighborhood can become when it grows uncontrollably and without the community staying involved enough. Most planners predict that Williamson County is going to double again in population over the next ten to fifteen years. As neighbors and citizens and voters we need to stay involved, to help ensure our county and neighborhood handles that kind of growth the right way.

One way to keep our neighborhood excellent is to build stronger ties between our neighbors and help those out in need. I want to see our neighborhood give something back to the community beyond what we do now. We already sponsor college scholarships for neighborhood residents, and help act as a liaison when residents have trouble getting county services. What I would like to see us do is something more, as an organization, as a neighborhood together, for those in our community who

need it.

There are many, many ways we can do this that can meet many different needs. What I would like from you is your thoughts and suggestions on opportunities and concepts for how we can give more back to our community. Contact me at eric.freeman@acm.org at any time with your thoughts and suggestions.

Another way to do that is to stay involved and informed with issues at the local, county, and state levels that effect our growth. How we build and plan for roads; how we keep up the quality of our schools; how we keep our air clean and water fresh; how we keep our neighborhood safe – these are all issues that our government influences in tremendous ways. If we want to keep our lovely Austin from becoming like my grandfather's Houston, we need to be active and engaged in what decisions are being made on our behalf.

It doesn't take much to keep you informed. Read the Statesman, talk to neighbors, and browse the Internet.

But most importantly: Vote.

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8216 Amasia Cove



New Babies:

Sarah Elizabeth Schlipper
Born July 19, 2002,
to Kevin & Elizabeth Schlipper
and big brother Thomas
13335 Black Canyon Drive



Evan Jacob Cazares
Born September 19, 2002
to David and Jennifer Cazares
7008 Riverton Drive

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,

Or email to her at terriolsem@aol.com.

Milwood Parent Activities



New mom in Milwood would like to form a play group with other Milwood moms. If you have a baby less than a year old and you'd like to introduce him/her to other little ones and meet other moms sharing in your new experience please give Angela a call at 336-9067.

Young Toddlers (Born Sept 2000-Aug 2001): New Group! Call Kelly Buczek at 258-6482.

Young Toddlers (Born Jan - Sept 2000): Meets every Tuesday at 10:00 am at Robinson Park. (Humphrey and Amasia) Call Elizabeth Pollard-Grayson at 401-0139.

Young Toddlers (2 to 3 years): Call Jackie Gibbons at 257-2230.

Toddlers (3 years): Call Julie Oliver at 258-5661.

Toddlers (Children with birth dates in Fall 1996 and Summer/Spring of 1997): Call Candance Kreiling at 331-9773.

Multi-age Summer Group (5 years and younger): Call Dallas Hall at 257-3494.

Home schooling Group (all ages): Annette Anderson 250-5137.

Are you interested in a group activity not listed? There may be others interested in the same activity. Call Marcie at 335-6960 to get your name listed for a new group.

Milwood Parents.....

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Its Cool and Planting Time in October

Plant trees now that is cool and they will be well rooted for next years growth. Remember that the deciduous trees which lose their leaves in the winter are for the sunny south and west sides of the house. They will save you summer cooling costs and will gain heat from the sun in the winter. Some yard-sized trees are the Chinese Pistache, Mexican Buckeye, Texas Redbud, Burr Oak (large leaves and very tall tree) , and the Cedar and Chinese Elms. And of course the larger varieties of the Crape Myrtle (ask about the mildew-resistant varieties and now you can see the blooms and select the right color).

Some smaller trees are the Possom Haw Holly which has bright red berries during the winter until the birds eat them off. The American Beauty berry bush is an over grown bush , reaching 10 feet high and wide which has white berries in the summer which turn bright purple in fall. They ferment so the birds love to get a bit tipsy when they gobble them up. The Golden Raintree has clusters of yellow flowers which turn into clusters of seed pods and the Desert Willow has white or lavender

orchid-like blooms. All these trees can be in full sun or partial shade and will beautify your yard for many years.

Where you want leaves all year around for shade and a wind break there are the Live Oak, the Eldacara Pine, and a wonderful smaller tree called the Texas Mountain Laurel which has beautiful purple flowers in the spring that smell like bubble gum. Water this tree a bit less than the others, it does not like wet roots, so let it dry out between waterings.

