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Around Milwood

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.

NO FIREWORKS Allowed in the park!

Soccer fields at Robinson and Rattan Creek Parks will be closed from June 1, 2007 until July 15, 2007 for field maintenance.

Community Center & Pool House Update:

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EVENTS

June

- Jun 6 **Neighborhood Watch**, 6:30 at Claremont(12463 Los Indios)
- Jun 7 **Teen Night** @Rattan Creek Pool 8-10:30pm \$2 cover charge
- Jun 17 **Father's Day**
- Jun 20 **MUD Meeting**, 6pm 9511 RR 620 North
- Jun 21 **RCNA Meeting**, 7pm Pavilion by playscape
- Jun 21 **Teen Night** @Rattan Creek Pool 8-10:30pm \$2 cover charge

July

- Jul 4 **Fourth of July Parade**
- Jul 5 **Teen Night** @Rattan Creek Pool 8-10:30pm \$2 cover charge
- Jul 11 **Neighborhood Watch**, 6:30 at Claremont(12463 Los Indios)
- Jul 18 **MUD Meeting**, 6pm 9511 RR 620 North
- Jul 19 **RCNA Meeting**, 7pm Pavilion by playscape
- Jul 19 **Teen Night** @Rattan Creek Pool 8-10:30pm \$2 cover charge

August

- Aug 2 **Teen Night** @Rattan Creek Pool 8-10:30pm \$2 cover charge
- Aug 7 **7pm Neighborhood Night Out-Rattan Crk Park**
- Aug 15 **MUD**
- Aug 16 **RCNA**
- Aug 16 **Teen Night**

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For more information, please see inside on page 26.

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We need a Block Captain for the following streets:

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

We need Section Heads for:

Amarillo area (8)

Modena area (9)

Section heads are the start to our delivery process. They must be willing to work quickly to get the newsletters out to the block captains. They receive the newsletters in bulk and break down the count and deliver to the number of block captains in their area. The number of deliveries are in the ().

Thank you to Candice Hoover and Vicki Griffin for becoming block captains.

If you would like to volunteer as a Block captain or Section head, please contact Jennifer or Dave at 257-3380.

President's Notes

Howdy Rattan Creek neighbors and friends. It's already summer time, unreal. Since our last newsletter, we had the annual Easter Egg Hunt and our Pool Party. I think both went well although both were unique. The egg hunt or quest for food over the wet frozen tundra went as well as it could. The day of the event was very wet and cold. Peter (my four year son) and I came late and he still started shivering after being there only a little while. Peter and the other children still enjoyed it despite the weather and we all bonded from it. We have tried make-up days in the past for the event and they just do not work out. If you see Dallas Hall around the neighborhood thank her for the hunt.

The RCNA also had our Splash Party (aka Pool Party) as well. I believe it went well under the circumstances. Without the pool house, we went with pizza instead of the messier Bar-B-Q. Thank you for coming and being understanding. Please join me in thanking Brad and Jo Jones, Kelly Buczek, April Bliss, Donald Lowe and the RCNA board. Next year when we have our new community center, we are going to have a huge Splash Party. You will want to be there so make sure you're a member because the Party is for members only.

I want to say welcome to all our new neighbors and it appears we have quite a few. A large percentage of our members are new to the neighborhood so thank you for joining the RCNA! If you're a new neighbor or have been in Rattan Creek and our not a member please join us. Unlike a lot of neighborhood associations ours is completely voluntary so we need you to join! Next if you have joined, please come help volunteer. Your neighbors need you. We needed volunteers to start a Neighborhood Watch and Mike Hall answered the call.

Mike started and organized the watch. He has done an incredible job with setting up meetings. The meetings have included the Sheriff's Department, Cothron's Locks and more. When you see Mike at these meetings or around the neighborhood please thank him. Being involved with the watch is another area where we could use help. It doesn't have to take up much time. If you witnessed a crime or anything that relates to it,

please call the Sheriff's Offices and then send Mike an email to watch@rattancreek.org. Mike can then send the word out.

