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Rattan Fest

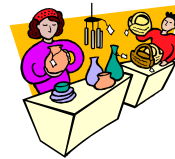
Saturday, September 12

No Rain Date Scheduled



❖ **Rattan Creek Festival
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- ❖ **Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast**
- ❖ **Local vendors, Arts & Crafts and more**
- ❖ **Kid Friendly Inflatables**



- ❖ **Smoke House,
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- ❖ **Blood Drive**



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EVENTS

August

Aug 6 Teen Night 8:00-10:30pm
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Aug 19 MUD Meeting, 6pm
Community Center

Aug 20 Teen Night 8:00-10:30pm
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Aug 20 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
Community Center

Aug 25 School Starts

September

Sep 7 Labor Day Holiday
RRISD closed

Sep 12 Rattan Fest

* See page 31 for list of
events and times

Sep 16 MUD Meeting, 6pm
Community Center

Sep 17 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
Community Center

Sep 18 Rosh Hashanah

October

Oct 6 National Night Out (TX)
6 pm-8pm at RCCC

Oct 12 RRISD Holiday
Columbus Day

Oct 21 MUD Meeting, 6pm
Community Center

Oct 22 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
Community Center

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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:

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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 Abby Leachman 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

Well, it is hard to believe that summer is almost over, and school will be opening very soon. Our very hard working and active Board has been meeting monthly to plan exciting and varied activities for our community.

Our next venture will be our annual **Rattan Fest which will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009.** Some of the highlights of the day will include a recently certified road race, blood drive, vendor booths, games, activities and of course good food. Please see page 30-32 in this newsletter for a specific list of activities and schedule for the day. In order for this wonderful and popular annual event to be successful, we need lots of volunteers to lend a hand and help out. We need just a few hours of our time on this day. The bottom line is the more volunteers we are able to recruit for the day, the more fun activities we can provide. Please consider lending a hand and volunteering. **Feel free to contact Dallas Hall at 257-3494 for a list of volunteer opportunities for the day.** Any time you can give us will be appreciated by all of the members of the Milwood community.

Speaking of volunteers, we have had several individuals who have stepped forward and are beginning to get involved in **YOUR** Neighborhood Association. They attend our **monthly meetings that are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7 P.M. at the Rattan Creek Community Center.** I am urging each and every one of you to consider joining us and feel free to join us at any of our meetings. We welcome new residents, as well as those who have been residing in our community for a while. Again, the more volunteers that we are able to recruit, the more programs and activities we will be able to sponsor for you and your neighbors.

Membership in our Association is only \$25.00 per year. We need you to also become a member of our growing Association. Please see the Membership Coupon on this page. Or you can also go to www.rattancreek.org and you can pay by check or on line using Paypal.

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Please remember that school will be opening soon. We need everyone to be mindful of our children who will be walking and riding their bicycles to and from school. Please observe district speed limits as well as keeping your eyes open to insure the safety of not only our children, but all of our community neighbors.

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you at RCNA meetings and events.

Brian Kerman, President,
Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association

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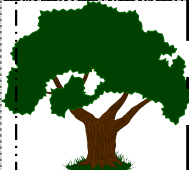
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Around Rattan Creek

New Neighbors and Babies:

New Neighbors:

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



Marco Moreno and Sheresa Edgington
13017 Debarr Dr

New Babies



No New Babies
to announce at this time

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



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Milwood Parent Activities

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- New playgroup for babies/toddlers born in 2008 and later. Moms can contact Melissa at minevareza@yahoo.com .
- Playgroup for babies/toddlers born between September 2005 – August 2006. Contact Debbie Waller at 215-2878 or dwaller75@yahoo.com .
- Playgroup for babies (and their Moms) with birth dates from around July/August 2003 to 2004: Preferably contact Carolyn Brown via e-mail at carolyn@carolynelaine.com or call 922-3991.
- 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?

