



Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

Serving Milwood at North Austin MUD # 1 since 1983

Distributed Every Other Month By The Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association, Vol. 24, No. 1

February/March 2009

Around Milwood

Rattan Creek Phone Numbers:

- **Community Center 257-1255**
Manager: Mandy Paul
- **Pool 257-1265**
Clearwater Management
331-7066



It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

See page 10 for more details.



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11th

Rattan Creek Park

See page 14 for more details.



Before the Easter Egg Hunt Enjoy Great Pancake Breakfast!

When: Saturday, April 11th

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 am

Where: Rattan Creek Park

Enjoy a great breakfast before the Easter
Egg Hunt

and help support your local Boy Scout Troop 164.

Please Bring Your Money!



EVENTS

February

- Feb 4 RRISD Middle School
Early Release
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 16 President's Day
RRISD Holiday
- Feb 18 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm
Community Center
- Feb 26 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm
Community Center

March

- Mar 4 RRISD Middle School
Early Release
- Mar 8 Daylight Savings
"Spring Ahead" 
- Mar 16-20 Spring Break
- Mar 18 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm
Community Center
- Mar 26 RCNA meeting, 7:00pm
Community Center

April

- Apr 9 Passover Begins 
- Apr 10 RRISD Holiday
- Apr 11 EASTER EGG HUNT
Rattan Creek Park
8:30am Pancake Breakfast
10:15am Easter Parade
- Apr 12 Easter
- Apr 13 RRISD Holiday
- Apr 15 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm
Community Center
- Apr 23 RCNA meeting, 7:00pm
Community Center

Visit our website at
www.rattancreek.org

RCNA Board of Directors

P.O. Box 200584

Austin, Tx 78720-0584

Website: www.rattancreek.org

RCNA Board of Directors:

President Brian Kerman 921-4490

Email: president@rattancreek.org

Vice-Pres. Open

Email:

Secretary Angelia Moore 694-1115

Email: AMoore@advsol.com

Treasurer Open

Email:

Ass't Treasurer/Secretary

Dallas Hall 257-3494

RCNA Committees:

ACC(Architectural Control Committee):

Email: RCNAACCVS@aol.com

Events Coordinator: Dallas Hall 257-3494

Membership: Lamar Lee 689-8425

Rob Paver 470-9324

Neighborhood Watch: OPEN

Email: watch@rattancreek.org

Website Administrator: Mark Maxwell

Email: Maxwells@swbell.net

Newsletter:

Editor: Jo Jones 335-1805

Email: jojones@yahoo.com

Classified Advertising/Teen Services:

Kelly Buczek 258-6482

Email: kelly@catscradle.us

Display Advertising: OPEN

Contact Jo Jones, Editor for information

Distribution:

Dave and Jennifer Cazares 257-3380

Milwood Parents Group:

Grace Ferrell 336-7671

Email: graceferrell@earthlink.net

New Neighbors/Babies:

Kathleen Edwards 350-2649

Email: austinredkat@yahoo.com

Recipe Corner:

Natasha Randall 996-8531

Email: arandall5@austin.rr.com

Yard of the Month: Angelia Moore 694-1115

Email: AMoore@advsol.com

The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News welcomes your letters and guest columns. Letters must have a verifiable signature. Guest columns and letters will be printed on as space available basis. Neither the Rattan Creek Neighborhood News nor the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association accept responsibility for the opinions expressed in editorials, letters or guest columns. The Rattan Creek Neighborhood News reserves the right not to publish any submissions and the right to edit all submissions. Mail to the following address:

Jo Jones, RCNA Editor, 13119 Green River Trail, Austin, Tx 78729 or e-mail: JoRJones@yahoo.com

Architectural Control Committee Information:

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

RCNA-ACC

13359 N. Hwy 183, Ste B-406 PMB#237

Austin, TX, 78750

For more information, please see inside on page 24.

Or contact Chuck Simms for more specific information needed via email:

If you need copies of your Deed Restrictions:

You can contact **PBF Covenant Management, L.L.C.**

202 Walton Way, Ste 192, Box 142

Cedar Park, Tx 78613-7046

- There is an \$ 8.50 charge for the copies. Once you have paid for the copies, a set will be mailed to you.
- You will need your legal description (ie. lot, block, and section of Milwood), so you get the correct set of deed restrictions for your section.

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.*

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 ().

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

President's Notes

We are so fortunate to live in Milwood. The quality of life that we have grown to love is sometimes taken for granted! So many folks do not realize how great our community is. Our community is beautiful. Nicely treed streets, tons of folks out and about, and great recreational facilities. What more can one ask for?

With a new era in the governing body of our country that has begun, our new President is urging citizens to get involved in their community and volunteer. Your local Neighborhood Association is constantly working hard to help our neighbors to work together, to play with each other and to help each other. As we are entering Spring, we are working on several projects including our annual Easter Egg Hunt as well as the return of our annual "Members Only" RCNA Pool Party. Additionally, we are gearing up for our scholarships award program to entering college freshmen. (Please see page 13 in this newsletter for applications and criteria

regarding the scholarship program.)

Now that our incredible Community Center is completed, our dreams have finally come true. The RCNA is planning to expand the number of activities and services that we provide to our community. BUT, we cannot do it without you! Within the past week, our Annual Membership information was delivered to your front door along with a self addressed envelope to make it easier than ever for you to become involved and pay your annual dues of \$25.00. **WE NEED YOU!** Please take a few moments to complete the membership form that we had delivered to your door or the one that is on page 28 in this newsletter. Yes, we printed it upside down to catch your attention! We need you support your community by becoming involved!

Our RCNA Board is comprised of a small group of active and dedicated volunteers, who work very hard to provide all of the activities and programs for you, the residents of

(Continued on page 5)

NOW OPEN... A New Chase Branch

VISIT US TODAY

<p>Parmer and McNeil inside HEB 6001 W Parmer Ln Austin, TX 78727</p> <p>Lobby Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-7:00pm Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm</p>	
--	--

Expect more from Chase.

- **Checking:** Free access to 8,500 Chase ATMs, free Visa® Check Card and free Online Bill Pay with qualifying accounts
- **Savings:** Variety of accounts for every savings goal
- **Credit Cards:** Wide range of rewards and partners¹
- **Home Equity:** One of America's leading home equity lenders
- **Mortgage:** Home loans for every need
- **Investments:** A full-service investment firm with personalized products and services from Chase Investment Services Corp.²
- **Business Banking:** Unparalleled expertise

Contact Branch Manager Michelle A. Kelley at 512.250.1240 for more information.

CHASE

Visit www.Chase.com/careers for employment opportunities with Chase.

