



Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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Around Milwood

Neighborhood Cleanup and Garage Sale October 25th and 26th.

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, October 25th and advertises the neighborhood wide garage sale. The garage sales are held at individuals homes. Be sure to put up signs to lead the folks to your sale. Get together with a friend or neighbor and make a day of it.

RCNA Board Elections:

Several RCNA Board positions are coming open. We are looking for new folks to step forward for the following positions: Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please go to our website www.rattancreek.org You will need to come to one of the following board meetings and let us know who you are and what position you are interested in: October 16, November 20.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of every month. The elections are to be held at the November 20th meeting. Hope to see some new faces getting involved.

Early Deadline for Dec/Jan Issue of Newsletter:

Due to Thanksgiving holiday, the newsletter has an early deadline for the December/January Issue. The deadline will not be extended. Deadline is November 1st for all ads and articles. Thank you for your co operation.

Caroling in the Park



Every year Santa comes to the Rattan Creek Park, with the help of the Jollyville Fire Department for the good little boys and girls to tell Santa one last time what they want for Christmas this year. Come out and sing Carols around the bon fire on Dec 14!

EVENTS


October

- Oct 6 Yom Kippur
RRISD Staff Development Day
- Oct 15 MUD Meeting, 6pm
620 RR 620 North
- Oct 16 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
13207 Darwin
- Oct 25 Neighborhood Garage
Sale @ individuals homes.
- Oct 25/26 Neighborhood Clean-up
- Oct 26 Time Change (Fall Back)
Be sure to set your clocks back!
- Oct 31 Halloween

November

- Nov 1 Newsletter Deadline 
- Nov 3 RRISD Staff Devel. Day
- Nov 19 MUD Meeting, 6pm
620 RR 620 North
- Nov 20 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
RCNA ELECTIONS!
13207 Darwin
- Nov 26-30 RRISD
Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving 

December

- Dec 1-16 Holiday
Contest Nominations
- Dec 14 Caroling in the Park 
- Dec 16-20 Holiday I 
- Dec 17 MUD Meeting, 6pm
620 RR 620 North
- Dec 18 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
13207 Darwin
- Dec 19-Jan5 RRISD Off
- Dec 25 Christmas 

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Volunteers needed for Newsletter Delivery

A Block Captain delivers newsletters door to door on a specific street for a range of house numbers.

Block Captains are needed for:

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The Section Head sorts the newsletters and delivers to the houses of the block captains, on streets close to yours. It is mostly car work.

A Section Head is Needed for: Tovar Area.

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Jon 331-1109



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Jon Martin, Owner RCNA Member/Milwood Resident



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President's Notes

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

We had two special guests at our August meeting, Chief John Kiracofe from the Jollyville Fire Department, and Williamson County Commissioner Mike Heiligenstein. They both came to field questions and listen to resident concerns regarding the response to a house fire on Buccaneer Trail in early August.

The consensus was that the Jollyville Fire Department did a great job responding to the lightning-caused fire, and prevented the damage from being even worse than it was. Despite equipment difficulties, a heavy workload from other fires that day, and minor dispatch related delays, the JVFD did a great job and deserves our thanks.

The extent of the damage was considerable, and should remind us all of how important fire safety is. PLEASE, don't forget the following:

- check your smoke detector batteries twice yearly.
- have a plan for evacuating your house, and talk about it with your kids.
- teach your kids, teach your kids, teach your kids.
- volunteer for the JVFD. They are always in need of more volunteer firefighters to supplement the small full-time staff that they have.

We are looking to schedule additional guest speakers for upcoming RCNA meetings. Please forward to me any suggestions you may have.

The consensus seems to be that the opening of Anderson Mill Road earlier this year has brought many benefits: easier driving to Deer Park Middle School, quicker access to 183, easy driving to Town and Country, faster fire department response times, and arguably an easing of traffic in parts of the neighborhood.

But, to flip the phrase, every silver lining has its cloud, and this project has its own. Fast traffic, no stop sign or signal, and a safety fence that limits visibility has created a very dangerous intersection at Amasia and Anderson Mill. Sadly, I think it's only a matter of time before we have a serious accident at that intersection. The intersection at Dallas and Parmer had similar problems for while,

and it took several fatal accidents and the addition of a day-care center at the site before the county installed a traffic signal to protect left turns.

Hopefully, we can convince the authorities to take action with Amasia & Anderson Mill before any such tragedy occurs. I will work with our County Commissioners, MUD Board, and other officials to see what we can do to remedy this problem soon.

Additionally, I want to hear your input on specific traffic dangers that you see in our neighborhood. I know of a handful of others, but would like to know what concerns you most.

The Rattan Fest was a terrific success. Dozens of vendors, hundreds of neighbors, nearly 40 runners in the 5K, and a very large emu. For the second straight year, we had good weather and no Horns game to compete with, and everything worked out great. Thanks again to all the RCNA volunteers who helped put this event together. To see photos from Rattan Fest, please go to our website: www.rattancreek.org.