Trees will grow fast if you plant them in shallow wide holes with no peat moss and a little (25%) composted soil amendment to get them started. You need to build up a ring of dirt several inches high and several feet across around the trees to provide a water well to contain the water. When the water wells are mulch covered to keep the roots cool you will get very fast growth of all of these trees. Small 1 gallon to 5 gallon size trees are best because they will grow faster in your soil than in a

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Emergency Numbers:

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Non-Emergency Numbers:

**Williamson County Sheriff
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**Williamson County Constable
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pot in a nursery. They must be watered well (10 gallons per tree well) periodically (depending on the heat) for the first 2 years. For fast growth, his deep watering every other week for the first 1-1/2 year will give them a strong start with a broad root system. After that an occasional soaking will keep them healthy.

Just watering the grass around trees is not enough water to soak in deeply to the tree roots and build strong trees. There are many large beautiful trees in our neighborhood which decline each year and eventually start losing branches because the roots have been covered by many inches of dirt and even concrete house slabs, sidewalks, and driveways. The way to save these trees is to put soaker hoses over all remaining roots and soak for several hours every 2 weeks year around. This deep watering saved a beautiful tree shading our and the neighbors house, so water really is necessary and can save root-damaged trees.

The time to fertilize for fall and winter root growth is September through late October. You will get more and better growth next year by Fall fertilization rather than in the Spring. Use some fertilizer (organic or not) with high nitrogen as indicated by

a 3-1-2 ratio. It is good to use fast release fertilizers which usually are cheaper because after the first frost, growth will slow down and any fertilizer which has not been absorbed yet will be wasted and will pollute the streams and the environment. Be sure to read the label directions on the bag and apply at or a bit below the recommended rate. Fertilize the grass and your flower beds, and double the application under the drip line of trees and then water in very well. The fertilizer only works on roots so water it in once and then come back and water it in again until water runs off. Now you can relax and enjoy your yard for the winter - while raking the live oak leaves of course.

Your yard may be maturing like mine with the trees providing too much shade. This requires some major reworking of the design now that the trees are providing deep shade and the bushes are overgrown. I had a tree company remove all the tree branches that could rub on the roof or on the house. We also removed some lower branches to let some sun in so the plants would bloom. Have limbs cut off at the trunk or as far back as possible to lengthen the time between pruning. This is called a class 2 pruning in the trade and is what we

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have done for the trees In the Rattan Creek Park. Trimming like this every 5-7 years to raise the lower branches of the canopy will allow some sun in so flowers and grass will grow much better. Such is life, successful landscaping brings more work.

Enjoy gardening with your kids (or the neighbors' kids) because teaching them to plan for the future and watching trees and plants grow is good for all of us.

Happy gardening, Chuck Simms
E-mail: charlesvsi@aol.com

Winter Lawn Care in November:

The good news is that nothing really needs to be done to our lawns until spring. Guilt we imported from some other state may have us raking leaves, fertilizing, mowing, scalping, etc. You really do not have to do all that work.

Lawn maintenance for new yards usually means do not fertilize until it has been mowed at least 5 times. This allows the roots to get established before the fertilizer forces leaf growth at the expense of the strong root growth that is the goal.

The exceptions are winter seeded grasses like rye and fescue and new sod, which can be fed a slow release fertilizer. Look for those with ratios such as 3-1-2, 12-4-8, or 15-5-3. Avoid the weed-and-feed products because they stop grass seed germination and can cause irreparable damage to tree roots. Take the time to calculate the square footage of your lawn, since most fertilizer applications are calculated that way. Then use half the recommended rate for the winter application.

New seeded grass will require watering to keep the seed moist, but not saturated during this initial growth time. During hot windy days, you may have to water 4 to 5 times per day until germination. If young plants are

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allowed to dry out, they will die. After about 2 weeks the root system should be established and the watering frequency can be reduced to every 5 days for a month or so. Then water as an established yard.

