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Around Milwood

Rattan Creek Phone Numbers:

- Community Center 257-1255
- Rattan Creek Pool 257-1265



Enjoy Great Pancake Breakfast Before the Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, April 11th

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 am

Where: Rattan Creek Park Pavillion

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Easter Egg Hunt

Sat, April 11 at Rattan Creek Park

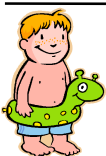
- **Donations Needed:** We still need candy (individually wrapped), cookies, animal crackers suitable for tots and candy (individually wrapped) for the older kids

Drop off donations before April 10 at 13201 Kepler Cove.

- **Volunteers Needed:** for the day of the event.
- **Attention High School Seniors:** Here's a great way to get your community service hours!

Please call Dallas at 257-3494.

See back page for more information!



RCNA "Members Only"

Appreciation Pool Party

Saturday, May 9th From 12pm to 6pm

PoK-e-Jo's Barbeque is being served!

See page 30 for more information

EVENTS



April

Apr 3 Hurricane Sign up 6-8pm
Apr 4 Hurricane Sign up 9:30-12
Rattan Creek Community Center

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Apr 9 Passover Begins

Apr 10 RRISD Holiday

Apr 11 EASTER EGG HUNT

Rattan Creek Park

8:30am-10:30am

Pancake Breakfast

9:30am Wobbler area opens

10:15am Easter Parade

10:30 am Egg Hunt Begins

10:30am ages 7-10

10:45am ages 4-6

Apr 12 Easter Sunday

Apr 13 RRISD Holiday

Apr 15 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm
Community Center

Apr 18 Neighborhood Wide
Garage Sale (Page 5)

Apr 23 RCNA meeting, 7:00pm
Community Center

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Clean Up (Page 5)

Apr 30 Tennis Court locks
change

May

May 9 RCNA "Members Only"
Pool Party 12-6pm
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May 15 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm
Community Center

May 23 RCNA meeting, 7:00pm
Community Center

May 31 Scholarship Deadline
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Marble Falls Cove (16)

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We need Section Head for:

Riverton, Tesoro, Moorcroft (11 drops)

Luckenbach, Amarillo, Corpus Christi (8 drops)

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

Thank you to Lindsey Westfell
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

Welcome to Spring 2009! Now that the warm weather is here there are tons of fun and activities taking place here in Milwood. There is one event in particular I would like to talk to you about. On Saturday afternoon May 9th 2009, the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association will sponsor its **Annual "Member's Only" Pool Party at the Rattan Creek Pool.**

The return of this fun and popular party begins at 12:00 PM. Join us for a fun day of great food catered by PoK-e-Jo's. We are expecting a large turnout to enjoy the return of this neighborhood favorite. Please remember however, that on this day, the use of the pool, food and activities are available only for current RCNA members. See **Page 30** in this newsletter for additional information and details about this fun day.

Below on this page, you will find the RCNA Membership Application, so you and your family can join the RCNA and enjoy the day with your neighbors. Please take a few moments and fill out the application and return it to us. We need you and your family to support the outstanding work

that YOUR Neighborhood Association does.

Speaking of Neighborhood Association activities, the time is also quickly approaching for our high school seniors to apply for our **2009 Scholarship Award Program.** We award up to 3 RCNA member high school seniors a \$500.00 scholarship to help them with their expenses during their freshman year. Details, criteria and an application for scholarship are on **Page 13** of this newsletter. Please remember that your applications must be postmarked **NO LATER** than May 31, 2009. Scholarship winners will be notified via phone after our RCNA Board Meeting which will be held on June 25, 2009.

These 2 activities and the tons of other events that we sponsor are made possible by a very small group of volunteers. This small group needs to grow. We need your help! We are constantly being approached to begin new activities. For the most part we have to explain that unless additional members of the RCNA step up and volunteer their time, we cannot. We are asking you to consider

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Additional Voluntary Contribution \$ _____

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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

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Would you be interested in meeting other moms at the playground?

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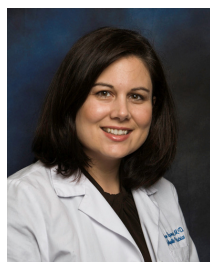
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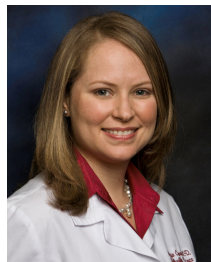
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stepping up and volunteering just a few hours a month. The more folks we have volunteering, the more programs and activities we can offer our members. Please feel free to e-mail me at brikerm@austin.rr.com or call me directly at 512-921-4490 if you want to get involved. We are a fun group and welcome you.