All loans and lines subject to credit and property approval. Terms and conditions subject to change without notice. Not all products available in all areas for all accounts. Other restrictions and limitations apply.

1. Subject to credit approval. Chase credit cards are issued by Chase Bank USA, N.A. and may be serviced by its affiliates.

2. Securities and investment advisory services are offered through Chase Investment Services Corp. (CISC), CISC, a member of FHNIA and SPC, is an affiliate of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

INVESTMENT PRODUCTS:
• NOT FDIC INSURED • NO BANK GUARANTEE • MAY LOSE VALUE

© 2007 JPMorgan Chase & Co. All Rights Reserved. NOWOP 11/07

Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 200584 – Austin, Tx 78720-0584
Annual Membership Dues – \$25
(January – December 2009)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Membership: Renewal New

E-mail: _____

Add me to the Neighborhood Watch Alert List

I would like to volunteer to assist with:

Activities Committees Neighborhood Watch
 Newsletter

Additional Voluntary Contribution \$ _____

Please pay your dues
today by mail
or you can pay online at
[www.rattancreek.org!](http://www.rattancreek.org)

Thank You For Your Continued Support!! Page 3

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: *No new neighbors to report*



New Babies

Welcome new baby:



Lucas Mark Deicher

born October 18, 2008 8 lbs. 13oz, 21 inches
Proud 1st Time Parents: Willie and Heather Deicher

If you know someone has just moved into the neighborhood, or just had a baby, help us to welcome the new folks and/or congratulate our neighbors on their special event. Please contact Kathleen Edwards at 350-2649, Or email to her at austinredkat@yahoo.com

Milwood Parent Activities

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

- **Bunco Anyone?** New group forming. Contact Christy Traywick at cwtraywick@hotmail.com or 219-9372 for more details.
- New playgroup for babies/toddlers born between September 2005 – August 2006. Contact Debbie Waller at 215-2878 or dwall75@yahoo.com.
- Playgroup for babies (and their Moms) with birth dates from around July/August 2003 to 2004: Preferably contact Carolyn Brown via e-mail at carolyn@carolynelaine.com or call 922-3991.
- 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?

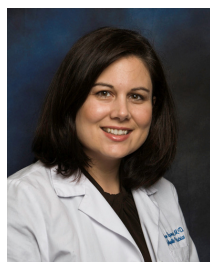
**Contact Grace at 336-7671
or graceferrell@earthlink.net
to have your message posted.**



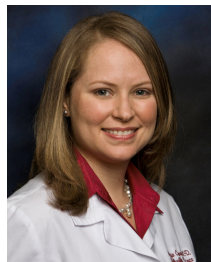
Jollyville Pediatrics

11851 Jollyville Rd. Ste. 204
Austin, TX 78759

p: 219-5550 f: 219-5551



*Evelyn Spencer,
M.D. FAAP*



*Nitzia Cepeda,
M.D. FAAP*

**Same day sick appointments
and sports physicals**

M-F 8:30 AM -5:00 PM

Accepting new patients from birth to 18 yrs
Most insurance plans accepted

Free prenatal classes for expectant parents

Visit www.jollyvillepediatrics.com for more info

LIFE DOESN T STAND STILL AND NEITHER SHOULD YOUR INVESTMENTS

Jason P. Dickerson

Investment Representative

To see if rebalancing makes sense, call or visit today to request a free Portfolio Review.

6001 W. Parmer Ln, Ste 210
Austin, Tx 78727
(512)219-1191

www.edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

Edward Jones

MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

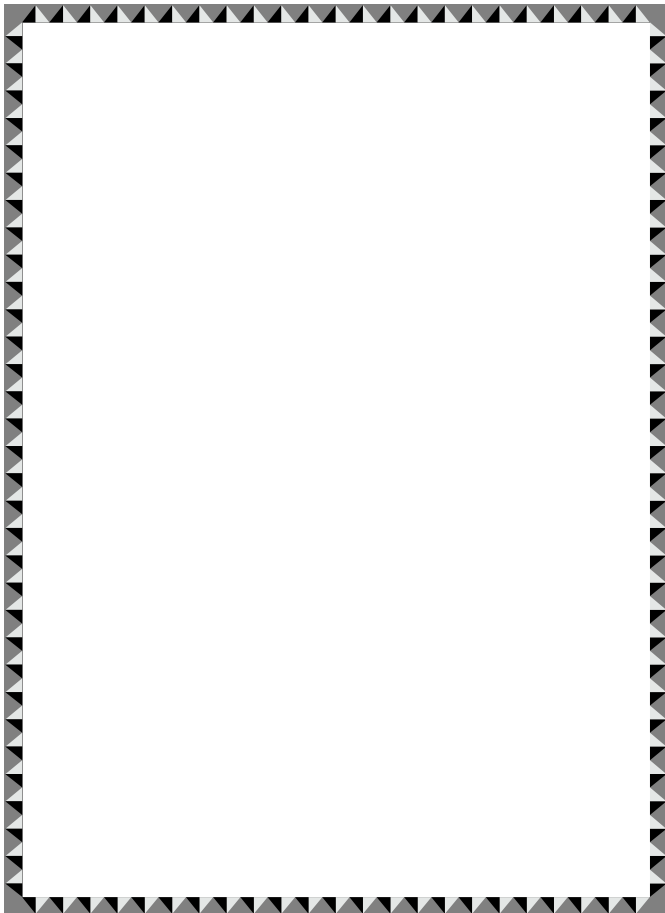
(Continued from page 3)

Milwood. Please consider showing your support by joining us as a member and also to step up and volunteer. We are always looking for new and interested individuals to spend just a few hours a month working with us. The more volunteers we have, the larger scope of programs and activities we can provide.

Just a reminder...now that the weather is beginning to warm, residents are out and about more often and in greater numbers. Please be mindful of all of the children, bike riders, walkers and joggers. We urge you to please observe speed limits and traffic ordinances in the district. We must all share the streets and roads. Please respect each other and give pedestrians the right of way when crossing the street.

Of course if you would like additional information about the activities of the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association, please feel free to contact me via e mail at brikerm@austin.rr.com. I look forward to your inquiries, questions and feedback.

Brian Kerman, President
Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association



Easter is on it's way!

Yes, it's that time of the year again. That means 7,000 need to be stuffed, and as we all know, that is a big expense. I am asking for our neighborhood, like it always has, to jump in there and help out with the Easter candy donations. We had about 600 neighbors come to the hunt last year. We almost didn't have enough, please donate and make this our best hunt ever!