Also, if you're at the parks and you witness any behavior that is inappropriate like pushing on portable toilets or using foul language please do not hesitate to call 911. It is an emergency! The element you are calling on does need to know it was you that called. With school getting out we want to keep the parks available and safe for all.

Speaking of safe, please watch your speed, a little ones will be out at all hours now. This year

there will be **NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED IN THE PARK!** If

you choose to have fireworks at your own home, please be courteous to your neighbors and clean up after yourselves.

See you around the hood.

John Lenz,
President RCNA

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Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

New Neighbors:

Welcome Amanda, Scott, Zoe & William Snyder to 6405 Crowley Trail!!



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.

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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 Debbie Waller at 215-2878 or dwaller75@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?
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Fast Forward---Even with the heavy rains in May, our plants have been growing fast and look great. However, the bad news is that we must shift our thinking ahead to what an Austin summer yard and lawn needs. So...set your mower as high as possible, mow whenever it needs trimming by 1/3, do not fertilize again until late August, and water deeply whenever you can still see your footprints in the grass after 1/2 hour.

Unless it rains 1 inch of water every week on your yard, you **NEED** to water your yard and planting beds to keep the plants alive, (not thriving) through the heat of June, July and August. Watch for wilting and then water in early morning for as long as it takes to get water running off. Wait 20 minutes and water again until runoff. This saturates the soil and produces deep roots. Wait until you see sign of water stress before watering again. If you have good deep soil and deep roots you should be able to only water deeply once a week.

New grass requires more water while the roots are growing so water often enough to dampen the

soil to just deeper than the root level. With new seed or sod in full sun, this may be several times per day during a drought with blistering sun and drying wind. Slowly spread out the watering times until October and then just water occasionally for the first winter.

Mature lawns can be watered weekly or less often when the roots are well established and the grass is dense and tall enough to shade the roots.

Do not fertilize grass now, with a high nitrogen fertilizer, it will cause rapid top growth requiring more water. From August to October, spread 1/2 inch of Dillo dirt or other compost to encourage deep turf and roots.

When watering, give all plants a long, deep soaking to encourage a deep root system. To find out how long your watering system takes to output 1 inch of water, put out opened cans around the water sprinklers to measure the length of time it takes to accumulate 1" of water. This time tells you how long to run the sprinklers. Although, if water

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runs off before this time is up, move to watering another area for an hour or so and return to sprinkle the area again to complete the full time. The amount of water required by full sun or by shaded areas is greatly different so watch for the wilting and then adjust the length of watering time for each area.

The best time to water is in the early morning before dawn which allows the leaves time to dry before the sun scorches them. It also lessens the possibility of fungus that is encouraged by humidity and darkness. Slowly stretch the time between waterings out to once every 5 or 7 days and you will have healthier plants, save water, and comply with the water conservation guidelines.

Keep a 4" depth of mulch on the planting beds and around large shrubs and trees to discourage weed growth, help hold in the moisture, and keep the soil and plant roots cooler.

Other tips for summer:
If your grass leaves have turned yellow, spread chelated iron or iron sulfate.

Raise the lawnmower blades as high as you can

get them now. Mow often enough so that only 1/3 of the grass blades are cut off. Tall grass develops a deeper, more water efficient root system.

Remove old flower heads from all annuals and perennials. This is commonly called dead heading and encourages new blooms.

Cut the seed heads off the crape myrtles after they finish blooming in late July to encourage another round of flowers.

Be sparing with fertilizer on native plants as they tend to grow rampant and do not bloom as well when over fed.

Do not fertilize grass now, it will just grow fast and require more water and mowing.

Spray crape myrtles with Cloud Cover or another anti-transpirant to prevent powdery mildew. If the mildew is already present, spray with Benomyl mildew control. Fungus can also be controlled with an application of copper and liquid seaweed, 1 tablespoon to a gallon of water sprayed on the leaves.

Mealy bugs are controlled with Safer Insecticidal Soap sprayed three times at 7 day intervals. This also controls aphids, thrips, scale, whitefly, spider

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mites, and earwigs. **Thrips leave white fluffy** deposits on twigs and the thrips look much like the deposits. They are more of a problem in hot dry weather.