One final note...now that it staying light later in the day, please be careful and look out for our district members as they enjoy our outstanding neighborhood facilities. Please come to a full stop at stop signs, and yield to pedestrians and bike riders. This is a safety practice that I am sure that you would want to be extended to you. Please watch out and keep Milwood the safe and enjoyable environment that we have become used to.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming events:
 April 11th - Easter Egg Hunt
 May 9th - Members Only Pool Party

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 - The RCNA has a few signs to get folks into the neighborhood, but from there it is up to you to bring the folks to your home.
 - Each person has the garage sale at their own home, or with a neighbor who is planning to have one. If you want to do one, but do not want to do it alone, talk to your neighbors!

Neighborhood Curbside Clean Up Saturday, April 25

Time to spring clean. The MUD district is once again doing the neighborhood wide curbside clean up.

On **Saturday April 25th**, you will need to have your stuff out early, by 7:00am.

Trucks will be rolling through the neighborhood a couple of times during the day, before 2 pm, collecting up whatever you have put out.

Large items will be picked up, however, if the truck is full, it may have to remain at the curb until your next scheduled trash pickup.

Limbs and Brush: needs to be cut in 4 foot lengths and bundle for pick up.

No Hazardous waste will be collected, such as:

- Paint
- Old motor oil
- Toxic chemicals

Spring Gardening - It's Planting Time!

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

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

bicolors. Iris rhizomes must be planted so the top of the rhizome emerges from the soil. They may rot if planted to deep or under deep mulches. Irises are Xeriscape plants that even without mulch will prosper in our heavy dry soil. For best results, thin out iris rhizomes every three or four years. Daylilies bloom in early summer after irises and have attractive sword-like foliage that is less stiff than iris. In full sun or part shade they make a good groundcover.

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

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

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

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

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

grows to 18 inches at most and has pretty dry stalks with seed flags all winter. If you have some large areas, check out the other tall grasses which are easy to grow and with minimum maintenance.

Fire ant control Logic or Award may be available at the farm stores. If so, spread when the dew has dried, soil temperature is above 60 degrees, and it is 2 to 3 hours before the rain. Within a week or two, the growth regulator will start reducing the ants in the mound and the worried workers try to start new mounds. Sprinkle Logic everywhere

except within 4 feet of mounds. These principles apply to any insecticide, the idea is to spread it when the bugs are active and foraging for food and will pick it up and take it down to the queen. For fast control of fire ant mounds where you walk or play, sprinkle 2 teaspoonfuls of Orthene powder on each mound. It smells bad so the cats, dogs, and kids will leave it alone and it will kill that hill of ants.

Water Be sure to water new small plants especially well and soak new larger shrubs and trees well also. New plantings need water every

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day for a week, every 2-3 days for a month, and then weekly to twice a month during spring through fall if there is no rainfall. When they really start growing they NEED water and sparing it for the first 2 years is false economy. Replacing plants is expensive.

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

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

holes in the soil, exposing the roots to air and killing them. You can watch trees planted with a lot of peat moss wilt and die within 2 years.

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

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

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

If your grass has dead patches, it could be white grubs eating the roots. The white grubs are the larval stage of the May or June beetles (or Junebugs). The warm season grasses like Bermuda,

zoysia, St. Augustine, and buffalo grass are attacked by the June beetles and southern masked chafer. The damage shows in summer (that's why they are called Junebugs) and fall months when the larger c-shaped creamy white larva actively feed.

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

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

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Check for powdery mildew, black spot, or leaf spot and treat with a commercial fungicide or 2 tablespoon full of baking soda and a few drops of kitchen detergent in a gallon of water. Rain will wash your treatment off, so repeat after every rain.

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

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

Fertilize blooming plants with compost, bone

meal or spray with a mixture of liquid seaweed.

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

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

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Recipe Corner By Natasha Randall

Red Hot Applesauce

4 cups applesauce
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Pour applesauce into a serving bowl and add red hot candies and stir. Chill about 1-2 hours or until ready to serve. The candies will melt and turn the applesauce red and spicy. This was a favorite recipe of my family growing up and it appeared at the table on most holidays. Enjoy.