If anybody has any suggestions for how to build on this fair for next year, please let us know by email.

The neighborhood garage sale and cleanup are right around the corner, October 25 and 26. Remember, the Boy Scouts will be on Tamayo at the Rattan Creek Bridge with dumpsters to receive any and all garbage you might want to get rid of before the holidays come up on us.

I have a few suggestions, though. In previous years, I've seen people dump perfectly salvageable clothes, furniture, etc., that could easily be put to use by the Salvation Army or Goodwill. Please use your judgment. There's no need to trash perfectly good items when giving them to Goodwill can benefit families throughout our community.

Eric Freeman

Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

New Neighbors:

No New Neighbors have been submitted.



New Babies:

No New Babies Reported



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



Looking for a playgroup for your little ones? Here are three to chose from:

- 1) **Babies born** between July 2001 and July 2002 - call Angela at 336-9067.
- 2) **Babies born** between January 2002 and December 2002 - call Jennifer at 257-9383.
- 3) **Babies born** after August 2002 - call Jackie at 257-2230.

Play group for children with birth dates in Fall 1996 and Summer/Spring of 1997: Call Candance Kreiling at 331-9773.

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.....

Please contact Marcie De Oliveira for updates, new groups, changes or reports on activities at 335-6960 or by e-mail - mdeoliveira@austin.rr.com

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Recipe Corner

Jack-O-Lantern Chili Cups

- 2 cans(11.5 oz ea) refrigerated corn breadstick dough(8 breadsticks ea)
- or 3 cans (4.5 oz ea) refrigerated buttermilk biscuits(6 biscuits ea)
- 1 can (15 oz) mild chili with beans
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 8 slices cheddar cheese

For decorations:

Olive slices, bell pepper and carrot pieces

Preheat oven to 425° F.

1. Lightly grease 16 to 18 regular-size (2 ½ inch) muffin pan cups. Lightly roll out corn breadstick dough to press together the perforations.
2. Cut out 18 circles with a 3 inch round cookie cutter. Press 1 circle in the bottom and 1 inch up the side of each of the muffin

cups.

3. Combine Chili and corn in medium bowl. Fill each muffin cup with 1 TBSP chili. Cut out 16 to 18 circles from cheese with 2 inch round cookie cutter; place rounds over chili mixture in cups.

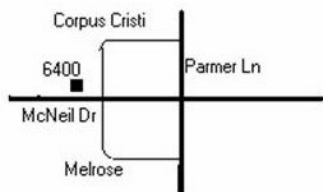
4. Decorate cheese with olive, bell pepper and carrot pieces to resemble jack-o-lanterns.

5. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until corn bread is completely baked and cheese is melted.

Makes about 8 servings

Anyone interested in submitting a recipe: please send it to Stephanie Doherty at thedohertys@austin.rr.com.

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Planting Time and Early Winter Care

October: Plant trees now that it is cooler and they will be well rooted for next year's 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).



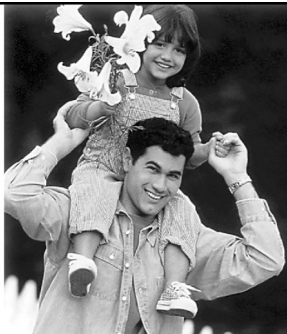
Some smaller trees are the Possum Haw Holly which has bright red berries during the winter until the birds eat them off. The American Beauty berry bush is an over grown bush , reaching 10 feet high and wide which has white berries in the summer which turn bright purple in fall. They ferment so the birds 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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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

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.

Early 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 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.

Watering 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.

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

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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 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.

Winter Color from annuals planted in pots in the sun include 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 bearded 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 possehhaw holly that loses 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 does 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.

Happy Gardening,

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Chuck Simms.

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What do Rising Interest Rates Mean to Investors?

From the Edward Jones office of *Todd Holubec*

Long-term interest rates shot up significantly this past summer. If you're an investor, what do these higher rates mean for you?

There's no one simple answer. How you respond to various economic events, such as a higher-rate environment, depends, to a certain extent, on your investment preferences, risk tolerance and financial objectives. Also, in looking ahead, you'd like to know if long-term rates will continue to climb- and that's notoriously hard to predict. But it's interesting to note that the Federal Reserve seems committed, for the near future at least, to keeping short-term rates low- a stance that could also help restrain increases in long-term rates.

But let's take a look at how a change in rates would affect your investments.

Let's begin with stocks. Rising interest rates are frequently accompanied by a strong economy, which generally translates into greater profits for companies- and potentially higher stock prices.

On the other hand, higher rates mean that companies' borrowing costs will increase - so it

becomes more expensive for them to expand their operations. This added cost could affect stock prices.