Use sun screen and wear a hat to protect your skin from ultraviolet rays which cause sunburn, premature aging and cancer. **To raise the SPF of your clothing** to SPF30, put all your outdoor clothes in the washer, use the hottest water safe for the fabrics of the clothes, add during the wash cycle a packet of Rit Sun Guard laundry treatment for UV protectant available at the fabric stores with the RIT dye products. It reduces my sun allergy greatly.

Mow and Mulch: Sharpen your mower and raise it to the highest setting. Mulch the lawn by returning the clippings back on the grass. Mulching reduces the need for fertilizer and water and inhibits weed growth. Any sharp mower can mulch if your mowing pattern causes clippings to be recut a second time if needed. For the last 18 years I have been mulching grass back into the yard. I spread Dillo dirt or fertilize lightly in May

and October, and use no pesticides except Logic in spring and fall and Orthene for spot treatment for the fire ants. The yard looked the best it ever had in '97 when the fall and spring rain made the difference. We are not lucky this year.

Newly planted plants in beds, need extra watering for the first 2 years. Water before stress shows or you may kill the plants and this is false economy. For new plants; 1st week- water every day; 1st month-water 3 times per week. For the following spring through fall-2 times per week; during winter-once per week or as needed.

The goal is to encourage root growth away from the plant so use a leaky hose for watering and cover the soil with 4 inches of mulch to develop healthy plants which will make it through the summer, winter, and look great next year.

Trees in stress: show as trees which are receding (not growing leaves to the tips of the branches this year) or with brown leaf tips. Construction damages tree roots by compacting the soil, or scraping off the topsoil, or by putting fill dirt over the roots. Death occurs from 1 to 3 years later. In general to save trees in stress, since the roots are

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not working well, we must give more water and must get fertilizer to the roots that are left. Put a leaky hose 2/3 the way out the drip line (or farther away for an established tree) and turn on ¼ turn to slowly let it run for 6 to 8 hours every 10 days (in July and August every 7 days). Water and fertilizer must reach the roots 6 to 8 inches down, and must reach all roots. Tree spikes and top dressing with fertilizer probably is wasted money, (too little area is covered and fertilizer only works when the tree is rapidly growing.) (For live oaks, this is the 140 days February to May).

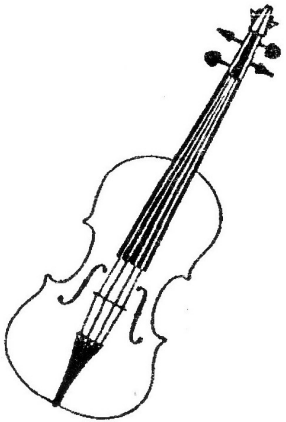
All our trees need the bark to be protected from lawn mowers and weed eaters and need their roots to be cool and slowly fed. The method recommended by TexaScapes and TreeFolks is to build up a 3 inch deep mulch bed or tree ring. Make it like a donut at least 3 foot wider than the trunk of the tree (this is one of the times when much larger is much better). Use any organic mulch, pine bark, compost, or composted soil mixture like Back to Earth (BTE) composted cotton seed hulls.

Summer flowers will take extra care in mulching in and watering until they get roots established. A foliar application sprayed on the leaves with a weak fertilizer or liquid sea weed and fish emulsion mixture will encourage blooming and plant growth. As always, the native plants like the **Salvia Greggii**, **Salvia farinacena** 'Mealy Sage', **Salvia Coccinea** 'Coral Nymph', **verbena**, and **lantanna** need very little fertilizer, can take the heat, will bloom until mid fall, and are perennials and will come back up again next year.

