



# Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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## Around Milwood

**RCNA Board Elections** Thursday October 19 , at 7pm, Rattan Creek Park pavilion, nearest playscape In case of bad weather, a sign will be posted as to the indoor location of the meeting.

**Neighborhood Garage Sale** Oct 21 8:00am-1:00pm.

**Neighborhood Watch** meeting Thursday, October 26, 7pm at Rattan Creek Park pavilion, nearest playscape.

**Neighborhood Cleanup** - Oct 28 & 29.

**Attention Tennis Players:** The tennis courts will be re-keyed November 1st for the Winter tennis season. You must sign up for the winter season to be able to use the courts. See page 15 for the application form.

**North Austin MUD 1 2006 Tax Rates and Service Rate Changes:** The tax rate has been set for 2006 for North Austin MUD 1. New service fees have also been adopted. For more information, please see page 20.

**Fire at Rattan Creek Pool Bath House:**

On August 3, 2006 the Rattan Creek pool house was deliberately burned. For more information on the pool status, please go to page 19.

## Reward

is offered by North Austin MUD 1 and the Hurricane Swim Team of \$1500 for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible.

If you have any information, please call Gary Spoons, NA MUD 1 manager at ECO Resources, 219-2268.

## EVENTS

### October

- Oct 2 Yom Kippur
- Oct 9 RRISD Staff Develop. Day
- Oct 9 Columbus Day (Observed)
- Oct 18 MUD Meeting, 6pm  
9511 RR 620 North
- Oct 19 RCNA Meeting, 7pm  
RCNA Board Elections  
Rattan Creek Park
- Oct 21 Neighborhood Wide  
Garage Sale
- Oct 26 Neighborhood Watch,  
Meeting-7pm (pavilion by  
Playscape) Rattan Creek Park
- Oct 28/29 Neighborhood Cleanup
- Oct 29 Time Change - Fall Back
- Oct 31 Halloween

### November

- Nov 5 Newsletter Ad Deadline
- Nov 7 Election Day
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 15 MUD Meeting, 6pm  
9511 RR 620 North
- Nov 16 RCNA Meeting, 7pm  
Rattan Creek Park
- Nov 18 Williamson County  
Hazardous Waste Disposal -pg 26
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day

### December

- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 15 RRISD out
- Dec 17 Caroling In The Park  
6:00pm Carol around Bon Fire  
6:30pm Santa Arrives
- Dec 20 MUD Meeting, 6pm  
9511 RR 620 North
- Dec 21 RCNA Meeting, 7pm  
Rattan Creek Park

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**Architectural Control Committee Information:**

The ACC function handled by the builder/developer for years has been turned over the RCNA.

Any submissions for ACC approval will need to be sent to:

**RCNA-ACC**

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For more information, please see inside on page 23.

Or contact Chuck Simms for more specific information needed via email: [RCNAACCVS@aol.com](mailto:RCNAACCVS@aol.com).

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Thanks to Wara Pawawongsak, Grace Ferrell, and Diane & Marshall Tanner for volunteering to be block captains.

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

**Volunteers Needed:**

For the Teen Ads & the Classified Ads.

Beginning immediately. Please contact Jo at 335-1805 or email at [jrjones@austin.rr.com](mailto:jrjones@austin.rr.com).

## President's Notes

Howdy Rattan Creek Neighbors and friends. A huge amount of events has happen in our Neighborhood since I last wrote the Presidents Notes, some good some really bad.

I'll start with Rattan Fest. I think it went extremely good! The inflatable Moonwalk and Slide were a **BIG** hit with the kids, as was the face and hair painting. The Boy Scouts did a great job with breakfast as always, I enjoyed it very much and if you haven't ate it in the past I encourage you to try it next year. I tried to give blood but was not eligible, another thing I encourage everyone to try to do next year. The 5k run went very well and was a super event, make sure you thank the Browns for do it when you see them. A huge thanks to Jo for putting up all the signs and Brian for getting all the signs. And of course thank Dallas and all her helpers for putting Rattan Fest together without all of these neighbors it would happen.