In short, it's impossible to say, unequivocally, that rising interest rates are always good or always bad for stocks. Of course, the best thing to do is hold onto high-quality companies for the long term, regardless of interest rate changes. This is how you create the opportunity to build wealth.

Now, let's consider the impact of rising interest rates on bonds. Unlike the case with stocks, the effect of higher rates on bond prices is clear: when rates go up, bond prices drop. If you have a bond that pays four percent but market rates go up to six percent, nobody will want to pay full price for your bond. So, if you want to sell it before it matures, you'll have to offer it at a price that is less than you paid.

Of course, if you plan on holding your bonds until maturity, you might not care about rising interest rates and falling prices. No matter what market rates are doing, you can expect to receive regu-

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- Guest admittances can only be purchased by a member of the pool. All guests must be accompanied by a pool member.
- Three guest admittances will be assigned with each ID badge purchased. Six admittances will be assigned with each annual pass. (Complimentary admittances are not issued with ID badges purchased for replacement of a lost or stolen badge.)
- A check made payable to North Austin M.U.D. #1 (NAM1) Pool must accompany the application to be processed.
- A check for pool ID badges, tennis key and/or RCNA **must be mailed separately** from the payment for the NAM1 water bill.
- Replacement fees for lost or stolen ID badges are as follows:
Summer / Winter Badge: \$5.00 each Annual Badge: \$10.00 each
- If purchasing a combination of summer only / winter only and annual ID badges, please specify for whom the annual ID badges are to be assigned to, as each ID badge can only be assigned to **one** person.
- ID badges can be picked up at the pool (during the summer session) on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2 PM to 8PM, after your application is processed at ECO Resources. **Each** person for whom an ID badge is purchased (ages 3 and older) will need to have their picture taken at the pool office before the badges will be issued. No additional paper work will need to be completed at the pool, but identification will need to be shown. (If registering prior to the summer session, ID badges may be picked up March 1st – April 30th on weekends, Noon to 6PM.)
- Members registering by 5:00 PM on Tuesdays will be able to pick up ID badges at the pool beginning on Wednesday. Members registering by Noon on Fridays will be able to pick up ID badges at the pool beginning on Saturday.
- Annual ID 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 2003 to April 2004)
- 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. **Only ONE key can be issued per household.**
- ID 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 ID 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 an ID badge purchased for him/her.
- Only ID badges will be available at the pool. All applications and payments must be submitted by mail or in person to ECO Resources.

Receipts will not be accepted for admittance into the pool – NO EXCEPTIONS.

ALL INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT 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
APPLICATION FOR Fall/Winter- 2003**

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: _____	ZIP _____
Emergency Contact: _____	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)

Household Members Attending Pool: (All members receiving badges must be listed below)
(Badges required for ages 3 and up) Date of Birth

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NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL.

2003 Winter Fees:	Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool	
Quantity		
_____ Winter In-District ID Badge	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Membership (Up to 4 ID Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household	\$ _____
_____ Additional O.D. ID Badge	@ \$20 each additional badge	\$ _____
_____ Guest Passes (only with ID badges)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
_____ 10 Guest Passes (only with ID badges)	@ \$15	\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court Key (In District Only)	@ \$15 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)	\$ _____
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only)	@ \$20 per household	\$ _____
All Winter/Annual 2003 ID BADGES & PASSES VALID THRU 04/30/04		
Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.		
	Total	\$ _____

Mail or Deliver to ECO Resources, 9511 Ranch Road 620 N., Austin, Texas 78726

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 Spring/Summer Schedule 2003

	<p style="text-align: center;">January 2004</p> <p>January 6 - 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>January 19: Student Holiday Pool Open 12:00 - 8:00 pm</p> <p> <u>Pool Closed: January 1 (Thursday)</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rattan Creek Pool is Managed by Clearwater Management</i></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Manager - Tony Watt Pool phone - 257-8175</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Clearwater Management Phone - 331-7066</p>	<p>NOTES:</p> <p>See other pages for Membership Application for Pool Use. <u>Applications MUST be submitted by mail or in person at:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ECO Resources NAM1 Pool Tags 9511 Ranch Road 620 North Austin, Texas 78726</p>

ALL HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. TO VERIFY HOURS, CALL 257-8175 (POOL).

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lar interest payments. And, as long as your bond is of good quality, and has earned an investment grade credit rating by an independent rating agency, you can expect to receive the face value back when the bond matures. Additionally, insured bonds can increase the credit quality even more. (Keep in mind, however that insurance does not eliminate market risk.)

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Todd Holubec, Investment Representative

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Phone _____

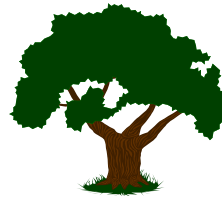
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New Safety / Security Committee Forming

The RCNA is currently forming a Safety/Security Committee that John Lenz & Chris Villalpando will be working on.