If you are interested in volunteering for this position or to have your message updated or posted contact Jo Jones, Editor at 335-1805

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 3rd place: Sarah Funderburke
- 3Wheels 1st place: Kyle Frank
 2nd place: Francois Le Oegall
 3rd place: Elizabeth McAnelly
- 2Wheels 1st place: Anna Terry
 2nd place: Kelly Sjoerdsma
 3rd place: Amber Williams



The RCNA would like to give a special thank you to the **Jollyville Fire Department** for Leading the Parade and staying for all the kids...and big kids...to look and tour the inside and outside of their fire truck!

The RCNA would also like to thank **PACK 259 of Jollyville Elementary**, for providing all the delicious Water Melon...Thank you Mark Muldoon and PACK members

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More on Watering and Maintaining Yards in August and September

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

Pots and hanging baskets

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

When to Water:

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

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

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

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

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hour after being walked upon. To be sure, dig a hole in the soil. If it is dry 3 or 4 inches down, it is time to water.

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

Different Watering Systems

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

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

his irrigation system his hobby!

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

How to Water with Spray Systems (hand or automatic)

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

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down for each zone and you will be able to lengthen or shorten the sprinkler on time as needed. Note that the variation in depth of water in each can gives you an idea how evenly your system distributes water.

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

more often watering.

The correct time length needed for the 1 inch of water can be programmed into the automatic system controller for each zone. For hose end sprinklers, you can buy a kitchen timer to remind you to move the hose. Or, buy a hose timer (don't spend less than \$12 because they fail soon) so you can just set in the timer and it will shut the water off after the set time. Then you move the hose and reset the timer.

How to Water with Soaker Systems

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

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A big thank you to Bryan Mau for being our Photo Hero!! Thank you Bryan!

We had a wonderful time. There were a lot of kids on wheels. We had everything from Electric Scooter to Wagons..bikes to scooters. It was truly amazing to see our neighbors out in such numbers. As always, I love the participation from the community. Remember, if you would like to take on an Event or even help change things up, give us a call or come to a meeting.

The RCNA has it's meetings every 3rd Thursday of the Month. Keep a look out in the newsletter or on the bulletin board at the park for current dates of meetings. The meetings are held at the Rattan Creek Community Center, RCCC.

You can also go to www.rattancreek.org for more information.

Happy Summer Milwood!
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located at the base of every plant. The primary problem is that when a tube or emitter gets plugged up you do not know about it until after that plant is dead.

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

foot lengths for around \$10.00. There is a vast array of clamp on connectors to splice, start, end, and Y sections of soaker hose. The only tools needed are a knife or large scissors, and a couple of screwdrivers.

Spray Equipment Suggestions

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

Soaker Equipment Suggestions

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

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- 1 medium zucchini, coarsely grated (about 2 cups)
- 1 small onion, minced (about 1 cup)
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 red bell peppers, halved lengthwise, cores & ribs removed
- 2 (14 1/2-oz)cans low-sodium stewed tomatoes, finely chop
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350° F.

In large bowl combine the beef, spinach, zucchini, onion, egg, oregano, salt and a few grinds of pepper. Mix until thoroughly combined.

Arrange the pepper halves cut side up in a 9 by 13-inch baking dish and fill each pepper half with the meat mixture. Pour the tomatoes over the peppers and sprinkle with the feta cheese.

Cover with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake until the meat mixture is completely cooked and the peppers are tender, about 25 minutes longer.

Tuna Casserole

- 2 cans tuna drained
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cheese divided
- 2 Tbsp taco seasoning
- 1/2 8oz can of basil and oregano flavored tomato sauce

Preheat oven to 350° F.

- Combine tuna, egg, 1/2 cup cheese, and taco seasoning in a bowl.
- Mix well and place in a greased 9” square pan.
- Cover with tomato sauce and top with cheese.
- Bake @ 350° F for 20 min.

