



# Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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## Around Milwood

**Attention Graduating Seniors!** It is not too late to apply for the Rattan Creek Scholarship. Requirements have changed, community service is required! There is still time to get your hours with the RCNA! (see page 25)

**Neighborhood Watch Meetings:** Held on the 1st Wednesday of each month 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. at the Claremont Retirement Center (12463 Los Indios Trail).

**Suspicious Activities:** Call 911 if an emergency or if a non-emergency call 943-1389. You can also reach Lt. Mike Gleason via email at [mgleason@wilco.org](mailto:mgleason@wilco.org).

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

**When:** Saturday, April 7th

**Time:** 8:30 – 10:30 am

**Where:** Rattan Creek Park



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## Hurricane Swim Team Registration

**Fri, Apr 13 6-8 pm - YMCA on McNeil**

**Sat, Apr 14 9:30am-12:00pm - Rattan Creek Pavilion (by the playscape)**

*All families need to bring at least 2 checks, calendar for volunteer sign-up & information regarding their child's Doctor & contact #.*

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## EVENTS

### April

- Apr 4 Neighborhood Watch 6:30-8pm @Claremont
- Apr 7 **Easter Egg Hunt** at Rattan Creek Park 
- Apr 8 Easter Sunday
- Apr 13 Hurricane Swim Team 6-8pm @ YMCA
- Apr 14 Hurricane Swim Team 9:30am-12 @ Rattan Creek
- Apr 14 Neighborhood Garage Sale
- Apr 18 MUD Meeting, 6pm 9511 RR 620 North
- Apr 19 RCNA Meeting, 7pm Pavilion by playscape
- Apr 21,22 Neighborhood Clean Up

### May

- May 2 Neighborhood Watch 6:30-8pm @Claremont
- May12 RCNA "**Members Only**" Pool Party 12-5pm
- May 16 MUD Meeting, 6pm 9511 RR 620 North
- May 17 RCNA Meeting, 7pm Pavilion by playscape
- May 18 Hurricane Intersquad Meet 6pm - 9:30pm
- May 23 Schools Out
- May 31 Scholarship deadline

### June

- Jun 20 MUD Meeting, 6pm 9511 RR 620 North
- Jun 21 RCNA Meeting, 7pm Pavilion by playscape

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For more information, please see inside on page 26.

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## President's Notes

Howdy Rattan Creek neighbors and friends. I'm excited to write these President's notes! We have so much going on this time of year.

To start with, on May 7<sup>th</sup> we have our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Look at the Neighborhood Events Page to find out all the awesome details. This event like most others is handled by Dallas Hall and other volunteers, so if you see them, please give them big thanks.

While I'm on the subject of volunteering, I'd like to invite you to do the same. I have written in previous newsletters about it and your neighborhood still needs you! We have a number of people that go above and beyond to help make Rattan Creek a great place to live. I'd like to mention the MUD board. They have worked long hard hours since our pool house was torched. Look in the MUD News under NA MUD#1 Board of Directors to see the complete list. People like Chuck Simms and Jo Jones. Brian Kerman another outstanding citizen is pulling double duty as both the RCNA Treasurer and Membership Committee Head. Please come join us like Brandon Lester recently did. He is your new RCNA Secretary. Here is a neighbor that seized the day, per carpi diem. Brandon wanted to make a difference and has been putting his many skills to work for you. Thank you! I'd also like to thank the countless others who help out both with the RCNA and the neighborhood in general. There will be more outstanding citizens recognized in following newsletters.

Getting back to the events, we have our Neighborhood Garage Sale on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The Neighborhood Clean Up is on April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. I personally need to get rid of a bunch of old boards and other junk out of the back yard. I really like being able to pitch it here for free instead of a long haul and payment at a dump. What a great service. Following the clean up in May, we have our annual Members Only Pool Party. That is on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This event is my favorite!

The board has decided to make a few changes this year due to the current pool facilities. Due to our limitations, we elected to go with an easier food to serve and eat. One that doesn't require as much preparation and clean up, that being **pizza!** Don't worry we are still going to have the water, door prizes and your favorite beverages. Next year we will be back to a full meal. The Pool Party is for "**Members Only**" so be sure to join. If you forget you can join at the door and this event alone could pay for your households membership.

One last subject that I don't like to bring up but know there is a need. Please monitor your speed in the neighborhood streets. I have noticed that there is an increase number of folks driving well above the speed limit! I know it isn't easy. I find myself creeping over the limit. Please slow it down. Take it from a Firefighter; an Auto Pedestrian Collision is not something anybody wants to be involved in. See you around the neighborhood and please be safe.

John Lenz,  
RCNA President

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# Around Rattan Creek

## New Neighbors and Babies:

### New Neighbors:

John and Courtney and Ryan  
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### New Babies

**Anne Jacqueline Henke** -born Jan. 15, 2007, 8lb. 1 oz. 20 in. to happy parents, Matt and Lisa Henke, joins siblings Kyle, Kate, Blake, Mark, and Luke.