I will also need help the day before and the day of the event:

- Setting up fences the night before and taking them down the next day.
- Getting the candy to the proper areas the day of the event.
- Distributing the candy at the baby area.
- Distributing candy and eggs at the two big kid hunts.
- Clean up

It is a lot of fun! *If you have a high school student, this would be great community service hours. This can also go towards the requirements for the RCNA scholarship. (4hours)*

Items needed for RCNA Easter Egg Hunt

(all items must be individually wrapped)

Baby area:

Dum-Dums, animal cookies, cookies, gummies, kisses, crackers, etc...

Older Kids:

Dum-Dums, suckers, assorted candies, hard candy, kisses, Air Heads, Jolly Ranchers, Tootsie Roles, Ring Pops, Gum, etc...

I find the best place to buy candy is at Sam's or Casco. You get a lot more for your money. **But we love any donations!**

As always, thank you for all the support you give our neighborhood. It always shows at the Easter Event. If you have any donations, please feel free to drop them off or give me a call.

Thanks again! I look forward to seeing all of you there!

**Dallas Hall, 257-3494
13201 Kepler Cove**

February, March Gardening Tasks It's almost planting time!

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

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

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


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

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

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

Trees - It is always time to plant trees so if you have been putting it off, select a few 1 to 5 gallon trees and start growing the beauty and shade you'll enjoy for years. Remember, deciduous trees on the

(Continued on page 7)



ROBERTS
TERMITE & PEST CONTROL, INC.

- RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL
- FREE ESTIMATES

• LIMIT ONE COUPON PER CUSTOMER
• NOT VALID WITH OTHER OFFERS
• MUST PRESENT AT TIME OF SERVICE

Ask for R.J Avalos **444-0132**
Milwood Resident/RCNA Member



Low Cost House Painting
by Austin Jones Enterprises, LLC.

Brad Jones
633-2605

Over 300 Homes Painted In Milwood

Quality Workmanship at a Reasonable Price

Interior/Exterior Painting
Hardie Siding Installation
at discount prices

Rotted Wood and Siding Replaced

Milwood Resident – 17 years
RCNA Member

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC SCHOOL
of



VIOLIN  **PIANO**

ANNA J. CHOI
Founder/Director

All Ages & Levels
Lessons, Recitals
Local/National Competitions
Music Theory, Ear Training
and Sight Reading

JUILLIARD SCHOOL alumna
International Resume
Tel/Fax : 512-250-0977
anna@annachoi.com

(Continued from page 6)

South and West side of the house to block the summer sun and let in the heat after the leaves fall in the winter. Large shade trees include the Cedar Elm, Chinquapin Oak,, Bigtooth Maple, the Chinese Pistache, and the large Burr Oak.

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

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

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

Remember to water new plants weekly to monthly during dry spells for the first year, periodically for the first 2 years to establish the roots. After that your watering can be determined by how fast you want the plants to grow.

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

Check the moisture level of your tree at least once

(Continued on page 8)



**COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR
AND SERVICE WITH INTEGRITY**



512-335-8863 ER-Automotive.com
2501 South Bell Blvd., Cedar Park, TX 78613
Immediately Behind Jungle Juice

<p>FREE 27 Point Maintenance & Brake inspection</p> <p>with this coupon expires 03/31/09</p>	<p>\$ 5⁰⁰ OFF Oil & Filter Change</p> <p>with this coupon expires 03/31/09</p>
---	--

John and Sharon Lenz RCNA Member/Milwood Resident

*Full Service Real Estate Company
Serving Austin & Surrounding Areas since 1993*

- Buying
- Selling
- Leasing
- Investments

- Free Market Analysis
- Talking House Program
- Move up Program
- First Time Buyer Program

Jo R. Jones, ABR
Broker

Office: 335-4024 Cell: 633-2604
www.austinwhr.com

*RCNA Member / Milwood Resident 17 years
RCNA Event Sponsor*

Page7

(Continued from page 7)

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

Add Compost - As always, add composted material to beds and lawns for slow release fertilizer and to add organic matter to our Blackland Prairie heavy clay soil. If you have very little soil over layers of limestone, you need organic matter also. The nurseries have composted material by the bag and by the truck load. Several of our neighbors split a 6 yard truck load of Dillo Dirt to share the cost of the delivery truck every year or so in Spring or Fall. It sure makes great looking flowers and grass and helps lower the pH of our alkaline soil which releases the nutrients to the plant roots. Dillo Dirt is available in bags now at many of the local nurseries.

Tree Care Should Wait - We can still have a freeze through Valentines day so pruning fertilizing and cleanup of yards should wait until at least late

February. These activities stimulate new growth that can be easily killed by a late frost. Most plants require warm nights (when the soil is really warm) before much growth starts in the spring.

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

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

Early spring fertilization usually does wonders for the strength and growth of live oak trees. Put 2 or 3 inches of compost and 4 inches of mulch under the tree extending 1 1/2 times beyond the drip line. I was surprised to learn that the Austin area

(Continued on page 9)

Tired of standing in line at the post office?
Come visit us today for hassle free shipping!



M-F 9AM – 6PM
Sat 10AM – 3PM

15% OFF SHIPPING or PACKAGING
 (10% OFF APO/FPO Shipping – Other USPS not included)

13359 N Hwy 183, Ste B-406 **PH: 249-SHIP**
Austin, TX 78750 **249-7447**
 (Behind Texas Roadhouse) **www.weshipanything.com**

Custom Packaging • Crating • Shipping • Copies • Mail Box Rental
 Notary • Stamps • FedEx/UPS/DHL/USPS • FAX • Packaging Supplies


Champion Autoplex

Jonathon M. Martin
 New/Used Sales Consultant


Champion Autoplex
 8107 Research Blvd.
 Austin, TX 78758
 (512) 836-0060 ext. 6222
 (512) 832-2747 fax
 (512) 699-0206 cell
 martinj5@autonation.com
 www.championdealers.com

PONTIAC. GMC HYUNDAI CHRYSLER Jeep

LAW OFFICE OF DANIEL R. GONZALEZ
ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.C.



Tel. (512) 219-9300
13284 POND SPRINGS RD
Suite 403
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78729
 (Take McNeil exit of 183 to Pond Springs Road)



DANIEL R. GONZALEZ
 ATTORNEY AT LAW, P.C.

- PERSONAL INJURY - AUTO ACCIDENTS & WRONGFUL DEATH
- FAMILY LAW- DIVORCE, CUSTODY DISPUTES, ADOPTIONS, CHILD SUPPORT
- PROBATE & WILLS
- CRIMINAL DEFENSE – ASSAULTS, DRUGS, DWI ALL FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS
- IMMIGRATION

****FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION**
****CONSULTA GRATIS**
****SE HABLA ESPANOL**

Not certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
www.austinattorneyatlaw.com

Page8



THE CRITICAL UPDATE

Wanted: Milwood Residents who want to put an end to frustrating computer problems.
 Affordable, friendly service at your home.