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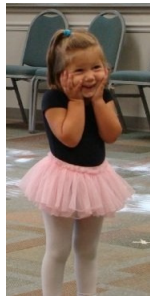
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Once the hose is in place and tested for coverage of all plants, a 3-inch layer of mulch on the bed will assure that all the water goes down to the roots of the plants and that little evaporates. I keep some hose splices around and when I see a plant area under-watered, I cut the soaker hose and splice in a loop of extra hose serpentine around the area. Fluffing up or adding mulch finishes the change.

Drip System Problems

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

Bug problems

The bug attacking your St. Augustine grass which

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

Remember what a drought is

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

Trees are not watered by most grass and bed

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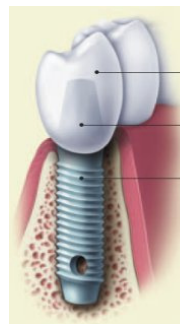
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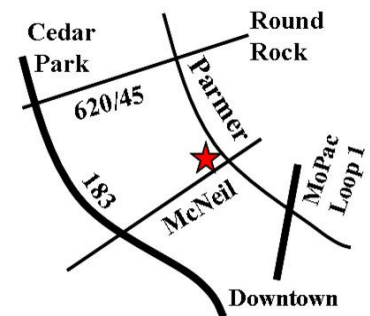
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watering.

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

Transition months in Austin are September and October that lead into the cold winter months. What that means to us who work at keeping our yards looking OK, finally our yard work is going dormant also. Not much needs to be done from now until spring unless it continues to be hot and dry. In 1999, and 2000, and 2001, we had soaking rains about the 4th of July and then the next good rain on October 22nd. There is no predicting the fall rains. If it continues to be hot and windy, be sure to spread a leaky hose or good sprinkler around the drip edges of your trees and thoroughly soak the soil.

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

St. Augustine Grass Care – If it is still hot and dry and you see brown areas in hot full-sun areas, the problem is likely Chinch Bugs. They are small black insects with white markings on the wings. (So they tell me, too small for my trifocals.) A good organic cure is an insecticidal soap with pyrethrum or Neem or Diatomaceous Earth. A good yard insect killer is the “Safer” brand Insect Killer Pyrethrum and Insecticidal Soap. Spray not in the full-sun heat of

the day on the brown areas and surrounding grass. Repeat several times for a few days. Keep watch and repeat after a few days if the brown area is still spreading.

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

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

My Sprinkler System Expert Status should be established by now. A couple of years ago after a month of shopping, watching installation & testing our new sprinkler system I now know much more than before. When we travel set my system on auto-pilot so my yard will be looking good when we return home. We (as well as 2 neighbors and the Rattan Creek Park) all have the Rain Bird ESP12LX controllers. They have many choices for watering cycles including the City of Austin recommended 5-day cycle. It allows you to set different on-time lengths for each station to balance the water needs of different stations. When weather-related watering changes are needed, you can change the setting as required. It changes all times for all stations proportionally. There is a rain sensor option and a battery backup for ac power losses.

Happy gardening,
 Chuck Simms
 “The Gardening Guy”



MyDillo Launches New Austin Venture.



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The center in Taylor includes a 5,000 sq ft resale shop, a 5,000 sq ft Music & Event Hall and opening soon another 5,000 sq ft called “The MarketPlace at Taylor” – designed to house local artisans & craftsmen.

Donating your own used goods or buying reusable products creates a “green effect” of benefits:

- You save money buying recycled, quality products is less expensive than buying new items.
- You help conserve our planet's natural resources. Energy and raw material consumption is reduced.
- You help eliminate waste by consuming sensibly. This frees up natural resources

for other worthwhile purposes.

- You help improve quality of life. Recycled clothing & household items can mean a world of difference to people who cannot afford to pay today's high retail prices.



Every time you choose to donate your unwanted items instead of discarding them in the trash, you are helping to “**Keep Austin Green**”.

Think of it as our small way of benefiting both people

and our planet when we reuse and recycle responsibly.

Did you know that the average American throws away 67.9 lbs of JUST used clothing per year?