Small understory trees and shrubs fill out our landscapes and provide resting and nesting places for birds. These Texas-grown trees and shrubs are adapted to the hot weather. **Desert Willows** (*Chilopsis linearis* is a full-sun flowering tree. They are a multistory restaurant for hummingbirds. They begin blooming before the crepe Myrtles and bloom until late fall. They require little water plant them in a sunny corner of the fence and they can be planted in summer. **Texas Sages** or **Cenizo** (*Leucophyllum frutescens*) can grow to be a large bush though they take pruning well. Leaves are

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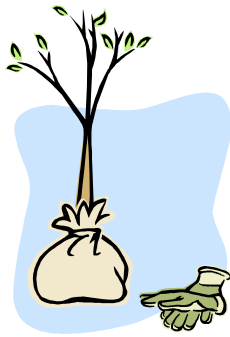
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light gray and blooms are pink to light blue shortly after a rain. Do not over-water they will grow fast and get leggy. Again, 3 of them in a sunny corner of the fence will do great.



Happy gardening,
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Recipe Corner By Natasha Randall

Quick Taco Salad

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 can kidney beans, rinsed & drained
- 2 tbsp. taco seasoning
- 1/2 c. onions
- 1 head lettuce, shredded
- 1 green pepper, coarsely chopped
- 1 tomato, seeded & chopped
- 1 can sliced olives
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheese
- 4 cups tortilla chips, crushed

- In a skillet, brown the ground beef thoroughly; stir in the beans and taco seasoning and heat through.
- In (4) individual serving bowls, place 1/4 of the following Ingredients... lettuce, onions, green pepper, tomato, olives & 1 cup crushed tortilla chips.
- Top with 1/4 of the meat mix & 1/4 of the cheese.
- Serve with sour cream and salsa.

Strawberry Pie

- 3 Tbsp. strawberry gelatin
- 1 Cup sugar
- 3 Tbsp. cornstarch
- pinch salt
- 1 cup water
- 3 drops red food coloring
- 3 cups. sliced strawberries
- 1 baked 9 inch pie shell

Combine gelatin, sugar, cornstarch, and salt to make a paste with 1/8 cup of the water. Set aside. Boil 7/8 c. of the water and gradually add the paste, stirring constantly to prevent lumping. Cook until thickened. Cool for 2 hours. Arrange sliced strawberries in pie shell. Stir food coloring into cooled glaze and pour over strawberries. Cool completely; chill. Top with whipping cream.

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Neighborhood Watch

Well, summer is upon us and we should start to see a lot more outdoor activity. Keep an eye open for trouble when you are enjoying the warmer weather especially in our parks and green belts.

Scams: We have been warned recently with regard to a Water testing scam. Several nearby neighborhoods reported young men requesting access to the house in order to test the water quality at the kitchen faucet. It is not clear what the intent was, but this was not a MUD approved test and the deputies are assuming the access was requested with illicit intent. Utility companies schedule these types of requests. If you are suspicious of such a request call 911 and report the incident immediately.

Break in: None reported since JanuaryJ. We had a couple of calls about possible home entry which were fortunately unfounded. I'm sure the deputies were as relieved as the homeowners at this discovery. Never be afraid to call 911 if you are concerned for your safety.

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: No current issue,

but with Summer Vacation starting, it would be surprising if some did not occur. 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.

Watch out for pedestrians and bicycles: We have had several incidents of cars hitting children in the last few months. Thankfully, none of the incidents that I have been informed of resulted in life threatening injuries. Please keep an eye open for our kids because they may not be looking out for you.

Keep and eye on the Parks: Expect lots of activity in the parks with the arrival of summer. 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.

If you are having an issue in the neighborhood and aren't sure how to handle it, feel free to send e-mail to watch@rattancreek.org. We will do our best to help you get your problem addressed.

Mike Hall
Rattan Creek Neighborhood Watch Coordinator



Dr. Kyleen Chen

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918-0888

Corner of McNeil & Parmer behind STARBUCKS

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Rebuilding the pool house: For those of you wondering what’s happening with the pool house building at Rattan Creek Park and why is it taking so long to rebuild the building, here is the latest.

August '06: When the pool house burned down in August last year, we had been working on a Master Park Plan that included a Community Center for the neighborhood. We did not have a game plan when we would be able to build this center, and no plans had been prepared other than just thinking this would be a nice addition to the park area.