512.336.2970
 Visit www.TheCriticalUpdate.com

(Continued from page 8)

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

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

- Go in with your neighbors to rent an aerator to loosen up the soil;
- Fertilize with a slow release fertilizer (urea based) or 1/8 to 1/4 inch of Dillo dirt and;

Water it in well every week for several months during the growing season. Tree spikes or any strong fertilizer spread on the grass feeds the top few inches where the grass roots are, but will not get the fertilizer down to the tree root hairs 8 to 10 inches deep where it is needed. Nothing migrates through our heavy clay soil quickly.

Prune Trees and Shrubs - Prune now only to remove dead branches, diseased, crossing, rubbing, damaged branches, narrow weak crotches, or

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

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

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

(Continued on page 12)



Professional Pet Care of Austin
Quality care for your pets • Peace of mind for you

Serving the Greater North and West Austin Metro Area including Round Rock, Cedar Park and Leander



There really is no place like home!




Services Include:

- » In home pet sitting
- » Daily dog walking
- » Pet taxi
- » House sitting
- » Other services as requested

Ask about our Daily Dog Walking Special for the Summer

Call 512-335-4110 or visit www.professionalpetcareofaustin.com for more information



Hardie Siding Installation



Thinking of replacing your current siding? Consider Hardie Siding. Here's why:

- 50 Year Warranty
- Termite & Moisture Resistant
- Added value to your home

Call 633-2605

Brad Jones
Very Competitive Prices
Quality Workmanship
Painting - All Repairs

Special Pricing for Milwood Residents Save Thousands!

Milwood Resident 17 yrs.
Austin Jones Enterprises, LLC.



It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Area Girl Scouts will be selling cookies January 21 through February 27, 2009. Did you know that the first cookies were sold in 1917 and that the original boxes were Shortbread?

Now, there are eight different kinds to choose from

- Carmel deLites,
- Peanut Butter Patties,
- Shortbread,
- Thin Mints,
- Peanut Butter Sandwiches,
- Thanks-A-Lot,
- Lemonades,
- Reduced Fat Daisy Go Rounds.

The cost is \$3.50 each. Proceeds from the sale of cookies benefit Girl Scout programs.

Operation Cookie – Operation Cookie is a special program where Girl Scouts/troops write letters and sell cookies as a special donation for military personnel overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan, Africa,

Honduras, Okinawa and the Philippines. Girl Scouts of Central Texas works in cooperation with Operation Independence, which is an organization that ships the cookies overseas with other needed supplies. Ask a Girl Scout how you can purchase a box of cookies that will be sent overseas. Servicemen and women who have received the girls' cookies stopped by various cookie booths last year to say, "Thanks."

We will be seeing you all around town!
Springwoods Girl Scout Service Unit

Volunteers Needed!

Call Brian Kerman,
RCNA President
921-4490

Would You LIKE to Give Your Patio a Makeover ?



863-GLASS (4527) Serving central Texas for over 17 Years!

Residential Glass:
 Shower Glass Custom Mirrors
 Fogged Window Replacement
 Glass Shelving & Table Tops
 Automotive Glass:
 Windshields, Mirrors, Door Glass
 Chip Repairs / Mobile Service
 Cars, Trucks, RVs, Heavy Equip.

Metro Line **930-4295**

www.russellglass.com
2611 S. Austin Ave. Georgetown TX
 Glass and Screen Patio Enclosures
 Pergola and insulated Patio Covers
10% Off Screen Rooms !
 LIMITED TIME ...

Recipe Corner By Natasha Randall

Tortellini Soup with Sausage

- 1 (9 ounce) package refrigerated cheese tortellini
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 pound ground sausage
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 can sliced olives
- 2 8oz. cans Basil, garlic, & oregano flavored tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- salt and pepper to taste

Brown sausage in a pan and drain off fat. In a large sauce pan combine all the ingredients and cook until heated through and bubbling. Stir frequently to keep from burning the bottom.

Serve with a loaf of French bread and enjoy!

Chicken Pesto Pizza

- 1 10-12" pizza crust
- 1/2 cup pesto sauce
- 1 cup frozen chopped spinach thawed and drained
- 1 4oz can sliced olives drained
- 1/2 cup chopped artichoke hearts
- 1 1/2 cup chicken cooked and chopped
- 1-2 cups mozzarella cheese

Spread pesto sauce on the pizza crust. Layer the rest of the ingredients in the order listed onto the prepared crust. Bake 375 degrees for 20 min or until the crust is slightly browned and the cheese is melted.

If you have a recipe you love and would like to share with the neighborhood, please send the recipe to Natasha Randall at arandall5@austin.rr.com

Education Through Dance



NOW AT THE RATTAN CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER!

Now Enrolling!

- Age 2 KinderTots*
- Ages 3-5 KinderDance*
- Ages 3-5 KinderGym*

*BALLET · TAP · FITNESS · CREATIVE DANCE
SONGS · GYMNASTICS · NUMBERS · COLORS*

*Because children learn with their bodies...
as well as their minds...*

Kinderdance of North Austin
257-0733
www.northaustindance.com

YARDS APART LANDSCAPE



512-970-5014

twinsett@austin.rr.com

- ✓ Mow, Edge, Sweep
 - ✓ Tree Work, Hauling
 - ✓ Fertilizer, Weed Beds
 - ✓ Design / Installation
- We Will Beat Any Bid by 10% and Guarantee Our Work!
Call or E-mail Troy Today!

Donald V. Jackson, D.C.

1406 Koenig Lane
Austin, Tx 78756

451-4006

TAKE ACTION CALL JACKSON!

<http://actionjackson.chiroweb.com>

Specializing in the treatment of

- Headache,
- Office Worker Pain Syndromes,
- Adolescence Back Pain

20 years experience

Milwood Resident

GO MAVS!



Drain flies

Small flies in the home can become quite a nuisance. One type of fly that may infest the home is drain flies. Drain flies are small, have two wings and are a brownish or grayish color. Drain flies have a fuzzy appearance and when at rest, the wings are held roof-like over the body making them look like tiny moths which is why they are also sometimes called moth flies.

Drain flies are often seen in kitchens and bathrooms near sinks and tubs. They tend to be more active in the evening. Female flies lay eggs in the thin film of organic matter that builds up on the inside of pipes. The larvae develop in the slime layer, feeding on fungi and other microorganisms.