Roasted Asparagus

1 pound fresh asparagus spears, trimmed (break off the ends)
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Spread across a cookie sheet and lightly coat the asparagus spears with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Bake in the oven 6-8 minutes or to desired tenderness

Sweet Potatoes

2 Med. or Large Sweet potatoes
 1 tbsp. butter
 1 - 2 tsp. cinnamon
 honey to taste approx. 1/8 cup or so

Peel and cut the sweet potatoes and boil or steam them until tender. (I usually do thin slices so they cook faster). Drain the water off the potatoes and mash with a potato masher. Add the butter, cinnamon and honey stir until well mixed and serve. If the sweet potatoes seem a little dry you can add more butter or a little milk to help make them smoother.

All the ingredients can be added more or less depending on your taste. I usually do not measure I just pour some in whatever happens is the way it goes.

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

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the red yucca, all will do OK in a lot of sun. Areas not in full sun have reduced water needs and a fully grown bed provides a lot of its own shade.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy gardening,
 Chuck Simms
 "The Gardening Guy"



Dr. Kyleen Chen

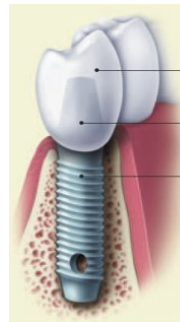
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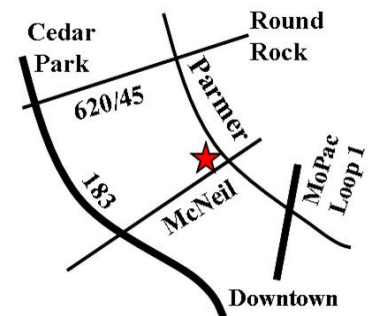


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**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association
2009 Scholarship Award Program
3 - \$500 scholarship awards available**

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.**

Irrigation Sprinklers need to be reset for needed watering.

The good news is we now have higher water pressure and always the same pressure at your house. As you may remember, the City of Austin Water department provided water pressure that changed on a 2-3 day cycle depending on the height of the water in the large reservoir tank on North MOPAC on Miller Hill. They drain the tank down and then pump it up to almost full to refresh the water in the tank every 2-3 days. And our water pressure varied by the level of the water in the tank.

My house on Rattan Creek greenbelt had 55 pounds per square inch pressure give or take 20 psi (that's 20/55 = 36 % change)! . Now in NAMUD#1 with our 2 pressure pump locations of 2 pumps each, my pressure is always 75 psi.

Irrigation Controllers need to be re-timed or reset:

Due to the varying pressure in the past, and lower pressure at times: 1. I set my controller for a flow time that would provide 1 inch of water to each area in the yard. 2. I set a second watering per week for just the full sun areas where more water is needed to provide good healthy St. Augustine grass and flower beds, etc.

Did I measure the 1 inch of watering at a time of low pressure or higher pressure? Who knows, and I adjusted the time in the summer for a bit longer in the areas that were showing stress in the full sun.

How to re-set the Controller times? Well, now we all (on an average) have + 20 psi and the pressure is always the

same at your house. So whatever watering time you used, you are now getting about 20 psi more water and you are wasting water and money.

What to do: reduce your time setting times by 1/5 or about 20 %. This will get you back to the correct water coverage to keep the grass and plants and trees alive during high heat and stress times. For example, if you watered a section for 30 minutes before, reduce that time (1/5 of 30 minutes = 6 minutes) to 24 minutes for the same amount of water on your plants in that section. See the Gardening article in this newsletter about setting up sprinkler systems time.

Note that the COA now requires sprinkling in night time hours (1 to 6 am is great) see their web site of watering times: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/watercon/summer.htm> . See their web site for additional rebate information (Rain Barrels, Toilets, etc) (NAMUD#1 purchases water wholesale from COA, so we are allowed rebates, etc.) See rebate information at:

<http://www.cityofaustin.org/watercon/>

After the Community Center is open, or before if you are interested, we can hold a discussion group about watering and Irrigation Controller settings etc. Let me know if you are interested by e-mail (With your street address name, and e-mail address and convenient time to meet) at charlesvsi@aol.com, and we can set up a time.

Chuck Simms, The Gardening Guy.

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Register: **Online**
www.hurricaneswimteam.org

Rattan Creek Community Center
Friday April 3rd, 2009 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday April 4th, 2009 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT!! Register online by April 4th!!