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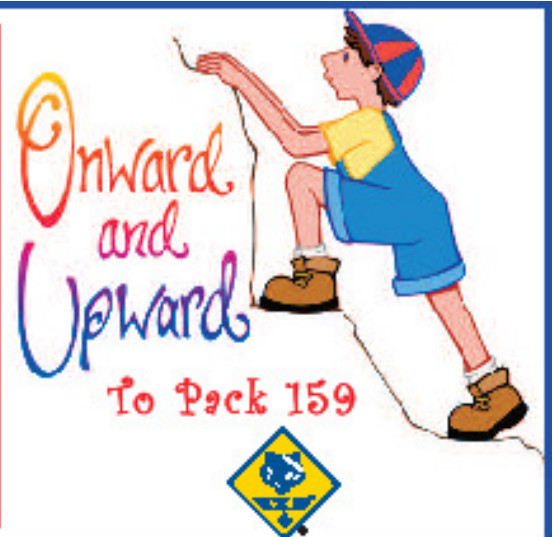
Come join Pack 159 and have a summer full of fun with the Cub Scouts!

Here's a sneak peak of upcoming end of summer fun:

Aug 12: End of Summer Swimming Party (Super!)

Aug 16: Cub Day at the Park (Woo hoo!)

For more information call Mike Higdon at 699-5722 or email at mcddata@sbcglobal.net



Summer Health and Safety Tips for Your Pet

It is summer time and that means special care for our pets. Summertime temperatures and humidity, parked cars, jogging, beaches, swimming pools and "the wind in your face" can all be hazardous to your pet's health.

Shelter: Dogs and cats need to have a cool place to stay when the summer temperatures soar, either inside or out. When it's really hot, the shade from a tree will not keep your pet cool enough. He needs a doghouse or other shelter to protect from the heat. Dogs and cats can get sunburned just like people. Their ears and noses which are not protected by thick fur are especially susceptible.

Water: Make sure your pet always has access to cool, clean water, especially in the summer heat. Refill overturned bowls and freshen water, but never give your pet ice water, which can shock the system, and cause severe upsets

Beach and Pool: If you take your pet to the beach, be sure to provide ample shade as

well, and hose him down after he has swum in the salt water. Protect your pet's feet from the hot sand or pavement. Dog's and cat's foot pads are very sensitive to heat and can easily blister.

While many pets love to swim, chlorinated water irritates your pets eyes, and heat and sunlight around a pool are intense. Never leave your pet unattended around a pool. Once in, a dog cannot get out without help, and may soon panic and drown.

Ticks and Fleas: Carefully go over your pet's body at least once a week to check for fleas, ear mites and tiny bumps or cuts. Bring your pet to the vet for a spring/summer check-up and use a good flea and tick repellent that your veterinarian recommends. This can come in the form of a dietary supplement or a powder or spray.

Hair is a natural insulator whether it is warm or cool. In the summer, an animal's coat

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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.**

- Drop box location is inside at the Rattan Creek Community Center.

Please help me with this worthy cause. Thank you!

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
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puzzles	AA/ AAA/ 9V batteries
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Rattan Creek Pool Hours

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

Aug 25-31: Pool Open:
 Mon - Fri: 11 am - 8:00pm
 Sat : 11 am - 8:00pm
 Sun: Noon - 8:00pm

Teen Nights:

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



September

Sept 1-15: Pool Open:
 Mon - Fri: 11 am - 8:00pm
 Sat : 11 am - 8:00pm
 Sun: Noon - 8:00pm

Sept 7: Labor Day 11:00am to 8:00pm

Sept 16-30: WINTER SWIM Begins
 Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon to 1:30pm
 4:00pm to 8:00pm
 Sat: 11:00am to 8:00pm
 Sun: 12 noon to 8:00pm

October:



Oct 1-30: Pool Open:
 Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon to 1:30pm
 4:00pm to 8:00pm
 Sat: 11:00am to 8:00pm
 Sun: 12 noon to 8:00pm

