



Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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Around Milwood

We need Block Captains for the following streets:

Irby Pass
Earp Way

Montique Cv.
Avella Dr.

Part of Kerrville Folkway Part of Humphrey Dr

Block Captains deliver newsletters 6 times a year to homes on their street. If your street is one of the ones mentioned above, you will not receive newsletters until someone steps forward to deliver to your block. Newsletters are available at the sign at the Rattan Creek Park.

We need a Section Head for **Kerrville Folkway Area.**

Section Heads receive a bulk count of newsletters for their section of the neighborhood. They are responsible for the delivery of the newsletters to the block captains of their section.

If you would like to volunteer as a block captain please contact Jennifer or Dave at 257-3380.

Many Thanks to Katy Lugo for becoming block captain for Boniface!!



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

When: Saturday, March 26th
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 am
Where: Rattan Creek Park



**Come and enjoy a great
breakfast and support your neighborhood Boy
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EVENTS

February

Feb 2 Groundhog Day

Feb 14 Valentine's Day

RRISD off

Feb 16 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm
9511 RR 620 North

Feb 17 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm
6504 Shiner

Feb 21 President's Day (observed)



March

Mar 5 Pre-Easter Meeting 4pm
13201 Kepler Cove

Mar 14-18 Spring Break

Mar 16 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm
9511 RR 620 North

Mar 17 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm
6504 Shiner

Mar 17 St Patrick's Day

Mar 19 Pre-Easter Meeting
13201 Kepler Cove

Mar 25 RRISD Spring Holiday
(Good Friday)

Mar 26 RCNA Annual
EASTER EGG HUNT

10am Rattan Creek Park

Mar 27 Easter

Mar 28 RRISD Spring Holiday
(bad weather make up)



April

Apr 2 Neighborhood Garage Sale

Apr 2-3 **Neighborhood
Clean-up**

Apr 3 **Spring Ahead
Time Change**



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Yard of the Month: Position Open

The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News welcomes your letters and guest columns. Letters must have a verifiable signature. Guest columns and letters will be printed on as space available basis. Neither the Rattan Creek Neighborhood News nor the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association accept responsibility for the opinions expressed in editorials, letters or guest columns. The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News reserves the right not to publish any submissions and the right to edit all submissions. Mail to the following address: Jo Jones, RCNA Editor, 13119 Green River Trail, Austin, Tx 78729 or e-mail: JRJones@austin.rr.com

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.



Hurricane Swim Team Registration

Friday, April 22 6-8 pm at YMCA
 Saturday, April 23 at Rattan Creek Pool

For more information:
 E-mail: kgreen25@austin.rr.com

RCNA Needs You!

Webmaster:

Are you a whiz with a computer? We are looking for someone who can dedicate 5-10 hours a month to keep our website up to date.

Advertising:

We need someone who loves talking to people and is willing to dedicate 5-10 hours a month, asking local businesses to advertise in the Rattan Creek Newsletter.

General Volunteers:

We need folks who are willing to dedicate 2-5 hours when needed to help with planning, setup or cleanup of an event.

Block Captains or Section Heads:

We need folks who are willing to dedicate 1-2 hours every other month to help deliver the newsletter.

Please call Chris if you are interested at 636-4894.

**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association 2005 Scholarship Award Program
3 - \$500 scholarship awards available.**

Responses must be postmarked no later than April 30th.
Finalists will be advised before the RCNA meeting on Thursday, May 19th .

Criteria:

High School Seniors limited to RCNA member families.

Academic achievement.

Public service and community activities.

2-4 page written essay discussing a piece of literature you read during your high school years
and how it made an impact on your thinking.

Finalists should be prepared to answer questions-interview format with the RCNA Board if required.

Application:

Date _____ Signature: _____

Contact phone number _____

Legal name in full _____

Permanent Address _____

College(s) planning to attend Fall 2004 _____

Name of High School _____

Name of High School Language Arts Instructor _____

Current cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____

List activities, awards or special recognition you have received: _____

Briefly list work experience: _____

(If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, choose only those you consider most significant. Attach a resume if available.)

**Return application form, essay and resume (if available) to
RCNA Scholarship, P.O. Box 200584, Austin, TX 78720-0584.**

President's Notes

Happy New Year everyone!

Can you believe that it is already February 2005? Wow. Well there are a few things that I would like to share with the neighborhood in this edition of the President's notes.

First, I would like to let all of you know that your neighborhood association is busy working hard to better serve you.

We are currently working on:

- **Membership drive for 2005,**
- Scholarships for neighborhood seniors,
- Opening a dialog between the neighborhood and developers of the Parmer/McNeil development,
- Working with the MUD to plan a community center at Rattan Creek park,
- Planning our annual Easter egg hunt,
- Developing a neighborhood watch program,
- Developing a committee to welcome new residents to the neighborhood,
- Working on discounts at local vendors for our association members.

That being said, I would like to extend an invitation to all of our neighbors that would like to do something for our neighborhood and aren't sure what they can do. We are constantly in need of volunteers, and now more than ever because of the number of events we sponsor, we could use some help. Typically there are 6 or 7 people who help plan, organize, and oversee our annual events. Those people put forth an extraordinary amount of effort and usually about 10-40 hours monthly to ensure that all RCNA events run smooth and obligations are met. Locating several new volunteers would certainly help us to limit the number of hours spent on RCNA events and help us to provide better service to our neighbors.

We currently are in need of immediate help in the areas of:

- Membership,
- Web master
- Easter Egg hunt
- Advertising person for the newsletter

We would welcome help in any area.