Killing adult drain flies will only temporarily solve your problem. To manage drain flies, the source should be treated to reduce the population of developing flies. To track down the source, place tape over one side (don't cover the drain completely) of the drains in sinks and tubs before you go to bed. In the morning, check the tape for flies that emerged during the night to find out which drain is infested.

Once you locate the drain, take a stiff brush to physically clean out the drain and the flush the drain with boiling water. There is no need to treat the drain with bleach or ammonia. It may take several days to see a reduction of the adult flies once the drain has been cleaned; you have to allow the emerged adults to die off.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Also check out www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

(Gardening-Continued from page 9)
for a few months.

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



Happy gardening,
Chuck Simms,
"The Gardening Guy"



Dr. Kyleen Chen

KC DENTAL

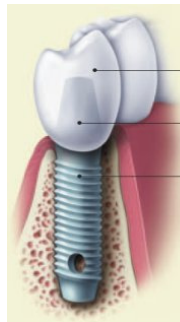
*Family & Cosmetic
Dentistry
Children Welcome!*

- Cosmetic dentistry, veneers, dentures, crown & bridge
- Root canal treatments
- **Implant** surgery & restoration
- **ZOOM2** in-house whitening
- Children welcome!
- Digital dental office
- Nitrous oxide sedation
- Cable TV in every room
- Most insurance accepted
- Discount for cash patients



Dr. Sid Gupta

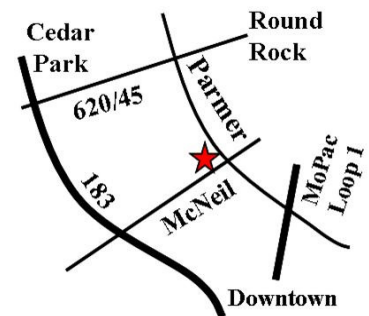
In-house periodontist specializing in Implant and Perio. Surgery



Dr. Samir Gupta

512-918-0888

**6301 W. Parmer Ln, #606
Austin, TX 78729**



(Corner of McNeil & Parmer behind Starbucks) www.kcdentalaustin.com

**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association
2009 Scholarship Award Program
3 - \$500 scholarship awards available**

1. Responses must be postmarked no later than May 31st.
2. *We are not responsible for any lost, delayed or any mail not received.*
3. The Scholarship applicants will be notified via phone after the RCNA regular scheduled meeting on June 25th. Finalists should be prepared to answer questions in an interview format with the RCNA Board, if requested.

Criteria:

- High School Seniors limited to **RCNA member families**.
- Academic achievement.
- Attach a list of Community Service and/or Public Service (**minimum of 8 hours required, with a minimum of 4 hours with the RCNA**). **Contact the RCNA board if you need hours!**
- 2-4 page written essay discussing what does community service means to you.

Application:

Date _____ Signature: _____

Contact phone number h: _____ / c: _____

Full Legal Name _____

Permanent Address _____

College(s) planning to attend Fall 2009 _____

Name of High School _____

Name of High School Counselor _____

Current cumulative GPA _____ on a scale of _____

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

Briefly list work experience: _____

If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, choose only those you consider most significant. You may attach a resume if available. Return application form, essay and resume (if available) to **RCNA Scholarship, P.O. Box 200584, Austin, TX 78720-0584.**



RCNA Member's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



*Saturday April 11th
10:00 am
Rattan Creek Park*



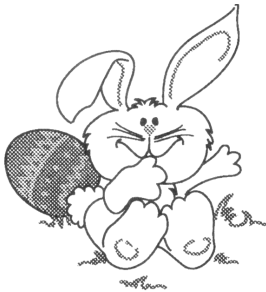
Exclusive Area For Wobblers and Toddlers in the Kiddie Corral

Open from 9:30 to 11:00 am

Young ones can hunt at their own pace.

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

“The Big Hunt”



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



Decorate Your Wheels and Join In The Fun!

The Hunt will begin AFTER the Parade!!

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

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

Remember:

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



RATTAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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

Application to Use Recreational Facilities and Release of Liability

**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED
APPLICATION FOR 2009 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 <u>PRINT CLEARLY</u> 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>
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO Southwest Water Company

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

2009 Summer Fees:		Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool	
Quantity		Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.	
_____ 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 (In-District Only)		@ \$25 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)	\$ _____
		(KEY IS ONLY VALID THROUGH OCTOBER 2009) (KEYS WILL BE MAILED WEEKLY)	
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only)		@ \$25 per household	\$ _____
		(RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)	
SUMMER BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 09/15/09		Total	\$ _____

ALL ITEMS PURCHASED ARE NON REFUNDABLE

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION 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 & 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 & used by **one** person.
- Annual ID badges are good from the beginning of the summer session until the end of the winter session & not necessarily a year from the date of purchase. (i.e. valid from May 2005 to April 2006)
- Tennis court locks are changed every 6 months – around the end of April/1st of May & end of October/1st of November. Therefore, for continued access, keys will need to be purchased twice a year. **Only ONE key can be issued per household.** Replacement fee for lost or stolen keys will be at the same price of a new key.
- **Tennis court keys are not available for pick up** at Southwest Water Company & will be mailed to you (even if your application is brought in person). Tennis court keys are not available at the pool.
- ID Badges, guest passes & tennis court keys are not pro-rated at any time.
- Guest passes can only be used for the session they were issued in & cannot be “carried over” to any other session.
- Please make sure you are filling out the appropriate application for the ID badges, etc., that you are requesting, so that you are referencing the correct information, fees, etc. (The year & session being registered for will be stated above the list of fees.)
- If your child will be three years of age *PRIOR to opening day* of the session being registered for (even if they are not yet 3 at the time of registration), he/she **WILL** need an ID badge purchased for him/her.
- Only ID badges will be available at the pool. All applications & payments must be submitted by mail or in person to Southwest Water Company.
- ID badges will be issued to members at the pool after your application is processed by Southwest Water Company. **ID badges are not mailed.** You will receive a letter via mail notifying you that your application has been processed; however, once you are on the member list submitted to the pool (weekly), you may pick up your badge.
- Forms of payment accepted for pool & tennis keys are check, cash & 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 & other information on district facilities is available on the district’s website (www.northaustinmud1.org).

ALL INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT PROCESSING

Rattan Creek 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
Southwest Water Company 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.**
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 Southwest Water Company. 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.**

Page18 **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:

Southwest Water Company 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 situations warrant.



MUD News

North Austin Municipal Utility District #1 Board of Directors notes on the January 2009 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 December 27, 2007:

New complaints received (18), Calls for advice (7), Emails for advice(1), First letters sent (19), Number of cover letters to rental owners: (5), Second letters sent (7), Repeat letters sent (1), Violations sent to MUD attorney (0), Number of cases closed (violations corrected) (19), Number of cases in litigation(2).

