



# Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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## Around Milwood

**Neighborhood Garage Sale** October 24 from 7:00am-1:00pm, or whenever you choose to close up. Here is a great chance to sell your stuff. This ad usually draws a great number of buyers to the neighborhood! *See back page for more information.*

**Daylight Savings Time ENDS!** November 1st - Be sure to set your clocks back 1 hour **before** you go to bed on Saturday, October 31st.



**Neighborhood CURBSIDE Cleanup** -

Mark your calendars for Sat, November 7! Have your stuff at the curb before 7:00 am. *See back page for more information.*

**Attention Tennis Players:** The tennis courts will be re-keyed November 2nd for the Winter tennis season. You must sign up for the winter season to be able to use the courts. *See page 17 for the application form.*

**North Austin MUD #1 - 2009 Tax Rates:** The tax rate has been set for 2009 for North Austin MUD #1. New service rates have also been established. *For more information, please see page 12.*

**Rattan Fest Will Be Rescheduled:** The RCNA board is discussing rescheduling Rattan Fest for the Spring. At this time, no date has been set, but May is the month being looked at. Please watch the newsletter and [www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org) for information.

## EVENTS


### October

- Oct 12 RRISD Holiday Columbus Day 
- Oct 15 RCNA Meeting, 7pm Community Center
- Oct 19 Early Voting begins
- Oct 21 MUD Meeting, 6pm Community Center
- Oct 24 Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale
- Oct 30 Last day of Early Voting
- Oct 31 HALLOWEEN

### November

- Nov 1 Daylight Savings Time 
  - Fall Back - 1 Hour
- Nov 2 Changing Tennis Court Locks
- Nov 3 Election Day
- Nov 7 Neighborhood Clean-up Curbside Pick up
- Nov 14 Pond Springs Elementary Fall Festival (see pg 5)
- Nov 18 MUD Meeting, 6pm Community Center
- Nov 19 RCNA Meeting, 7pm Community Center
- Nov 25-27 Thanksgiving Break Round Rock ISD

### December

- Dec 12 Hanukkah Begins 
- Dec 14 MUD Meeting, 6pm
- Dec 17 RCNA Meeting, 7pm
- Dec 20 Caroling in the Park
- Dec 21-Jan 1 Round Rock ISD Winter Break

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**We still need a Section Head for:  
None needed at this time**

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 Krista Russell & Amira Wizig  
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

I was planning to open this edition of my President's Notes by saying how wonderful Rattan Fest was and how wonderful it was to see so many district members enjoying the day. Well, I cannot say that as, Rattan Fest was a total wash-out!

Besides getting a much needed soaking, the only other bright part of the day was that we will had our annual 5K race. Under the expert and dedicated supervision of our wonderful race chairperson, Angie Brown, over 25 hearty souls braved the elements and ran in this annual event. Stay tuned in... we are in the process of planning a new Rattan Fest date, possibly in the Spring.

As we are entering the Fall season, I want to remind you that with school open there is a lot more pedestrian traffic in the area. The Round Rock ISD has re-drawn the transportation borders. With this revision, most of the middle school children who live in Milwood now walk to Dear Park, on Anderson Mill Road. I am urging everyone to please **SLOW DOWN** while driving and keep your eyes open. Please observe speed limits and yield to those who are crossing the street. Everyone needs to pitch in and make sure all of our residents arrive to their destinations safely.

Our Neighborhood Association has once again sponsored Our National Night Out which was held on Tuesday evening October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM in the Rattan Creek Community Center. Join us for some desert and enjoy an evening with your neighbors and friends.

Also coming up in October is our semi-annual Neighborhood Garage Sale on Saturday morning October 24<sup>th</sup>. The RCNA will promote the Neighborhood Garage Sale in the media, so that you can maximize the number of shoppers that may visit your home. Once the Garage Sale weekend is over, our Neighborhood Curbside Cleanup will be held after the Halloween weekend on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our small but dedicated and hard working Board and volunteers are currently working on plans for future programs and events. We cannot do it alone. Please consider stepping up to lend a hand. Your community needs you. The more folks we have helping out, the

more we can do. Please feel free to e mail me directly at [brikerm@austin.rr.com](mailto:brikerm@austin.rr.com) if you can lend your time and talents for the better of us all. Just a few hours can go a very long way!