The committee plans to address safety, creating neighborhood watches, crime prevention and other security issues facing our neighborhood.

If you would like to participate in committee meetings or have ideas for the committee to address, please forward you name and/or suggestion with your e-mail address or telephone number to either

John Lenz at 249-7667 or
email: jtlenz@hotmail.com

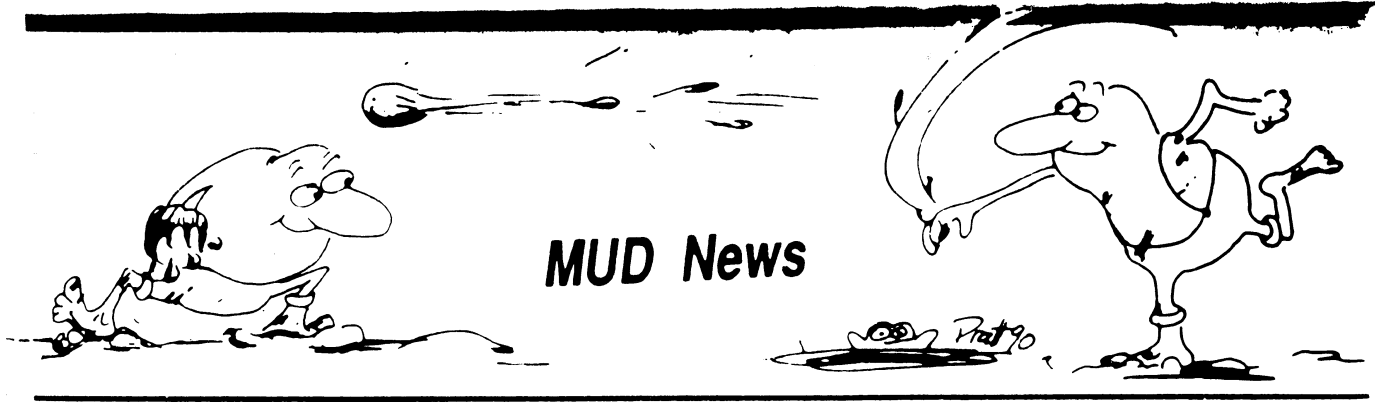
Chris Villalpando at 996-8380 or
email: cvillalpando@austin.rr.com



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**From The
RCNA**





North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors Report on Commercial Development, Parks, and Pool Activities:

Our contractor for inspections of Restrictive Covenant Violations, The Treasure of the Hills Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. April activity included: 5 new complaints, 1 call for advice, mailed 2 first letters, sent none second letter, and turned no cases over to the MUD attorney. There were four cases closed (violations corrected) They have a new person in training Lynda Enders, who will help the others keep the inspections and monthly reports up to date.

Our tax rate goes down, the water rate goes up tracking the water cost increase.

The Board met with our Financial Advisor Tim Kelly of Coastal Securities in recent months on the status of the contract revenue bonds and some combined obligation bonds. Tim described the Recent Refunding Transactions as below: "On August 28, 2003 , the District will close the second of two refunding transactions that will significantly reduce the debt service obligations of the District. In total, the transactions will reduce the District's debt service payments by \$2,175,000 over the next 12 years. The transactions reduced the interest rate on refunded bonds from approximately 5%

down to 2.85% on average. This significant reduction in debt service was accomplished without extending the final term of the District's debt. Due to these transactions debt service will be reduced by approximately \$323,000 annually."

In short, the lower our District's debt service the less we will have to pay in property taxes. This should be our tax trend in future years.

The Finance committee of Terry Ripperda and Alan McNeil and District Manager Gary Spoons prepared the draft budget for the Worksession special meeting of the Board on August 4, 2003. We discussed the status of income revenue due to the 2002 Assessed Value of the MUD which is the base for our property tax rate. In contrast with many areas, our District's total Assessed Valuation went down very slightly from about \$569 million to \$560 Million. This stability along with the savings on the bond debt described above allowed the Board to decrease the tax rate from \$0.55 per \$100 valuation to \$0.50 per \$100 valuation. As always the assessed valuation of your home may have gone up or down which will determine your final NAMUD #1 property taxes.

Water Rate Change: The City of Austin (COA) increased the wholesale water and sewer rates, and Longhorn Disposal cost went up a bit due to CPI increase in our contract. The Board approved the Budget for next year at the August 20, 2003 regular 3rd Wednesday of the month meeting with 2 changes that effect our cost of living in the District.

The City of Austin increased our wholesale water and waste water rates, and thus we increased the water rate from \$2.12 to \$2.32 per 1000 gallons. The waste water rate increased from \$3.02 to \$3.22 per 1000 gallons.

There is no change in the base usage charge for

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Deed Restriction Violations:

Deed restriction violations must be submitted in writing to:

**Senior Citizens Center
408 Ridgewood
Cedar Park, Tx 78613**

Be sure to include the address in question, nature of your concern and your name and address.