I want to discuss now some of the negative things that have been going on. First of course is the fire that burned out the pool house and closed our awesome pool for the summer. This was a horrible event that you never want to think would happen in **OUR** neighborhood, but it did. I have heard some talk

of people saying it's time to move, but if you were there for the MUD meeting at the park on Aug 9<sup>th</sup> you heard Lt. Gleason say that crime is happening everywhere, so moving is not the answer! What is the answer you ask? **Get involved.** We are starting a Neighborhood Watch and we need you! The police cannot be everywhere so we need to be their eyes and ears. Please do not confront others just gather information to pass it on to the Sheriff Deputies. There is more information in this Newsletter on the Neighborhood Watch please join us. If you do not have the time at least join the RCNA or make a contribution to help us fight crime. The fire has also produced a lot of positives as well. The MUD board was able to not only open the Springwoods Pool to Rattan Creek pool members but also extend the hours at that pool. This was great for our families and it kept the lifeguards employed as well. The MUD has been working long hard hours after the fire to get our park up and running again and to make improvements on top of that. Look to the MUD news further back in this newsletter for more information. Thank you MUD board. John K. Kennedy reminds us: The Chinese word for crisis contains the symbol for opportunity. The fire has brought some of the neighbors to action and that is a good thing, we still need more, we need you.

Your RCNA has been working hard not only on the post fire events we have also recently become a Non-profit Corporation. This has taken time and effort. We went about this in a very thorough yet frugal manor. Barry Silverberg at the Austin Community College Center for Community-Based and Nonprofit Organizations, set up our charter. Thank you Barry.

We have our neighborhood Garage Sale and Clean-up coming up this month and if your anything like my family, we have some work to do. I hope to see all of you at our Neighbor Watch meeting or our regular RCNA meeting on the third Thursday of every month.

Be Safe, John Lenz, RCNA President

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# Around Rattan Creek

## New Neighbors and Babies:

### New Neighbors:

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 Tony Bonacci at 13315 Black Canyon  
 Anna & Brian Milton at 13412 Moscow Trail  
 Susie & Philip McCobb at 13300 Montaque Cove  
**Welcome to the Neighborhood!**



### New Babies

Amelia Linda Saenz born on May 11, 2006  
 to proud parents Linda and Michael Saenz.  
**Congratulations!**



*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 Kathleen Edwards at 350-2649, Or email to her at austinredkat@yahoo.com*

## Milwood Parent Activities

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

- New playgroup for babies/toddlers born between September 2005 – August 2006. Contact Kerry Crowe at 250-8945 or kerrycrowe@yahoo.com.
- Playgroup for babies (and their Moms) with birth dates from around July/August 2003 to 2004: Call Lori Poppe at 258-1952 or e-mail at loripoppe@yahoo.com.
- Playgroup for children with birth dates in Fall 1996 and Spring/Summer of 1997: Call Candance Kreiling at 331-9773
- Stroller-walking group. We meet at the Rattan Creek Park on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30. If you are interested, call Dallas at 257-3494
- 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.
- 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. Please call Susan Morrow at 257-2737 or e-mail me at smorrow@wordsarewe.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 starting a Bunco group? Contact Jennifer at 257-9383 or jenjacoby@hotmail.com to have your message posted.

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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 pot in a nursery. They must be watered well (10

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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 drive-ways. 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

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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 show 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 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

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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

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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 possehawl 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.

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We are also community education department. We go to schools, day cares, businesses, scout troops or any other group that requests us and help educate them on fire safety. The best thing we can do is prevent a fire from happening and we do that by teaching you to be safe. Starting this year, we will also be going to all of the elementary schools and other businesses in the area and teaching fire

safety to the students using our new Fire Safety House. This is a trailer that helps us teach home fire safety and what to do in an emergency.