So, if you would be interested in volunteering please feel free to contact me.

Membership:

Our largest initiative this year is going to be to increase membership. The Neighborhood Association serves approximately 2900 homes in the neighborhood. Our current membership(2004) is approximately 468 homes. That is abysmal. Our goal this year is to increase membership to include 50 percent of homes in the neighborhood. We will be having membership drives throughout the first few months of the year, and will work hard to help all of our neighbors understand exactly why their membership is so important. Many of the RCNA board members and block captains will be going door to door in the next few weeks. Look for us, and please be nice.

Scholarship:

In this month's newsletter you might notice a scholarship application for neighborhood seniors. We will be awarding three seniors \$500 scholarships. If you are interested or if you know a senior who might be interested please have them complete the application and return it to the RCNA by April 30th.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Please be sure to go to page 26 of this newsletter to see what we need to make this years Easter egg hunt a great success!

Finally, I would like to thank the local businesses who advertise in our newsletter. This month I would especially like to thank Spare Space Storage. They have graciously provided the RCNA with storage space for all of our annual events materials. It is because of great sponsors like Spare Space Storage that we have such a fantastic newsletter.

See you around the neighborhood,

Chris Villalpando
RCNA President
636-4894

Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

New Neighbors:

Gigi and Jim Lewis
12704 Wittmer Dr.



New Babies:

Nicholas Scott Lewis
Born August 4, 2004
to Gigi and Jim Lewis
12704 Wittmer Dr.



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 Kelly Buczek at 258-6842, Or email to her at kelly@buczek.org



Milwood Parent Activities

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

- Playgroup for babies (and their Moms) with birth dates from around July/August 2003 to babies due in 2004: Call Lori Poppe at 258-1952 or e-mail at loripoppe@yahoo.com.
- Playgroup for children born between July 2001 and July 2002: Call Angela at 336-9067
- Playgroup for children with birth dates in Fall 1996 and Spring/Summer of 1997: Call Candance Kreiling at 331-9773
- Arbor Homeschool Group: Weekly playdays, monthly field trips and various other activities. All ages welcome! Contact Toni McKinley at 250-0496 or e-mail at tmckinley1@yahoo.com for places and times we meet.
- NEW GROUP! Do you work out of your home? If you are self-employed or otherwise office out of your Milwood house, how would you like a little company? We can get together over coffee once a month or so and keep up with what's going on in the world. First meeting can be at my house, time and date will be determined by the responses. Please call Susan Morrow at 257-2737 or e-mail me at smorrow@wordsarewe.com.
- Moms in Touch International <http://www.momsintouch.org> for McNeil High School meets at 13025 Muldoon Dr. Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. This is a prayer group for Moms who have a student enrolled at McNeil High. We pray for our students as well as the staff and administration of McNeil. Please contact Annette Anderson, 250-5137 or for more information andersonhome@austin.rr.com.

Post a message!

Would you be interested in meeting other moms at the playground? Do you like to scrapbook and would like to do it with others? Are you interested in joining a Bunco group? Contact Marcie at 335-6960 or mdeoliveira@austin.rr.com to have your message posted.

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

Sat April 2 & Sun April 3

Garage Sale

For the Garage Sale, the RCNA runs ads for a neighborhood wide Garage Sale (**Saturday Only**), 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, April 2nd ONLY
(8:00 am– 1:00 pm)**

Clean-up

For the neighborhood clean-up (Saturday and Sunday); 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 1st of April and last until the dumpsters are full on Sunday April 3rd. ***However, you can not start dumping until after the boyscouts have setup camp -usually about 5pm on Friday.***

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.

**April 2 & April 3
at the Tamayo Bridge**

****Remember when the dumpsters are full
on Sunday - That's it!!***

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.

**** The Boy Scouts will be directing the drop offs.
You will need your ECO Resources (MUD) bill.**

Important Numbers

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 Administrative 258-1038

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 Travis County
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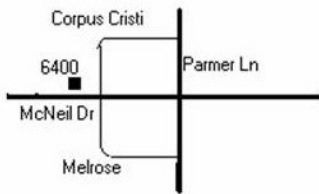
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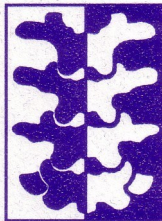


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Decorating Easter Eggs

Glittered, beribboned, or stenciled eggs are a beautiful alternative to the traditional solid-color variety.



Preparing the dye

The easiest way to dye eggs is with liquid food coloring. Bring 3 cups of water to a boil and remove from heat; add 2 tablespoons white vinegar and 2 to 3 drops of food coloring, or more for a deeper color. Dye the eggs until they reach the shade you desire. Remove the eggs from the dye, blot with a paper towel and let dry completely before decorating.

Preparing the eggs

You can dye hard-boiled or raw eggs. The smoother the



egg, the better the dye will take.

Before dyeing, rub eggs with white vinegar to remove impurities, and to aid dye absorption. For muted colors, try dyeing brown eggs. When dyeing eggs, always work with clean hands—do not use hand cream because the oil can affect how the dye takes. If you plan to keep your decorated eggs, they should be left raw, then blown hollow after dyeing, otherwise the egg shell will float on top of the dye.