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once per week solid waste collection, 1000 gallons of water service, and 1000 gallons of wastewater service. The charge stays the same at \$20.00 per month.

District Water Pressure: At the Board meetings since April, District Manager Gary Spoons and District Engineer David Malish have reported that the City of Austin (COA) recently has had trouble maintaining water pressure in our section of town. Gary connected a recording water pressure meter to our line. At the August 20, 2003 Board meeting Mr. Malish provided a chart showing the pressure declines on a two-day interval to a low pressure of approximately 31.0 psi. This is consistent with the COA pattern of lowering the level of the water in the Martin Hill Reservoir located on #1325 North of Howard Lane from an overflow elevation of 1015 feet mean seal level (msl). The water elevation is lowered to 945 feet msl which on our chart shows the pressure drops below the State minimum of 35 psi during all tank level lowerings every two days.

Mr. Malish developed plan: (1) to use pressure booster pumps to increase pressure in low areas.

The COA staff says he will not be able to get to review it in many weeks. (2)Mr. Malish also is developing a plan to connect our water system to a COA high pressure (up to 80 psi) line. This will require a pressure reducer on the line before it goes into every home.

We continue to work with the COA staff to minimize the effect of the pressure in our District.

Homeowners Insurance Rate Decrease? As the result of the RCNA and NAMUD#1 Board, meetings with the Jollyville Volunteer Fire Department Chief John Kiracofe, the Board and District Manager Gary Spoons committed to work together to develop the actual gallons per minute flow from all fire hydrants. Chief Kiracofe is also working to update the rating for their equipment. This data will be submitted to the national board that rates fire protection capability that results in the insurance company rates for our homeowners insurance costs. This will be a long process, I'll keep you updated as it progresses.

Rattan Creek Park Pool: The pool has moved to the fall schedule. The Hurricane swim team won a trophy for First Place Team in the NWS

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Treasurer (5/06)
dconklin@northaustinmud1.org

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Vice President (5/06)
amcneil@northaustinmud1.org

Place Five - **Chuck Simms,** 331-9630
Secretary (5/04)
csimms@northaustinmud1.org

Website: www.northaustinmud1.org

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Divisional. They had over 211 swimmers participating this year and have a swimmer that is breaking records that have held since 1994. The Hurricanes sponsored a movie at the pool on August 10th. Way to go, great officers, Board, coaches, and swimmers. The Teen nights at the pool had in excess of 150 kids per night. Thanks to the parents and Clearwater Management folks who supervised these events. Swim lessons were well attended this year with 375 children participating. The Jr. lifeguard class awarded 24 shirts to the class. The Board approved a project to raise the path between the pool and playscape to drain standing water.

Rattan Creek Playscape: Some minor repairs were accomplished last month, however some additional problems were found. Work is scheduled for the additional repairs. A major renovation project has been added to the budget for next year. The Board and the RCNA neighborhood association are looking for volunteers in re-designing and replacing the playscapes, contact Directors Don Conklin or Alan McNeil to be added to the committee which will guide this major project next year.

Rattan Creek Greenbelt: The Lake Creek Tributary remediation project for the North West side of Rattan Creek upstream of the Tamayo Bridge is continuing pending the Army Corps of Engineers approval of the mitigation plan. The goal is to have planted a strip of trees and shrubs along the North bank of Rattan Creek. It has been designed to meet the criteria for the Best of Texas Backyard Habitat described below.

Best of Texas Backyard Habitat certification is being considered for several of the natural areas in the greenbelts. This program is a merging of the National Wildlife Federation Backyard Habitat and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Wildscapes designation for backyards, parks, and natural areas that meet the requirement of providing food, water, and protection for birds and other wildlife. The two programs have been merged in Texas under the Best of Texas Backyard Habitats program.

In our District, the 3 areas being considered are:
 (1) the Rattan Creek greenbelt recharge area that is marked by the white poles marked as Nature Area where we stopped all maintenance several years ago (saving money). And this area is a now a

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habitat for the Great Blue Heron, crawdads, occasional egrets, and much other wildlife.

(2) the Robinson Park area North of the Gypsy oak and the trail between Anderson Mill Road and the Northern soccer field.. This area contains springs and the East Tributary of Lake creek runs through it so it is a true natural area already that I've been told has a herd of 8 deer living in it.

(3) The new Rattan Creek Tree Planting mitigation area is being designed as a natural area with native trees and shrubs to be planted, and of course the creek and riparian vegetation already provides wildlife cover, food, and water.

Robinson Park Soccer Fields: The Board approved a project for Fall top dressing of the 2 soccer fields prior to fall overseeding.

Rattan Creek Park: The Board approved a project for Fall top dressing the berms and turf in the park prior to the fall overseeding.