Since the pool house burned down, we saw an opportunity to combine two projects into one. We had the old footprint of the pool building to go by and little else. We began by determining what additional uses we would want in a community building, and then combined that list with the necessary rooms to run the pool and provide the appropriate showers and changing facilities. This generated a rough sketch. The next phase was to determine what we could afford as that would really be the primary limiting factor on sizing the building.

We solicited the help of an architect and made some rough sketches and developed a preliminary plan. The plan turns an old brick 1,500 square foot pool building into a two-story, ten thousand square foot community center with air-conditioned and heated changing and showers and restrooms, two large entertainment rooms, a kitchen, several staff offices, storage rooms and a conference room.

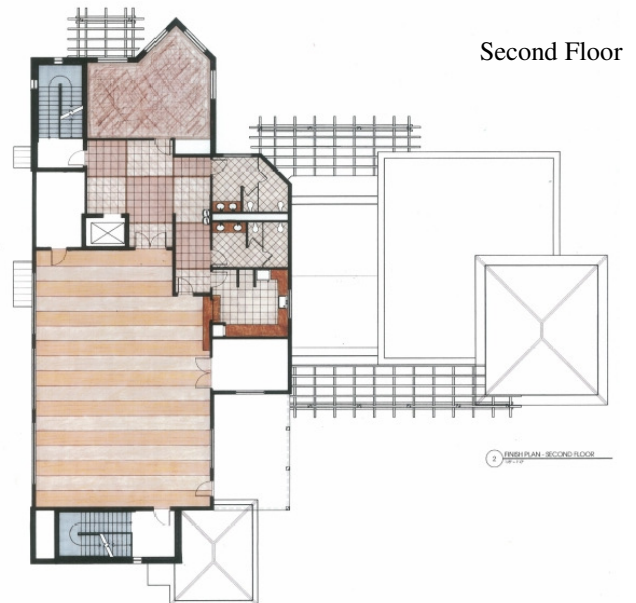
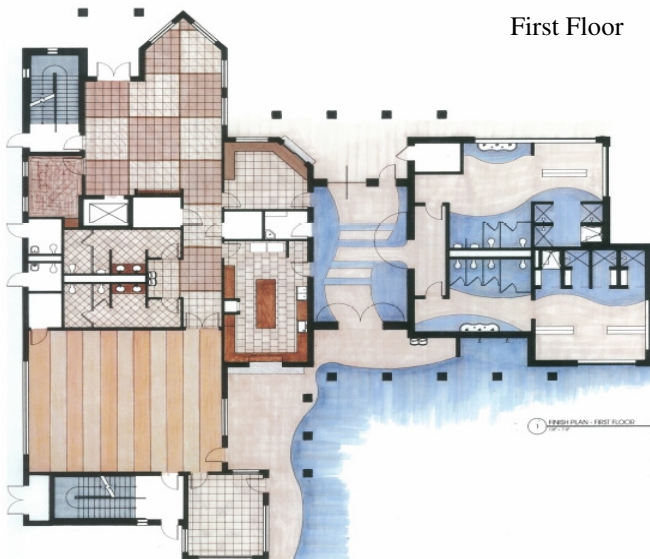
January '07: This took us until about late December into early January to develop. The next step was to actually prepare the plan and then submit the plan to the various governmental organizations that have authority over development within our area. The plans have been completed and are in the final stages of preparation for submittal. After talking to several contractors, attempting to construct the building while the pool is open would be treacherous.

So the Board has decided to wait until the close of the summer '07 swim season to begin construction, assuming we will have all the proper permits by that time. Under that scenario, we would construct the center during the winter and hopefully be ready to open the building and the pool along with the opening of next year’s summer swim season in May of '08.

May '07: We are trying to get a rendition of the building uploaded onto the District’s website at northaustinmud1.org so you can see what it will look like. We understand this has been a really tough situation to deal with in enjoying the pool and accessing the park areas. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Feel free to contact any of the NAMUD 1 Board of Directors if you have any questions about the community center or just want an update on what is going on. We’ll continue to provide progress information in this RCNA Newsletter.

North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1, Board of Directors.



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).