Membership is down this year. We hope that many of the new neighbors will find the activities worthwhile and this newsletter informative. Our dues is what makes this all possible. We are talking about \$25 a year. Please do your part and join!

## Watch Out for the Kids on Halloween!!

See You Around The Neighborhood,  
Brian Kerman, President

Remember to mark your calendars: Caroling in the Park and the arrival of Santa Claus is planned for Sunday December 20th.

**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association**  
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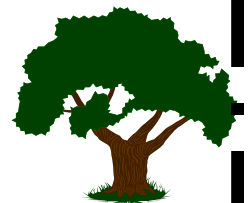
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**Thank You For Your Support!!**

# 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:



Matt Pollock and Amiri Wizig  
13118 Marble Falls Cove



### 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](mailto:austinredkat@yahoo.com)*



## Milwood Parent Activities

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

- **Bun-co Anyone?** New group forming. Contact Christy Traywick at [cwtraywick@hotmail.com](mailto:cwtraywick@hotmail.com) or 219-9372 for more details.
- New playgroup for babies/toddlers born in 2008 and later. Moms can contact Melissa at [minevarez@yahoo.com](mailto:minevarez@yahoo.com).
- Playgroup for babies/toddlers born between September 2005 – August 2006. Contact Debbie Waller at 215-2878 or [dwall75@yahoo.com](mailto:dwall75@yahoo.com).
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### 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 Or [lorjones@yahoo.com](mailto:lorjones@yahoo.com)***



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**Fall Gardening Is Planting Time And Early Winter Care**

**October: Plant trees now that it is cooler** and they will be well rooted for next year's growth. Remember that the deciduous trees which lose their leaves in the winter are for the sunny south and west sides of the house. They will save you summer cooling costs and will gain heat from the sun in the winter. Some yard-sized trees are the Chinese Pistache, Mexican Buckeye, Texas Redbud, Burr Oak (large leaves and very tall tree) , and the Cedar and Chinese Elms. And of course the larger varieties of the Crape Myrtle (ask about the mildew-resistant varieties and now you can see the blooms and select the right color).

Some smaller trees are the Possum Haw Holly which has bright red berries during the winter until the birds eat them off. The American Beauty berry bush is an over grown bush , reaching 10 feet high and wide which has white berries in the summer which turn bright purple in fall. They ferment so the birds love to get a bit tipsy when they gobble them up. The Golden Raintree has clusters of yellow

flowers which turn into clusters of seed pods and the Desert Willow has white or lavender orchid-like blooms. All these trees can be in full sun or partial shade and will beautify your yard for many years.

**Where you want leaves all year around** for shade and a wind break there are the Live Oak, the Eldacara Pine, and a wonderful smaller tree called the Texas Mountain Laurel which has beautiful purple flowers in the spring that smell like bubble gum. Water this tree a bit less than the others, it does not like wet roots, so let it dry out between waterings.

**Trees will grow fast** if you plant them in shallow wide holes with no peat moss and a little (25%) composted soil amendment to get them started. You need to build up a ring of dirt several inches high and several feet across around the trees to provide a water well to contain the water. When the water wells are mulch covered to keep the roots cool you will

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**Pond Springs Elementary  
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**Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>  
11AM-3PM**

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get very fast growth of all of these trees. Small 1 gallon to 5 gallon size trees are best because they will grow faster in your soil than in a pot in a nursery. They must be watered well (10 gallons per tree well) periodically (depending on the heat) for the first 2 years. For fast growth, his deep watering every other week for the first 1-1/2 year will give them a strong start with a broad root system. After that an occasional soaking will keep them healthy.

**Just watering the grass around trees** is not enough water to soak in deeply to the tree roots and build strong trees. There are many large beautiful trees in our neighborhood which decline each year and eventually start losing branches because the roots have been covered by many inches of dirt and even concrete house slabs, sidewalks, and driveways. The way to save these trees is to put soaker hoses over all remaining roots and soak for several hours every 2 weeks year around. This deep watering saved a beautiful tree shading our and the neighbors house, so

water really is necessary and can save root damaged trees.