New sod should not be deprived of water because drying causes shrinking between sod squares. Until the time when a corner of a section of sod can no longer be easily lifted, the soil beneath the sod needs to be kept moist. It is imperative to use the sprinkler lightly and often during this period. When the grass looks green and begins to stand up, it is rooted and you can cut back on watering to every 3 days (except when it rains) for at least 2 weeks. Then you can begin the 5-day watering cycle. If you have an irrigation system shorten the on-timing as needed and set the timer for watering in the early morning hours before dawn. . If we have an exceptionally cold or hot winter, increase watering to help the grass survive.

Lawn Maintenance for Established grasses in our winters includes mowing a bit shorter with the clippings left on to decompose and feed the grass. Do NOT scalp any lawn grasses, this is a bad carryover from other parts of the country and it will damage Austin lawns. Since our best months to fertilize are March and October the established grasses are going dormant now and it is probably best to wait until March to fertilize.

If we have a hot week or so with strong drying winds, water the grass to help it survive. It will better survive freezing weather also if it is wet. Throughout the winter, study the grass carefully before and then after watering and then wait to water until it shows some signs of drought stress. The signs of drought stress are:

A dull purplish cast to the lawn. Tracks sow up in the lawn after someone walks across it Leaf blades begin to roll or fold together.

Water before dawn for a short time which allows drying in the morning and minimizes fungus problems during the cool winter months.

Raking and Removing Leaves continues to be required only for the tough live oak leaves. Most of the other leaves can be left in place mulched with your mower and will just decompose and add some organic matter in the soil.

Winter Color from annuals planted in pots in the sun include the pansies, Johnny jump-ups, stock, alyssum and chrysanthemums which come in many colors . ** For part shade areas, plant English primrose. ** Perennials include the begonias that do well in pots in part sun and survive our winters without protection except in very hard freezes

. **In full sun areas the swordlike foliage of the beard-

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ed iris or the Cemetery Iris are Xeriscape plants which make good ground cover in sunny areas with minimum water. Prepare the bed by digging in 6 inches deep 2 inches of compost. If your soil is heavy, dig in some masonry or green sand. Plant the rhizomes on the surface of the soil and use mulch sparingly because they tend to rot if too wet. They grow best if thinned out every 3-4 years in late fall. You can start new beds and share the extra rhizomes with neighbors. Daylilies grow well in the same conditions as the iris except they need to be planted 3-4 inches deep and covered with 3-4 inches of mulch.

Winter growing plants include the Texas Gold columbine that is a hybrid from the native columbines. The light green leaves grow all winter and they will have shooting star yellow flowers on stalks from 2 to 3 feet high from early March through the fall if you prune out the dead stems periodically. They grow best under deciduous trees like cedar elms or high crowned live oak trees as they like some direct sunshine for better flowering. The Texas Gold columbine is a weak perennial so you can expect to lose a few plants each winter. They do re seed well if you have good soil with 2-3 inches of compost and not too much mulch under them. In any case buying a couple of plants to fill in the holes is a pleasant spring task.

Attractive shrubs include the possemhaw holly that looses its leaves in the winter leaving the attractive red

berries. Nandinas have red berries and attractive fern like foliage the year around and show the most color when planted in full sun. While Nandinas are not native plants but they do naturalize to our soil and climate very well and require very little extra watering once they are established.

Build some hardscape for more use of your outdoors areas like adding a sidewalk or patio in places where the grass died due to foot traffic or too much sun or shade. There are many kinds of paving stones and blocks available at the home and garden stores. In this climate we only need a couple of inches of nice clean masonry under the pavers and a hard edge to keep them in place. You will need dig down and put the sand in to lay the pavers.

Before starting paving, check the slope by using a line level or run some water or watch the rainfall on the area to be paved. Be sure to slope the pavers away from the house so the water drains away and do not make a low spot for puddles to collect mud, leaves and be hard to clean up. Any extra dirt can be placed into other low areas of your yard where water stands or you can build a raised bed with the soil.