When we're not running calls or educating the community, we are out doing inspections to hopefully help prevent fires and to be prepared if one does occur. We inspect all of the schools, day cares, foster homes, and businesses in the area. We also inspect all of the fire hydrants to make sure they will work if we need them.

We always try our best to be out in the community as much as possible, just so you know we are there if you ever need us. If you see us driving around in one of the big, red trucks, give us a wave. And, if you happen to be passing by one of our two stations (9218 Anderson Mill Rd & 12507 Mellow Meadow Dr), feel free to stop by and ask questions or just take up-close look at the station and trucks.

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# Neighborhood Watch Program Starts!

Milwood will be starting a Neighborhood Crime Watch program! What is involved in the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program? Neighbors are asked to be the eyes and ears of the community. The program works under two principles. Neighbors getting to know and watch out for each other and watching out for each others property as though it were their own.

The prevention of crime in our community is a shared responsibility between law enforcement and private citizens. No number of officers or squad cars can completely combat the problem alone.

**We need you,**  
**the neighbors of Milwood,**  
**to get this program off the ground!**

**Meeting: Thurs October 26 at 7pm,**  
**Rattan Creek Park**  
**(at the Pavillion nearest the playscape)**

**Bad Weather : 13201 Kepler Cove.**

What are some Facts about Neighborhood Watch Programs?

1. *Working programs reduce crime as much as 80%.* Criminals have said that the Neighborhood Watch programs scare them into other neighborhoods.
2. Neighborhood Watch takes very little of your time. All you need to do is watch what is going on, report suspicious activity that you see in your area, and attend any neighborhood meetings.
3. Our Neighborhood Watch program belongs to our area. The police will help to start Milwood a program and after that, it belongs to us. The police will assist, but we will be the voice in our program.

As of date we have 30 members. We have over 2500 homes in Milwood. We need more community involvement for this program to work. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail your information to [watch@rattancreek.org](mailto:watch@rattancreek.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

Neighborhood Watch Committee,  
 Michael & Dallas Hall 257-3494



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Recipe Corner By Natasha Randall

**Pumpkin Bread**

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 cup packed brown sugar  
or (½ cup honey & ½ cup applesauce)
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. ground ginger
- ½ tsp. ground nutmeg
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. baking soda
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- ½ cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 c. shortening
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup raisins

In large mixing bowl combine 1 c. flour, brown sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, salt, baking soda, nutmeg, and ginger. Add pumpkin, milk, eggs, & shortening. Beat with electric mixer on low speed until blended. Beat on medium to high speed for 2 minutes. Add the 1 cup flour; beat till blended. Fold in walnuts and raisins.

Spoon batter into a greased 9x5x3” loaf pan. Bake at 350° for 60 to 65 minutes or until a wooden toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 10 min. Remove from pan and cool completely. Wrap and store overnight. Makes 1 loaf.

**Tuna Casserole**



- 2 cans tuna drained
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cheese divided
- 2 Tbsp taco seasoning
- ½ 8oz can of basil and oregano flavored tomato sauce

- Combine tuna, egg, ½ cup cheese, and taco seasoning in a bowl.
- Mix well and place in a greased 9” square pan.
- Cover with tomato sauce and top with cheese.
- Bake @ 350° for 20 min.

Makes 3-4 servings

If you would like to submit a recipe for the RCNA Recipe corner, please send it to Natasha Randall at [arandall5@austin.rr.com](mailto:arandall5@austin.rr.com).