Fees: Register by April 4th to get an Early Registration Price of \$99 per swimmer!! After April 5th fees are \$119 per swimmer for the first 2 swimmers, \$99 for each additional swimmer in the same family.

Parent Volunteers: Hurricane Parents are key to our success. All Hurricane parents are obligated to participate as volunteers to help ensure that success. By volunteering, our parents get to share in the success of their swimmers and the entire team.

Swimmer Eligibility: Boys and Girls ages 4-17 as of May 1, 2009. (New swimmers must be able to swim one length of the pool by the 10th practice.)

Practice Times: Daily, hour-long practices run after school from May 4th through June 2nd, between 5:00-9:00pm. Morning practices begin June 4th. Morning practices are Monday - Friday between 7:00 am - 10:50 am. The Hurricanes practice at Rattan Creek Pool.

Parents are NOT allowed on the pool deck during practices, but may watch from the patio.

Season: The season includes 6 Dual, 1 Divisional and 1 Invitational meets. We have 3 Home meets this season: May 30th, June 20th, and Divisional July 11th. The season starts with an Inter-squad practice meet at Rattan Creek Pool on **Friday evening, May 15th**. All meets except the Inter-squad and Invitational are held on Saturdays.

Fundraising: Members are asked to write a check for \$25 per swimmer that will be cashed at the end of the season in lieu of team fundraising. This check is returned if the swimmer participates in fundraising for the team.

Visit www.hurricaneswimteam.org or call 257-9767 for more information.

Sponsor our team and we'll help spread the word about your business!!

Visit our website www.hurricaneswimteam.org for more information.

Rattan Creek Pool Hours

April:

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

April 12: Closed Easter Sunday



Hurricane Swim practice:

May 4 - June 2 weekday evenings:
 5:00pm-9:00pm

Lap Swimmers:

Lap swimmers are allowed to swim
 Tues and Thurs 7 to 9 pm during this time.

May: Summer Season Begins



May 1-31: Open Swim:

M,W,F Noon - 1:30 pm
 T, Th: Lap swimmers 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Mom & Tots: 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Sat: 11:00am-9:00pm
 Sun: Noon - 9:00pm

May 2 & 3: Open Swim - No tags needed

May 9: RCNA "Members Only" Pool Party
 Pool closed until 6:00pm

May 15: Swim Meet 4:00pm-9:00pm

May 25: Memorial Day

Open Swim: 11:00am - 9:00pm
 May 30: Swim Meet 7:00am - 1:00pm
 Pool Open 1:00pm - 9:00pm

June:

June 1: Pool open: Noon-1:30pm

June 1-2: 5th grade Graduation Parties
 3:00 - 6:30 pm

June 3rd: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
 Pool opens after school to 9:00pm

June 4-30: Swim Team Practice:
 Mon-Fri 7:00am - 10:45am

Pool Open:

June 4-30: Mon - Fri: 11:00 am - 9:00pm
 Sat : 11:00 am - 9:00pm
 Sun: Noon - 9:00pm

June 20: Swim Meet 7:00am - 1:00pm
 Open swim 1:00pm - 9:00pm

Teen Nights: June 11 & 25: 8:00-10:30pm

July:

July 4: Independence Day



July 1-10:
 Swim Team: Mon-Fri 7:00am-10:45am

Pool Open: Mon - Fri: 11:00 am - 9:00pm
 Sat : 11:00 am - 9:00pm
 Sun: Noon - 9:00pm

July 11: Swim Meet until 1:00pm
 Pool Open: 1:00pm - 9:00pm

July 12-31:
 Pool Open: Mon - Fri: 9:00 am - 9:00pm
 Sat : 11:00 am - 9:00pm
 Sun: Noon - 9:00pm

Mom & Tots: Mon-Fri 9:00 am-11:00 am

Teen Nights: July 9 & 23: 8:00-10:30pm
 \$2.00 Cover Charge

August:



Aug 1-24:
 Pool Open:

Mon - Fri: 9 am - 9:00pm
 Sat : 11 am - 9:00pm
 Sun: Noon - 9:00pm

Aug 25: First Day of School

Teen Nights: Aug 6 & 20: 8:00-10:30pm
 \$2.00 Cover Charge

Rattan Creek Pool number 257-1265

Pool managed by
Clearwater Management: 331-7066

See following pages for Pool Application
 and rules for Pool Use.

