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August/September 2007

Around Milwood

Come Join us for a Picnic at
Rattan Creek Park for

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7, 2007

From 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm

Pavilion by Parking Lot

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Jollyville Fire Department and
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Come find out:

- What is going on in the neighborhood.
- Sign up for neighborhood watch program & email notifications.
- RCNA Scholarship Program
- Opportunity to volunteer.

EVENTS

August

Aug 2 **Teen Night** @Rattan
Creek Pool 8-10:30pm
\$2 cover charge

Aug 7 **National Night Out -
Rattan Creek Park**
6:30-8:30

Pavilion by parking lot

Aug 15 **MUD Meeting**, 6pm
9511 RR 620 North

Aug 16 **RCNA Meeting**, 7pm
Pavilion by playscape

Aug 16 **Teen Night** @Rattan
Creek Pool 8-10:30pm
\$2 cover charge

Aug 27 **RRISD school starts**

September

Sep 3 Labor Day

Sep 8 Rattan Fest 5K fun Run
7am check in
7:30am race starts

Sep 10 Newsletter deadline

Sep 16 Summer swim season
ends-please watch the pool &
NAMUD1 website for
possible extended season

Sep 19 **MUD Meeting**, 6pm
9511 RR 620 North

Sep 20 **RCNA Meeting**, 7pm
Pavilion by playscape

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Thank you to Michelle Dent and Dave Woodson for volunteering.

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. The notes this time are short and sweet. Usually this time we're getting ready for Rattan Fest, however this year with the lack of facilities at the park we decided it would be better to cancel it. However, we will have the 5k Fun Run this year.

The Pool Party went as well as could have been expected, but that was pushing the pool area in its current state. We found the pool party was stretching it. Without the use of those restrooms, Rattan Fest would not work. When the new Community Center is complete, we'll schedule a large Pool Party and Rattan Fest again.

This year I'd like to **start our neighborhood tradition to actively participate in National Night Out**. I think the timing is perfect with what happen to our pool house and more importantly what has happen since. Your efforts with the Neighborhood Watch has really paid off and the parks are much more pleasant and family oriented this year than last.

The night, August 7th at 6:30 p.m. will be a good time to come up to Rattan Creek Park and meet your neighbors, thank our Sheriff's Deputies and the Jollyville Fire Department. If you would like to bring something to throw on the grill we'll have it fired up. You could bring a side like chips; I picture it being an informal potluck. The Association will have the pit going at the pavilion closest to Elkhorn Mountain. It will be a good way to celebrate how the neighborhood came together after the fire and other problems. At the same time we can discuss ways to make further improvements and have the park and neighborhood even better.

Please remember to keep it slow especially with all the children still out for the summer.

Be safe,
John Lenz,
President RCNA

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From the residents of Rattan Creek**

Announcing Yard of the Month
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Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

New Neighbors:

Please help us welcome the following new neighbors to Milwood! If you live near them, stop by and welcome them to our neighborhood!



Nate, Sarah, Breck & Ridge Echelberger to 7519 Windrush Dr
 Ghazanfer & Zehra Hussain to 13301 Black Canyon Dr
 David & Jennifer Cox to 7605 Windrush Dr

New Babies

Ayla Coral Paul -born July 1, 2007, 7 lb. 11 oz., 20 1/4 in. to happy parents, Matt and Mandy Paul, joins sibling Sway.



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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- 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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More on Watering and maintaining yards in August and September

Usually in August, the hot dry summer months are still here and the yearly grind of hauling hoses and watering the lawn continues. If you have an automatic underground irrigation system, you may be bracing for the usual high water bills. Regardless of the system you use, you can save time, money, and water by following a few simple guidelines to ensure you are watering your yard in the most efficient way possible.

Pots and hanging baskets

Note that pots and hanging baskets dry out the fastest due to sun and wind on the root ball. Keep these close to the most-used areas of the yard so you will notice the drooping leaves and water as needed. Keeping them in as much shade as possible will help too. Also mulch the top of the soil and insulate the sides of the pots (or grouping them together) to reduce the sun and wind access area to the pots.