Rattan Creek Park Pool:

- The pool was reopened on January 17th due to an unexpected repair.
- Both diving boards are installed.
- The pavilions and pump house are getting a face lift. New colors to match the community center are soon to start.
- The slide structure is also getting painted.

Other pool related activities: The Hurricane swim team is getting ready for another great season. Watch for more information in the next issue. There will be 3-4 meets at our pool this year.

The McNeil H.S. swim team used our pool for pre swim meets. They are patiently waiting for our pool building to be rebuilt so they can return to our pool for practice sessions.

Greenbelts and parks and soccer fields:

The soccer fields: All 3 fields are closed for use while the turf is leveled, fertilized to allow the grass to rest through Feb 20th.

Rattan Creek Trail Extension: The Rattan Creek trail extension on the west side of Tamayo bridge is under construction with completion anticipated within a couple of weeks.

The yearly Audit Report by Pena Swayze & CO., L.L.P. was received in January and was approved by the Board at the January meeting.

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.

Jo Jones, Secretary
NAMUD #1 Board of Directors.

NA MUD #1 Board of Directors:

Place One - **Keith Collins**, 258-6244
Treasurer (5/12)
kcollins@northaustinmud1.org

Place Two - **Don Conklin**, 331-1903
Vice President (5/10)
dconklin@northaustinmud1.org

Place Three - **Jo Jones**, 335-1805
Secretary(5/12)
jrjones@northaustinmud1.org

Place Four - **Alan McNeil**, 219-8719
President (5/10)
amcneil@northaustinmud1.org

Place Five - **John Lenz**,
Ass't Treasurer/Secretary (5/12)
jlenz@northaustinmud1.org

Website: www.northaustinmud1.org

Pool Hours:



February:

February 1-28: Open Swim:
 M,W,F Noon-1:30 pm
 Mon-Wed-Fri 4:30-8:00pm
 Sat: Open swim: Noon - 8:00pm
 Sun: Open Swim: Noon - 8:00pm

March:

March 1-31: Open Swim:
 M,W,F Noon-1:30 pm
 Mon-Wed-Fri 4:30-8:00pm
 Sat: Open swim: Noon - 8:00pm
 Sun: Open Swim: Noon - 8:00pm



March 16-20: Spring Break

Open Swim: Noon - 8:00pm

April:

April 1-30: Open Swim:
 M,W,F Noon-1:30 pm
 Mon-Wed-Fri 4:30-8:00pm
 Sat: Open swim: Noon - 8:00pm
 Sun: Open Swim: Noon - 8:00pm



April 12: Closed Easter Sunday

Pool managed by Clearwater Management: 331-7066
 Rattan Creek Pool number 257-1265

Austin Cleaners Begins School Donation Program

Local dry cleaner, Austin Cleaners, last month launched a School Donation program designed to give back a percentage of sales to a customer's school of choice. Located on the corner of McNeil & San Felipe, next to the Jack in The Box, Austin Cleaners school donation program is simple and effective.

After paying and receiving a receipt for their dry cleaning order, any customer can simply write the name of the school, for example Pond Springs, on the back of the receipt, place it in the designated box in the lobby of Austin Cleaners, and then 3% of the sales amount will be donated to their school of choice. Accumulated donation amounts are even tracked on Austin Cleaners website at <http://www.austincleaners.net/austin-cleaners-school-donation-program>.

When asked about the reason for the creation of the program Austin Cleaners owner Adam Dartez stated "With such a large customer base of parents and teachers in the local area, we felt that it was important to create a program that gives back to the community and as a McNeil graduate myself, I thought this would be a program that everybody in the area could be excited about."

For more information about Austin Cleaners or their School Donation program visit their website at <http://www.austincleaners.net> or call 554-4206.

LW

LawnWorks of Austin

- Fertilization / Weed Control
- Lawn Insect & Disease Control
- Fireant Control

No Contracts / Monthly billing / Reliable service

512 - 745 - 3231

SouthWest Water Company™

With Water Comes Responsibility

Providing North Austin MUD No. 1 with

- full water & wastewater utility management services
- parks & pool management
- utility maintenance
- accounting
- billing & collections

877.405.1750

General Manager
Gary Spoons

9511 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin, TX 78726
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 2647, Cedar Park, TX 78726

VP Salon & Gifts

Full Service Salon, Spa & Gift Shop

Monday-Wednesday: 10 AM to 7PM,
Thursday-Saturday: 9AM to 7PM

512-331-2929

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair Specialist & Color Artist • Complete Skin Care & Treatments (Massage/Facial/Waxing/Tanning) • Gift Certificates Available
--

20% OFF: All Service

Limit one per customer
Not valid with any other offer.

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-BEREDAY

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:
 Southwest Water Company 335-7580

Phone: AT&T 1-800-464-7928

Trash/Recycling/Large Item Pickup:
 Round Refuse 255-4980

Before U Dig: (call 48 hrs before you dig)
 Texas One Call 1-800-545-6005

**Join us Sunday mornings
 for worship @ 10:45am**

**CrossRoads is currently
 meeting @
 River Oaks Elementary
 12401 Scofield Farms Dr.
 Austin, TX 78758**

www.CrossRoadsChurchAustin.com

phone:: 512.491.0496 | fax:: 512.331.8063 | P.O. Box 270122 Austin, TX 78727



CROSSROADS
 COMMUNITY CHURCH



How Do We Pay For Roads? By Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman, Precinct One

All of us here in Williamson County are aware of the need for additional roads due to our growing population. Over the past year or so, quite a bit has been written about the way we finance roads, especially at the state and federal level, especially with the new toll roads that have built in our area. You have probably heard a lot about the federal gasoline tax, which we currently pay, and how it does not generate enough funds to cover our growing need for new infrastructure. Today, the average vehicle gets approximately 20 miles to the gallon. Of course, there is a wide range to get to that average. This example comes from Craig Westover of Twincities.com in Minnesota, "A Toyota Prius has an EPA combined mileage of 55 miles per gallon....A Chevy Suburban logs about 12 miles a gallon. A 1,000 mile trip in the Suburban produces about \$16.67 in tax revenue compared to around \$3.64 for the Prius." Some people think that making those with less fuel efficient vehicles pay more is appropriate. Others

do not. There has been discussion of raising the amount of the gasoline tax for years, but this is very unpopular with many segments of our country, especially when we all recently experienced \$4 a gallon gasoline prices. Another issue is that everyone who buys gas pays the tax, but then it goes to the federal government and is sent back to states. Some states, such as ours, pay in more than we receive back, which makes it really difficult to consider raising the tax.