The Audubon Society Started an Urban Habitat Development (UHD) program with the goal to provide information and hands-on help for both

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public projects (like schools and parks) and backyard habitats for homeowners. Our committee is working with the National Wildlife Federation trained Stewards and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Wildscape certification of yards. We have a couple in our District that I know about. If you might be interested in joining, let me know by e-mail and I'll get you on the e-mail list. The Travis Audubon Society (TAS) has a great web site with lots of information about birds, wildscapes Urban Habitats, Backyard Birding Articles, etc. Web Site: <http://www.travisaudubon.org>

Wildscaping: I have worked toward a bird and critter habitat in our yard and recently gotten really serious about adding plants and features that will provide the wildlife essentials of food, shelter and water. It has been interesting and fun watching the birds.

Texas Parks and Wildlife has a good program and a book called "Texas Wildscapes Gardening for Wildlife". The only thing lacking is a list of plants that will actually grow and thrive here in Austin. Recently, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center has developed a great plant list. It is available on their web site: under Texas Plants Online, or Hill Country Horticulture. Web address is: http://wildflower.avatartech.com/Plants_Online/Grow_Native/grow.html

The LBJ Wildflower Center is also working with the City of Austin **grow green** program that has printed and distributed literature at many of the nurseries. There are individual subject sheets for insects, lawn problems, etc. **grow green** also has an illustrated plant list that is great, all you need to know about Austin area plants in one publication. The Red Barn nursery on Pond Springs Road should have the free information and they usually have the plants for sale.

Happy Gardening, Chuck Simms.
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- 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. (Complimentary passes are not issued with badges purchased for replacement of a lost badge.)
- 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:
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- If purchasing a combination of summer only / winter only and annual badges, please specify for whom the annual badges are to be assigned to, as each badge can only be assigned to **one** person.
- All badges and guest passes will be mailed out and are not available for pickup, even if registering in person. (However, by registering in person you will receive a receipt that can be used for admission until you receive your badges in the mail.)
- Annual badges are good from the beginning of the summer session until the end of the winter session of the same year and not necessarily a year from the date of purchase. (i.e. valid from May 2002 to April 2003)
- Tennis court keys are good from (approximately) the first of May until the end of April of the following year. New keys will need to be purchased at this time every year.
NOTE: Only ONE key can be issued per household.
- Badges, guest passes and tennis court keys are not pro-rated at any time.
- Please make sure you are filling out the appropriate application for the badges, etc., that you are requesting. (The application should state the year and session being registered for above the listing of fees.)
- If your child will be three years of age *PRIOR to opening day* of the session being registered for, he/she WILL need a badge purchased for him/her.

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

PLEASE ALLOW TWO (2) WEEKS FOR PROCESSING

Rattan Creek Park, Pool and Court Rules and Regulations

Rules are established and adopted by the North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors
Pool Identification tags and tennis court keys must be purchased through the District Manager
ECO Resources 9511 RR 620 N, Austin, Texas 78726-2908

Pool Rules and Regulations

Identification

1. Pool is available to District residents who have paid tag fees and their guests. Out of District memberships are available. Only individuals with tags may enter pool area.
2. Identification tags must be worn by swimmers at all times.
3. Report lost or stolen I.D. tags to the pool manager. Replacement tags can be purchased through ECO Resources for a \$5.00 fee.
4. Use of pool I.D. tags by any one other than the swimmer listed on the current year's registration form will lead to forfeiture of that I.D.

General Requirements and Conduct

1. Conduct by any person deemed to be dangerous, unwarranted, or offensive 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 for the season.
2. Running, jumping, skipping, or any activity other than ordinary walking in the pool area is strictly prohibited.
3. Bicycles and skateboards must be walked in front of the pool entrance for safety. No motorized vehicles are permitted in the park. No pets are allowed in the fenced pool area. Pets must be on a leash while in the park.
4. Pool may close for five (5) minutes each hour as a safety precaution
5. Floating devices are not allowed in the pool. Water wings or swim rings for non-swimming children may be used if accompanied by parent or approved baby-sitter.
6. Glass containers of any type are not allowed inside the fenced area 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.
9. No person shall talk to, shout at, or in any manner distract a lifeguard while on the lifeguard stand except in the case of an emergency.
10. Only masks approved by the Pool Manager will be allowed in the pool.
11. One lane will normally be designated for lap swimming at all times, additional lanes may be added at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
12. No smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the fenced pool area.