Blowing eggs

Blown eggs can be kept and enjoyed year after year. It's best to blow the eggs after the decorating is complete, except if your instructions specify otherwise. Working over a bowl, pierce one end of a raw egg with a pin. Pierce the other end, and use the pin to enlarge the hole slightly and break yolk. Blow out insides using an egg-blowing tool or a rubber ear-syringe (available at pharmacies), forcing contents of the egg out through the larger hole into a bowl. Do not let the liquid touch the shell.

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Yard Activities: Planting Time Is Almost Here!

Planting Time is almost here, although, we can still have a freeze past Valentines day and into mid March.

Plant some colorful annual plants. For spring and summer color, try carnations, mums, petunias and bluebonnets. A small bed or some pots with some annual flowers provides a spot of color for your yard at a nominal cost. They are more visible and easier to maintain if they are near a door or window to enjoy and to remind you to water, fertilize, and deadhead them periodically.

Most of the herbs do well in pots and make your front entrance smell great after a rain or when you water them. Try Rosemary, Thyme, Basil, Mints (a dozen types, great for adding to tea), or a couple of Chile Pequin (has small red peppers). Use pots bigger than you think you need,(but small enough to move in or out of the sun) remember, plants grow, and several plants in a pot make a bushy bouquet quickly. A pot can make a pretty touch to the **front sidewalk, deck, patio, or driveway.** Improve the look and value of your home.

Perennial flowers and shrubs will come back each spring and provide many years of enjoyment.

For full sun areas there are the lemon colored and the hot pink Verbenas, Blue and White Mistflower, several types of Lantana, Mealy Blue Sage that spread well and bloom all summer in full sun.

For partial shade the red and yellow Texas Gold Columbine are great plants (mine stayed green all winter), nice lacy, blue green foliage and they bloom most of the summer with an occasional foliar feeding of liquid seaweed or something. They really need compost for mulch to do well in mottled shade. The Fall Asters, Purple Coneflower, Tropical Sage, Turks Cap and Zemenia all bloom in partial shade and will attract and feed butterflies and hummingbirds and birds to your yard. A very relaxing sight.

Trees - It is always time to plant trees so if you have been putting it off, select a few 1 to 5 gallon trees and start growing the beauty and shade you'll enjoy for years. Remember, deciduous trees on the South and West side of the house to block the summer sun and let in the heat after the leaves fall in the winter. Large shade trees include the Cedar Elm, Chinquapin Oak,, Bigtooth Maple, the Chinese Pistache, and the large Burr Oak.

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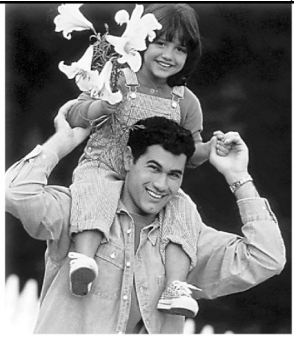
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Some of the evergreen favorite trees are: Large Live Oaks, and smaller trees Texas Mountain Laurel (for a small tree with beautiful and fragrant blooms in the spring), Cherry Laurel, Southern Wax Myrtle, Yaupon holly, Montezuma Cypress do lose their leaves for a short time,(plant in a low spot, they need a lot of water to stay green).Some pecan trees but require a lot of spraying etc, so check with the Travis County Extension office for a variety that will do well in your neighborhood.

For under story size trees with beautiful spring blooms, plant and enjoy the Mexican Plum, Texas Redbud, Texas Persimmon (a bit dirty with dropping fruit, so put one or three in a corner), or Desert Willow in full sun, or the Possumhaw with the scarlet red berries visible this time of the year.

Shrubs for sun/part shade include the Argarita, Bear Grass, Cherry Sage, Dwarf Wax Myrtle, Dwarf Yaupon Holly, Evergreen Sumac, Glossy Abelia, the Hawthornes, and a large bush with green changing to white to purple berries that the Mocking Birds love, the American Beautyberry.

Remember to water new plants weekly to monthly during dry spells for the first year, periodically

for the first 2 years to establish the roots. After that your watering can be determined by how fast you want the plants to grow.

Tree folks says to be sure to have a wide ring of soil covered with mulch around the base of the tree, at least 3-4" deep mulch will stretch out the time between waterings. As it decomposes it provides food for earthworms and other little soil builders. Earthworms bring rich subsoil to the soil surface and decompose organic matter into invaluable compost. They also leave tracks in the soil which allow moisture and air deep down where your tree roots need them.

Check the moisture level of your tree at least once per week. When the soil is dry 1" below the surface, water the tree slowly and deeply. Recommend at least 5 gallons per week for the first year and double that the second. That's for a well mulched tree. It takes much more water for trees without good mulch cover of the soil.

Add Compost - As always, add composted material to beds and lawns for slow release fertilizer and to add organic matter to our Blackland Prairie heavy clay soil. If you have very little

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soil over layers of limestone, you need organic matter also. The nurseries have composted material by the bag and by the truck load. Several of our neighbors split a 6 yard truck load of Dillo Dirt to share the cost of the delivery truck every year or so in Spring or Fall. It sure makes great looking flowers and grass and helps lower the pH of our alkaline soil which releases the nutrients to the plant roots. Dillo Dirt is available in bags now at many of the local nurseries.

Tree Care Should Wait - We can still have a freeze through Valentines day so pruning fertilizing and cleanup of yards should wait until late February. These activities stimulate new growth that can be easily killed by a late frost. Most plants require warm nights (when the soil is really warm) before much growth starts in the spring.