Easement along Lake Creek behind the Bluffs sections 40A and 40B: As a part of the Board's goal of getting all property ownership transferred from Milburn Company and the Joint Venture to our District, the parcel of greenbelt of the East Trib-

utary of Lake creek from the Anderson Mill bridge that goes West and then North to under Parmer Lane is to be transferred to the District. The District had the area surveyed and now will place an easement about 100 feet wide from the homeowners fences/property lines down into the flood plain of the creek.

Then the District will transfer title of this entire greenbelt area to Williamson County since this area is all in their drainage channel project for Lake Creek. The District's easement will not allow Williamson County to change this strip of land without District approval and is intended to protect the trees and wetland and to preserve the property values of the adjacent homeowners.

Robinson Park Humphrey access road is in place: The final payment is being held until repairs are made and the project is given final approval by our District Engineer David Malish. The contractor has agreed to honor the warranty and will repair or replace the material.

Wastewater Lines Inspection; The City of Austin completed their fieldwork of the TV inspection of sewer lines. Our District Engineer has reviewed the

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tapes and recommended repairs as needed. The additional 6800 linear feet of line inspection will be completed before year end.

Water and Wastewater service for the #620 Turnpike: Planning continues for the connections and relocated master meter for the water service for the Turnpike tollbooth area. The COA requested location will cost the Turnpike Authority much more, an easement in the Williamson County drainage easement may be required. Negotiations with the COA and Williamson County and Turnpike Authority continues.

A NAMUD #1 Recreation Center building: We are going forward to try to get the COA approval of a building to house a community center and a Williamson County EMS substation on the “fire station designated ” lot on Dallas Drive between the dental office and Tutor Time buildings. Directors 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.

Chuck Simms Secretary,
NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.

Website:
www.northaustinmud1.org

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Ambulance	9 - 1 - 1
Fire: Jollyville Fire Department	
Emergency	9 - 1 - 1
Administrative	258-1038
Sheriff: Emergency	9 - 1 - 1
Williamson County	
Administrative	943-1300
Travis County	
Administrative	854-9285
Crime Stoppers	1-800-253-STOP
County Commissioner	
Williamson, Precinct 1	
Mike Heiligenstein	248-3238
Travis, Precinct 2	
Karen Sonleitner	854-9222
Dept of Homeland Security	1-800-BEREADY
Poison Control	1-800-POISON 1 (1-800-764-7661)
Mail: Balcones Post Office	
11900 Jollyville Rd.	331-9802
Schools: RRISD	464-5000
Elementary	
Jollyville	428-2200
Pond Spring	464-4200
Live Oak	428-3800
Middle School	
Deer Park	464-6600
High School	
McNeil	464-6300
Utilities:	
Electric	
City of Austin	494-9400
Gas	
Southern Union	1-800-700-2443
Water/Wastewater: NA MUD #1	
Eco Resources	335-7580
Phone	
SBC	1-800-464-7928
Trash/Recycling/Large Item Pickup	
Waste Management	272-4341
Before U Dig: (call 48 hrs before you dig)	
Texas One Call	1-800-545-6005

Rattan Fest A Success!

We had gorgeous weather for our festival this year. We had more runners for the 5K this year. And we hope to have even more next year. Many folks wondered through the vendors, but hopefully next year, more folks will come and buy from the good neighbors that took time to show off their wares.

Just in case you missed the festival or weren't prepared to spend some money, but are interested in getting in touch with a particular vendor. Here is a list of participating vendors. Please give them your business when you are thinking of gifts for Christmas or special occasions.

Vendors:

- Arts and Crafts* Renea Hall 219-8314
Avon Products Kathy Tischer 918-8314
Ceramics and Oragami Items
 Anindita Bagch 336-8714
Children Books The Adventures of Max and Millie:
"At The Pond" Flory Godinez Meeds 506-8667
 (See top of page 23 for more information)
Children Clothing Hope Weiskopf 257-7554
Critical Update- Computer Support and Security
 Luis Delgado 336-2970
Face Painting and Jewelry
 LaNelle Jolly 633-5085
Handmade Ceramics, Sterling Silver and Swaviski
Crystal Jewelry Carla Ek 257-1230
Homemade Cards Jennifer Waggnner 257-9383
Jewelry - Beaded necklaces and Bracelets
 Marie Baltzell 249-0970
Jewelry, Hot Sauce and More (Ora's Booth)
 Aurora Delao and Gloria Boldt 868-3185
Mary Kay Cosmetics Julia Hall 257-1067
Mel's Cards(Sports Cards and Collectibles)
 Mel Sorkin 335-3020
Petting Zoo Tammy Thompson 310-9697
Photos on Canvas, Spectacular Scenery

Hector Pena 554-3409

Primerica Financial Planning
 Chris Villalpando 996-8380

Professional Pet Sitting
 Danette Musser 918-9511

Southern Living Home Décor
 Veronica Haig 918-2078

Tots and Taps Judy N. 249-8508

Vintage Magazines Dennis Hannusch 335-4293

Word Bucket - Marketing Communication (resumes, etc) Wess and Donna Eichenwald 249-6544