When to Water:

The best time of day to water is very early morning (3 to 7 am) when the wind is calm, temperature low, and when moisture on the plant leaves will be evaporated by the sun soon and minimize fungus

problems. Most plants can survive with less water than you think but you must wean them by developing deep roots; work toward a 5 to 7 day watering cycle on your day to water.

Always, the best way to determine if watering is needed is NOT the calendar. Last week it might have rained 4 inches OR, it might have been 100 degrees with a hot dry wind. If you have a sprinkler system with a rain cutoff, use in to minimize watering when it rains. Some controllers have a switch, so you can turn it on.

So, depending on the rain, you may not need to water for 14 days or you may need to water immediately no matter what the calendar says. Look at your plants, they will tell you their watering need when you walk around your yard. Water is needed when plants droop, lose their gloss, leaves curl inwards or take on a grayish color. What they are doing is changing the exposure area of the leaves to reduce further evaporation loss. You will be able to see the clues. Grass that is under stress shows footprints still an hour after being walked upon. To be sure, dig a

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hole in the soil. If it is dry 3 or 4 inches down, it is time to water.

Also, remember that full sun areas require more water. During the hot July to August months, you may need to develop 2 watering cycles, for full sun areas every 3-5 days and for shade areas every 5-7 days. This is the way the different zones or areas of automatic irrigation systems should be set up.

Different Watering Systems

There are two fundamentally different watering systems, **spray** and **soaker**. Spray systems include hose-end sprays, sprinklers, and underground sprinkler systems. Soaker systems include the soaker or leaky hoses and drip irrigation systems.

Another difference is how permanent the system is. I think we all would like a watering system that would sense when the plants need water and then turn on and deliver the most efficient amount of water at the right time of the day. Automatic systems are available but require some on-going maintenance and are difficult to change when plants are added or watering coverage is not correct. One of my neighbors calls his irrigation system his hobby!

Less permanent and easier to move systems are the soaker systems. There are tips below for installing and maintaining each of the spray and soaker systems.

How to Water with Spray Systems (hand or automatic)

Deep, infrequent watering is the way to go, but how long to water is the question. The reliable method is to measure how much water your system is putting out in an hour. Spray system output can be measured by placing 3 to 10 empty cans (tuna or cat food cans are the right size) at different distances and directions from the water source. Hose end sprayers will need fewer cans because coverage is the same wherever you move the sprayer. Underground systems require more cans to assure even coverage between the zones. Run each sprinkler zone for 30 minutes. Measure the number of inches of water in each can, add them together, and divide by the number of cans to get the average. To figure out the number of inches per hour your system is putting out, multiply the 30 minute average you just calculated by 2. Write this down for each zone and you will be able to lengthen or shorten the sprinkler on time as

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Events

<p>Family Fun Night 6:30pm; 9/7, 11/9 FREE for Family members \$10per non-member Family</p>	<p>Parent's Night Out Ages 3-12 years 6-11pm; 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8 \$20 members/\$40 non-members</p>
<p>Boof Camp – Tuesday 6:30am, Wednesday 6am, Thursday 6:30am; 9/11-9/28, 10/9-10/30 \$48 memb/\$65non-memb</p>	<p>Beach Bash Saturday, Au- gust 25, at NW Family YMCA 10am – 1pm</p>

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needed. Note that the variation in depth of water in each can gives you an idea how evenly your system distributes water.

In Austin, an inch of water is usually sufficient to wet the soil six inches down, reaching the root system of most turf grasses. Buffalo grass, Bermuda grass, and most shrub and perennial root systems can reach down 12 to 18 inches, so you need to water these areas more deeply and less often. Most Austin soils are high in clay content and don't absorb water rapidly. Bi-yearly application of Dillo Dirt or other composted material will increase the absorption capability of soil over time. Absorption rate ranges from 1/10 inch to 1/2 inch per hour. In any case when you see water standing or running off, your soil is saturated. To get more total water absorbed, water half the time needed (or until runoff) and then wait an hour or so and come back and water the other half of the time. This is especially important if your yard is on a slope where water soaks in up to 80 percent slower and runs off faster. Sloped areas need shorter times and more often watering.