Since I had a virus or fungus under the bark of one of our live oak trees a few years ago, and I talked to a dozen or more people and got a short course in live oak maintenance. As I remember it, live oak trees grow for 120 days from February to May when they shed their leaves, grow the yellow flowers, drop them and grow new leaves. This is the time to fertilize and provide extra water to live

oak trees. The main roots are 8 to 10 inches down and require access to oxygen from the soil.

I you have compacted soil in your yard where the water and air do not reach the roots, the best treatment is to rent an aerator, run it over your yard and then fertilize with 1/8 to 1/4 inch of Dillo Dirt. If you have a sprinkler system, mark the location of the heads and stay away from the sprinkler heads.

If your trees are in real stress have a tree company inject some liquid fertilizer every square foot to beyond the drip line. Then water deeply with a soaker hose every week for 2 years. This saved my tree but usually such drastic measures shouldn't be required if most of the roots haven't been paved over or severed.

Do NOT smother tree roots, with more than 2 or 3 inches of soil, mulch, rocks, or anything over the roots of trees (especially Live Oaks). It will reduce the ability of the roots to gather oxygen, exclude carbon dioxide, and limit water flow. This greatly slows the growth of the tree and some trees will die.

One of our neighbors recently put 5 to 6 inches of 2-3 inch river rock in his backyard under 3 large

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Live Oaks where the shade and pacing dog had turned the St. Augustine grass into mud. By early January, one tree was quickly losing leaves and the other two did not have nice shiny leaves. After we looked at them, we called in an expert from Davey Tree (was Caldwell Tree) who suggested waiting until spring to see if they grew out. The deep stones were not helping it grow and so the owner removed down to a couple of inches at most. They were also going to deep fertilize the trees in the Live Oak growth season of mid January to March when they drop leaves, bloom, pollinate, drop blooms and hulls, and grow new leaves. This early spring fertilization usually does wonders for the strength and growth of live oak trees.

Pruning and Maintenance - At a Xeriscape Garden Club meeting Pat Wentworth discussed pruning and maintenance of trees. Pat is very involved in the local state and international arborist associations, has his own company and comes well recommended. His answer on how to fertilize trees was do what nature does; put 2 or 3 inches of compost and 4 inches of mulch under the tree extending 1 1/2 times beyond the drip line. I was surprised to learn that the Austin area native

trees have such a wide spread root system to help the trees to quickly capture rain water before it runs off.


The trees around new homes have been stressed by cut roots and the compaction of the soil by construction equipment. A practical process to loosen up our heavy black clay soil includes:

- 1) Go in with your neighbors to rent an aerator to loosen up the soil;
- 2) Fertilize with a slow release fertilizer (urea based) or 1/8 to 1/4 inch of Dillo dirt and;
- 3) Water it in well every week for several months during the growing season. Tree spikes or any strong fertilizer spread on the grass feeds the top few inches where the grass roots are, but will not get the fertilizer down to the tree root hairs 8 to 10 inches deep where it is needed. Nothing migrates through our heavy clay soil quickly.

Prune Trees and Shrubs - Prune now only to remove dead branches, diseased, crossing, rubbing, damaged branches, narrow weak crotches, or multiple main stems (try for only one main stem). When pruning, make the cut beyond the branch

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BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION**

- All members receiving ID badges must be listed, with birthdates, for the application to be considered complete. (Children under three attending the pool do not need to be listed.)
- Guest admittances can only be purchased by a member of the pool. All guests must be accompanied by a pool member.
- Three guest admittances will be assigned with each Summer or Winter ID badge purchased. Six admittances will be assigned with each Annual ID badge. (Complimentary admittances are not issued with ID badges purchased for replacement of a lost or stolen badge.)
- A check made payable to North Austin M.U.D. #1 (NAM1) Pool must accompany the application to be processed.
- A check for pool ID badges, tennis key and/or RCNA **must be mailed 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 and used by **one** person.
- Annual ID badges are good from the beginning of the summer session until the end of the winter session and not necessarily a year from the date of purchase. (i.e. valid from May 2005 to April 2006)
- Tennis court keys are good from (approximately) the end of April/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 list 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, Inc.
- ID badges can be picked up at the pool after your application is processed at ECO Resources, Inc. **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.
- Forms of payment accepted for pool and tennis keys are check, cash and money order. Credit/debit cards are not accepted for payment.
- In the event a check is returned by your bank, your water account will be posted with the fees for items purchased, plus a returned check fee.
- All applications **MUST** be signed to be considered complete.
- Application, schedules and other information on district facilities is available on the district's website (www.northaustinmud1.org).

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

RATTAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

NORTH AUSTIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 - RATTAN CREEK PARK POOL & TENNIS COURTS

Application to Use Recreational Facilities and Release of Liability
PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED
APPLICATION FOR 2005 SUMMER / ANNUAL SESSION

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

I have made application for use of the District’s recreational facilities on behalf of myself and the listed members of my family and our guests. I understand that the District’s recreational facilities are for use of authorized persons only, and agree that all use by me, my family and our guests shall be in accordance with the District’s “Rattan Creek Park Pool, Court Rules and Regulations.” I agree that the District does not, by the providing of recreational facilities, assume any responsibility or liability to our guests or us. We assume all responsibility for, and waive any claim against the District for accidental injury, property damage or death arising out of the use of these facilities by any of our guests or us. We agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District, its directors, agents, employees and consultants whether paid or volunteer, from any and all claims by us or our guests which may arise out of use of the District’s recreational facilities. If this application is on behalf of any minor children, the application represents that the applicant is the legal guardian of said children and fully responsible for such children, and authorized to execute this application and release on their behalf. I understand that the children, if under ten (10) years of age, must be accompanied by a person fourteen (14) years of age or older when using the District’s facilities. *I further understand that I am responsible for any damage to District facilities caused by my family, my guests or myself.*