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- 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)
- The Tennis Courts will be under a professional management service. **Please watch the North Austin website for more information.** Tennis court keys will be issued on a Summer or Winter season basis. New keys will be issued at the beginning of each season. Guest fees will apply. **Only ONE key can be issued per household.** Replacement fee for lost or stolen keys will be the same as a new key.
- ID Badges, pool or tennis 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](http://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 2006 WINTER SESSION**

NAMUD #1 Water Bill Account No. _____ Home Telephone No. _____	
<b>(Application will be considered incomplete without account number)</b>	
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.*

<b>Applicant Signature:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> ____/____/____
<b>(APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE WITHOUT SIGNATURE)</b>	
<b>TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN APPLICATION IS PROCESSED VIA EMAIL, PLEASE PROVIDE ADDRESS BELOW:</b>	

**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**

<b>2006 Winter Fees:</b>	<b>Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool</b>		
Quantity	<b>Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.</b>		
_____ Winter In-District Badge	@ \$20 per badge		\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Winter Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household		\$ _____
_____ Additional Out-of-District Winter Badge	@ \$20 each additional badge		\$ _____
_____ Winter Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)		\$ _____
_____ 10 Winter Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15		\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court Key Winter (In-District Only) <small>(KEY IS ONLY VALID THROUGH April 2007)</small>	@ \$25 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)		\$ _____
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only) <small>(RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)</small>	@ \$25 per household		\$ _____
	<b>Total</b>		\$ _____
<b>WINTER BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 04/30/07 ANNUAL VALID THRU 04/30/07</b>			
Mail or Deliver to ECO Resources, 9511 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, Texas 78726			

# North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 Rattan Creek Pool Summer Schedule 2006

**All summer and winter tag swimmers can use the pool during October.**

Note: Pool is open to all 2006  
Summer tag holders thru October



## October 2006

Oct 1-31: Mon, Wed & Fri:  
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00  
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm  
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

**Oct 9: Open Swim: Noon - 8:00 pm**

**McNeil High School Swim team 6 am-8:30 am**

## November 2006

Nov 1-30: Mon, Wed & Fri:  
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00  
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm  
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

**Open Swim: Nov 22,24,25 26: Noon - 8:00 pm**  
**Closed Nov 23 - Thanksgiving Day!**

**McNeil High School Swim team 6 am-8:30 am**

## December 2006

Dec 1-14: Mon, Wed & Fri:  
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00  
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm  
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

**Open Swim: Dec 15-31: Noon - 8:00 pm**  
**Pool Closed Dec 25 - Christmas Day!**

**McNeil High School Swim team 6 am-8:30 am**

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

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

**Clearwater Management  
Phone - 331-7066**

## January 2007

**Jan 1 : Pool Closed**

**Jan 2, 3, & 15: Open Swim**  
**Noon - 8:00 pm**

January 1-31: Mon, Wed & Fri:  
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00  
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm  
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

## February 2007

**Feb 1-16:** Mon, Wed & Fri:  
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00  
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm  
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

**Pool Closed for Maintenance:**  
**February 17 - March 2**

## March 2007

March 3-31: Mon, Wed & Fri:  
12:00-1:30 & 4:30-8:00  
Sat: Noon - 8:00 pm  
Sun: Noon - 8:00 pm

March 12-16 Open Swim: 12:00 noon to 8:00pm

**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

**RATTAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

**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.
13. Coaching activities, other than by parent/guardian, are prohibited except as provided by Pool Manager, McNeil High School or the Hurricane Swim Team.

**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  
& 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 Court Rules:**

( In District Members Only)