**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)

Email: _____

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) (KEY IS ONLY VALID THROUGH OCTOBER 2007) (KEYS WILL BE MAILED WEEKLY – TAGS TO BE OBTAINED AT THE POOL)	@ \$25 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)	\$ _____
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only) (RCNA Fee Covers JAN-DEC Membership Year)	@ \$25 per household	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

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

JUNE 2007



June 1-30:

Swim Team

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

July 2007

July 4th - Independence Day

July 1-11:



Swim Team:

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

Teen Nights:

July 5 & 19
8 to 10:30 PM
\$2.00 Cover Charge



Hurricane Swim

Meets:

Saturday morning:

June 16 - 6AM to 2PM

and

June 30 - 6AM to 2PM

August 2007

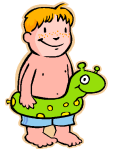
Aug 1-26:

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:

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

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

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday: Noon to 9:00 PM

Teen Nights:

August 2 and 16
8:00 to 10:30 PM
\$2.00 Cover Charge

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 Pool is Managed
by 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 April 27, 2007: New complaints received (13), Calls for advice (11), First letters sent (8), Second letters sent (3), repeat letters sent (0), Violations sent to MUD attorney (1), Number cases closed (violations corrected): (20).

*Note that the Board approved and that there is a change in the name and contact information for restrictive covenant violations. Complaints will now be sent to **PBF Covenant Management, L.L.C. 202 Walton Way, Ste 192, Box 142 Cedar Park, Tx 78613-7046.***

Rattan Creek Park Pool: The change in pool hours after school is out is described in another section. A telephone line has been connected to the pool staff office building. Now there are 2 temporary buildings, a larger one divided for changing rooms, and a pool staff office.

One new Diving stand was installed. The blue shade in the lower NE area was removed and stored, where it will be placed is being discussed. The Hurricanes Swim Team is practicing and held one meet in mid May and they have modified their schedule based on the limited park area this summer. New pool warning and safety signs and updated NAMUD#1 Pool Rules signs are posted. Clearwater Management is helping our Insurance company understand all the additions and changes needed for our New Community Center buildings that must comply with current Federal and State rules.

New pool access badges and tennis court keys are

in use. Ordering and purchasing is through Eco Resources as in the past and as detailed in this newsletter.

Revised Rules Effective Immediately: The Board revised the 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 are being closely enforced for the safety of our neighborhood.

Rattan Creek Park New Community Center status: See the separate article for an update. When you see them, give them your thanks to Directors Keith Collins and Jo Jones for their many extra hours of work on this project.

Greenbelts and parks and soccer fields: Winter grass changeover to summer grass has started within the parks; irrigation and mowing schedules are changing to the normal summer schedules. The turf areas have been fertilized. The Summer Color plants have been placed in the Rattan and Robinson Park, Amarillo, Amasia, Bluffs, and Tamayo neighborhood entrances. All plants and trees were mulched at the base and lady bugs were released for insect control. The drainage channels were trimmed and litter removed. The trails had weed control and the edges were mowed. A concrete spill in Rattan Creek bed was removed and some brush and trees were trimmed near the

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Deed Restriction Violations:

- Be sure to include the address in question, nature of your concern and your name and address.
- Deed restriction violations must be submitted in writing to:

**PBF Covenant Management, L.L.C.
202 Walton Way, Suite 192
Box 142
Cedar Park, TX 78613-7046**

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Greybull & Elkhorn Mountain Trail. entrance for safety reasons.

The soccer fields will be closed from June 1 to July 15 for extensive repair and re-growth work on the turf grass to prepare the fields for the Soccer practice season again. Signs will be posted and the fields are being monitored to enforce the Board rules that the soccer fields are for youth practice only, no adults are allowed to play on the fields due to the extra damage of the adult usage in the past.

Booster Station Pressure Pumps: The pump projects are proceeding in the two locations: 1. at East Dallas Drive between the Tudor Times and the dental office and, 2. at North Tamayo Drive at Parmer Lane, both on District property. The underground piping and foundation work is almost completed. The driveway and site cleanup will be next. Then the skid mounted variable speed pressure pump systems will be placed, connected, tested, and the areas will be enclosed. With the pumps in operation, all of our District water users should have more consistent and higher water pressure.