**Gwynned Bonne Schunder** -born March 4, 2007 to happy parents Paul and Ingrid Schunder.

### 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*

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## Milwood Parent Activities

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- 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.
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## 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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**Spring Gardening – It’s planting time!**

**Gardening in April:** Plant some perennials for summer color for years to come. In partial shade, plant Texas Gold yellow columbine in well-prepared soil and they will bloom all summer and provide light-colored foliage all winter. They may freeze if you do not cover them on those 3 freezing nights. The beautiful yellow shooting star appears above the foliage in March and April. The migrating hummingbirds find it when they arrive in the spring. The attractive light green foliage makes a good ground cover under deciduous trees and oak trees with high crowns. On ideal sites the columbines re-seed and spread. The Blazing Star is a new selection that has red in the bloom just like our local species.

The low growing oxalis has shamrock-looking leaves with small white flowers and also will survive our winters and come back every year. The Bearded iris also makes an excellent groundcover. Plant them in full sun for blooms in March, April, or May depending on the selection. Buy the rhizomes boxed or growing in containers. The blooms come in white, yellow blues, maroons and

bicolors. Iris rhizomes must be planted so the top of the rhizome emerges from the soil. They may rot if planted too deep or under deep mulches. Irises are Xeriscape plants that even without mulch will prosper in our heavy dry soil. For best results, thin out iris rhizomes every three or four years.

Daylilies bloom in early summer after irises and have attractive sword-like foliage that is less stiff than iris. In full sun or part shade they make a good groundcover.

There are a number of blue flowered salvias that the hummingbirds and butterflies love. The blue salvias require full sun to bloom well. The Indigo Spires blooms well and grows to four feet in good soil. If you can find Salvia guaranitica, it has a spectacular blue-purple bloom. Sages grow well in full sun with Mexican Bush sage and the Mealy Blue sage reaching 30 inches tall and as wide. Another blue flowered plant is plumbago which reach three feet tall with clusters of vinca-sized light blue blooms for the butterflies when grown in morning sun or dappled shade. Firebush tubular red blooms are a hummingbird favorite growing well

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in full sun and increasing in size each year after freezing back each winter.

**Shrubs which do well** in either sun or shade are the dwarf yaupon holly and the nandina (available in full size, compacta and dwarf sizes) and both have red berries all winter. I have had great luck also with some white begonias in large pots in the mostly sunny area in front of our house. Sun loving plants include the family of salvia Greggii, which can be white, pink and red, sometimes called the red tropical sage. Prune by a third in July and get another flush of color in the fall.

**And of course for a vine**, try the mostly sun loving coral honeysuckle which provides nectar for the hummingbirds from April until late fall. A good climbing plant but not destructive like the English ivy with its attaching tendrils.

**Look over the grasses** at the nurseries also. Some only get to 12 inches and make nice accent plants with interesting texture and color. For partial shade groundcover, I have a lot of Inland Sea Oats that spreads from the flag looking seeds but is not too aggressive. Pretty green grass all summer, grows to 18 inches at most and has pretty dry stalks

with seed flags all winter. If you have some large areas, check out the other tall grasses which are easy to grow and with minimum maintenance.

**Fire ant control** Logic or Award may be available at the farm stores. If so, spread when the dew has dried, soil temperature is above 60 degrees, and it is 2 to 3 hours before the rain. Within a week or two, the growth regulator will start reducing the ants in the mound and the worried workers try to start new mounds. Sprinkle Logic everywhere except within 4 feet of mounds. These principles apply to any insecticide, the idea is to spread it when the bugs are active and foraging for food and will pick it up and take it down to the queen. For fast control of fire ant mounds where you walk or play, sprinkle 2 teaspoonfuls of Orthene powder on each mound. It smells bad so the cats, dogs, and kids will leave it alone and it will kill that hill of ants.

**Water Be sure to water new** small plants especially well and soak new larger shrubs and trees well also. New plantings need water every day for a week, every 2-3 days for a month, and then weekly to twice a month during spring

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through fall if there is no rainfall. When they really start growing they NEED water and sparing it for the first 2 years is false economy. Replacing plants is expensive.

**Mulch to minimize water needs**, spread 3 to 4 inches of mulch in the beds under all flowers, shrubs and trees to cool the soil and hold in the moisture. I especially like cypress mulch because it is stringy and heavy and stays in place when watering. That pretty wood mulch not only looks good but it is helping your plants survive the heat. Note the way the trees, shrubs, and beds are mulched at the Rattan Creek Park, TexaScapes does an excellent job of mulching to keep the weeds away from plants and minimize water needs.

**Do Not buy sandy loam** or peat moss. Sandy or chocolate loam is fine clay which we have too much of already. **Buy a garden or yard mix** with a lot of composted organic matter and sand in it. Also, **do not buy peat moss** because it is very acidic and in our alkaline soil and alkaline water, peat moss decomposes very rapidly leaving large holes in the soil, exposing the roots to air and kill-

ing them. You can watch trees planted with a lot of peat moss wilt and die within 2 years.

**Composted material** is available in bulk or in bags. A common bagged compost is cotton burr hulls with the brand name Back to Earth (BTE) with a rainbow on the bag. Use it in planting amending the existing soil and as mulch around all plants to just outside the drip line to slowly feed and keep cool the roots of all plants and trees. And don't forget the fine Dillo Dirt that provides slow release of nitrogen and organic matter for our soils. Composted material is too strong to use only as soil to grow plants, use it for top dressing and mulch.