**The time to fertilize** for fall and winter root growth is September through late October. You will get more and better growth next year by fall fertilization rather than in the Spring. Use some fertilizer (organic or not) with high nitrogen as indicated by a 3-1-2 ratio. It is good to use fast release fertilizers which usually are cheaper because after the first frost, growth will slow down and any fertilizer which has not been absorbed yet will be wasted and will pollute the streams and the environment. Be sure to read the label directions on the bag and apply at or a bit below the recommended rate. Fertilize the grass and your flower beds, and double the application under the drip line of trees and then water in very well. The fertilizer only works on roots so water it in once and then come back and water it in again until water runs off. Now you can relax and enjoy your yard for the winter - while raking the live oak leaves of course.

**Your yard may be maturing** like mine with

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the trees providing too much shade. This requires some major reworking of the design now that the trees are providing deep shade and the bushes are overgrown. I had a tree company remove all the tree branches that could rub on the roof or on the house. We also removed some lower branches to let some sun in so the plants would bloom. Have limbs cut off at the trunk or as far back as possible to lengthen the time between pruning. This is called a class 2 pruning in the trade and is what we have done for the trees in the Rattan Creek Park. Trimming like this every 5-7 years to raise the lower branches of the canopy will allow some sun in so flowers and grass will grow much better. Such is life, successful landscaping brings more work.

Enjoy gardening with your kids (or the neighbors' kids) because teaching them to plan for the future and watching trees and plants grow is good for all of us.

**Early Winter Lawn Care in November:** The good news is that nothing really needs to be

done to our lawns until spring. Guilt we imported from some other state may have us raking leaves, fertilizing, mowing, scalping, etc. You really do not have to do all that work.

**Lawn Maintenance for Established grasses** in our winters includes mowing a bit shorter with the clippings left on to decompose and feed the grass. Do NOT scalp any lawn grasses, *this is a bad carryover from other parts of the country and it will damage Austin lawns.* Since our best months to fertilize are March and October the established grasses are going dormant now and it is probably best to wait until March to fertilize.

If we have a hot week or so with strong drying winds, water the grass to help it survive. It will better survive freezing weather also if it is wet. Throughout the winter, study the grass carefully before and then after watering and then wait to water until it shows some signs of drought stress. The signs of drought stress are: A dull purplish cast to the lawn. Tracks show up in the lawn after someone walks across it Leaf blades begin to roll or fold

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together.

Watering before dawn for a short time, which allows drying in the morning and minimizes fungus problems during the cool winter months.

Raking and Removing Leaves continues to be required only for the tough live oak leaves. Most of the other leaves can be left in place mulched with your mower and will just decompose and add some organic matter in the soil.

**Lawn maintenance for new yards** usually means do not fertilize until it has been mowed at least 5 times. This allows the roots to get established before the fertilizer forces leaf growth at the expense of the strong root growth that is the goal. The exceptions are winter seeded grasses like rye and fescue and new sod, which can be fed a slow release fertilizer. Look for those with ratios such as 3-1-2, 12-4-8, or 15-5-3. Avoid the weed-and-feed products because they stop grass seed

germination and can cause irreparable damage to tree roots. Take the time to calculate the square footage of your lawn, since most fertilizer applications are calculated that way. Then use half the recommended rate for the winter application.

New seeded grass will require watering to keep the seed moist, but not saturated during this initial growth time. During hot windy days, you may have to water 4 to 5 times per day until germination. If young plants are allowed to dry out, they will die. After about 2 weeks the root system should be established and the watering frequency can be reduced to every 5 days for a month or so. Then water as an established yard.

New sod should not be deprived of water because drying causes shrinking between sod squares. Until the time when a corner of a section of sod can no longer be easily lifted, the soil beneath the sod needs to be kept moist. It is imperative to use the sprinkler lightly and often during this period. When the grass looks

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green and begins to stand up, it is rooted and you can cut back on watering to every 3 days (except when it rains) for at least 2 weeks. Then you can begin the 5-day watering cycle. If you have an irrigation system shorten the on-timing as needed and set the timer for watering in the early morning hours before dawn. If we have an exceptionally cold or hot winter, increase watering to help the grass survive.