Food Vendors:

Byron's Mean Cuisine Catering Service - Served Etouffée and Bar-b-que
 Bryon Shreve 335-1307

The following folks do not sell throughout the year:

Baked goods
Elgin Sausage Wraps
Snow Cones

Organizations:

Please help support the following organizations that took time to be present during our Rattan Fest:

Austin Children's Hospital Jewelry and Crafts
 Laura Mumme 219-8275
Boy Scout Troop 259 Fund raiser
 Dick Young 219-6924
Boy Scout Troop Pancake Breakfast
 Frances Davis 250-2078
Girl Scout Troop 1818 Hot dogs & sodas
 Cissy R.Anders 331-5222
McNeil Choir Pie kits
 Linda Ratzlass 257-1088
Operation Christmas Child Cookies and Breads
 Tony McKinley 250-0496

Again, thank you to the vendors that did come out and participate this year. We hope to see you all next year!

The Adventures of Max and Millie

At the Pond

AUTHOR: Flory Godinez

DESCRIPTION: At the Pond is the first book in The Adventures of Max and Millie series. This children's picture storybook is set in a mythical valley inspired by the author's excursions into the Texas Hill Country. Each book in the series presents a different aspect of music reading, in an entertaining fairy tale. The characters in At the Pond learn how to read music rest symbols while on a fishing trip. The Anglo, Hispanic, Black, and Asian characters presented in the stories work together to solve problems.

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Flory Godinez earned Bachelor and Master's degrees in music from San Diego State University as well as completing doctoral course work in Music Theory at the University of Arizona. She holds a Teacher's Certificate from the Saino Kyoiku Ongakuin (Talent Education Institute) of Matsumoto, Japan and is certified to teach the Suzuki Violin Method in Japan. She has taught violin to children ages three and up and trained violin teachers in the United States and Ireland.

The Adventures of Max and Millie series is an outgrowth of the stories she told her students to help them learn to read music. Ms. Godinez previous publications are technical articles on the violin.

**It is time again for the semi-annual
Neighborhood wide Garage Sale and Clean-up. October 25th & 26th.**

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! Saturday Oct 25th 8:00am-1:00pm.

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 24th of October and last until the dumpsters are full on Sunday Oct. 26th. ***However, you can not start dumping until after the Boy Scouts 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 Boy Scouts, 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.
This includes old motor oil.***

TEEN SERVICES

ATTENTION TEENAGERS: Your ads run free but **must be renewed once every 6 months.** The date at the end of your ad indicates the last month your ad will run. All ads must be submitted in writing and mailed or delivered to:

**RCNA, c/o Kelly Buczek 6407 Crowley Trail
Austin, Tx 78729 or email: kelly@buczek.org**

Tanya Welch, 18 - Do you need a break from the kids? I love children and want to help. I am an extremely responsible and vigilant babysitter with about 4 years experience. I am available any day of the week. If you are interested, please dial 257-2157. (10/03)

Courtney Wall, 13 - Do you have plans Friday and Saturday nights without the children? Call me, Courtney Wall, anytime to baby-sit. I love to play games and have fun with children of all ages. I have been a mother's helper in the summer, and would love to again. Call 335-7423 or 996-8256. Give me a call, you will be happy you did! (10/03)

Austin Wall, 15 - Responsible and Reliable. Lawn mowing and weed eating your yard, front and back, for as low as \$25-30 depending on size. I have a mulching mower and equipment. 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. (10/03)

Lauren Brandewie, 13- I'm a babysitter who loves children and helping out. Put these two qualities together, and you have a perfect babysitter, along with responsibility and reliability. I like to have fun, but I know when bed time is! If you need a babysitter with these qualities, please call 258-2269. (10/03)

Seth Brown, 12 - I can watch your pets anytime you need them watched and when you come back, they will be happy. I can come to your house to take care of them or, if they are kept in a cage, I will keep them at my house. I will do whatever is needed for them, at extremely cheap prices. I am very responsible and have many references. Call 335-0207 to reach me. (12/03)

Ashley Foust, 16 - I'm a certified and experienced babysitter! I'm wonderful with kids, and I'm available 7 days a week. I'm very responsible and trustworthy. So if you need some extra time away from the little ones feel free to call anytime. 809-9535. (2/04)

Matthew Wilson, 16 - Lawn mowing, house and pet sitting. Call 335-6667 for estimates. Can mow, weed-eat, edge, clean up. Responsible pet owner,
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will care for your pet like they are my own. (12/03)

Meg Pevoto, 12 - I am a certified baby-sitter with lots of experience in all age groups. I love kids and I'm very responsible, caring, and trustworthy. I know the Heimlich maneuver and CPR. I am available night or day. 331-8493. (12/03)

Stacy Baker, 14 - Certified, experienced babysitter. I'm great with kids! I'm responsible, dependable and hard working. I love to play games with kids. I know CPR and the Heimlich maneuver. I can baby-sit in both Milwood and Forest North subdivisions. I can also watch your pets while you are away. I will walk your dog, bring in the newspaper, the mail and water your plants. References available. 918-0201. (2/04)

Amanda Sampson, 15 - Wishing for a night out on the town, but not sure what to do with the little ones? Or maybe you're just looking for a few hours to yourself. Whatever it is you need, I'll be happy to help! I'm a sophomore in high school who loves children. I'm certified in Babysitting and I look forward to spending time with your kids. Call my home phone, 258-5481 or my cell phone, 627-1501.