The correct time length needed for the 1 inch of

water can be programmed into the automatic system controller for each zone. For hose end sprinklers, you can buy a kitchen timer to remind you to move the hose. Or, buy a hose timer (don't spend less than \$12 because they fail soon) so you can just set in the timer and it will shut the water off after the set time. Then you move the hose and reset the timer.

How to Water with Soaker Systems

Soaker hoses do not work well on large grass areas but work great on flower and vegetable beds. Because our soil is so heavy clay content, water does not move horizontally more than a few inches. A soaker hose in grass would have to be placed or moved every foot or so. Beds with well amended soil with Dillo Dirt or composted material worked in well will allow water to spread out more. The primary advantage to soaker systems is that they do not spray water onto the plants causing fungus problems or causing much water to evaporate or be blown onto the driveway by the wind. Drip systems are operated in a similar manner. The main difference is that a small tube and an emitter is located at the base of every plant. The primary problem is that when a

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tube or emitter gets plugged up you do not know about it until after that plant is dead.

Soaker hoses work well with timers which can be set for 4 to 8 hours run time. (Again, hose timers costing less than \$ 12 will not work reliably at different flow rates.) The best method to determine the time needed is to lay out the soaker hose for good coverage of all the plant roots. Turn the faucet on 1/4 turn and note the time. If you turn the faucet open too far you will blow out parts of the soaker hose causing uneven coverage. Check coverage every hour until you see water running off somewhere or standing in a deep puddle to find out the length of time it takes to saturate your soil. Then dig a hole and see how deep the water reached. To get more depth of penetration, increase the time the hose is on. Now you can check the plants and soil periodically to see when the roots need more water and when needed you can turn the soaker hose on again at that pressure and for that time to assure deep watering. Soaker hoses are available in 100 foot lengths for around \$10.00. There is a vast array of clamp on connectors to

splice, start, end, and Y sections of soaker hose. The only tools needed are a knife or large scissors, and a couple of screwdrivers.

Spray Equipment Suggestions

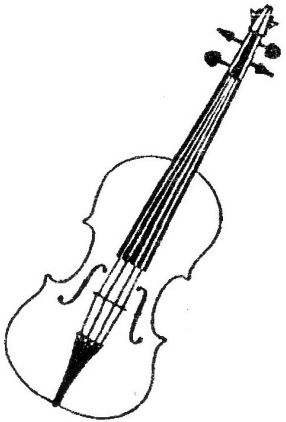
Since there are many types of spray heads and sprinklers, some general principles may help you select the best ones for your yard. Sprayers loose a lot of water by evaporation and by blowing by the wind. Look for sprayers which do not spray high in the air and which **do** send out large droplets or streams of water to minimize loss. It takes time to see how well a sprayer is covering the area with a given water valve setting.

Soaker Equipment Suggestions

Since soaker hoses are easy to move and position and quite inexpensive, an easy method is to make up a "leaky Hose" type soaker hose for each bed where it can be left in place and the hose connected and timer set as needed. Home yard stores have 100 foot rolls of soaker hose and inexpensive fittings (even push-in) for connections and ends and even "Y"s with flow control valves in each leg. Once the hose is in place and tested for coverage of all plants, a 3-inch layer of mulch on the bed will

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assure that all the water goes down to the roots of the plants and that little evaporates. I keep some hose splices around and when I see a plant area under-watered, I cut the soaker hose and splice in a loop of extra hose serpentine around the area. Fluffing up or adding mulch finishes the change.

Drip System Problems

Drip systems with emitters or leaky tubing may be inexpensive but they are difficult to hold in place and impossible to check if they are plugged without pulling the entire system out on top of the bed and running water through it. Even then it is difficult to decide which plant needs a 1 gallon per hour emitter and which a 2 gallon per hour emitter. I have installed a few drip and soaker systems and have talked with dozens of others at Xeriscape Garden Club meetings and it is generally agreed that the leaky hose systems are easiest to install, test, and change for the best water coverage for beds.