Adult Supervision

1. 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.
2. Parents are required to provide written authorization naming a specific approved baby-sitter to attend their children under 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.

Guest Policy

1. 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.
2. Guest(s) must register with the gate keeper upon admission to the pool facility and sign a waiver of liability.

Private Parties

1. Adults eighteen (18) years and older holding a pool I.D. may make reservations to use the pool for a private party when the pool is not open for regular operating hours. All parties must terminate (all participants departing the facility) by 11:30 p.m.
2. Reservations must be made at least four (4) days in advance with the Pool Manager. Reservations are confirmed by a \$50.00 deposit. A reservation is not confirmed until the Pool Manager receives the deposit. The cost for rental of the pool is \$10.00 per hour

plus lifeguard fees.

3. Persons responsible for any parties must hire lifeguards. Lifeguards must be those guards that are under contract with the District.
4. Any damages resulting from a private party will be the responsibility of the lessee.

Wading Pool

1. Children taller than a height set by the Pool Manager will not be allowed in the wading pool.
2. Lifeguards will not monitor the wading pool. Children in the wading pool must have a parent or baby-sitter present at all times.

Pool Hours (as posted at the pool)

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Weekday hours are 11 a. m. to 9 p.m. Saturday hours are 11 a. m. to 9 p. m.; and Sunday hours are 12 Noon to 9 p. m..

WINTER SCHEDULE

Weekday hours are 12 noon to 1 pm and 4:30 to 8:00 pm. Saturday Sunday and Holidays 12:00 to 8 pm. Winter Maintenance closing will be posted at the pool.

General Information

1. At the discretion of the Pool Manager and as approved by the District Manager, certain periods of the normal open hours may be set aside for specialized activities such as, adults only swim, swim lessons, swim meets, and other special events.
2. Hours may be shortened before and after school starts, and during swim team season. Check the Pool Bulletin Board for scheduled events and scheduling changes.

Tennis/Sports Court Rules and Regulations








(In District Members Only)

1. No dangerous or offensive conduct will be allowed on the courts.
2. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, or motorized vehicles allowed on the courts
3. No alcoholic beverages are allowed inside the fenced court area.
4. No glass containers are allowed inside the fenced court areas.
5. A playing time limit of one hour (60 minutes) will be observed when other members are waiting to use the facilities.
6. Tennis courts one and two are subject to reservation by tennis leagues, not to exceed five (5) hours a week as posted at the courts.
7. A member may have a maximum of four (4) guests at a time on the sports courts.
8. At the discretion of the District Manager, certain specialized activities on the courts may be arranged.
9. A maximum of (4) players are allowed per tennis court at any time.
10. Soccer tennis is strictly prohibited.

Questions or Problems

Contact the Pool Manager or
Bill Burke at 331-7066.

North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 Rattan Creek Pool Winter Schedule 2002/2003

<p>October 2002</p> <p>October 1 - 31: Pool Open - Winter Swim Monday - Wednesday - Friday 12:00 - 1:30 PM, and 4:30 to 8:00 PM. Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 PM</p> <p>October 14 : School Holiday Pool Open: 12:00 to 8:00 PM</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	<p>December 2002</p> <p>December 1 - 14: Pool Open - Winter Swim Monday - Wednesday - Friday 12:00 - 1:30 PM, and 4:30 to 8:00 PM. Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 pm</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>December 20 - January 7, 2003: Winter Holiday Pool Open: 12:00 to 8:00 PM daily</p> <p><u>Pool Closed: December 24 & 25 (Friday & Saturday)</u> <u>and</u> <u>January 1 (Monday)</u></p>
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>	<p>NOTES:</p> <p>See other pages for the Membership <i>Application</i> for pool use. Tags MUST be purchased by mail or in person at:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ECO Resources NAMUD No.1 Pool Tags 9511 Ranch Road 620 North Austin, Texas 78726</p>

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If we don't vote, our concerns – as a neighborhood, as individuals -- will, simply, be ignored. I know that many of our neighbors don't vote because they think that politicians don't listen, but in fact politicians don't listen because people don't vote. If we get out and vote, our officials will listen to our concerns much more carefully.