1. Tennis court hours 7:00 am – 10:00 pm.
2. All players must sign in on court reservation sheet before beginning play.
3. Guest fees are \$5 per guest and are to be paid before beginning play. Checks only, No cash will be accepted. Guest fees are to be paid at pool.
4. A member may have maximum of 3 guests at one time on the court; guest fees will apply. A member must be present on court with their guests.
5. All tennis court reservations will be handled through the tennis management. Tennis court reservations may be made up to 3 days in advance. Please call the Tennis Office to make a reservation at 219-9577.
6. Reservations need to be made at least 24 hours prior to playing in order to be guaranteed. Same day reservations will be treated as walk-on reservations.
7. Members have 15 minutes to make their reservation before the court will be declared open.
8. Walk-on play will be monitored by tennis office and members will be asked to sign in before playing. Singles play will be limited to 1 ½ hours and doubles 2 hours. Walk-on players are not guaranteed court availability.
9. Special tennis activities such as league play and park tennis socials will be scheduled through tennis management.
10. A member may reserve no more than one am and one pm reservation per day.
11. Proper tennis attire should be worn at all times. The shirt rule will be enforced.
12. Tennis courts for tennis play only. No Soccer tennis.
13. No glass containers or alcoholic beverages permitted on the courts.
14. No offensive language or offensive/dangerous conduct will be permitted.
15. Application and payment for court keys **MUST** be submitted to ECO Resources. Picture and key to be picked up at tennis office located at the pool. Absolutely no applications will be taken at pool. Guest fees are to be paid at pool. \* **All household members using the courts will need a photo taken (at the pool).**
16. No unauthorized tennis lessons allowed. Please see tennis management.
17. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, or motorized vehicles allowed on courts.

Rattan Creek Park is a private park and the tennis courts of Rattan Creek Park are for the use of residents of North Austin MUD #1 and their guests. The resident must be present at all times when court is in use. Violators are subject to removal, privileges revoked and possible prosecution.

**Questions or Problems  
at the Tennis Courts:**

**Contact the Tennis Coordinator  
at 219-9577**

**Sport Court Rules:**

Court Hours: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

No glass containers.

1. No alcoholic beverages inside court area.
2. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, skates or motorized vehicles are allowed on the courts.
4. No dangerous or offensive conduct or offensive language will be allowed.
5. Time limit of 60 minutes is observed when others are waiting.

*The resident must be present at all times when the court is in use.*

**Violators are subject to removal,  
privileges revoked  
and possible prosecution.**

**North Austin MUD # 1  
District Manager: ECO Resources**

**Private Park for use of residents of North Austin  
MUD #1 and their invited guests.**

**Rules For Use of District's Parks /Greenbelts**

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



**Rattan Creek Pool Update:**



On the morning of August 3, 2006, a call was made to 911 that a fire had broken out at the Rattan Creek Pool in NW Austin. Jollyville fire department responded to the call. When they arrived 3 sides of the Pool bath house building were engulfed.

After working on the fire for a short time, the blaze was brought under control. Investigation into the cause of the fire revealed that the fire had been intentionally set to cover up a burglary.

Extensive damage to the building has been sustained. Investigations are still under way. The building had to be demolished due to the damage. The electrical power has been restored to the pool and park.

Not only did this senseless act destroy the building, but the Hurricane swim team lost most of their belongings to the fire as well.

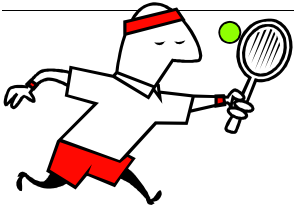
To get a place for our residents to be able to finish out the summer at a pool, the North Austin MUD 1 arranged with Springwoods MUD, with the help of Bill Burke of Clearwater Management, to allow us to use their pool until we got ours back up and running. *We would like to thank Springwoods MUD and their residents for being so gracious and understanding.*

**Progress:** We are now back open to swimmers at Rattan Creek Pool, with the use of portable buildings. The pool is now open on the winter pool schedule. **The Directors of North Austin MUD 1 have agreed to open the pool to residents with 2006 summer tags, until the end of October, during the regular winter hours.**

**Teen Night:** Since 1 teen night was cancelled due to the fire, there will also be a teen night scheduled. Please check at the pool for more information.

**Reward:**

**The Directors of North Austin Mud 1 and the Hurricane Swim Team have joined together to offer a reward of \$1500 for a tip leading to the arrest and prosecution of these individuals. If you have any information, please call Gary Spoons, North Austin MUD 1 manager at 219-2268.**



## Attn: Tennis Players

November 1 keys to the tennis courts will be changed for the Winter playing season.