Sewer System T.V. Inspection: The District engineer has reviewed the TV camera inspection data for the Southern part of our District's wastewater collection mains. This is the 2006 part of our inspection goal of checking the entire system every 5 years. Repairs are being scheduled, watch for the dug up streets and parking areas for a short time.

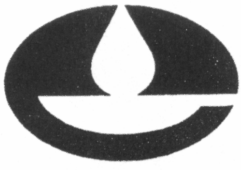
New Trail Grant: The Board applied to Williamson County for a grant for an improved trail along Rattan Creek West of the Tamayo Bridge. Proposed is a 1/2 mile trail parallel to the previous Native plants that were a County remediation planting project in that area. County Commissioner for Pct. 1, Lisa Birkman came to our May Board meeting to discuss the details.

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.

Website: www.northaustinmud1.org

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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-BEREADY

Poison Control 1-800-POISON 1
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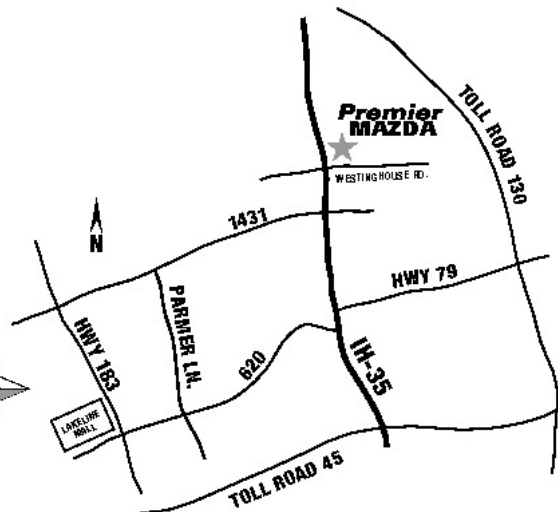
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Three Great Years– Lisa Birkman, Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 1

Thanks for electing me to serve as your county commissioner three years ago! The time has passed quickly, and I am proud of the accomplishments made. This last year has been one especially full of change and progress.

One of the biggest accomplishments in the past year is the passage of \$250 million in bonds in the November election. The voters of Williamson County overwhelmingly supported \$228 million for road improvements plus an additional \$22 million for parks and preserves. With our population increase of over 46% in the past six years, the public agreed with me that these additional public improvements are worth the expense. I am currently working with other members of the court as we prioritize the projects and begin work. In precinct one, we plan to spend the money on safety and mobility improvements to Westinghouse Road, Wyoming Springs Road, RM 620, and Pond Springs Road and possibly others. As to parks expenditures, I hope to soon start on additional amenities at the Williamson County Regional Park on F.M.1431, as well as the Brushy Creek Regional Trail. We are also in the construction phase of the Lake Creek Trail, which will connect Parmer Lane to the Broadmeade Avenue area, as well as Champion Park, located along Brushy Creek across from Avery Ranch.

Improving mental health services for those in crisis also has been a focus during the last year. We have made impressive improvements with the collaboration between many agencies within the county on the Mental Health Task Force, of which I am a member. Also, the Sheriff’s Office Crisis Intervention Team and the county’s Mobile Outreach Team have worked hard to divert the mentally ill to appropriate community resources, whenever possible. The team recently was awarded a very competitive grant from the state and also received recognition from the 100 Club of Central Texas as the “Best Team.” This effort has not only improved services, but also saved taxpayer dollars.

Another area on which I have worked is to preserve the beauty of the open space in our county. With our rapid growth, the need to set aside land for our children and grandchildren is especially important. As president of the Williamson County Conservation Foundation, I have helped with the purchase of two tracts in the past year, the Beck and Cobb Cavern preserves. Both of these are home to endangered species. Most of the money to purchase these preserves came from grants the foundation

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received from the federal government that are administered by the state. Working with our federal and state officials, I plan to continue to advocate for the preservation of open space.

Lastly, we just opened the new Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter in Georgetown. It has many pets ready to be adopted and lots of opportunity to volunteer. A map and much more can be found at www.wilcopets.com.