So, other ideas for funding have been proposed and one of them is called the Vehicle Miles Traveled tax, or VMT. It is basically a tax on how many miles you travel on certain roads. When I first heard about this idea, I immediately had a lot of questions come to mind such as how would this tax would be collected. Several pilot studies have been done. Currently, the University of Iowa Public Policy Institute is conducting a study on

(Continued on page 23)

Milwood's VERY OWN
Home Sweet Home
PET SITTING SERVICES

- LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED
- OVER 8 YEARS VET CARE EXPERIENCE
- 10% off Milwood RESIDENT DISCOUNT
- \$10.00 off for FIRST TIME CUSTOMERS *
- IN-HOME CARE FOR DOGS, CATS AND SMALL PETS
- Mid-day potty breaks



799-3767
april@AUSTINPETNANNY.COM
WWW.AUSTINPETNANNY.COM

* PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR RESTRICTIONS

They want a second chance to make a first impression.



If they could talk, they'd tell you some incredible stories. They'd tell you they need more love and affection than ever, their second time around. To learn more about how you can give one of our animals a home for life, stop by our shelter, talk with our staff, and let the animals share their stories with you.

**Humane Society of Williamson County
10930 Crystal Falls Parkway
(512) 260-3602
www.hswc.net**

(Continued from page 22)

VMT in several areas of the country including Austin. More information is available at <http://www.roaduserstudy.org>. Drivers are needed to participate and are paid a small fee to do so. Basically, all of the methods of determining VMT involve having some sort of computerized device, or GPS, attached to vehicles to track your mileage and then have the info downloaded so you can pay the tax. Of course, the problem with this is that then “the government” would have a lot of information about your movements and this could be an invasion of your privacy. On the other hand, both a Prius and a Suburban would pay the same amount of tax for the same amount of driving, which some people like. Another issue is what would happen to the gasoline tax. Would the VMT tax replace it or be in addition to it?

I would be interested in hearing from you about what you think about a VMT tax or any other county issue. You can contact me at lbirkman@wilco.org or 733-5380.

Lisa Birkman,
Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 1



Caroling in the Park

Thank you to everyone that made Caroling in the Park such a success:

A Very Big Thank You to:

- **Jollyville Fire Department** for bringing Santa to our Park to greet all the neighborhood children!
- **Troop 164**, sponsored by Pond Springs Baptist Church, for the wonderful bon fire, that all the carolers enjoyed!

And to **Santa**, a special Thank You! Your appearance meant the world for all of our neighborhood children.

All of you made our Caroling in the Park a wonderful and memorable experience.

Thank you again,
Dallas Hall & the RCNA

SERVING MILWOOD'S BUYER'S & SELLERS for OVER 10 YEARS!

* Sellers * Buyers * Leasing * Investments

As a proud Milwood resident, I am pleased to offer the “Power of RE/MAX”
to all of my neighbors and friends!

Call me today for a FREE Broker's Price Opinion on your home

Brian Kerman, REALTOR
RE/MAX Austin Advantage

Direct: 512 921-4490 Office: 512 219-3030

brian@austin-real-estate.com

www.milwood-homes.com



RCNA Board Member

Donation made to RCNA Scholarship Fund from every Milwood sale!



Architectural Control Committee:

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

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

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

RCNA-ACC Action Report 10/01/08 to 12/31/08:

Inquiries for information: 12

Projects submitted for ACC Review:

- #3 Backyard play equipment: 0 inquiry.
- #4 Deck and Arbor: 1 inquiry, 1 approved
- #5 Fences, replacement /relocation:8 inquiries, 3 approved
- #6 Remodeling / Additions: 0 inquiry
- #7 Storage Sheds: 2 inquiries,
- #8 Swimming Pools: 1 inquiry 1 approved

Chuck Simms,
RCNA Architectural Control Committee Chair
E-mail: RCNAACCVS@aol.com

Architectural Control Committee Information:

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

Note the Change in Address!

RCNA –ACC

13359 N Hwy 183, Ste B-406 PMB # 237

Austin, TX 78750

(PAK MAIL business is behind the Texas Roadhouse, in the strip mall at the corner of Anderson Mill Road and Hwy 183 access road.)

Or contact Chuck Simms for more information needed via email: RCNAACCVS@aol.com .

If you need copies of your Deed Restrictions:

You can contact Pat Franzen at

PBF Covenant Management, L.L.C.

202 Walton Way, Ste 192, Box 142

Cedar Park, Tx 78613-7046

- There is an \$ 8.50 charge for the copies. Once you have paid for the copies, a set will be mailed to you.
- You will need your legal description (ie. lot, block, and section of Milwood), so you get the correct set of deed restrictions for your section.

POSTALANNEX⁺

Your Home Office[®]



Shipping
Packaging Supplies
Jumbo Shipping
Notary
Boxes of All Sizes

Mailbox Rentals
Black & White Copies
Color Copies
Laminating
Binding

Passport Photos
Office Supplies
Greeting Cards
Faxing Services
Key Cutting

Owned & Operated by Neighborhood Mom

Proud Sponsor of the Pond Springs PTA!

M-F: 8am-7pm
Sat: 9am-4:30pm

6001 W. Parmer Ln.

In the HEB Center @ McNeil & Parmer

Call 331-5855 • Fax 331-9357

www.postalannex.com/7012

110 N. IH-35 & RR 620

In the Old Albertson's Center Next to Starbucks

Call 828-4549 • Fax 828-4580

www.postalannex.com/453

Email us your copy job & we'll have it ready for you!

postalannex.roundrock@bcbglobal.net

POSTALANNEX⁺

\$ 3 00 OFF

Shipping with FedEx or UPS

Offers cannot be combined. Expires 3/31/09

POSTALANNEX⁺

FREE

500 Business Cards

with purchase of 500 business cards. Some restrictions apply.