Be sure to sign up for the new winter season. See page 15.

### 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.

### Tax Rate and Service Rate Changes

#### Tax Rate:

North Austin MUD 1 has set the Tax Rate for 2006 year. The tax rate will remain the same at \$ .45 per \$100 valuation.

Based on the average home value of \$ 159,342, for our area, according to Williamson County Appraisal District, the average homeowner would see an increase in their tax bill of \$30.82 for the year.

#### Service Fees:

The North Austin MUD 1 has also adopted the following rates:

Water Base Fee: \$6.00/initial 1,000 gal

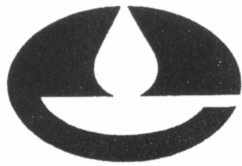
\$2.80/1,000 gal thereafter

Sewer Base Fee:\$6.00/initial 1,000gal water used

\$4.05/1,000gal water used thereafter

Garbage Collection: \$ 10.00 per household

The increased charges are based on the increases charged direct from the supplier and passed on to the resident. These rates go into effect October 2006.



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Website: [www.northaustinmud1.org](http://www.northaustinmud1.org)

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

**Ambulance** 9 - 1 - 1

**Fire:** Jollyville Fire Department  
**Emergency** 9 - 1 - 1  
 Administrative 258-1038

**Sheriff: Emergency** 9 - 1 - 1  
 Williamson County  
 Non-Emergency 943-1300  
 Travis County  
 Non-Emergency 974-0845

**Crime Stoppers** 1-800-253-STOP

**County Commissioner**  
 Williamson, Precinct 1  
 Lisa Birkman 733-5380  
 Travis, Precinct 2 854-9222

**Dept of Homeland Security** 1-800-BEREDY

**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  
 Texas Gas Service 1-800-700-2443  
 Water/Wastewater: NA MUD #1  
 Eco Resources 335-7580  
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## New address for Architectural Control Committee:

The Milburn and DR Horton companies have transferred the Architectural Control Committee responsibilities to the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association Architectural Control Committee. Committee Members Chuck Simms, Michelle Dent, and Steven Wiehe are preparing the information and application forms for all structural improvements projects proposed by homeowners. This information will be on the RCNA and the NAMUD#1 web sites shortly. This ACC function was established to protect the property values of all the homes in North Austin Municipal District #1. To get a copy of Deed Restrictions for your section, see the article in this newsletter.

Chuck Simms will handle all the intake of the ACC submissions; you can contact him by e-mail at [RCNAACCVS@aol.com](mailto:RCNAACCVS@aol.com) for copies of the forms until the web sites contain the data. When sending correspondence, please provide your *Name, Address, Subdivision Section Number, Phone Number, and a short description of your proposed*

*project.*

If you do not have email and/or wish to get the information via conventional mail, please send the information requested above as well to:

**RCNA-ACC  
6001 W. Parmer Ln. Ste. 370 PMB 182  
Austin, TX, 78727**

(This is the Post Net at HEB Shopping Center)

Note that projects can be stopped and if you proceed without approval, owners can be subject to restrictive covenants violation remedies and/or sued by your neighbors, if you violate the Restrictions and do not have written approval by the Architectural Control Committee.

RCNA website:

**[www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org)**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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by using paypal.**

## Pond Springs Elementary Fall Festival

Saturday  
October 21<sup>st</sup>  
11:00 – 3:00



The entire Community is welcome to join us for lunch and games like Cow Roping, Cactus Ring, Moon walks, Lollipop Tree, Petting Zoo and a Cake Walk.

Tickets will be sold at the door.  
7825 Elkhorn Mountain Trail  
For more information call -  
Dori Eversmann, 331-4759

### Rattan Fest Thank You's

Thank you so much for making the day go so well. From the 5k to the baked goods. You guys are amazing!!! Kelly Buczek, thank your husband for manning the RCNA desk. Thank you Brian for filling in when I really needed you!