Bug problems

The bug attacking your St. Augustine grass which is suffering from the drought is a chinch bug. They like it when it is hot. If you see dry brown grass in

hot sunny areas of your lawn, and you are watering properly, chances are you have chinch bugs. They can destroy a lawn in 2 or 3 weeks. The adult chinch bug is black with white markings on the wings. It is small but if you look very closely you should be able to see them. There are organic products like Insecticidal Soaps, Neem, or Diatomaceous Earth or other products with rotenone and pyrethrum in them that work. A good yard and garden insect killer product is the Safer brand Insect Killer Pyrethrin and Insecticidal Soap. Other chemical controls are available at your local home store or nursery. As with most products, do not apply in full sun during the heat of the day. But do it fast or cinch bugs will spread and kill large areas of the lawn.

Remember what a drought is

Austin can have days and even weeks without rain and with hot dry winds which strip the moisture from plants. Water the grass when it needs it, and the beds on a regular schedule.

Trees are not watered by most grass and bed watering.

Trees are often under-watered and recede or stop growing during a drought. If you have small or trees you need to produce more shade for the

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Prepare a hot fire in the grill about 400 degrees.

When ready to grill, remove the corn from the water and drain. You can totally remove the husks at this time or you can pull them back and tie them with a piece of long husk. Spray each ear of corn with oil or butter lightly and salt and pepper to taste. Place the corn on the grill, with the husk "handles" off the fire. Grill for 4 to 6 minutes total, turning by hand with the husk handles or with grill tongs every 30 seconds or so. The kernels should start to brown, but you do not want blackened corn. Enjoy! Makes 8 servings.

Roasted Bell Peppers & Grilled Onions

2 large red bell peppers
 1 large red onion, sliced in 6 to 8 thick wedges
 Olive oil
 Salt to taste

Fire up the grill to a medium heat. Run a toothpick through each onion wedge to hold it together. Lightly coat peppers and onions with olive oil. It works well with an oil mister also if you do not want to rub it on. Arrange them over medium heat and grill until tender, 12 to 15 minutes. Turn on all sides and take them off as they are done. Transfer the peppers to a plastic bag to steam. When cool enough to handle, cut into thin strips, removing seeds and stems. Remove the toothpicks from the onions. Toss with salt if desired and serve. These are great in sandwiches, taco, and fajitas.

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Neighborhood Watch

Hello Rattan Creek,

So far we are having a great summer here in the neighborhood. Let hope we can all be vigilant and keep it that way through August. The Williamson County Sheriff's Department has been kind enough to increase patrols in our area during the summer in order to deal with increased activity. However, they can't be everywhere at once. They need your eyes and ears to help.

Break in: There have been several break ins in the last few months. The ones I am aware of were due to outside key hiding places and friends being aware of how to get in. If you have a key hidden outside, they make key boxes with punch codes to secure them. Make sure your children know not to share information on how to get into your house. Other kids talk and word gets around. This is a surprisingly common way have your house broken into.

Speeding: Please watch your speed and all traffic signs in the neighborhood. There are lots of kids running around the neighborhood with school out

and we need to look out for them. If you are having a regular problem at a particular intersection, let us know and we will try to get the deputies to patrol those areas and get that under control.

Vandalism: A person had a brick thrown through the windshield of their parked car a few weeks ago. Just down the street a house was toilet papered the same night. Please ask your kids if they have heard anything regarding such activity. Any information should be given to the Williamson County Sheriffs Dept. (943-1300).

Pond Springs Elementary also had to deal with some vandalism. Apparently other schools in a wider area were hit as well. While detectives for both Round Rock and Cedar Park have made headway on the case, anyone having information regarding this activity is requested to report it to the police.

Issues in the parks: Surprisingly light considering its summer. Maybe it's the extra police presence or the rain keeping things quiet, but keep your eyes open because things can change quickly.