**Vines on trees??** I had another call on this the other day and vines growing up tree trunks (or houses) is not good. I had some great looking English ivy growing up a cedar elm tree, it looked great until some fungus got into it. The ivy all died and took many hours work to pull it out of the bark. It appeared to injure the bark also because the bugs hid from the birds and they burrowed under the bark creating a lot of problems. I have seen similar problems from Asiatic jasmine let to grow up trees that

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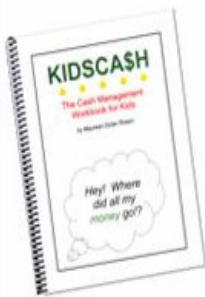
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eventually damaged the tree. So clip climbing vines off near the ground periodically, you will save a lot of time and maybe the life of the tree.

**Gardening in May: Watch for brown patch fungus in established St. Augustine lawns**, making an ever expanding circle of dead grass leaves and stems. If they are soft and mushy, it is the fungus. Treat with compost or a fungicide (liquid copper or Bordeaux mix) Brown patch fungus is in the earth all of the time but it multiplies and kills some of the grass roots when the temperature and humidity are just right. Late fall and early spring are the usual trouble times. It never goes away, just is subdued until next season so treat it lightly and be ready for next season again. Such is the way of life's small irritations, treat them when they appear and enjoy life the rest of the time.

**If your grass has dead patches**, it could be white grubs eating the roots. The white grubs are the larval stage of the May or June beetles (or Junebugs). The warm season grasses like Bermuda, zoysia, St. Augustine, and buffalo grass are attacked by the June beetles and southern masked

chafer. The damage shows in summer (that's why they are called Junebugs) and fall months when the larger c-shaped creamy white larva actively feed.

Damage shows as irregular shaped areas of weakened or dying grass where the grass lacks vigor and is vulnerable to invasion by weeds. Weakened grass has less root system and is easily pulled out. If you dig around in the soil a bit you will find the grubs in the top few inches of the soil in the root zone. Treatment is most effective when the grubs are 1/2 inch long or less. Treatment is most effective when applied after a rain or a thorough soaking of the turfgrass to force the grubs close to the surface to get air. Insecticides include Dursban, diazinin, merit and Oftanol.

**Check newly planted** roses, shrubs and trees if weather is windy, and refirm soil around roots, and check supports and ties. Remember to remove ties from rubbing on plants as soon as possible because any tie constricts flow of sap under the bark. And plants develop faster and with stronger trunks when not supported too long.

**Check for powdery mildew, black spot, or leaf spot** and treat with a commercial fungicide or

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2 table spoon full of baking soda and a few drops of kitchen detergent in a gallon of water. Rain will wash your treatment off, so repeat after every rain.

**Soak all plants including the lawn grass** deeply rather than sprinkle lightly when watering to force the water down deep so the roots will grow down to it develop deep strong root systems. Apply 1 inch of water at a time and most times of the year it will last for 5 to 7 days.

**Water trees** Water the entire area 1-1/2 times beyond the drip line to encourage roots to grow out where they will capture as much rainfall as possible. Water the area slowly until the water runs off. Wait 30 minutes and water again until the water stands or runs off. This process forces much of the air out of the soil that allows the water to go as deeply as possible. Remember tree roots on live oak trees ( and most others) are 8 inches deep or more and that is where the water must go to help the plant grow. If you want a large tree fast, water more often, it really makes a difference.

Fertilize blooming plants with compost, bone meal or spray with a mixture of liquid seaweed.

**Plant some annuals for summer color.** Plant Ageratum, Begonias, Caladiums, Celosia, Coleus, Dahlia, pansies, dianthus, Impatiens, marigolds (French and African) Petunias, Portulaca, Salvia, Verbena, vinca, or zinnia. Remember that the colorful plants usually require a lot of sun, they may not bloom at all or as well in full shade. And, if they are in pots in full sun, you must water daily in the heat of the summer. You can move them to partial shade or build an overhead shade, or of course plant a tree for shade.

**Some shade tolerant flowers include:** Iris, daylilies, hollyhocks, Turks cap, rosemary, oregano, thyme, mint sorrel, columbine, and parsley. Ground covers do well in partial to full shade so try English ivy, Lilorope, monkey (mondo) grass, Asiatic jasmine, or wild petunias (ruellas). There are many taller bunch grasses available now and some of them will do well in partial shade like the 18 inch tall inland sea oats. Some plants are low growing and some tall. Intersperse or build a backbone in your beds with shrubs like the dwarf crepe myrtle, oleanders and the red yucca, all will do OK in a lot of sun.

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Recipe Corner By Natasha Randall

Sausage and Spinach Quiche

- 1 (10 oz) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- ½ lb. bulk pork sausage cooked, crumbled, drained
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped or 1 tsp. garlic powder
- ½ cup onion, chopped
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked deep dish pie crust
- salt and pepper to taste

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
2. Place pie crust into a 9 inch pie dish.
3. In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Sauté garlic and onion in butter until lightly browned, about 5 minutes.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs and milk. Add the spinach, sausage, garlic, onions, and cheese. Stir until blended. Season with salt and pepper. Pour into prepared pie crust. Bake 50 minutes, until set in center.
5. Allow to stand 10 minutes before serving.