Thank you Cally, Ashok, Karen M, Katrina, Amy and Leslie for maning the corners. Thank you Karen R, Heidi, Ben H, Sharon H and others for running the race with the girls and making sure they made it where they needed to go.

A big thank you to Evalyn Hodges and Angie Brown for organizing the 5k. All I had was positive feed back.."the best run yet for Rattan Fest". Thanks also for the great experience you have given twenty-eight girls. (And a lot of parents)

Thank you to Trish C, Sharon H, the Lentz family, Evalyn H, Jennifer Cazares, Terry A, Amy H, Heidi P, Janet M and many more for donating the baked goods.

Thank you to Jo Jones for donating almost all the prizes for the tic-tac-toe game!

I could go on and on...but I'll stop. I'm sure there are people I have forgotten, but your kindness is not forgotten. It was a great day and all of you made it possible.

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**Let's Talk Trash!**

In the two years that I have had the honor to serve the citizens of Williamson County, one of the most difficult roles I have taken on is serving on the committee which is working to improve the county's landfill and our contract with its operator, Waste Management. Quite frankly, there is really nothing good that can be said about any landfill. No one really thinks much about them unless you happen to live near one or you have to dispose of a load of trash. Most folks in the county have residential trash collection and rarely visit the landfill. Counties in Texas are required to either provide a landfill or contract with a provider. The commissioner's court opened the current landfill outside of Hutto in 1985 when the population of that town was only around 600. Now, nearly 20 years later, we are asking the state for permission to enlarge the landfill to accommodate the 100% population growth over the past ten years and its expected continuation. Unfortunately, now Hutto has approximately 13,500 people and some of them do not want to live near a landfill, which is understandable. But, moving it elsewhere would be difficult and expensive.

Over the past months, I have begun to study the numbers involved in the landfill. The county's current population is estimated at approximately 320,000. According to a 2005 Capital Area Council of Government (CAPCOG) study, each person on average in our region generates an astounding 8 pounds of trash per day! By doing the math, that means here in Williamson County we generate 2,560,000 pounds or

1,280 tons each and every day. Extend that out over a year and we generate on average 467,200 tons a year just with our current population. When opponents of the landfill expansion call it "Mount Hutto," they have a point -- 467,200 tons of trash a year makes quite a large pile of trash, no matter how you compact it. Of course, not all of the county's trash goes to the Hutto landfill currently, but how much will be taken there in the future is hard to predict.

The only way we have to mitigate all of this is to reduce the amount of trash we generate. CAPCOG commissioned a report recently on how to minimize the amount of waste that goes to all of the landfills in the region. According to the report, construction and demolition (C & D) waste from buildings comprise about 23% and yard waste is approximately 20%. There are opportunities to reduce these amounts. For example, some area governments have offered incentives to builders that reduce C & D waste by encouraging reuse of items, onsite grinding of certain materials and so forth. Another opportunity for waste reduction comes from your yard such as brush, grass clippings and tree trimmings. This waste can be made into mulch or compost. The Williamson County Landfill accepts clean brush and makes it into mulch for a fee of \$4.50/cubic yard. Citizens can pick up the free mulch at the adjacent Williamson County Recycling Center, located off of F.M. 1660. The recycling center accepts scrap metal, cardboard, newspapers, phonebooks, magazines, aluminum cans, computers, used oil, plastic, appliances with the Freon removed,

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13119 Green River Trail Austin, Tx 78729  
or email: [jrjones@austin.rr.com](mailto:jrjones@austin.rr.com)

**MaryKay** – Julia Hall 257-1067, 905-4444.  
Milwood resident discount. [juliah@marykay.com](mailto:juliah@marykay.com)  
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**November 4th - 9:00 am until 4:00 pm**  
"Home for the Holidays" 3rd Annual Arts & Crafts Show at McNeil High School. Admission free. Come do your holiday shopping! Support the McNeil Majestics! Thank you. (11/06)

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**Andrew Moses-14 and Ryan McCluskey-14**  
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## Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

The following is information on how to dispose of any household hazardous waste that you might have stored in the garage or backyard shed. This is a **FREE** community service being provided by Williamson County and is a great way to protect yourself and your family from accidental exposure to dangerous chemicals. The other good thing about this project is that it prevents these chemicals from ending up in local landfills where they can pollute our water supply.