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an appointment**

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house, they will require extra watering. The most efficient way is to put soaker hoses outside of the drip line of trees and soak the area for a day every 2 weeks without rain. Landscaping costs a lot of money and replacing large trees can cost thousands of dollars so keep them watered until the fall rains return. Especially in new home areas where the roots of trees have been damaged by construction and too much dirt coverage, trees will need extra watering for several years. The TreeFolks newsletter just reminded me that rapid growth is mostly controlled by the site quality and water applied. Fast growing trees are those that we water very deeply in the summer growing season.

Transition months in Austin are September and October that lead into the cold winter months. What that means to us who work at keeping our yards looking OK, finally our yard work is going dormant also. Not much needs to be done from now until spring unless it continues to be hot and dry. In 1999, and 2000, and 2001, we had soaking rains about the 4th of July and then the next good rain on October 22nd. There is no predicting the

fall rains. If it continues to be hot and windy, be sure to spread a leaky hose or good sprinkler around the drip edges of your trees and thoroughly soak the soil.

About this time of the year I usually get several calls about trees showing stress when the hot dry winds suck the moisture out of the tree leaves. It is poor economy to skimp on water for trees especially in the summer. If they go into the winter with low reserves of water they will be weakened and may die over the winter. This is especially true of trees less than 4-6 years old without a well established root system. Soak them well at least every couple of weeks, cheap insurance.

St. Augustine Grass Care – If it is still hot and dry and you see brown areas in hot full-sun areas, the problem is likely Chinch Bugs. They are small black insects with white markings on the wings. (So they tell me, too small for my trifocals.) A good organic cure is an insecticidal soap with pyrethrum or Neem or Diatomaceous Earth. A good yard insect killer is the Safer brand Insect Killer Pyrethrum and Insecticidal Soap. Spray not in the full-sun heat of the day on the brown areas and surrounding grass. Repeat several times a few days or waterings apart. Keep watch and repeat after a few days if the brown area is spreading.

Brown Patch Fungus: After it rains and the temperature drops to mid 70s, then dead St. Augustine grass problems are likely brown patch fungus. The stems look soft and mushy when infected by the fungus. A light application or two of Dillo Dirt or composted material will greatly reduce the fungus and allow the grass grow again. A mixture of 1 tbl. spoon of laundry detergent in a gallon water sprinkled on the area often reduces the fungus to a normal level. There are many commercial products available, be sure to read and follow the directions carefully, they can harm pets, birds and other plants.

The brown patch fungus is always in the soil and grows faster each spring and fall when the moisture and temperature are right. The dead grass areas may need to be re-treated although composted material encourages the growth of the fungus-fighting micro-organisms and lasts the longest.

My Sprinkler System Expert Status should be established by now. A couple of years ago after a month of shopping, watching installation & testing



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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).

**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



August 2007



Aug 1-26:

Open Swim:

Mon-Fri: 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 10:00PM
Sunday: Noon to 10:00 PM

**Aug 27 - Round Rock
School Starts**

Aug 27-31:

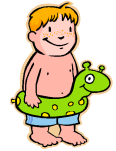
Open Swim:

M, W, F: 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**

September 2007



September 1-16:

Open Swim:

M, W, F: Open Swim: Noon - 1:30 PM
Mon-Fri: 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sunday: Noon to 8:00 PM

**Watch the pool and
www.Northaustinmud1.org
for more details on possible
extended summer season.**

During reconstruction of the pool bath house and community center, the pool will have to be closed for liability reasons.

Please bear with us during the construction phase.

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.



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 PBF Covenant Management, LLC reported on June 27, 2007:

New complaints received (42), Calls for advice (3), First letters sent (40), Number of cover letters to rental owners: (11), Second letters sent (0), Repeat letters sent (1), Violations sent to MUD attorney (0), Number of cases closed (violations corrected) (16).

The RCNA Architectural Control Committee activities are described in another section.

Rattan Creek Park Pool: The pool is on the normal summer hours. Mulch has been added to the north entrance path, and the Coke machine removed.