Historically only about 1 of 3 of us in this neighborhood even get out to vote. That's an absolute shame. It should be 9 out of 10. As neighbors, you should want your voices to be heard. As parents, we should be setting good examples to our children. As citizens, we should do the one thing that makes our democracy a democracy in the first place. Otherwise, it stops being one.

This is not a partisan plea. I am speaking to you not as a Democrat or Republican but as a neighbor and a member of the RCNA. Those of you who know me well know that I am far more concerned with people being involved and informed than I am in the ultimate outcome of any contest. I don't care what your political persuasion is. I don't care whether you vote Green, GOP, Democrat, and Libertarian. I just want to see our neighbors

actually using their most precious right.

Logistics: Early voting runs Oct. 19th through Nov. 1, at many locations across the county. The closest locations are inside Lakeline Mall near Mervyn's or at the Brushy Creek MUD office on Great Oaks Drive. Election day voting is from 7a to 7p November 5th, at either Pond Springs Elementary (for voters north of Rattan Creek) or at the Clairmont Retirement Center (for voters south of Rattan Creek). If you're not yet registered, the deadline is October 7th.

Simply take your driver's license with you and vote your conscience.

Resources for you:

The League of Women Voters of Texas publishes a non-partisan voter's guide that can help you get up to speed on the candidates in the major races. [Http://www.lwvtexas.org](http://www.lwvtexas.org)

The Williamson County Elections Department has detailed information on voting locations, times, and processes. [Http://www.wilco.org/elections/index.html](http://www.wilco.org/elections/index.html)

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For those that are new to the area, here is how this works:

For the Garage Sale, the RCNA runs ads for a neighborhood wide Garage Sale, giving the boundaries of our neighborhood. There are a few signs to get folks into the neighborhood, but from there it is up to you to bring the folks to your home. Each person has the garage sale at their own home, or with a neighbor who is planning to have one. If you want to do one, but do not want to do it alone, talk to your neighbors!

For the neighborhood clean-up; the rules are simple:

The MUD district arranges with the disposal company to start bringing dumpsters to the area by the Tamayo bridge on Friday the 5th of April and last until the dumpsters are full on Sunday April 7th. ***However, you can not start dumping until after the boyscouts have setup camp-usually about 5pm.***

The Boy Scouts man the dumpsters, as part of their community service. ***Please remember to bring a copy of your MUD bill to show that you do actually belong in the neighborhood.*** Please remember to be courteous to our boyscouts, as they are doing us a favor in directing this event.

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

***Please do not bring any hazardous materials to the neighborhood clean up.
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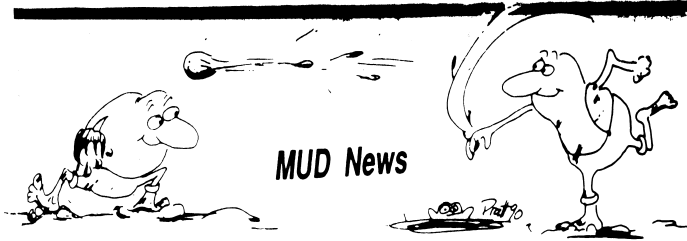
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North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors Report on Commercial Development, Parks, and Pool Activities:

Good news.... the M.U.D. tax rate reduced. The Board voted to continue the existing water rates and to reduce the tax rate from \$0.55 to \$0.51 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation. Note that your actual tax cost may go up or down depending on the change in assessed value of your property.

The total M.U.D. property value continues to increase as more apartments and commercial buildings are completed and taxable at the year end. Thus we have over 6% more total assessed value in 2002 allowing the District to reduce the property tax rate and still be able to pay our operating costs and

bond debt as planned.

The City of Austin is NOT trying to annex NAMUD#1 now. This is just in case you hear rumors because the COA is talking to the Board about annexing just the roadway on the corner of Parmer Lane and McNeil Drive. Their stated goal is to clarify who should respond to auto accidents on that corner which is served by the Jollyville Fire Department and EMS, The Travis County Sheriff, and the COA fire department, EMS, and police department. Sounds like a good idea to our Board.