Applicant Signature: _____	Date: ____/____/____
(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)

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____

NO REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE POOL

2005 Summer/Annual Fees: Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool

Quantity			
_____	Summer In-District Badge	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____	Out-of-District Summer Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household	\$ _____
_____	Additional Out-of-District Summer Badge	@ \$20 each additional badge	\$ _____
_____	Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
_____	10 Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15	\$ _____
_____	Tennis Court Key (In-District Only)	@ \$15 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)	\$ _____
_____	RCNA Membership (In-District Only) (RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)	@ \$20 per household	\$ _____
_____	Annual In-District Badge	@ \$40 per badge	\$ _____
SUMMER 2005 BADGES & GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 09/15/05			
ANNUAL 2005 BADGES & GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 04/30/06			
Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.			Total \$ _____
Mail or Deliver to ECO Resources, 9511 Ranch Road 620 North, 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.
Sunday hours are 12 Noon to 9 p. m.

WINTER SCHEDULE

Weekday hours are 12 noon to 1:30 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 2005

February 2005

Feb 1 - 13: Pool Open - Winter Swim

Monday- Wednesday-Friday:

12:00-1:30pm and 4:30 to 8:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday: 12:00 - 8:00pm



Feb 14 - 28:

Pool Closed For Maintenance

March 2005

March 1 - 31: Pool Open - Winter Swim

Monday- Wednesday-Friday

12:00-1:30pm and 4:30 to 8:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00pm

March 14 - 18: *Spring Break*

Pool Open: 12:00 to 8:00pm

March 25: *Spring Holiday*

Pool Open: 12:00 to 8:00pm

March 28: *Spring Holiday*

Pool Open: 12:00 to 8:00pm

Pool Closed: March 27 - Easter (Sunday)

April 2005

April 1 -30: Pool Open - Winter Swim

Monday- Wednesday-Friday

12:00-1:30pm and 4:30 to 8:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday 12:00 - 8:00pm

April 29: *Spring Holiday*

Pool Open: 12:00 to 8:00pm

***Rattan Creek Pool is Managed
by Clearwater Management***

**Manager - Mandy Paul
Pool phone - 257-8175**

**Clearwater Management
Phone - 331-7066**

May 2005

Summer Swim Schedule Begins

May 1-25:

Open Swim: Mon - Wed - Fri: 12:00-1:30pm
Saturday: 11:00am - 9:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm - 9:00pm

May 1-25:

Lap Swimmers Only: Tues - Thurs
7:00 - 9:00pm

May 1-25 Hurricane Swim Team
Starts evening practice
3:30 - 8:00pm (weekdays)

May 7 & 8: Open Swim for all residents and
Guests 11:00 am - 9:00pm

May 14: RCNA Pool Party
Pool open ONLY to RCNA members until 7pm

May 25th - School is Out !!

May 26 - 31:

M-W-F : Open Swim 11:00am-9:00pm

Sat : Open Swim 11:00am-9:00pm

Sun : Open Swim 12:00am-9:00pm

McNeil High Swim Team

is swimming at the Rattan Creek Pool

MHS Practice: Monday-Friday 7:00 to 9:00 am

*Swim Meets will be posted but usually occur
on Saturday mornings*

NOTES: See other pages for
Membership Application for Pool Use.
Applications MUST be submitted to:

ECO Resources
NAM1 Pool Tags
9511 Ranch Road 620 North
Austin, Texas 78726

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

Parmer-McNeil Development Update

The development at Parmer and McNeil appears to be imminent. While their original "Application for Administrative Approval of a Site Plan" expired on November 29, and their 30 day extension expired on December 29, the developer has reapplied and now has a new 6 months to complete the review process. If you live within 300 feet of the site, you may or may not receive notice in the mail that the owner has applied for site plan approval. If you do, do not misunderstand the situation -- this is the same owner/developer and the same site plan for which you received notice last June.

That said, the site plan has received approval from just about every required entity except City of Austin Water and Wastewater Department and NAMUD No. 1. (There are several city, county, and state departments that must review the plans). The MUD is expected to approve the plans early in February. When all signatures have been obtained, the developer plans to begin clearing and grading the lot within days. While the owners are applying to have the lot rezoned and replatted (dividing it into several lots), they say they will retain ownership indefinitely and build-to-lease, completing the entire site as one project. They expect construction to take 6-8 months.

Plans include two large multi-unit retail buildings, a bank, a single-unit structure that may be a drugstore or another bank, and 3 fast-food restaurants. The developer has not yet disclosed the names of specific tenants. The most recent revisions do include the addition of evergreen trees at the rear of the property, providing a screen to the homes on Corpus Christi, New Boston Bend, and Marble Falls Cove that back up to the Corpus Christi Detention Pond. Additionally, any existing trees 8 inches or larger in diameter that lie close to the property line behind the homes on Marble Falls Cove will be left intact. The exact distance varies but nothing within 25 ft -- often more -- will be removed). The project engineer assures me that the final set of plans (to be seen by the MUD board in early Feb) will also include an 8-ft wooden fence along the full length of the rear of the property (from Corpus Christi to McNeil).