**Winter Color** from annuals planted in pots in the sun include Pansies, Johnny jump-ups, Stock, Alyssum and Chrysanthemums, which come in many colors.

\* For part shade areas, plant English primrose. Perennials include the begonias that do well in pots in part sun and survive our winters without protection except in very hard freezes

\* In full sun areas the swordlike foliage of the bearded iris or the Cemetery Iris are Xeriscape plants which make good ground cover in sunny areas with minimum water. Prepare the bed by digging in 6 inches deep 2 inches of compost. If your soil is heavy, dig in some masonry or green sand. Plant the rhi-

zomes on the surface of the soil and use mulch sparingly because they tend to rot if too wet. They grow best if thinned out every 3-4 years in late fall. You can start new beds and share the extra rhizomes with neighbors. Daylilies grow well in the same conditions as the iris except they need to be planted 3-4 inches deep and covered with 3-4 inches of mulch.

Winter growing plants include the Texas Gold columbine that is a hybrid from the native columbines. The light green leaves grow all winter and they will have shooting star yellow flowers on stalks from 2 to 3 feet high from early March through the fall if you prune out the dead stems periodically. They grow best under deciduous trees like cedar elms or high crowned live oak trees as they like some direct sunshine for better flowering. The Texas Gold columbine is a weak perennial so you can expect to lose a few plants each winter. They do re seed well if you have good soil with 2-3 inches of compost and not too much mulch under them. In any case buying a couple of

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plants to fill in the holes is a pleasant spring task.

Attractive shrubs include the possemhaw holly that loses its leaves in the winter leaving the attractive red berries. Nandinas have red berries and attractive fern like foliage the year around and show the most color when planted in full sun. While Nandinas are not native plants but they do naturalize to our soil and climate very well and require very little extra watering once they are established.

Build some hardscape for more use of your outdoors areas like adding a sidewalk or patio in places where the grass died due to foot traffic or too much sun or shade. There are many kinds of paving stones and blocks available at the home and garden stores. In this climate we only need a couple of inches of nice clean masonry under the pavers and a hard edge to keep them in place. You will need dig down and put the sand in to lay the pavers.

Before starting paving, check the slope by

using a line level or run some water or watch the rainfall on the area to be paved. Be sure to slope the pavers away from the house so the water drains away and does not make a low spot for puddles to collect mud, leaves and be hard to clean up. Any extra dirt can be placed into other low areas of your yard where water stands or you can build a raised bed with the soil.

Happy gardening,  
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**Chicken Enchiladas/Taquitos**

For the Sauce:

- |                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 TBS. oil              | 1/2 tsp. oregano      |
| 2 TBS. flour            | 1 tsp. cumin          |
| 1/4 c. chili powder     | salt, pepper to taste |
| 2 c. chicken stock      |                       |
| 15 oz. crushed tomatoes |                       |

For the Enchiladas/Taquitos:

- 4 c. cooked, shredded chicken
- 3 c. grated cheddar
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 24 tortillas -- I use half corn and half flour, whatever you prefer. The corn ones taste really good!

Heat oven 350° for enchiladas or 400° for taquitos.

In a large saucepan, heat oil, then whisk in flour. When bubbling, whisk in chili powder. Continue to whisk while adding stock, tomatoes, and spices. Bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer for at least 15 min. Stir occasionally.

Combine chicken, cheese, and sour cream in a large bowl. Soften tortillas by warming in a toaster oven or heating in a pan with oil. I warm two at a time in the toaster oven. Fill with

chicken mixture, then roll and place in pyrex casserole dish for enchiladas, or sheet pan for taquitos.

For enchiladas:

If making enchiladas, spread about a cup of sauce to coat bottom of the 9x13 dish. Place rolled enchiladas in dish. Ladle sauce over top, then bake for 30 min, or until bubbling.

For taquitos:

Simply place rolled tortillas on the baking sheet. Baste top of taquitos with oil and bake for 15 min, or until browned/crunchy in appearance.