For more information on this or any county issue, please contact me at lbirkman@wilco.org or 733.5380.



Yes, we had a wonderful, yet extremely cold, Easter Hunt this year! I would like to thank Jollyville

Fire Department for coming out and braving the cold with us. You guys are amazing!

I would also like to give a big thank you to the Springwoods Girl Scout troops for stuffing all our eggs this year... almost 7000!

Also, to the Boy Scouts of troop 164 thank you so much for helping out on the unloading and cleaning up. That was a much appreciated effort in the cold and drizzle.

Every year I put a big thank you to all the neighbors that help by donating eggs, candy, money and time at the event! Without these wonderful and generous neighbors, events like this could not take place.

Well, if anyone knows me, they know I do a lot of volunteer work. I know it is extremely nice to hear, "Thank You". I would still like to say thank you even though I have lost my list of those who donated and participated in the Easter Event! I'm sure I will find the list after this article comes out.

We came in under budget by over \$150 dollars this year! Way to go Milwood! We had so many monetary and candy donations this year. It was wonderful. I kept coming home and would find more and more candy at my door step! It makes me realize I am very lucky to live in such a wonderful and giving community.

I am very thankful to everyone that helped staff the event, donated candy, and helped put up fences the night before.

Thank you everyone! I look forward to my 10th year of being a Milwood Resident and my 9th of volunteering in it!
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- #7 Storage Sheds: 2 inquiries
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Chuck Simms,
RCNA Architectural Control Committee Chair
e-mail: RCNAACCVS@aol.com

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Starting a New Business: Things to Ponder

As someone who has been involved in the formation of three small businesses I have come up with a list of things I ask myself when evaluating a potential opportunity. This is by no means a complete list of the issues one should consider when thinking about opening a new business, but I feel these are a good starting point and will help you honestly evaluate if you should take your business idea to the next stage. There is not a correct or incorrect answer to these questions as they are dependent on an individual's situation. In my opinion the most important question and the first question I ask myself is "Why do I want to open this business?"

There could be numerous answers to this, it could be you want to take a hobby a step further and start a small side business, it could be you have attained a specific skill set in a career that you feel could be used in a new business venture, or it could be you are fed up with your nine to five job and want to use your savings to purchase into a proven franchise concept. All of these are valid answers, but once you have that answer you then need to dig much deeper and contemplate the commitment, sacrifice, potential negative financial consequences, and time, among other things, that will be required if you eventually decide to pursue your entrepreneurial idea. This type of contemplation should not be taken lightly and serious time should be spent in consideration of moving forward. If after this period of self-examination and reflection you are satisfied that your personal reason for opening a business is justified then it becomes time to start deeply evaluating the merits of your specific business idea. Below is a list of some of the more important questions I believe any budding entrepreneur should ask themselves and answer honestly before taking their idea even further.

1. What experience do you have in the line of business you are considering? Is direct experience required?
2. Is the type of business you are considering in a growing industry or area?
3. How much time do you have to commit to the opening of a business?
4. Is the business a full time or part time endeavor? If full time how will you financially support yourself during the early stages of the business?
5. What are the consequences if your business fails?
6. Who have you reviewed your business idea with? What type of feedback have you received?
7. How much research have you completed

looking into your business idea? Have you spoken with someone who has worked in the proposed line of business or started a similar business?

8. Who will you be competing with? What can you offer that will make you stand apart from your competition?
- 9.

As mentioned previously, the above questions are just a starting point in the evaluation of a business idea. In future articles I will delve further into some of the important steps I believe should be considered in the process of taking a business idea from concept to opening.

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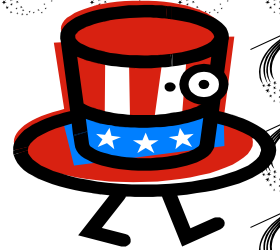
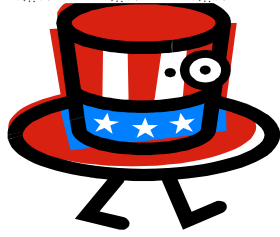
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