Deviled Eggs

- 12 eggs
- 5 Tbsp creamy mayo or salad dressing,
- 2 Tbsp dill pickle relish
- 2 Tbsp prepared yellow mustard
- Salt ground black pepper to taste
- 1 pinch paprika, for garnish

1. Place eggs in a pot of salted water. Bring the water to a boil, and let eggs cook in boiling water until they are hard boiled, approximately 10 minutes. Drain eggs, and let cool. Once cool, remove the shell, cut the eggs in half lengthwise and scoop out the yolks.
2. Place the yolks in a medium-size mixing bowl and mash them. Blend in mayonnaise, mustard, relish, and salt and pepper. You may need to add more mayo/salad dressing to hold the mixture together.
3. Carefully put the egg yolk mixture back into the egg whites but do not pack it. There will be enough mixture so the whites are overfilled. Sprinkle with paprika. Set on bed of lettuce and garnish with parsley.
4. Refrigerate until serving.

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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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**COST: \$45.00**

Sign up Starts May 5th at the Pool 12:00 noon

Swimming Lessons:

8 - 25 minute lessons

Student/Teacher ratio - 1:5

**Monday - Thursday sessions, Friday used as makeup day if necessary.**

**MINIMUM of three (3) students per class.**

**LESSON SKILL LEVELS AVAILABLE**

Children under 3 yrs. old - Private Lessons Only

-BEGINNER

-ADVANCED BEGINNER

-INTERMEDIATE

**SESSIONS:**

**DATES:**

**CLASS Times For Each Session**

SESSION I	June 4-June 14 (M-Th)	10:00 - 10:30 AM
SESSION II	June 18 - June 28 (M-Th)	10:45 - 11:15 AM
SESSION III	July 2 - July 12 (M-Th)	11:30 - 12:00 AM
SESSION IV	July 16 - July 26 (M-Th)	Evenings: 5:30- 6:00, 6:00-6:30pm

**No Lessons on Holidays**

***We reserve the right to eliminate or combine class times if there are not enough students signed up to fill a class at a particular time.***

Tear off and Return

**Swim Lesson Registration**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Session: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Swimming Skill: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced

*Instructors will evaluate the student's skills and student may moved to another level class*

**Neighborhood Watch**

We've had a relatively quiet couple of months here in Rattan Creek, which is exactly how we like it. However, spring is in the air and we must remain alert to things we may be seeing as outdoor activity increases in our fair neighborhood.

As the weather warms up, remember to keep your windows closed and locked when you are not at home. Keep your bushes trimmed from doors and windows thereby not offering hiding places for burglars. Consider motion lights in the front and rear yards. Also consider an alarm system. Many insurance companies give a discount on homeowner's policies if you have an alarm.

**Solicitors:** As we enter spring, you can expect more door to door solicitors. Instruct your children not to answer the door for strangers. Always look to see who is at the door prior to opening it. If you don't have a peephole in your front door, install one. If you wouldn't invite the person outside the door into your home, don't open the door. If they act suspiciously or don't leave, call 911.

**Break in:** None reported since January However, a homeowner alerted me to an attempted entry from late November. Daytime is a popular time to attempt home burglary. This person interrupted an attempted entry on their home. They failed to gain entry, but did some damage. If you see an unmarked van or truck moving things out of a home with no apparent homeowners around, call 911. Stay at home moms can be a big help here since they are around while others are away. Let the police determine if there is an actual crime in

progress. Do not investigate on your own.

**Flipping:** This is a police term for people testing car doors to see if they are locked and stealing things if they find a car unsecured. No current issues reported, but if you see someone testing door handles, call 911 immediately.

**Motorized vehicles on greenbelt:** We have had several incidents of motorcycles and four wheelers on the greenbelt. Deputies have addressed the current issues, but call 911 immediately if you see this sort of activity. Leave your number with them if they ask. The officer may need to be guided to the issue since it's not an address.

**Keep and eye on the Parks:** As we move towards the summer months there will be increasing activity. If you see suspicious behavior, violations of park rules, or offensive behavior, call 911. If you would just like a deputy to defuse an escalating situation, call the Williamson County non-emergency number (943-1389). I've done it myself and they are happy to help.

\* The local Deputies will be establishing a substation at Rattan Creek Park once the Community Center is built, which can mean a deputy walk through after every shift.

**Next Meeting: April 4 at the Claremont Retirement Center (12463 Los Indios Trail) 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.**

**Guest Speaker for April: Cothron's Locks will be presenting on better ways to secure our homes. It should be very informative presentation. Anyone who wishes to attend will be welcome.**



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Areas not in full sun have reduced water needs and a fully grown bed provides a lot of it's own shade.

Note that all the **above plants are perennials** and will come up every year. Some shade tolerant bloomers which are annuals are the begonias, geraniums, and petunias. If in pots and taken in or covered during the freezes, some of these annuals will bloom for years.

**Mulch to prevent weeds, conserve water,** and control soil temperature. Put on at least 3 inches of mulch to suppress the weeds, save water, and decrease the soil temperature.

**Fertilize the summer lawn** with a slow release fertilizer like Dillo Dirt, compost, Milorganite, or Sustane. If you have a bag of high nitrogen fertilizer (high first number) apply at 1/2 the recommended rate on the bag of for a shot of growth now. If it says slow release on the bag, it will take longer to dissolve and feed the grass and a slightly heavier application is OK. Do not let piles of it stand, it will burn the grass and soil. .

**Set your mower up to the highest setting** to encourage deep roots and let the taller grass shade

the roots to minimize soil drying. If you noticed the grass in Rattan Creek Park, it is now being mowed taller per the recommendation of the City of Austin water audit.