Enjoy with the enchilada sauce over the top, or dip into individual small bowl.

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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](mailto:arandall5@austin.rr.com)

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**North Austin MUD 1 Sets  
2009 Tax Rate and Service Fees**

**Tax Rate:**

The 2009 Certified Tax Values have been set for NAMUD #1 as \$768,078,835.

The NAMUD #1 has set the 2009 Tax Rate as \$0.3801 per \$100 tax valuation.

**Residential Service Fees:**

The new 2009 Base Service Fee has been set at \$26.00. The base service fee includes the first 1,000 gallons of water and wastewater, as well as the garbage collection.

Water rate for each additional 1,000 gallon will be \$3.12.

Wastewater rate will be \$4.98 per 1,000 gallon. The rate change goes into effect as of October 1, 2009, which means we will see the new rate beginning on our November bills.

**Other information:**

Winter Wastewater Averaging will begin mid-November to mid-February. Please watch your bills for exact dates.

**Upcoming  
RCNA Meeting Dates:**

**at Rattan Creek Community  
Center**

October 22,	7:00-9:00pm
November 19,	7:00-9:00pm
December 17,	7:00-9:00pm



Dr. Kyleen Chen

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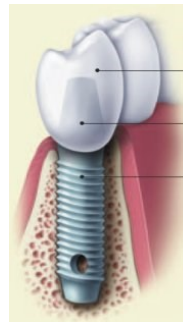
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# Attention Fall/Winter Tennis Players:

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You **MUST** purchase a new key  
for the Fall 2009/Winter 2010  
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*See Application on Page 17*

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## Winter Wastewater Averaging

### Mid-November - Mid-February

Actual dates will be printed on the water bills and will also be available on the North Austin MUD #1 website: [www.northaustinmud1.org](http://www.northaustinmud1.org).

The District's Rate Order states that bills for sewer service shall be computed (1) on the basis of the average amount of water used by the customer during the winter season based upon the average of the monthly readings of the customer's water meter for the preceding December, January and February billing periods or (2) on the basis of the customer's current monthly water bill, whichever is less.

If a residential customer does not have a history of water usage during the preceding December, January and February billing periods, the customer's monthly sewer bill shall be calculated based upon (1) the customer's current monthly water usage or (2) on the basis of 10,000 gallons water usage per month, whichever is less.

Winter months are used to calculate the sewer averaging because historically customers use less water this time of year.

If the averaging months are unusually warm, and the majority of residents use larger than normal amounts of water the Board may elect to drop the highest month's usage.

Any resident filling a pool during the averaging months will be allowed to subtract the water used from the usage of the month the water was used. Requests for this must be made in writing to Gary Spoonts, c/o North Austin MUD #1, 2601 Forest Creek Dr, Round Rock, TX 78641-1232.

Any resident with a houseline leak during the averaging months may request a reduction in sewer usage. This also must be in writing and have documentation as to the leak and work accomplished to repair the problem.

Gary Spoonts,  
Crossroads Utility Service,  
District Manager for North Austin MUD #1

## Rattan Fest Results!!

Twenty three brave people turned out for the Rattan Fest 5k held Sat., Sept. 12. Due to the rain that day, Rattan Fest itself was rescheduled for a date later this spring. However, race organizers chose to follow through with the 5k run as scheduled.

Participants followed the new course recently certified by the USA Track and Field organization. A certified course means the 5k distance has been measured by a national certifier and allows runners to set official records on it.

This year's overall men's and women's winners were David Brown and Ellen Brown. Kenyon Phillips, Victoria Hebert, Elizabeth Carson, Nick Wilson, Claire Meck, Marc Cimadevilla, Gary Blenden, and Karen Carson; each of whom took first place in their age groups.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the event, especially Dallas Hall, Angelia Moore, John Lenz, and the Girl Scouts and their mothers who encouraged

everyone making their way through the puddles all the way to the finish line.