Offers cannot be combined. Expires 3/31/09

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified Ad rates are 25¢ per word, per issue. Deadline for ads is the first of each month for the following month/issue. **Payment in full is required before publication.** Any ads received after the deadline, will be held until the next issues publication. **No exceptions will be made. Send to:**

RCNA, c/o Kelly Buczek (ph: 258-6482)
6407 Crowley Trail Austin, Tx 78729
or email: kelly@catscradle.us

LOW COST SIDING AND PAINTING – Reasonable and reliable. Over 300 homes painted in Milwood. Milwood resident; 17 years. 512-633-2605 (1/10)

Come Play with Clay!!! Build, throw, slip-cast and paint your pottery at Ek Creations. Milwood location offering monthly classes. Contact Carla at 797-6580 or check website www.ekcreations.net for details. (3/09)

I will buy your house in Rattan Creek 750-3707 (3/09)

G Jump Moonwalk Rentals!! - Call: 512-789-8775. Great for Birthdays, B-B-Q's, Fundraiser's and all Events! Moonwalk's, Popcorn Machines, Confetti Eggs, Canopy's, Tables and Chairs! Ask about our specials and Rental Package Deals! **NW Milwood Subdivision** Special rates on Moonwalks \$87.00 all day rental! (5/09)

Frank's Painting – Summer Time Special! Interior * Exterior * Apartments * Houses * Free Estimate * 25 Years Experience * Friendly, Honest & Reliable 965-0336 (3/09)

TEEN SERVICES

ATTENTION TEENS: YOUR ADS RUN FREE, but must be renewed once every 6 months.

The date at the end of your ad indicates the last month your ad will run. All ads must be submitted in writing and mailed or delivered to:

RCNA c/o Kelly Buczek
6407 Crowley Trail Austin, Tx 78729
or email: kelly@catscradle.us

Austin Crocker, 13 – Lawn service and pet care. Over 2 years experience. Have all equipment. Located on Shiner street but can travel anywhere in Milwood. Prices starting at \$20 for a small yard. Great references. Phone 584-1580 for an estimate or to schedule work. Please leave message which will be answered ASAP.(7/09)

Kealy Brooks, 16 - I am great with children Of all ages, I can do about anything, and available about anytime Please call if you need a sitter, you can call my cell at 903-3437, or house at 219-0140. (5/09)

Matthew Chaltain, 15 – Lawn care: will do all lawn care, including mowing and weed-wacking, Starting at \$20. Call 512- 983-3322 or email MChaltain@austin.rr.com (1/09)

Brian George, 14 - I have much experience in mowing lawns, edging, and weeding. I enjoy working for people, and helping them make their lawn(s) look clean, and cut. My rate is cheap and fair. I clean up after myself. If you'd like your lawn looking better than it already is, I'd be more than happy to help! Please call me on my cell phone at (512) 826-7645.(01/09)

Volunteers Needed!

Seniors! Here is a way to get your 8 hours of community service hours required for the RCNA scholarship. RCNA needs help planning events, activities, and/or working on committees. It only takes a few hours each month.



just for our rattan creek neighbors



Have you seen this building? It's us – we're AMPLIFY, right on the corner of Pond Springs and Hunter's Chase. Maybe you've been to one of our free concerts or events. If not, we'd love to meet you. Stop by and visit us – and if you open a new checking account we'll give you two movie tickets and a gift certificate from Mangja Pizza.

If you were planning on paying off some high interest credit cards, taking a vacation, or maybe even figuring out how to pay for a college tuition, you can take advantage of our low Home Equity Loans with rates as low as 4.99% APR!*

We also have a lot of great services for you, like instant deposit online, mobile banking and money tracker. Our service is outstanding, and we love to entertain you with free concerts and festivals. Take advantage of our complimentary coffee and water every time you visit.

So, come by and meet our amazing team of Account Management Professionals and find out how we can help you Bank Less and Live More!



NCUA Federally Insured by NCUA.

AMPLIFY
Bank less. Live more.
goamplify.com

* Fixed rate current as of 7/8/08, subject to change. Rates may vary based on term and creditworthiness. Term for 4.99% rate is up to 60 months. Loans subject to credit approval. Contact AMPLIFY for details.

LITTLE WOODROW'S

Over 100 Beers
33 on Tap



Great Wine Selection by the Glass
Frozen Mimosas



Austin Sports Headquarters
"The Ultimate Sports Experience"

Big Plasma
TV's
Everywhere!

**Basketball &
Baseball**

Watch it on our
144 sq ft
HDTV Screen!

Great Pizza, Wings & more Available!!

**Great Drink Specials -
All Weekend and Monday Night
\$2 Texas Beers**

Enjoy our Heated Patio and Outdoor Fireplace

Call 918-2337 to bring your Alumni Group in.

FREE Wi Fi	Call us to Have Your Next Party or Special Event 918-BEER	Cool Nights are Coming, Enjoy Our OUTDOOR FIREPLACE and Heated Patio	
Golden Tee Live	LOCALS SPECIAL \$2 Pints of Lone Star All Day...Everyday	BIGGEST Horseshoe Bar in Texas	HOURS OF OPERATION Weekdays 3:00PM til 2:00AM Weekends 11:00AM til 2:00AM
DARTS	6301 Parmer Lane...918-BEER	 Smoking IS Allowed	Please Don't Drink and Drive No Minors Under 21



Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association

Join the RCNA Today and Enjoy Year Round Benefits

Thank you for considering becoming a member of the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association (RCNA). Hundreds of members strong, our neighborhood continues to prosper with clean and safe parks, exciting neighborhood events, and a new Rattan Creek Community Center. It is RCNA members like you that ensure our Rattan Creek community continues to thrive. Thank you for your continued support & welcome to all new members, we look forward to meeting you.

Membership Benefits Include

- Voice to the counties, city, and MUD Board on behalf of the neighborhood
- 6 issues of relevant neighborhood news and upcoming events in the RCNA Newsletter. 18,000 newsletters distributed annually. If you are not receiving the newsletter, your block may be in need of a block captain, please contact Jennifer or Dave at (512) 257-3380.
- Annual Neighborhood events including; Easter Egg Hunt, "Members Only" Pool Party, Fourth of July Parade, Rattan Fest and 5K Fun Run, National Night Out, Caroling in the Park, and much more.
- RCNA Scholarship Fund provides up to 3 university scholarships of \$500 to high school seniors of RCNA members.
- Neighborhood involvement committees including Neighborhood Watch and Architectural Control Committee.

Becoming a Member Today

- Dues are \$25 annually, based on a calendar year
- Signing up has never been easier:
 - Visit www.rattancreek.org to sign up on-line and pay by credit card
 - Or, mail payment and the completed form below to the address listed

Questions

- For questions, please contact Lamar Lee at (512) 689-8425 or lamarlee@sbcglobal.net

RCNA is a voluntary Homeowners Association for residents within the boundaries of North Austin MUD #1.

Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 200584 – Austin, Tx 78720-0584
 \$25 Annual Membership Includes Your Entire Household

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Membership: Renewal New

E-mail: _____

I would like to make an additional voluntary contribution to support RCNA events and activities: \$ _____

Be a part of exciting RCNA events and communications! I would like to volunteer to assist with:
 Activities Committees Newsletter Other: _____

Thank you for your contribution and support.