**Pinch back mums** to encourage branching and cut back **salvias** by 1/3 after the first blooms start to drop to stimulate a second blooming in late summer.

**Prune climbing roses and early flowering shrubs** that have finished blooming to encourage the next bloom cycle.

**Watch roses for black spot and powdery mildew** -- keep the ground clean of diseased leaves and spray with liquid seaweed and fish emulsion to keep healthy. Mulch helps prevent soil and fungal spores from splashing back onto plants. Resort to a fungicide if severe spots or mildew persist because a few minutes of spraying may save the plants.

Happy gardening,  
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## PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY 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)
- 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**

**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 2007 SUMMER 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)**

**If you are applying for a tennis key/membership, YOU MUST SUPPLY AN EMAIL ADDRESS IN ORDER TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE ONLINE RESERVATION SYSTEM. Please PRINT CLEARLY below: (See tennis rules for more info)**

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**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>
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
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_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____

**Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool  
 Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed**

**CHECK MUST BE SEPARATE FROM WATER BILL PAYMENT – DO NOT MAIL APPLICATION W/ WATER BILL**

**2007 Summer Fees:**

Quantity			
_____ Summer In-District Badge	@ \$20 per badge		\$ _____
_____ Annual In-District Badge	@ \$40 per badge		\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Summer Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household		\$ _____
_____ Additional Out-of-District Summer Badge	@ \$50 each additional badge		\$ _____
_____ Summer Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)		\$ _____
_____ 10 Summer Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15		\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court Key Summer (In-District Only)	@ \$25 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)		\$ _____
<b>(KEY IS ONLY VALID THROUGH OCTOBER 2007) (KEYS WILL BE MAILED WEEKLY – TAGS TO BE OBTAINED AT THE POOL)</b>			
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only) (RCNA Fee Covers JAN-DEC Membership Year)	@ \$25 per household		\$ _____

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Page 15

# North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 Rattan Creek Pool Summer Schedule 2007

## April 2007

**Easter Sunday : April 8th**

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



### Hurricane Registration:

**Apr 13 @YMCA**

**Apr 14 @ Rattan Creek Pavilion by playscape**

## May 2007

May 5 & 6: Residents Welcome - Tags not Required  
11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

May 1-22: Hurricane Swim Team evening practice  
3:30 PM - 8:00 PM (weekdays)

Saturdays: Open Swim 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sundays: Open Swim Noon - 9:00 PM

May 1-24: Lap Swimmers / Mom and Tots Only  
Tues & Thurs 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

One lap lane and the Baby pool will be open to swim tag holders.

May 12th RCNA "Members Only" Pool Party

May 18th Pond Spring 5th grade graduation

May 22nd Jollyville 5th grade graduation

May 23rd School is Out!

May 23-31: Open Swim

Weekdays: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturdays: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sundays: Noon to 9:00 PM



## JUNE 2007

Swim Team June 1-30:

Mon – Fri: 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Open Swim

Mon-Fri 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday: Noon to 9:00 PM



### Teen Nights:

**June 7 and 21 - 8:00 to 10:30 PM**

**\$2.00 Cover Charge**

### Hurricane Swim Meets:

Saturday morning, June 16th and 30th  
6AM to 2PM

**Rattan Creek Pool is Managed  
by Clearwater Management  
Phone - 331-7066**

## July 2007

Swim Team July 1-11:

Mon – Fri - 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Open Swim:

Mon-Fri 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday: Noon to 9:00 PM

July 15-31: Open Swim:

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday: Noon to 9:00 PM

### **July 4th - Independence Day**

### Teen Nights:

**July 5 & 19 - 8 to 10:30 PM**

**\$2.00 Cover Charge**

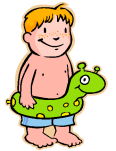
## August 2007

Aug 1-26: Open Swim:

Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday: Noon to 9:00 PM



Aug 27 - Round Rock School Starts

Aug 27-31: Open Swim:

Mon-Fri 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

M, W, F: Open Swim: Noon - 1:30 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday: Noon to 9:00 PM

### Teen Nights:

**August 2 & 16 - 8 to 10:30 PM**

### 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

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

**Clearwater Management  
Phone - 331-7066**

**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 \$10.00 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 pets are allowed in the fenced pool area.
4. Pool may close for ten (10) 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.
14. Parents must be within arms reach of non-swimming children at all times.

**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.
3. Parents must be within arms reach of non-swimming children at all times.

**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.

**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)

Tennis Court Hours 7:00 am – 10:00 pm.