Keely Lallier, 13 - I am a girl scout and an experienced babysitter, certified at Seton Northwest hospital. Rates: \$4.00 a hour; \$6.00 a hour for two. Available for weekends and nighttime sitting. Call 335-5365. (2/04)

Fernanda Cardoso, 14 - Looking to spend some time with your husband or wife this weekend? Need somebody to watch the kids? I'm who you're looking for. I love playing games, watching movies and best of all I love kids. I'm responsible, experienced and bilingual (Portuguese and English). Call 219-8305. I'll be waiting for your call. (2/04)

Sean Brown, Alec Vantilburg, and Adam Ranallo, 15 - Does your lawn need some work? Asleeacn Lawn Services offers quality lawn management that won't empty your wallet! We will mow, edge, and weed-eat your front and back lawns for only \$20, regardless of size. Or, we will mow, edge, and weed-eat one side of your lawn for just \$15. Call 335-0207 (Sean), 762-57370 (Adam). You can also email us at asleeacn@excite.com. (2/04)

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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Austin, Tx 78729 or email: kelly@buczek.org
258-6482

NEED AVON? – Call your Milwood Representative Minnie Cantu 250-5234 or E-Mail mincan2@ev1.net (10/03)

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Homeschoolers - Certified teacher offers science lessons for homeschooled children. Milwood resident. Jennifer Wagner, M.Ed. 257-9383, email: jenjacoby@hotmail.com (10/03)

Handmade holiday and greeting cards, invitations and announcements. Can be customized for any occasion. Milwood resident. Jennifer Wagner 257-9383. (10/03)

Holiday Massage Special – Oct – Dec 1 hour massages \$35. 1½ hour \$55. Gift certificates available. Purchase 4, receive 1 free. Give a gift of relaxations and health. Barbara R.M.T. 918-1824 / 336-1350. (10/03)

Home Childcare – individual, loving care in family setting for infants and preschoolers. (Drop-ins welcome). Call Betty 249-7088. (6/03)

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Registered Child Care Home – openings for 1yr – 4 yr. Call Sonia 258-6298. (12/03)

Montessori School – (Licensed child care home) Openings for preschoolers. (18 months and up) Montessori curriculum and academic work. Also computer classes, Art, Music, field trips and extra activities. 12 years experience in Austin call 694-2431. (12/03)

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Too tired to clean your house? Got better things to do? Got a life! Let me do your dirty work! For meticulous house-cleaning, call Donna at 331-0973. (2/04)

Mary Kay – Julia Hall 257-1067 or 796-7718, Milwood Resident discount. Email: juliah@marykay.com or website: www.marykay.com/juliah. (2/04)

Looking For PlayTime for a very active 1 yr old girl. Needs time to play with other children 2 days a week, for a couple of hours. Please call Diane 336-8120 (Osborne Drive). (10/03)



**TIME CHANGE
FALL BACK!!**
It is that time again!

*Don't forget to set your clocks
back 1 hour on
Sunday morning October 26th.*

This is a great time to check your
smoke detectors.

Halloween Safety

Did You Know?

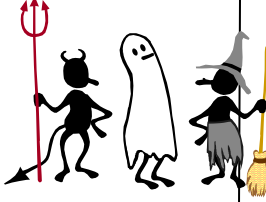
The United States Consumer Products Safety Commission has recorded that the three most common Halloween-related injuries are:

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

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

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY - *Remind Children that they SHOULD always:*

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



Never go into a stranger's house.
Visit only houses where the lights are on.
Be sure and say thank you for your treats.



Parents - Remember You SHOULD always:

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

Motorists and Neighborhood Residents Should:

- Drive cautiously on Halloween Eve. Excited youngsters may forget some of these safety rules and dart out in front of your car.
- Remove all obstacles from lawns and steps to prevent children from being injured.
- Have a well-lighted home, both inside and out, to prevent vandalism and to prevent injuries to little ghosts and goblins.



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Neighborhood Clean-up Oct 25th - 26th NA MUD residents only!

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

(For more information see page 23)

Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale Oct 25th 8:00am to 1:00pm

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



Pond Springs Elementary

Fall Festival

Saturday, November 8th
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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