Oct 12: HOLIDAY HOURS: 11:00 am - 8:00pm

Mail or Deliver Pool Applications:

NAM1 Pool
 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail
 Austin, Texas 78729
 or

Deliver in person at pool window
 Tues and Thurs from 4:00 - 7:00pm
 Or Sat from Noon - 7:00pm

November:



Nov 1-30: Pool Open:
 Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon to 1:30pm
 4:00pm to 8:00pm
 Sat: 11:00am to 8:00pm
 Sun: 12 noon to 8:00pm

November 25 & 27: HOLIDAY HOURS:
 11:00am - 8:00pm

Nov 26:
Pool Closed for Thanksgiving Day

December:



Dec 1-21: Pool Open:
 Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon to 1:30pm
 4:00pm to 8:00pm
 Sat: 11:00am to 8:00pm
 Sun: 12 noon to 8:00pm

Dec 21-31: Winter Holiday Hours:
Pool Open:
 Mon-Fri: 1:00pm-7:00pm
 Sat: 11:00am-7:00pm
 Sun: 12 Noon-7:00pm

Dec 25:
POOL CLOSED for Christmas Day

All Hours Are Subject To Change

Rattan Creek Pool 257-1265
Manager: Andrea Sivells

Pool managed by
Clearwater Management: 331-7066

Pool Application and Rules for Pool Use
 are available online at

www.northaustinmud1.org

**Reservations for the parties at the pool
 must be made through the pool office or call 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 WINTER SESSION**

NAMUD #1 Water Bill Account No. _____		Home Telephone No. _____	
Bring copy of your water bill with you if coming in person. (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 NORTH AUSTIN MUD #1

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

2009 Winter Fees: Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool
 Quantity Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed.

ALL ITEMS PURCHASED ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

_____ Winter In-District Badge	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Winter Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household	\$ _____
_____ Additional Out-of-District Winter Badge	@ \$50 each additional badge	\$ _____
_____ Winter Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
_____ 10 Winter Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15	\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court Key (In-District Only) (KEY IS ONLY VALID THROUGH April 2009)	@ \$25 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD) (KEYS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE POOL)	\$ _____
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only) (RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)	@ \$25 per household	\$ _____
Winter BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 04/30/10	Total	\$ _____

ALL ITEMS PURCHASED ARE NON_REFUNDABLE

Mail or Deliver to NA MUD 1 Pool 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail Austin, Texas 78729
 Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed. - **NO CASH ACCEPTED!**

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 to 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail Austin, Tx 78729.
- 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 2009 to April 2010)
- 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 Rattan Creek Pool. The key will be mailed to you (even if your application is brought in person).
- 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.
- Applications & payments must be submitted by mail or in person to NA MUD 1(Rattan Creek Pool).
NO CASH will be taken at the pool, only checks.
- ID badges will be issued to members at the pool after your application is processed and your residency is established. If you bring a copy of your water bill with you to the pool, this will help to speed up the process.
ID badges are not mailed.
- Forms of payment accepted for pool & tennis keys are check & money order. Credit/debit cards are not accepted at this time.
- 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.

Applications are not considered complete unless signed.

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
NA MUD1(Rattan Creek Pool) 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail Austin, Tx 78729

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 NA MUD 1 / Rattan Creek Pool 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 NA MUD 1 (Rattan Creek) POOL(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 CASH** 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:

Crossroads Utility Services 257-1271

Sport Court Rules:

Court Hours: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

1. No glass containers.
2. No alcoholic beverages inside court area.
3. 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 July 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 June 26, 2009:

New complaints received (38), Calls for advice (3), Emails for advice(7), First letters sent (19), Number of cover letters to rental owners: (5), Second letters sent (5), Repeat letters sent (1), Violations sent to MUD attorney (0), Number of cases closed (violations corrected) (31), Number of cases in litigation(3).