1. By entering the court for play, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to abide by these rules.
2. Tennis courts for tennis play only. No Soccer tennis.
3. No glass containers or alcoholic beverages permitted on the courts.
4. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, or motorized vehicles allowed on courts.
5. No dangerous or offensive conduct or offensive language will be allowed.
6. Proper tennis attire must be worn at all times. Shirts will be required at all times.
7. No tennis lessons allowed after 6:00 pm weekdays or anytime on weekends.
8. Gate should be closed and locked at all times.
9. A maximum of (4) players are allowed per tennis court at any time.
10. Application and fee for court keys MUST be paid at ECO Resources (separate from water bill). Keys are not available for pick up. Keys will be mailed weekly. Only one key per household will be issued. Absolutely no applications or fees will be taken at pool.
11. All household members using the courts will need to obtain a tag at the pool. Members should keep tags with them at all times when playing. Members can be required to show tags at anytime.
12. All tennis court reservations will be made by registered tennis members through the online tennis reservation system. Tennis court reservations may be made one week at a time, and not more than 7 days in advance.
13. A maximum of 2 hours per reservation and one reservation per member per day, with a maximum of 4 reservations per week, may be made through the online tennis reservation system. Court reservations can be made up to 7 days in advance of play. Once you have scheduled 4 reservations, the scheduler will not allow you to make another until 7 days from the day you made your first reservation.
14. Reservations must be made at least 1 day in advance of playing in order to be guaranteed. If open times are available then walk on play is permitted.
15. Members have 15 minutes to make their reservation before the court will be declared open.
16. Walk-on players are not guaranteed continued court availability, if a person shows up with proof of their reserved time, but not 15 minutes late, the walk-on players must give up the court immediately to the reserved party.
17. A member may have maximum of 3 guests at one time on the court. A member must be present on court with their guests.
18. Special tennis activities such as league play and park tennis socials will be scheduled through ECO Resources. Scheduling for these events will not be available online.

*\* An email address is mandatory to be established with the online reservation system. All reservations will be scheduled by registered members.*

**Absolutely, NO reservations will be made by phone.**

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.**

**By order of North Austin MUD #1.**

*All rules will be enforced by general manager of the district or his designee. District Manager:*

**ECO Resources 335-7580**

**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.*

**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.



**MUD News**

**North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors notes on the March 2007 Board meeting 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 Center reported on December 26, 2006: New complaints received (5), Calls for advice (4), First letters sent (8), Second letters sent (4), repeat letters sent (1), Violations sent to MUD attorney (1), Number cases closed (violations corrected): (5).

**Rattan Creek Park Pool:** The pool is on the normal winter hours. The water remained at 81 degrees. Clearwater Management has met with the McNeil High School swim team Coach and over the unusually cold weather. The heaters have had problems and are functioning well now. The temperature has been maintained in the pool. The old Telephone line has been reconnected again to the pool building. One Diving stand was beyond repair and a new one has been ordered. The other stand will be welded for a little longer use. The blue shade in the lower NE area will be removed and stored.

New Texas Department of Health required pool warning and safety signs and updated NAMUD#1 Pool Rules signs are being prepared. Clearwater Management and Moman Architects are providing help to our Insurance company in understanding all the additions and changes required for the replacement pool building and Community Center based upon new Federal and State rules. We are expecting that these additional costs will be covered by our replacement value insurance. The lane rope and repair items have been coordinated with the Hurricane Swim Team and are on order.

The summer pool staff is being hired and trained, with 2 lifeguard certification classes completed and other classes being held as necessary with expected staffing completed by late March.

The existing temporary building will be replaced by a larger temporary building with pool changing rooms and restrooms for the busier summer use. A pool staff office temporary building will be placed inside the fence near the playscapes and a new pool entrance and gate will be created. New pool badges and tennis court badges are on order. Applications will be handled by Eco Resources as in the past and as detailed in this newsletter.

**Revised Rules Effective Immediately:** The Board approved revised rules for the Pool Areas, Tennis Courts, and the Sports Court to help our District staff and the Williamson County Sheriff's Department enforce the rules. Please review these rules, and follow them, they will be closely enforced.

**Rattan Creek Park Community Center Rebuilding:** Moman Architects of Round Rock completed the soil analysis for foundation construction. On March 24 2007 we received conditional approval of the City of Austin Planning Department for 1704 designation allowing us to continue to build out Rattan Creek Park per our original Master Plan. Whew, now we can move forward with plans for the reconstruction of the Pool building and Community center. The construction area will be fenced off for your safety. New access to the pool and other park facilities will have to be re-routed for safety reasons. Please excuse the temporary inconvenience. The Designer from Moman Architects brought to a Board meeting samples of floor coverings and surfaces and color selections. The design phase of the buildings

*(Continued on page 20)*

**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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is nearing completion.

Many thanks to Directors Keith Collins and Jo Jones for their many extra hours work on this project.

**Greenbelts and parks and soccer fields:** With all the rain and flooding over the soccer fields (all are in the 100 year flood plain) the conditions are being monitored, and soccer fields will be closed when deemed necessary. Please remember that the soccer fields are for youth practice only, **NO** adult play is allowed on these fields.

**Booster Station Pressure Pumps:** The pump projects are proceeding, you'll notice the materials and construction starting in the two locations (East Dallas Dr. between the Tudor Times and Dental office and Tamayo Dr. North at Parmer Lane), both on North Austin MUD#1 property. The projects will have all piping and foundation and driveway work completed within the next month or so and then wait for delivery of the skid mounted variable speed pressure pump systems. The streets will have a lane temporarily closed during the heavy construction phase. This is being coordinated with Williamson County Roads and Sheriff's departments.

**Note** that on March 8th and again on March 10th our District's water pressure dropped drastically. (It was not the fault in your plumbing, as I thought when my shower was just a dribble.) We have received a partial explanation from the COA Water Department, and are awaiting a complete explanation of what caused the drop in pressure, and a plan from them to assure us that this does not happen again.

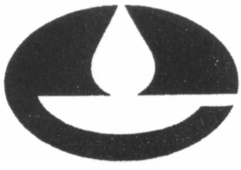
**Sewer System T.V. Inspection:** The District engineer has reviewed the TV camera inspection of the Southern part of District's wastewater collection mains. This is the 2006 part of the required inspection of the entire system every 5 years. Specific recommendations for repairs will be scheduled soon.