The Teen Nights have been very successful, requiring extra pool staff with the some 175 teenagers attending. Parents are always welcome to visit and help the staff. It's a learning experience folks, but nice to see that many kids all wet and busy and doing what they should be doing. This is another activity well managed by Clearwater Mgmt. staff Remember to say Thanks to the pool staff, they have a demanding job and keep us all safe.

Other pool activities: --The Hurricane Swim Team had another successful season with a celebration pool party on July 9th. -- The McNeil H.S. swim team used our pool for team tryouts. -- The Williamson County EMS held their underwater training in the pool.

Revised Rules Reminder: The Board approved revised more stringent and clear rules for the Parks, 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 and enjoyment of all District residents.

Rattan Creek Park Community Center Rebuilding: Meetings and the approvals process continues. Same plan, to not have a winter swim season and to start construction when school starts in the Fall. Many thanks to Directors Keith Collins and Jo Jones for their many extra hours work on this project.

Greenbelts and parks and soccer fields: All three soccer fields have been top dressed, leveled, overseeded with Bermuda grass for summer growth and fertilized, and are open for use again. The park lawn areas were sprayed for weeds as needed, and the mowing and irrigation schedules are set for the summer season. The greenbelt creek bottom mowing has been delayed by and high water table in the aquifer producing standing water in many areas.

The Board July meeting approved a contract with Landscape Specialties of Texas to remove silt and

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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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clean all storm drain outlets in the greenbelt areas. If there is standing water remaining, to inhibit mosquito larva growth, the natural “inhibitor “donuts“ will again be placed in stagnant pools.

Booster Station Pressure Pumps: The pump projects are proceeding, with construction almost completed in the two locations (East Dallas Dr. between the Tudor Times and Dental office) and (Tamayo Drive North at Parmer Lane), both on NAMUD#1 property. The piping and foundation and driveway work is completed and we are waiting for delivery of the skid mounted variable speed pressure pump units. They should be installed and running in August. The units will then be fenced and the area cleaned up.

Sewer System T.V. Inspection: You may see the TV camera inspection crews working through the manholes in the middle of the street in another section. The previous testing found no urgent repairs and the pictures continue to be reviewed for pipe problems.

New Construction in Amber Oaks Corporate Center: Another 3 buildings encompassing 270,000 sq. ft. are being built along Amberglen Boulevard on 22.9 acres. Good news for us, as this means more property tax income to help pay our NAMUD#1 total property taxes.

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

Note that the Board approved the change for restrictive covenant violations. Complaints should be sent to :

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

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Website: www.northaustinmud1.org