Rattan Creek Park Playscape: We appreciate your patience. The children’s safety is a top priority. The 2 playscapes at Rattan Creek Park had to be closed for safety reasons.

New playscapes have been ordered and are expected to arrive soon. The demolition should have been started by the time this newsletter goes out.

Rattan Creek Park Pool:

Hurricanes had another great season!

Parties being held at the pool need to schedule with the pool manager. Andrea Sivells is our pool manager. Pool phone number is **257-1265**.

Greenbelts and parks and soccer fields:

The soccer fields: All 3 fields are open again.

Community Center: Reservations for the rental of the community center rooms are picking up. A deposit is collected and held to cover any damages.

Residents of North Austin MUD #1 can rent the facility for a very minimal fee.

Out of District folks, who are wanting to rent the facility, will of course be charged more than an

in-district resident. For more information regarding the community center, call **257-1255**.

Change in utility management:

Crossroads Utility Service is our new water/wastewater manager. The number to reach them is **257-1271**. Please do not drop your water bills at the community center.

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

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Become an Ozone Action Hero

By Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman

Earlier this year, area elected officials including myself and Williamson County Commissioner Valerie Covey, Precinct 3, hosted a rally at the state Capitol in support of the region's "Big Push" initiative to remain in compliance with federal health-based standards for ground-level ozone, commonly known as smog. The rally celebrated the unveiling of an exciting, region-wide public awareness campaign, "Ozone Action Heroes," that empowers, educates and encourages residents and businesses to join the growing force to improve our air quality.

By committing to at least three simple, yet heroic, actions such as refueling after 6 p.m., checking tire pressure and turning off the lights, we will win the battle against air pollution. Air quality measurements from the 2009 Ozone Season (April 1 through October 31) will determine if we fail the federal test for clean air.

Failing the test will mean increased health risks to citizens, increased costs to consumers,

and increased federal requirements for businesses. The "Big Push" is the region's expanded effort to keep our ozone levels in compliance this Ozone Season. Aspiring Ozone Action heroes will be asked to take the "Your air. Your commitment." Pledge online at www.ozoneheroes.com.



Comm. Covey, Round Rock Mayor Alan McGraw, and me hold up an Ozone Action Hero t-shirt at the rally on the capitol steps.



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NA MUD 1 Phone number: **257-1271**

General Manager: Gary Spoons

Office: 246-1400
Fax: 246-1900

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www.crossroadsus.com

Filing a Deed Restriction Complaint:

- All complaints must be in writing, be sure to list the address of the home in question and the complaint.
- The complaint letter must be signed.

Send the written complaints to:

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

Need Copies of Your Deed Restrictions:

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.
- Include your legal description (lot, block, section of Milwood), so you get the correct set of deed restrictions for your section.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Ambulance 9 - 1 - 1

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

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

Crime Stoppers 1-800-253-STOP

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

Dept of Homeland Security 1-800-BEReady

Poison Control 1-800-POISON 1
 (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:
 Crossroads Utility Services 257-1271

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 @ 10:30 am

Crossroads meets @ River Oaks Elementary 12401 Scofield Farms Dr. Austin, TX 78758

www.CrossroadsChurchAustin.com
 phone: 512.491.0496 | P.O. Box 270122 Austin, TX 78727

We have gotten many request for a Yoga or Pilates Class at the Rattan Creek Community Center

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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

Year-round: No watering with automatic irrigation systems between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

May 1 - Sept 30: No watering between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. except with hand-held hose.

Upcoming Neighborhood Event:

3rd Annual Neighborhood National Night Out! (Texas)



Come Join Your Neighbors For A Night Out!

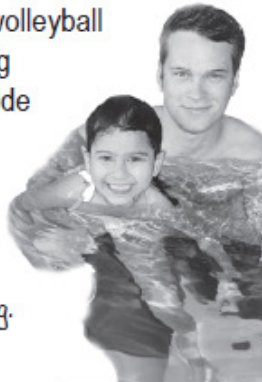
Tuesday, October 6th
6:00 - 8:00pm
At Rattan Creek Community Center
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insulates against sun, heat and insect bites. Regular brushing removes dirt and loose undercoat, which cleans and cools your pet. When you brush, check around the ears, between toes, along the legs, at the lower abdomen and base of tail.