*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.*

Chuck Simms, Assistant Secretary, 331-9630  
NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.

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**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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**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-BEREADY

**Poison Control** 1-800-POISON 1  
 (1-800-764-7661)


**Mail:** Balcones Post Office  
 11900 Jollyville Rd. 331-9802

**Schools: RRISD** 464-5000  
 Elementary  
 Jollyville 428-2200  
 Pond Spring 464-4200  
 Live Oak 428-3800  
 Middle School  
 Deer Park 464-6600  
 High School  
 McNeil 464-6300

**Utilities:**  
 Electric  
 City of Austin 494-9400  
 Gas  
 Texas Gas Service 1-800-700-2443  
 Water/Wastewater: NA MUD #1  
 Eco Resources 335-7580  
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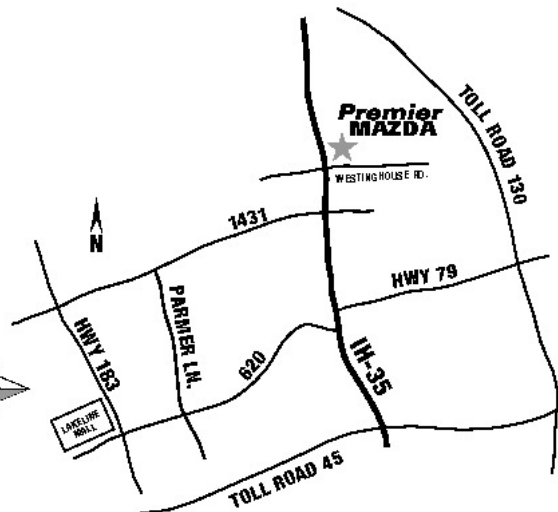
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**Commissioner's Corner– Lisa Birkman, County Commissioner Precinct 1**

**Twin Lakes Park Now Open** Twin Lakes Park, 1600 S. Bell Blvd., in Cedar Park is now open. The park is located next to Twin Lakes Family YMCA. Improvements to the park were made possible through a partnership between YMCA of Greater Williamson County, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD), Williamson County, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and others. Phase 1 improvements include multi-purpose courts and sports fields, outdoor education area, wetland restoration, an archery range, a beach/swimming area, hike and bike trails, sand volleyball courts, a ropes course, Xeriscape demonstration gardens, picnic shelters, and a primitive camping area. Phase 2 improvements will include a children's splash pad water feature and will be completed this summer. Texas Parks & Wildlife Department contributed a \$500,000 grant for these improvements, and LCRA contributed a \$100,000 grant.

Twin Lakes Park is a 50-acre tract of land that is a portion of 305 acres of state-owned property. Under the control of the TPWD, Twin Lakes was leased to Williamson County in 1994 under a 50-year agreement for operation and maintenance. The YMCA of Greater Williamson County currently has an agreement with the county to undertake those tasks. The dominant feature of the park is what appear to be two small lakes connected by a narrow channel that passes under a raised roadway, thus the name Twin Lakes. The park is open from sunrise to sunset.

**Regional Animal Shelter Grand Opening**

At the time of this writing, the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter is on track to open any day with a grand opening being planned for mid-April. The new facility is located at 1855 S.E. Inner Loop in Georgetown.

Williamson County and the cities of Cedar Park, Hutto, Leander and Round Rock are partners in this regional facility. The shelter objectives are to increase pet adoptions and lost pet reclaims; emphasize humane care for lost, unwanted or displaced pets; assist animal control public safety efforts by providing a secure area for dangerous animals and safe haven for strays; and reduce the costs to each participating entity through a shared regional facility.

The 15,000 square foot animal shelter will initially hold 85 kennels for canines and 90 feline habitats; however there is ample room on the site to construct future buildings that will double the shelter's initial capacity.

When opened, the Regional Animal Shelter operating hours will be Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Adoption fees will be \$85 which covers basic vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries, and a microchip. In addition, for dogs it will include heartworm screening and for cats FIV/FeLV testing. Check the web site at [www.wilcogov.org](http://www.wilcogov.org) or call 512-943-1693 for more information and details on the shelter's opening.

For additional information on this and other county issues, please contact me at 733-5380 or [lbirkman@wilco.org](mailto:lbirkman@wilco.org).

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## Water Pressure Booster Station Construction

In case you are wondering what all the construction activity and disturbance going on along Dallas Drive near Parmer Lane and along Tamayo Drive near Parmer Lane is, don't get your hopes up for a new high rise condo or apartment to purchase, you will still need to go downtown where they're packing them in like proverbial sardines.

Actually, what you are seeing is the initiation of the installation of two water pressure booster stations which were designed to improve domestic water pressure throughout the District south of Lake Creek. Final approval to install these facilities followed an exhaustive effort by your Board and its consultants over a multiyear period.

The purpose of the water pressure booster stations being constructed by Texas Corridor Construction, LLC is to increase the water pressure to all customers up to a constant level ranging from 60 to 80 psi, depending on the customer's location, at most times. For reference, the State standard minimum allowable pressure is 35 psi. The District receives its water from the City of Austin often at a minimum pressure of 35 psi which provides no allowance for delivery losses to the customer. Anyone ever wonder why water pressures are sometimes low?