In anticipation of the site being divided into several plats, the MUD board has required that an owners' association be established to ensure proper maintenance of the site, with regard to water and wastewater facilities. This may also be an organization which the RCNA or any homeowner could approach if there are issues with maintenance of the fence, trees, lighting, etc. Similarly, the City of Austin has required a Restrictive Covenant be established since the replatting could eventually result in multiple owners.

Our MUD board has been extremely supportive of my efforts to communicate and negotiate with the developers, despite the fact that their official control is limited to water and wastewater issues. The board has

encouraged the owner/developer to meet the RCNA's requests and without this, they may never have included a fence and trees in the plans. If you live adjacent to the commercial, or along the MUD detention pond, please say thank you to the MUD board.

At the time of this writing (late January), I expect to meet with the developer's Project Manager next week. I may have more information well before the next publication, so please feel free to call or email me with questions.

Michelle M. Dent
 RCNA Development Committee Chair
michelledent@makuch.org
 331-0248

Please don't forget to pay your 2005 RCNA dues. It's only \$20 per year. This is a volunteer organization and we need all the members we can get in order to continue providing the neighborhood with all that we do. Join online at <http://www.rattancreek.org/membership.htm>

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 Milwood Resident/RCNA Member

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collar leaving a small stub. A flush cut requires the bark of the trunk to eventually close the wound and is much slower growing than the branch collar bark, which will quickly enclose the nub. Do NOT paint the cuts on any trees (except for live oaks to keep away the beetles carrying the live oak fungus).

Late February is time to **prune the lovely crepe myrtle trees/bushes** that can be pruned down to wood the size of a pencil. They bloom on new wood, so pruning helps the new branching and the blooming if not done too severely.

If they are the large variety and must be made smaller, use the old maintenance trick and cut off near the ground at an angle, 1/3 of the largest trunks. Next year, prune the new growth for shape and cut out another 1/3 of the largest trunks. In 3 years you will have a healthy new cluster of trunks with heavy flowering provided by the massive root system developed over the years. Aggressive top pruning will work ok but it makes ugly stick trees for a few months.

Plant some things now and begin to build the future yard you want. Your kids will even want to help if they get to participate in the planning, buying, planting and watering. Enjoy gardening it

improves your outlook and life -- you deserve it.

Happy gardening,
 Chuck Simms
 "The Gardening Guy"



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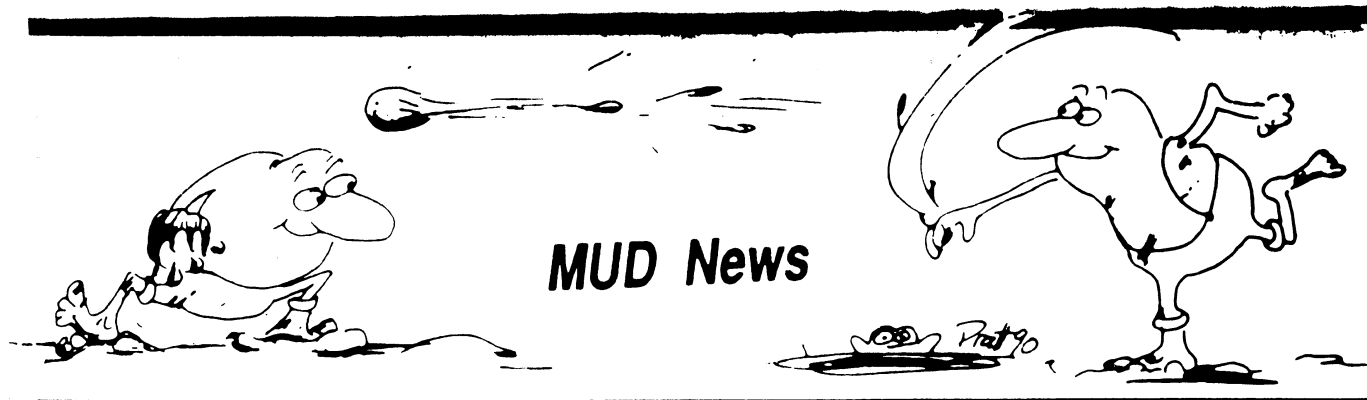
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North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors Notes on the January 2005 Board meetings on Commercial Development, Parks, and Pool Activities: *Note that the Board reviewed and approved minutes of meetings are available on the NAMUD#1 web site listed below.*

Our contractor for inspections of Restrictive Covenant Violations: The Treasure of the Hills Senior Citizens Community Center, Inc. reported: on December 27, 2004, that; there were: 9 new complaints filed, zero calls for advice, 9 first letters sent, 2 second letter sent, zero violations were sent to the MUD Attorney for action, and 13 cases closed (violation corrected).

Development on Anderson Mill Road and Parmer Lane corner lot: (No change) The development is being called **The Villages of Milwood**, and development is progressing with an apartment complex and several commercial building sites.

New Williamson County Commissioner for Precinct #1: Our Williamson County Commissioner for precinct #1 Lisa Brirkman followed up on Director Simms question about the possibility of a traffic light being installed on the corner of Osborn and Anderson Mill Road.

The Williamson County Traffic Engineering department sent Director Simms a copy of the report prepared that shows the count of the warrants toward approving installation of a traffic light. At this time no light has been approved. Simms and Michelle Dent will continue to work with the developer and the Bluffs HOA Board to try to get a signal light approved somewhere on what will be a fast and heavily traveled section of Anderson Mill Road.