Leave your pets at home: Don't let that eager look as you pull out the keys cloud your judgment. Even if you park in the shade and there's a nice breeze blowing outside, the temperature inside a car can shoot up to dangerous levels within minutes (120 degrees or higher!) even with the windows down. Unlike humans, pets cannot perspire to cool themselves. The movement of air into and out of the lungs allows them to maintain their normal body temperature. Panting and salivation are outward signs that your pet is overheating. When humidity and temperature exceed beyond the point at which these cooling mechanisms can maintain body heatstroke results which - and that can mean permanent brain damage or even death to your pet. So don't take chances with your pet's life - leave

him at home!

Travel: If you plan to take your pet on a long car trip, take him on several short trips to condition him for the journey. Travel can be very stressful for a pet: try to eliminate as much of the stress as possible. When taking your dog in the car have your pet ride completely inside the car with you, just like any other member of the family. Pets allowed to ride with their heads out the window and those relegated to the back of a pick-up truck are in danger of injury from debris embedding itself in their eyes, nostrils, ear canals, and throat. Pets riding in the back of a pick-up truck can overheat from the sun off reflected roadways or be injured during a rough ride, or actually be thrown out onto the road, if you brake suddenly.

Exercise: Dogs are naturally designed for sprinting, not for uninterrupted running or jogging. During such exercise, the body temperature rises faster than excess heat can be dissipated. In the summer, exercise of any kind should be cut back and limited to the cooler, early morning or later evening hours.

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Girl Scouts



Girl Scouts has been around for over 95 years! I'm sure many of the women in our community have been a girl scout. If your daughter is entering Kindergarten, she can become a girl scout! Girl Scouts range from Kindergarten to 12th grade. It's never too late to join.

What can girl scouts do for your daughter? A lot! They make long lasting friendships, go camping and build confidence and character. The girls learn how to help their community and be a part of something larger. One of Girl Scouts main goal is to

build leadership qualities in their girls. For older girls, there are a lot of scholarship opportunities for college.

Springwoods Girl Scout Service Unit will be accepting applications at Rattan Fest and will be having Troop Formation on Sept. 19 at Noon @ the Rattan Creek Community Center.

If your daughter would like to join Girl Scouts, please call Olga Hall @ 918-1606 or Dallas Hall @ 257-3494. We can get you and your daughter started on the path to a wonderful Girl Scout experience.

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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. (1/10)

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 335-6934 or email theaustinpenguin@aim.com, thank you.(9/09)

Joey Grant, 14 - Lawn Service. I have about 4 years of experience; yes I have been mowing my own lawn since I was 10 years old. I do mowing, raking, and weed wacking. Starting at just \$20, and I work in most areas of Milwood. To contact preferably e-mail to treesurfing@gmail.com, or call at 335-2220 and leave a message. Check out my website which will have pictures of the lawns I have mowed at <http://rattanlawn.blogspot.com/>. (no pictures will be taken without permission). (11/09)

Ellen Brown, 13 - Babysitting. I am Red Cross certified, great with all ages, charge reasonable rates, and available on weekends and late nights. Please contact me at 335-0207 or at indigosquid@gmail.com, and I will get back to you as soon as I can. (11/09)

Jilly Lounsberry, 17 - I am a cheerleader at McNeil High School and am involved in NHS. I have 4 years experience babysitting children of all ages. I have my driver's license so I can do any driving that is needed. I love children and plan on being a neonatal nurse. Please feel free to contact me if you need a sitter! My cell is 963-9089 and my email is acfcheerbug1991@yahoo.com, thank you. (11/09)