The project is not actually scheduled to be complete until the late summer when the pumps will be delivered. However

much of the work activity will occur during the month of April. Expect some temporary lane closures, not street closures, near the intersection of Dallas Drive and Parmer Lane, and near the intersection of Tamayo and Peabody during the months of April and possibly part of May.

During the working hours everyone is advised to use caution as we share the remaining open lanes and of course watch out for workers. If you have any questions you can contact the general manager Mr. Gary Spoons of ECO Resources, Inc. at 335-7580.

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**Criteria:**

- High School Seniors limited to **RCNA member families.**
- Academic achievement.
- Attach a list of Community Service and/or Public Service  
**Minimum of 8 hours required, with at least 4 hours with the RCNA.**  
**Contact the RCNA board if you need hours! There is still time.**
- 2-4 page written essay discussing what does community service means to you.
- Finalists should be prepared to answer questions; in an interview format with the RCNA Board, if required.

**Application:**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number h: \_\_\_\_\_ / c: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

College(s) planning to attend Fall 2007 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Current cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_

List activities, awards or special recognition you have received: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly list work experience: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, you may attach another sheet or choose only those you consider most significant. You may also attach a resume if available.

Return application form, essay and back up documentation (community service hours, resume or additional information sheet if needed to **RCNA Scholarship, P.O. Box 200584, Austin, TX 78720-0584.**

## Architectural Control Committee:

Be sure to include the following information along with the proper forms on you submissions

1. Legal description of property
2. Description of work to be performed
3. Drawing of work to be performed
4. Description of materials to be used
5. Copy of survey (to insure proposed changes will not encroach in any recorded easements)

Once submitted, the ACC has 30 days to respond with approval, denial or request additional information.

RCNA-ACC Action report for ACC meeting of 3/13/06:

- Projects submitted for ACC Review:
- #3 Backyard play equipment, 1 inquiry.
  - # 5 Fences, replacement /relocation, 3 inquiries, 1 denied
  - #7 Storage Sheds, 2 inquiries

Chuck Simms,  
RCNA Architectural Control Committee Chair  
e-mail: [RCNAACCVS@aol.com](mailto:RCNAACCVS@aol.com)

### 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**  
**6001 W. Parmer Ln. Ste. 370 PMB 182**  
**Austin, TX, 78727**

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

### If you need copies of your Deed Restrictions:

You may contact Armbrust & Brown (Attorney for the North Austin MUD #1) at 435-2300.

- There is a charge for the copies. Once you have paid for the copies, a set will be mailed to you.
- You will need your legal description (ie. lot, block, and section of Milwood), so you get the correct set of deed restrictions for your section.



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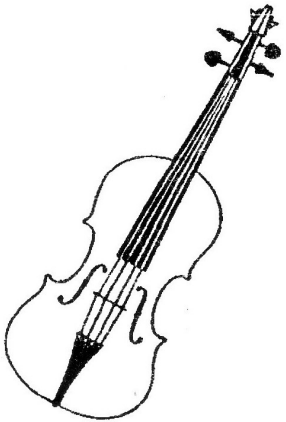
4th Quarter Report for 2006

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**Teen Ads  
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## **RATTAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE**

**Saturday April 14 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**

**Saturday, April 21 & Sunday, April 22  
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 April 20th. 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.*
- ***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– the clean up is over!!***

**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.**

**2007 RCNA**  
**“MEMBER’S ONLY”**

**POOL PARTY**

Saturday, May 12 12:00 TO 5:00 P.M.  
Rattan Creek Pool

**Pizza and a Swim!**

Music

Cici’s  
Pizza

Drinks

Served  
1:00-2:30



**Party**

The RCNA is throwing a party  
in appreciation for those neighbors  
who have paid their 2007 Membership dues.

*Where else can your whole family have this much  
fun for only \$25 a year?*

**If you haven't already joined the RCNA,  
you can join at the pool party!**

(a list of those who joined the RCNA via pool registrations at NAMUD #1, by 5/7/07 will also be used)

***Remember ONLY RCNA MEMBERS will be allowed in!!***

**Join your neighborhood association and Join us for a day of fun at the pool!**

# LITTLE WOODROW'S

Over 100 Beers

33 on Tap

Great Wine Selection by the Glass  
Frozen Mimosas



***“Austin’s Favorite Bar”***

**Enjoy our Famous Patio  
and Outdoor Fireplace**

**Watch the Games with us!**

*Try a Great Pizza and  
Some Hot Wings!*

***Call us at 918-Beer to book a party with us!***

**6301 Parmer Lane**

**Please Don't Drink & Drive**

**No Minors Under 21**



# RCNA Member's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



*Saturday April 7th  
10:00 am  
Rattan Creek Park*



**Exclusive Area For Wobblers and Toddlers in the Kiddie Corral**

**Open from 9:30 to 11:00 am**

*Young ones can hunt at their own pace.*

*Don't Forget Your Camera - Photo Opportunity with the Easter Bunny!*

## **“The Big Hunt”**



*Parade with the  
Easter Bunny and Fire Engine  
Will start at 10:15 am*



*Decorate Your Wheels and Join In The Fun!*

**The Hunt will begin AFTER the Parade!!**

**Ages: 7-10 will *HUNT FIRST* at 10:30am**

**Ages: 4-6 will *FOLLOW* at 10:45am  
(Eggs will be restocked for the second wave!)**

***Remember:***

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