Applications MUST be submitted to:

SWWC
 NAM1 Pool Tags
 9511 Ranch Road 620 North
 Austin, Texas 78726

All Hours Are Subject To Change

Please Verify with Pool 257-1265

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>
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
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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) (RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)	@ \$25 per household		\$ _____
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 SWWC 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.**

Page20 **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 February 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 January 28, 2009:

New complaints received (10), Calls for advice (2), Emails for advice(2), First letters sent (8), Number of cover letters to rental owners: (1), Second letters sent (3), Repeat letters sent (1), Violations sent to MUD attorney (3), Number of cases closed (violations corrected) (13), Number of cases in litigation(5).

Rattan Creek Park Pool:

- Both diving boards are installed.
- The pavilions and pump house are now painted to match the Community Center. The slide structure will get a new coat of paint.

Other pool related activities: The Hurricane swim team is getting ready for another great season. See page 14 for more information in this issue. There will be 3-4 meets at our pool this year.

The McNeil H.S. swim team has been using our pool this winter. They have had 1 meet at our pool this year.

Greenbelts and parks and soccer fields:

The soccer fields: All 3 fields are now open for play.

Rattan Creek Trail Extension: The Rattan Creek trail extension on the west side of Tamayo bridge is completed, and the silt fencing and all the construction material will soon be moved. The contractor is waiting on the City of Austin for final approval of the project.

Community Center: Reservations for the spring and summer rental of rooms are picking up. Residents of North Austin MUD #1 can rent the facility for a very minimal fee. Out of District folks wanting to rent the facility will pay more than an in district resident. For more information regarding renting the community center, call 257-1255.

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.

Website: www.northaustinmud1.org

NA MUD #1 Board of Directors:

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

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dconklin@northaustinmud1.org

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jrjones@northaustinmud1.org

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amcneil@northaustinmud1.org

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Ass't Treasurer/Secretary (5/12)
jlenz@northaustinmud1.org

Website: www.northaustinmud1.org

Summer Water Conservation Schedule

North Austin M.U.D #1, as a wholesale water customer of the City of Austin, is voluntarily following the City's watering Schedule.

Customer Class	Outdoor Water Use Days	Effective
Residential Odd numbered address	Wednesday and/or Saturday	May 1 - Sept 30
Residential Even numbered address	Thursday and/or Sunday	May 1 - Sept 30
Commercial, Multifamily	Tuesday and/or Friday	Year-Round
<p>Year-round: No watering with automatic irrigation systems between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.</p> <p>May 1 - Sept 30: No watering between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. except with hand-held hose.</p>		

Project: Stockings For Soldiers Overseas

My name is Claire Nelson, I'm working on my Silver Award for Girl Scouts.

For my project, I'm collecting donations of items to send in our Girl Scout Program:
Stockings to Soldiers Overseas.

The following is a list of the items I am trying to collect:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Girl Scout cookies | lotion |
| microwavable foods | sunscreen |
| coffee | bath and body lotions |
| Twizzlers | chap stick |
| beef jerky | phone calling cards |
| Ziploc bags | current magazines |
| games | books |
| playing cards | DVD movies |
| puzzles | AA/ AAA/ 9V batteries |
| beanie babies | holiday cards and artwork |
| soccer balls | shipping and handling. |

And things that reminds them of home:
 small pillows, blankets, knit hats

If you are able to donate any of the above items please bring them to the RCNA Easter Egg Hunt, the RCNA pool party or call 335-8846 and I will be happy to pick them up.

I will have a table set up at the RCNA Easter egg hunt for children to create Christmas cards or letters.

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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

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Transportation Plan/Dinosaur Day By Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman, Precinct One

As you know, we have had tremendous population increases in our county over the last twenty years. Due to this, many of our roadways are congested and more roads are needed. In order to make effective decisions on where and when road improvements should be made, the county is in the process of updating our transportation master plan. We have hired an engineering firm, which is working closely with county and city officials plus other community leaders, to develop a useful plan for all county citizens. We expect the draft plan to be available by the end of March.

We also want to incorporate your thoughts and ideas on **future transportation needs** into the plan. I will host an Open House on Monday, March 30th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Rattan Creek Community Center, 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail.

Lastly, a county-wide open house will be held in the commissioner's courtroom in the

historic courthouse on the square in Georgetown on Thursday, April 16th, from 2 to 8 p.m. The courthouse's address is 710 S. Main St. Citizens are encouraged to attend one or more of these public meetings to provide input.