So what is probably going to happen about annexation of NAMUD#1 is: (based on the status of the non-annexation of Anderson Mill and Springwoods Mud's) it will be 3-5 years at least when annexation of our District is started. Then, the plan hopefully will be to form a new Limited District containing just the parks and pools with taxing ability so the new district will be able to pay to maintain the parks. The COA will then annex all the rest of the District and will begin to tax us like COA residents. Then NAMUD#1 will be dissolved transferring all the property and debt to the COA per our consent agreement.

Our contractor for inspections of Restrictive Covenant Violations, The Treasure of the Hills Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. mailed 18 first letters, sent 1 second letter, and turned 2 cases over to the MUD attorney, with 6 cases closed (violations corrected), and 12 new complaints last month.

Rattan Creek Park Pool: The hours changed with the start of school year as noted on the new signs at the pool. There were several start of school parties, and the early morning Master Swimmers program started with 40 members. There also are a number of swimmers in triathlon training.

Rattan Creek Park Tennis Courts: reservation system seems to be working. As a reminder, the courts are not a safe place for small, especially

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unsupervised children to be playing. They can be injured by a fast moving ball, racket or player. There seems to be a rash of lost keys, so do NOT leave your key in the lock. Take it out and put it in a safe place so you can get out again. It is dangerous to leave the gates unlocked and key owners can be held liable for damage while they are on the courts.

Rattan Creek Trail: Some decomposed granite will be added to the trails and packed, especially at the exercise areas. The drainage berms on the north side of the trail were hit by the tractor mower and they will have dirt added and be rebuilt by our landscaper. The triangle area at the Kerrville Folkway/Greybull entrance will be mowed and cleaned up. The poison ivy has been sprayed and is dormant for the winter and the fire ants are being treated as needed for the season.

The downed branches near the trail have been removed or moved into piles to be cleaned up during the winter cleanup time. The one tree on the South side of the creek just before it goes around the bend will be left for wildlife habitat since it will not obstruct water flow and cause flooding.

The Robinson Park Trail project: Our district Engineer David Malish is developing plans for some berms to minimize flood damage to the new

trail where water flowed over the trail lifting the decomposed granite and exposing the landscape fabric. The Park Committee Chuck Simms and Alan McNeil have been meeting with our landscaper to modify the mowed areas. The soccer fields will have larger mowed areas behind the goal posts and a 10 foot increase in the mowed area on all sides to minimize the chasing of the balls into the weeds. We are carefully considering any increase in mowing area and our mowing cost. Our goal is to mow only areas being used by people.

Be aware that un-mowed areas have mosquitoes, ticks, snakes and standing water in them and children should be cautioned to not explore them. Mowing these areas can kill the native grasses and forbs and leave muddy bare areas that will require the expense of seeding and watering to be useable in any way. Mowing also changes the entire ecosystem of birds, butterflies, caterpillars, flowers, frogs, snakes, and plants and often does irreparable damage.

Robinson Park Humphrey Entrance: will have some new material put in the bottom of the drainage ditch just downstream of the bridge. This will allow maintenance equipment access without

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damaging the drain ditch. This new material allows water to pass through and is considered to be only 3% impervious cover so it will minimize the impact on the area that is covered. This may allow us to make parking areas where we could not before due to the increased impervious cover of concrete or blacktop materials.

Finalizing with the Milburn Company: The Board is approaching the time when we will pay The Milburn Co. for their infrastructure construction from our bond funds. The Board has asked for a final accounting of all land transfers to the District. The Milburn Co. will build 4 single-family houses on the open lots on Amasia Drive, across from the Robinson Park playscape. The Board received the final plat for the Lake Creek greenbelt that runs from the Anderson Mill Road bridge West and North to under Parmer Lane. Per our Consent Agreement with the City of Austin, all un-developed land will be deeded to the MUD and then transferred to the City upon annexation.