The Village at 8609 Parmer Lane. (New): The project that Commissioner Birkman mentioned earlier is located East of the Jefferson Center near Lake Creek. The project is being developed by Bury and Partners with proposed 300 condominium units along the lines of what was built in Cat Hollow. The plans are being reviewed by the District Engineer now.

District Water Pressure: (Progress:) 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 and are varying it on a random cycle now. Even lower pressures were recorded while checking for adequate flow and pressure for the Villages of Milwood area.

The District engineer submitted and the Board approved a proposal for two Water Pressure Booster Stations. The two stations will be located on District owned land on Dallas (the fire station lot) and on Tamayo near the entrance monument on Parmer Lane. Each station will each contain a skid mounted on-line variable speed booster pump. The costs are not to exceed estimates and will be paid for by existing MUD reserve funds that can only be used for water management. Engineering Design, Platting, and Plans are in work.

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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LifeTime Fitness Center along SH 620 (New)
The building is going up rapidly and likely you have received advertisements by now.

Development on Parmer near McNeil (Changes)
The District engineer received an application and review fees for a site development for the McNeil/Parmer Retail Development from Bury & Partners. Our District Engineer had made some suggested changes and just recently received the landscaping portion of the plans. The Board discussed the site plans with the development engineer. He is to get all the changes completely shown in the plans and to work with the RCNA Development Committee for their suggested changes to fencing and landscaping that will effect the neighbors to the West side.

Michelle Dent is the chair of the Development Committee for the RCNA. In January, Michelle again brought the neighbors concerns to the Board meeting.

Homeowner's Insurance Rate Decrease: (No Change) Work continues, our General Manager continues to work with the Jollyville Independent Fire Department to gather data to be used in our

submittal to hopefully reduce our homeowner's insurance costs due to better fire protection for our homes.

Rattan Creek Park Pool: One of the heater pump motors was replaced. The trash can at Tennis courts 3 and 4 was ignited and burned damaging the bench next to it. Also the rest room building at Robinson Park was spray painted. Repairs are completed or in progress now.

The pool building is being repainted. The pool will be closed for normal cleaning and repair work for the last 2 weeks of February. Attic fans will be installed in the bathrooms at that time.

The Hurricanes Swim Team President Kim Green discussed their meet schedule, the coaching staff, and their hours for using the pool with the Board at the January meeting.

Rattan Creek Playscape: (Activity:) The Board and the RCNA neighborhood association are looking for volunteers to help in re-designing and replacing the playscapes next year. Please contact Directors Don Conklin or Alan McNeil to be added to the committee that will guide this major project this year. The Committee and Bill Burke toured

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other parks looking at and photographing other playscapes.

Rattan Creek Greenbelt and Park: (On going) The trails are mowed and trimmed weekly. The Rattan and Robinson Park soccer fields and park areas were overseeded with Rye Grass and fertilized for winter. (Fescue grass in shaded areas.)

The Sign Committee Directors Jones and Simms: Are looking for vandal resistant signboards for the soccer schedules. New signs are being ordered to replace old and missing signs in all the parks and the green belt access entrances.

Rattan Creek Park Tennis Courts: (on going) Resurfacing the 4 courts has begun, 2 courts will be done at a time, and the schedule depends on the rainfall.

Eagle Scout Projects: The Board is working with an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout troops 164 and 146 to develop projects that will benefit our community. Director's Don Conklin and Chuck Simms are coordinating these projects. (Note, the troop numbers were wrong last month, sorry.)

An Eagle Scout from Troop 164 built a picnic and

nature observation deck under the Gypsy Oak Tree near Anderson Mill road as his Eagle Scout project.

The observation deck is a great addition to our MUD recreational areas. To see it, take the decomposed granite trail from the Humphrey Drive or Amasia Drive entrances to Robinson Park and head South West between the soccer fields, across the small wooden bridge over the East tributary of Lake Creek until you reach the Best of Texas Wildlife Habitat area signs on your right. Then you'll be able to see on the left the beautiful Gypsy Oak tree with the large observation deck nestled under the canopy of the tree located near Anderson Mill Road.

Eagle Scout candidate Ryan Freidberg from troop 146 presented his plan at the January Board meeting, and received approval to continue planning and to present the plan to his Scout Troop committee for approval. His plan is to work with the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District personnel to identify the best method to clean and research the site. He will then recruit other scouts to help clean out the mulch and trash from the site. After it is cleared, he will seek the Conservation District's recommendations for the best way to pro-

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protect the sinkhole or well from future pollution.

One option for protection would include building a protection grate and fence around the sinkhole near the Gypsy Oak. An educational sign will also be developed to describe the sinkhole and show it's direct connection to the Edwards Aquifer and the quality of water coming from the Barton Springs.

Robinson Park Amasia Playground: Vandals spray painted inside and outside of the rest room building. Changing the timing of security lighting is being discussed with neighbors.

Robinson Park Drainage Improvement Projects: The Robinson Park Drainage Improvements were completed to reduce flooding damage to the soccer field.

Water and Wastewater service for the #620 Turnpike: (Progress) The Master Meter box will have a remote reading meter installed.

Rattan Creek Park Master Plan: The District engineer submitted and the Board approved an estimated proposal for a master plan showing the maximum construction and impervious cover allowable. The plan will be submitted to the City of Austin for

approval. A tree survey included placing tags and yellow strips on the greater than 8 inch trees in the park. The plan is being prepared for the City of Austin for approval.

Director's Keith Collins and Chuck Simms are the Recreation Center committee and we are looking for suggestions. What type of a facility would be a real asset to our neighborhood? Please go to the NAMUD#1 web site to e-mail your thoughts to us, or give us a call.