The draft plan will also be available on the county's website, www.wilco.org, by late March or early April. You can visit the site and then send me an email on this or any other county issue to lbirkman@wilco.org or call my office, 733-5380.

In other county news, I would like to invite you to attend the **1st Annual Dinosaur Day** at Champion Park. The event will be held on Saturday, May 9th from noon to 4 p.m. I will host the event along with the Williamson County Parks Department.

The day's events will include a dedication
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RCNA Is Looking For Volunteers

Volunteer Positions open at the RCNA:

RCNA Executive Board:

Vice President

Treasurer

Contact Brian Kerman, President of RCNA if you are interested at 921-4490.

RCNA Committees:

Contact Brian Kerman, President of RCNA if you are interested at 921-4490.

** Could be handled by the same person.*

Newsletter Position (Volunteer):

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ceremony for Julie Bassett, a former member of the Fern Bluff MUD board of directors, who lost her battle with cancer recently at age 41. Several years ago, Julie served on the committee that helped to design the park. She, along with her daughter, Katie, helped come up with the idea for the theme of the park, which is an exploration of the area's archeological past. The ceremony will be held at noon and will feature a color guard presentation of the flags, live music and comments by me and others about Julie's contributions to our community.

We will also have light refreshments, a moonwalk/bouncy house shaped like a dinosaur, performances by local musicians and other activities for the children. All activities will be free and open to the public.

Champion Park is a unique playground for children of all ages to have fun and make new discoveries. The park, which opened in the fall of 2007, features a covered children's play area with

stone casts of dinosaur bones, a large blue whale that spurts water, and specially designed boulders for climbing. It has a large picnic pavilion with built-in grills, a fishing area, and a scenic bridge across the Brushy Creek. Funds for the parks came from bonds approved by Williamson County voters in 2000. Champion Park is named after the Champion family, whose cemetery is located near the park. John Champion, a former Williamson County sheriff, is buried on the site along with several relatives. The 33-acre park sits along the award winning Brushy Creek Regional Trail, approximately half way between the trailhead at Brushy Creek Road and Great Oaks Drive and the City of Cedar Park's Brushy Creek Lake Park. A bridge across the creek connects the park to the Avery Ranch subdivision. Champion Park is open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

You can also contact me at lbirkman@wilco.org or 733-5380.

Lisa Birkman,
Williamson County Commissioner Precinct 1

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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 1/01/09 to 2/28/09:

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:

Contact Chuck Simms for required forms or more information needed via email: RCNAACCVS@aol.com .

Any submissions for ACC approval will need to be sent to: **RCNA –ACC**

**PO Box 200584
Austin, TX 78720-0584**

Note the Change in Address!

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.
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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)

Bijan Ahmad, 15 -Hello I'm Bijan Ahmad or you can call me BJ(nickname) and I am 15 years of age, also a local boy scout of troop 164. I'm looking to make some extra money by doing some work that you would want me to do. That's right I'm trying to diversify what I do. Just tell me what you want done and 8 out of 10 times I will be able to do it. The economy is really bad right now so we can work out a price. Please contact me at my home (512)-335-6934 or email theaustinpenguin@aim.com, thank you.

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Swimming Lessons:

8 - 30 minute lessons

Student: Teacher ratio- 1:5

Monday - Thursday sessions, Friday used as makeup day if necessary.
MINIMUM of three (3) students per class.

LESSON SKILL LEVELS AVAILABLE

Children under 3 yrs. Old - private lessons only

BEGINNER, ADVANCED BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED

SESSIONS:

DATES:

CLASS TIMES for each session:

SESSION I

JUNE 8 - JUNE 18 (M-TH)

10:00 -10:30 AM

SESSION II

JUNE 22 -JULY 2 (M -TH)

10:45 - 11:15 AM

SESSION III

JULY 6 - JULY 16 (M -TH)

11:30 - 12:00 AM

SESSION IV

JULY 20 - JULY 30 (M-TH)

Evenings: 5:30- 6:00, 6:00 - 6:30 PM

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

Swim Lesson Registration

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Phone _____ Address _____

Parent's Name _____

Class Level: _____ Session: _____ Time: _____ Existing _____

Swimming Skill: ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced

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

**RCNA Announces the return of the
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you can join at the pool party!**

(a list of those who joined the RCNA via pool registrations at NAMUD #1, by 5/6/09 will also be used)

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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 !!!