Williamson County has contracted with Philip Reclamation Services Houston, Inc (PSC) to manage a half-day county-wide household hazardous waste collection.

**Sat, Nov 18, 2006, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
Williamson County Central Maintenance Facility  
**3151 S.E. Inner Loop, Georgetown,**  
just south of Highway 29.

### Free event for Williamson county residents.

PSC is dedicated to managing all materials collected at the event with a "reuse or recycle" first attitude. Many items can be beneficially reused or recycled, and with PSC's background in recycling worldwide, they can offer outlets to manage most materials in the most environmentally sound way possible. Their experience makes them a valuable partner for Williamson County in this collection.

Household hazardous waste items accepted will include the following: insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers with herbicides,

paint, paint thinners, solvents, swimming pool chemicals, mercury containing items, photographic chemicals and florescent bulbs. This is a household collection so no commercial/industrial/agricultural hazardous waste will be accepted.

Williamson County Precinct 4 Commissioner Frankie Limmer and his staff of Pete Correa, executive assistant, and Dorothy Fischer, administrative aide, are the managers of this event for Williamson County. The last collection was in 2004 and approximately 600 households participated. Please call Pete or Dorothy if you have any questions, at 512-352-4111 or 238-4110 or e-mail questions to [flimmer@wilco.org](mailto:flimmer@wilco.org).

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and cell phones for charity. The center's current hours are Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sat. from 8 a.m. until noon and is open to all citizens. This center is a great start, and I pledge to work to improve recycling and reuse efforts at the county level.

Nobody wants a landfill, but unless we can each work to reduce the amount of trash we generate, the mountains of trash in our area will only continue to grow.

If you would like to contact me on this or any other county issue, I can be reached at [lbirkman@wilco.org](mailto:lbirkman@wilco.org) or 733.5380 or visit our website, [www.wilco.org](http://www.wilco.org).

Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman



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## ***RATTAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE***

**Saturday October 21**

**(8:00 am– 1:00 pm)**

### **Garage Sale**

- The RCNA runs ads for a neighborhood wide Garage Sale (**Saturday Only**), giving the boundaries of our neighborhood and the time of the neighborhood wide garage sale.
- The RCNA has 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!

## **Rattan Creek Neighborhood Neighborhood Clean-up**

**October 28 & October 29**

**(Time Change Weekend)**

**at the Tamayo Bridge**



The MUD district arranges with the disposal company to start bringing dumpsters to the area by the Tamayo bridge on Friday the October 27. The rules are simple:

- ***You can not start dumping until after the boy scouts have setup camp - usually about 5pm on Friday.***
- **The last dumpster delivery/haul off is at 1pm on Saturday. The dump closes at 2pm on Saturday.**
- **Therefore once the dumpsters are full - that's it, the clean up is over!**  
*Please do not bully or bad mouth the Boy Scouts, they have no more space to take your trash.*
- ***Bring a copy of your water (MUD) bill to show that you do actually belong in the neighborhood.***

The Boy Scouts man the dumpsters, as part of their community service. Please remember to be courteous to our Boy Scouts, as they are doing us a favor in directing this event.

***\*Remember once the dumpsters are full - That's it!!***

**All day Sat & up to 3pm Sun - Limbs and brush  
will be directed to a separate chipper site.**

**No hazardous materials will be allowed**

**This includes old motor oil!**

**This clean up is for the residents of North Austin MUD #1-  
You must present your water (MUD) bill for identification.**

**\*\* The Boy Scouts will be directing the drop offs.**