Note that these are unofficial notes about the Board activities. After Board approval at the next meeting the official minutes of the meetings are posted on the web site.

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In other news, county residents should have a new county park in the precinct one area to enjoy within the next eighteen to twenty-four months. The commissioner's court recently began the process to design the park, which will be located on approximately 35 acres along the award-winning Brushy Creek Regional Trail, just west of the intersection of Brushy Creek Road and Parmer Lane. A historic graveyard, called Champion Cemetery in honor of a local family whose ancestors are buried there, is located on the tract, and therefore, the area will be named Champion Park. The first phase is set to include a large pavilion, a fishing area along the creek, and a parking lot. Funds for the park come from the \$25 million park bond passed by voters in 2000.

Thirdly, the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) recently announced that Hill Country Constructors (HCC) are beginning the site preparation work for the construction of Highway 183A, which will by-pass the Cedar Park area. Also, the CTRMA is planning a series of public meetings on the project. For more information, contact the CTRMA Hotline at 314.5711 or visit their website, www.ctrma.org.

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Rattan Creek Newsletter

The newsletter that most folks take for granted in this neighborhood, is funded in part by the dues that you pay. Most of the funds to pay for the newsletter has come from our advertisers. We would like to thank the advertisers for their support and ask that you use their businesses.

What activities you ask?

For instance, the *Annual Easter Egg Hunt*. Scheduled for March 26th this year! Every year we have more children, and less funds to work with. Many folks have voiced that we should have more eggs for the children. Well, that takes money and volunteers. With the dwindling participation in the neighborhood association (both monetary and volunteers), events such as this will inevitably suffer. Yes, we do get donations of candy

and eggs, and we thank those who do donate or volunteer their time every year, but we always need more help.

Other events include the *"Members Only Pool Party"*- the Pool Party is a catered event for those that did pay their dues - *sort of a reward*, *"Rattan Fest"*- is a fun event but takes a lot of prep work. *"Caroling in the Park"*-still costs us; the song books, which do not usually get returned, costs us to print each year.

The *"Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale"*- that is held twice a year, the RCNA pays for ads in the local paper and provides signs to bring folks into our neighborhood.

Scholarship Fund

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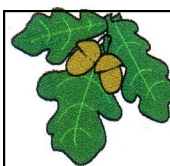
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Easter News!!!

Yes, it is hard to believe, but it is almost that time of the year again. As I have always stated, Easter is one of my favorite holidays. I greatly enjoy the Easter hunt and have always felt it has been a great success. But as always, the success is because our community seems to truly pull together for this event.

Things needed:

please remember all candy, cookies, crackers ...MUST be individually wrapped.

Tot area: ages 0-4:

Dum-dums, suckers, chocolate candy (without nuts), kisses, animal crackers, crackers cookies....

Older ages: 4-10:

Dum-dums, suckers, chocolate candy, hard candy, tootsie rolls, variety bags....

Volunteers Needed:

Egg Stuffers:

Each plastic egg is stuffed with a piece of candy. We are stuffing over 7,000 eggs this year.

Event Volunteers:

We are also looking for volunteers to assist dur-

ing the event as well as setting up fences the morning of the event.

Pre-Easter event meetings:

Anyone interested in helping please come to a meeting or call Dallas at 257-3494.

Sat March 5 and March 19 - 4pm
13201 Kepler Cove

Last year our biggest sponsors were our board members. I would like to say thank you to them once again, but I would also like to ask our community to come forward and donate their time, candy, or money. We have always had a wonderful Easter event and I know this year will be just as wonderful.

Thank you,
Dallas Hall 257-3494
13201 Kepler Cove



Recipe Corner—Easter Ham

- 1 seven to nine-pound Smithfield Easy Karv Ham, rind removed
- Whole cloves
- 1 pound dark-brown sugar
- 1 twelve-ounce can Coca-Cola
- 1 fourteen-ounce can pineapple rings, drained and juice reserved
- 1 cup sweet Concord grape wine, like Manishevitz
- 10 to 12 maraschino cherries
- Fresh bay leaves, for garnish



1. Preheat oven to 325°. Using a sharp knife, score surface of ham crosswise and lengthwise, forming a crosshatch pattern about 1/4 inch deep and 1 inch apart. Place a clove in the center of each square.
2. Place ham, fat side up, in a double-layer disposable aluminum roasting pan. Pat brown sugar onto the surface of the ham (expect some sugar to fall into the roasting pan). Transfer to oven, and bake until brown sugar just begins to melt, about 30 minutes.
3. Remove ham from oven. Pour Coca-Cola over ham, letting it mix with the melted sugar in the bottom of the pan. Baste ham with sugar mixture. Return ham to oven, and bake for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, combine 1 cup reserved pineapple juice and the wine in a small bowl. Baste ham with pineapple mixture. Bake ham for a total of 16 minutes per pound, basting every 20 minutes with the juices in the bottom of the pan. During the last 20 minutes of baking time, decorate ham with pineapple rings. Use two to three toothpicks to hold each ring in place. Center a cherry in the center of each ring, and adhere with a toothpick.
4. Transfer ham to a platter, removing all toothpicks. Garnish ham with fresh bay leaves. Serve.

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**Ages: 4-6 will *FOLLOW* at 10:50am
(Eggs will be restocked for the second wave!)**

Remember:

The Boy Scouts are Cooking Pancakes from 8:30 to 10:30 !!!