Wastewater Lines Inspection; The City of Austin did a great job of TV inspection of the Indian Oaks sewer pipes (by mistake). Soon they will begin cleaning and televising in our District to fulfill their commitment to us to do 50,000 linear

feet of TV inspection videotape work.

Anderson Mill Road: work continues with TXDOT and Williamson County who will provide an access road to our wastewater manhole in the middle of their water quality pond on the west side of the road across from the Amasia Drive. The opening date for the road appears to be the end of the year.

The JPI Apartment Development: continues to fill up with renters and they have several businesses in the first floor retail areas. The cappuccino is great at Seattle's Best Coffee, I'll look for you there.

The Williamson County Lake Creek Channel Improvement Project: Many things are happening and if all goes well, the creek in the Lake Creek greenbelt will be channelized to reduce the size of the 100 year floodplain and minimize flooding exposure to some Springwoods MUD property. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers propose to mitigate the damage to that creek bed by having the COA and Springwoods MUD pay for a natural creek design and construction for the East tributary of Lake Creek where it flows through Robinson park. Our goal is to make more area in the Robinson Park useable for recreational

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purposes instead of only wildlife habitat.

A NAMUD #1 Recreation Center building:
No change, Keith Collins and Chuck Simms are the Board committee and we are looking for suggestions so go to the NAMUD#1 web site to e-mail your thoughts to us, or give us a call.

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Rebecca Thomson, 13 - Need a babysitter? I am certified, responsible, cautious, and experienced with children of all ages. I have also worked with Special Education children with a wide range of disabilities. References available upon request. Call 249-9633! (10/02)

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Taylor Wilkins, 13 - Responsible and experienced babysitter. Two younger sisters and great with children of all ages. Excellent references available upon request. Call 918-9511 (10/02)

Courtney Wall, 12 - Do you have plans Friday and Saturday nights without the children? Call me, Courtney Wall. Add me to your babysitter list. I am not any babysitter; I love to play games and have fun with children of all ages. I was a mother's helper last summer and would love to again. Call 335-7423 or 996-8256 (10/02)

Kira Taylor, 13 - Do you need any one to watch your children while you are away? Well, I am a very reliable person who has had a lot of experience with children. I'm fun, hard working and very loving. I will be working 7 days a week, day and night. I can watch kids that are ten months and up. I give you my promise that I will do my ultimate best to tend to your child's every need. Thank you and have a wonderful day! You can call me @: 249-9341 (ask for Kira) (12/02)

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Emily Lawrence, 14 - Are you in need of some one to watch your pets while your on vacation? I will watch pets in my home. For more information, please call 258-1209 (12/02)

Kira Taylor, 13 - I am also interested in caring for your pets. I take care of big and small animals. My care includes the following and more: Grooming, Walking, Feeding, and also just watching while you're on trips. I also clean up for you! (Birdcages, litter box, and just the little surprises that life of owning a pet may bring). You can call me @: 249-9341 (ask for Kira) (12/02)

Cassy Carter, 14 - Unique hair designs (French braiding, twists, etc.) Are you bored with the same old hairstyle? I can help you create a new look. Reasonable rates. Call 401-0157 (12/02)

Austin Wall, 14 - Responsible and Reliable. Lawn mowing and weed eating your yard, front and back, for as low as \$25-\$30 depending on size. Also, fun babysitter for toddlers and up; can assist moms at the pool, park, and other outings this summer. Call 335-7423 or 996-8256 (10/02)

Ryan Mire, 16 - Lawn Care Specialist - Lawn care will include: mowing; weed eating; edging; clean-up. I will supply my own equipment. Please call 250-2104 for a free estimate. (12/02)

Scott Knepper, 15 & Nathan Wilcox, 15 - K&W Lawn Service - We trim, mow, edge, and blow with a 100% satisfaction guarantee. Contact Scott @ 258-5753 or email KWLawn@yahoo.com for details and pricing. (12/02)



Neighborhood Clean-up Oct 26th - 27th

NA MUD residents only!

Must bring your NA MUD water bill as proof of residency!

(For more information see top of page 16)

Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale Oct 26th

8:00am to 1:00pm

Your are responsible for signage directing the bargain hunters to your home!



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