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Ambulance 9 - 1 - 1

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

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

Crime Stoppers 1-800-253-STOP

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

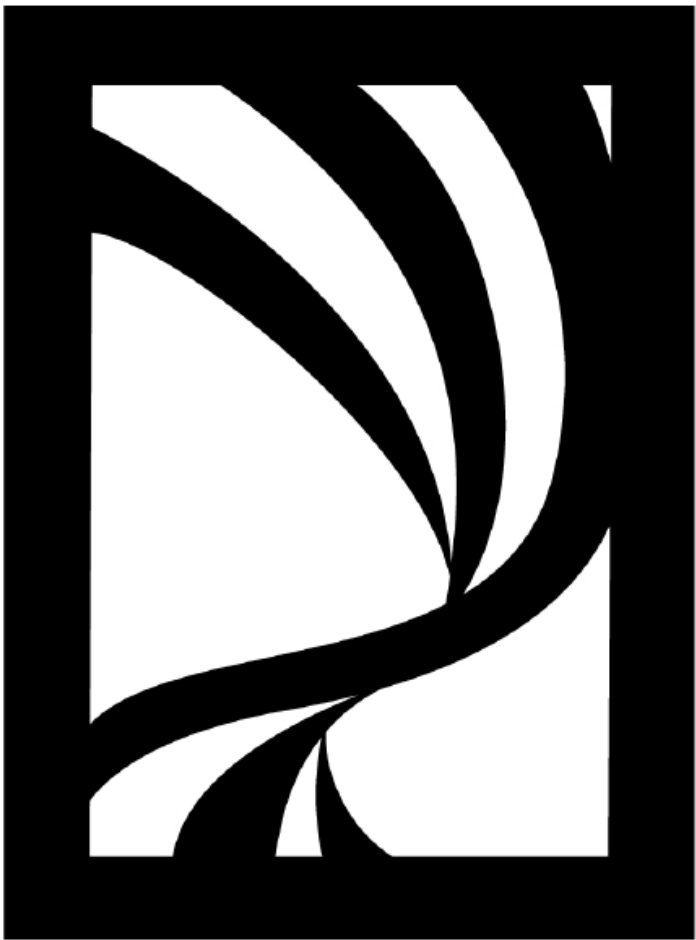
Dept of Homeland Security 1-800-BEREDY

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

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

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

Utilities:
 Electric:
 City of Austin 494-9400
 Gas:
 Texas Gas Service 1-800-700-2443
 Water/Wastewater: NA MUD #1:
 Eco Resources 335-7580
 Phone: SBC 1-800-464-7928
 Trash/Recycling/Large Item Pickup:
 Round Refuse 255-4980
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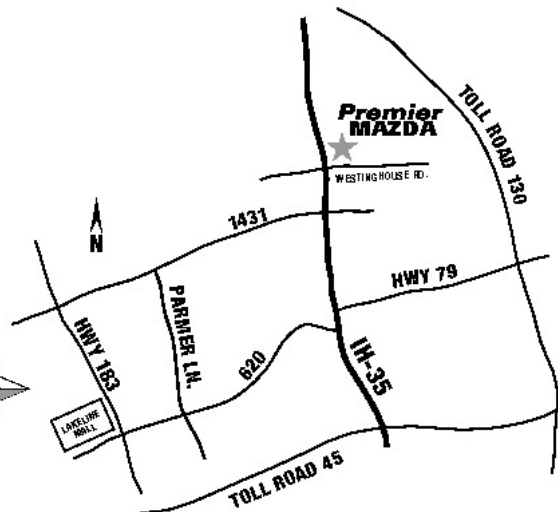
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Remember Our Local Heroes

By Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman

The next time you are looking for something to do this summer, I urge you to take time to go by the Williamson County Justice Center in Georgetown.

There on the corner of 4th and Forest streets stands the Nathan Chapman Memorial area. The centerpiece of the small area is the magnificent statue of SFC Nathan Ross Chapman. It towers above the corner and serves as a constant reminder of the sacrifices made by many for our freedom. SFC Chapman, whose parents Will and Lynn Chapman live in Sun City, was the first American soldier killed by enemy fire in Afghanistan in the War on Terror. He was killed on January 4, 2002. The memorial area is dedicated to "all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of liberty while serving the American people in this war."

The other soldiers that have died in this war also are honored there with small plaques that give their name, hometown, rank, branch of service and date of death.

The list is as follows:

1. PFC Ricky A. Morris, Georgetown- US Marine Corps-March 18, 2004
2. CPL Steven P. Gill, Round Rock-US Marine Corps Reserve- July, 21, 2004
3. 2nd LT Brian D. Smith, Austin-U.S. Army- July 2, 2004
4. CPL Joseph E. Fite, Round Rock-US Marine Corps Reserve-Jan. 9, 2005
5. Lance CPL Roger D. Castleberry-Cedar Park-US Marine Corps Reserve-Aug. 1, 2005
6. SSGT Christopher M. Zimmerman, Austin-US Marine Corps.-Sept. 20, 2006

If you know any of the families of these heroes, please call or write them a note to thank them for their sacrifice. If not, please take a moment to reflect on their loss and honor these seven fine young men from our community who died for all of us.

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The Nathan Chapman Memorial Fund presented the statue to the citizens of Williamson County on the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9-11-01. I was honored to attend that ceremony and accept the statue on your behalf. I also attended the recent gathering in which two additional plaques were dedicated. Even though I hope and pray that I will not need to attend another such ceremony, as the daughter of a career military officer, I know first hand the sacrifices made by members of the military are done willingly. For example, a neighborhood resident and father of Second Lieutenant Brian D. Smith told us about how after 9-11, Lt. Smith joined the army and chose not to serve as a lawyer, as he was trained to do, but as a combat soldier because he felt it was the right thing to do.