Matthew Chaltain, 16 - Will do all lawn care including weed whacking, mowing, raking, sweeping, etc., starting at \$20. Have been working for 3 years. Please call or text 983-3322, or email MChaltain@austin.rr.com (11/09)

Dana Stimson, 14 - If you need a babysitter, I'm there. I get along with kids of all ages and I'm pretty flexible with anything. I am a freshman in high school and I have plenty of experience with babysitting. My pricing is usually \$5 an hour. Please call me if you need a sitter at 791-1853 or my home number at 335-0473, Thank you! (11/09)

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Rattan Fest : September 12, 2009

Rattan Fest Schedule:

6:30 am Check in and same day registration
NOTE: NEW CHECK-IN LOCATION
Rattan Creek Park next to soccer field on
Tamayo Dr.

7:30am **NEW START LOCATION:**
at the Tamayo Bridge, near soccer field.

8:30 am – 10:30am **BOY SCOUTS** Pancake
Breakfast in Rattan Creek Park

10:00 am - 2:00 pm **BOOTHS OPEN:**
Be sure to check out the booths in the
Community Center and in the Park!
Vendors will be selling purses, hand-made items,
pottery and more. Jollyville Fire Department
will have the Smoke House. Child I.D. kits will
be handed out. Don't miss the games, a free
Jump House and free snow cones as well.

10:00 am-1:00pm Blood Mobile in parking lot.

**Please drive
carefully
through the
neighborhood !**

**Remember
School
Starts
August 25th!**



Rattan Fest Booth Registration

September 12th, 2009

(No Rain Date)

Individual Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone:(hm) _____ (wk) _____

Description of booth: _____

The Rattan Fest guarantees no exclusivity to any booth sponsor.

___ **RCNA Member Booths by 9/1, \$ 5.00**

___ **Non - RCNA Member Booths \$20.00**

___ **Booth Registration on day of event \$20.00**

Make checks payable to RCNA.
Mail booth registration & payment to
Dallas Hall
13201 Kepler Cove
Austin, Tx 78729

7/09

**Rattan Fest T-shirts
Order**

Pick up your shirts at Rattan Fest!

\$ 10.00 each

Adult sizes available:

S, M, L, XL, (XXL \$ 12.00)

Make checks payable to RCNA.

Mail to P.O. Box 200584

Austin, Tx 78720-0584

Order must be received by Sep 1, 2009,
to insure you can get the t-shirt size you want!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please indicate quantity ordered
(in front of size wanted)

___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL

Amount remitted: \$ _____

7/09

Rattan Fest - September 12, 2009

No Rain Date

**Eighteenth Annual
Rattan Fest**
Don't miss the fun!



Rent a Booth!

*Don't forget to stop by the booths
and do some early Christmas shop-
ping!*

**Perfect for
group fundraising!**

This year we will have
Kid Friendly Inflatables!
Carnival type booths :
Bean Bag Toss
Face Painting
And more!



**Bring the family and
have some fun!**

**Eighteenth Annual
Rattan Creek Festival 5K Run**
NEW: Certified Course!
September 12, at 7:30 a.m.



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

Registration: \$10 kids (under 12), \$15 for adults or
\$5 without a t-shirt, before September 1. To register,
complete the registration form (found on page 30)
in this issue and mail in with your entry fee.

*Note: Late registrants may not receive a
t-shirt or choice of size.*

Run Start: Check in and same day registration
begins at 6:30 am in Rattan Creek Park, near the
soccer field on Tamayo Dr. Run starts at 7:30am
at the Tamayo bridge by the soccer field.

Awards: Prizes for male and female winners in the
following age categories: 11 & younger,
12-15 years, 16-19 years, every 10 years beginning
20-29 years (ie, 20-29 years, 30-39 years, etc)

**See page 30 for entry form or
<http://www.rattancreek.org>**

**Come Enjoy
A Great
Pancake
Breakfast!**



When: Sat. Sept 12th
Time: 8:30 – 10:30 am
Where: at Rattan Creek Park

**Come and enjoy a great breakfast
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