The area is funded through private donations and maintained by the county. For more information on the fund or to donate, go to www.nathanchapmanfund.org. Currently, most of the donations collected are directed to the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund, which distributes and administers scholarships and educational assistance

to the children of military personnel who have died in the War on Terror.

In closing, please also think about the words on one of the plaques found in the Nathan Chapman Memorial Area, which states, "May the heroes here memorialized live forever in the hearts of all Americans and all freedom loving people everywhere."

If you need more information on this or any county issue, please contact me at 733-5380 or lbirkman@wilco.org.

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

RCNA-ACC Action Report 05/31/07 to 07/19/07:
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- #4 Deck and Arbor: 1 inquiry, 1 Approved
- #5 Fences, replacement and relocation: 2 inquiries
- #6 Remodeling / Additions: 1 inquiry, 0 submitted for review, 0 approved
- #7 Storage Sheds: 0 inquiries
- #8 Swimming Pools: 1 inquiry, 0 approved

Chuck Simms,
RCNA Architectural Control Committee Chair
e-mail: 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 .

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Ashley Lloyd, 15 - Babysitter -- Red Cross Babysitting course certified, very responsible, able to babysit during summer days, nights, weekends. Have experience with children of various ages.
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Melanie Bivone, 14 - I have grown up taking care of children in my moms daycare. I can babysit all ages from two weeks to any age. I can cook for them, play games with them, and get them to bed on time. With my compassionate heart, I also love animals. I will walk them, feed them, and love them as my own. Please call me anytime on my home phone at 331-5240 or my cell phone 297-0705. Thanks! (11/07)

Andrew Moses, 15 – Tired of having to get out of that chair and go into the extreme weather and mow your lawn. Well not anymore I'm here to do that for you I will mow, weed whip, and blow your lawn. Call me at 512-219-6786 (1/08)

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If you should have issues with people breaking park rules call it in. If it looks serious, call 911, if you just want a deputy to check something out or defuse a situation, call the non-emergency number 943-1389. Most of us have cell phones. Don't be afraid to use them.

Curfews: If you see people in the park after 10:00 P.M. or teens running around the neighborhood after midnight Monday – Friday or 1 A.M. Saturday – Sunday, call it in. Better a curfew violation now than something more serious later.

On a brighter topic, come on out to National night out on August 7th at Rattan Creek Park around 6:30 P.M. The deputies will be coming out around 7:00 to have some burgers and hot dogs with us and here is your chance to meet them. These are the guys that will be there when you need them. This is a great opportunity to show your support for them and a crime free community.

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Sixteenth Annual Rattan Fest 5K Fun Run! September 8, Check in at 7:00 a.m.

Attention: Anyone who wants to have fun! Even if you are not a marathoner, you'll enjoy running or walking this 5K run. (No rain date is scheduled for the run)

Registration: \$10 kids (under 12), \$15 for adults mailed before August 25, 2007.

To register, complete the registration form in this issue and mail in with your entry fee. Refunds can be made prior to August 31, if unable to participate.

Late registrants may not receive a T-shirt or Choice of size.

Run Start: Check in and late registration begins at 7:00am in the pool parking lot.

Run starts at 7:30am at the intersection of Tamayo and Elkhorn Mountain.

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Info: Angie Brown 335-0207

For entry form or www.rattancreek.org

Entry Form

Rattan Creek 5K Fun Run - September 8, 2007

No Rain Date

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female
Address: _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____ Age as of September 8, 2007 _____
T-Shirt size: ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Remember runners who register after August 25 are not guaranteed to receive t-shirts (or size requested).

Entry Fee: \$10.00 Children (under 12) / \$15.00 Adults
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Mail to: Rattan Fest Run c/o Angie Brown
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Waiver: (Must be signed)

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur during the event or while I am on the premises of the event; and I hereby release and hold harmless the sponsors and all other persons or entities associated with this event, or otherwise.

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