Angie Brown,  
Rattan Fest 5K Chairman

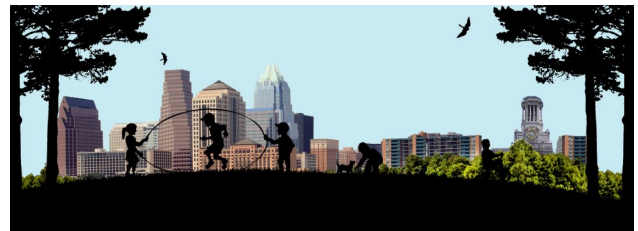
*The Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association would like to take this time and opportunity to acknowledge and thank Angie Brown for all the time and hard work that was spent getting our course certified and for organizing and holding this event, in spite of the weather.*

# MENS CUTS

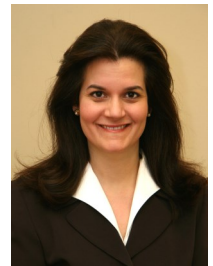
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**Rates:**

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\$35/hr. Weekly or bi-weekly

Please contact Beth at [258-7043](tel:258-7043) to discuss arrangements.

**RCNA Volunteers Needed:**

The RCNA has many volunteer positions open:

RCNA Executive Board:

Vice President

Treasurer

Contact Brian Kerman, President of RCNA if you are interested at 921-4490. [Brikerm@austin.rr.com](mailto:Brikerm@austin.rr.com)

RCNA Committees:

Membership

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

Newsletter Positions (Volunteer):

- Display Advertisement
- Milwood Parent Group Coordinator  
Contact Jo Jones at 335-1805.
- Delivery: Section Head and Block Captain openings  
Contact Jennifer Cazares at 257-3380 .

**Looking for a Place  
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257-1255**

**Office Hours:**

<b>M, W, F</b>	<b>4:00pm - 7:00pm</b>
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# Rattan Creek Pool Hours

## October:



Oct 1-31:

McNeil Swim Team: Mon-Fri 6:00am - 8:00am

Pool Open:

Mon, Wed, Fri:	12 Noon to 1:30pm 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Sat:	12 Noon to 8:00pm
Sun:	12 Noon to 8:00pm

Oct 12: **HOLIDAY HOURS:** 12 Noon - 8:00pm

## November:



Nov 1-30: Pool Open:

Mon, Wed, Fri:	12 Noon to 1:30pm 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Sat:	12 Noon to 8:00pm
Sun:	12 Noon to 8:00pm

November 25 & 27: **HOLIDAY HOURS:**  
12 Noon - 8:00pm

Nov 26:

## December:



Dec 1-21:

Pool Open:

Mon, Wed, Fri:	12 Noon to 1:30pm 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Sat:	12 Noon to 8:00pm
Sun:	12 Noon to 8:00pm

Dec 21-31: **Winter Holiday Hours:**

Pool Open:

Mon-Fri:	12 Noon-8:00pm
Sat:	12 Noon-8:00pm
Sun:	12 Noon-8:00pm

Dec 25: **Christmas**

**POOL CLOSED**

Dec 31: **New Years Eve**

**CLOSES EARLY**

## January:

January 1: **New Years Day POOL CLOSED**

Jan 2-3

Open Swim: 12 Noon to 8:00 pm

Jan 4- 31:

Mon, Wed, Fri:	12 Noon to 1:30pm 4:30pm to 8:00pm
Sat:	12 Noon to 8:00pm
Sun:	12 Noon to 8:00pm

## Pool Applications:

Mail to:

NAM1 Pool  
7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail  
Austin, Texas 78729

Or Deliver in person, at the pool window, during the following times:

Mon, Wed, Fri from 4:00 - 7:00pm  
Tues, Thurs from 12-1:30 pm  
Or Sat from Noon - 7:00pm

**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](http://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 PRINT CLEARLY below:** (See tennis rules for more info)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Household Members Attending Pool:** All members receiving badges must be listed below. (Badges required for ages 3 and up)

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
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**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 2010)	@ \$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	<b>Total</b>	\$ _____

**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 or delivered separately** from your 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 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/1<sup>st</sup> of May & end of October or 1<sup>st</sup> 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 currently 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](http://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 for  
NA MUD# 1(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.**

**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 August 28, 2009:

New complaints received (25), Calls for advice (1), Emails for advice(9), First letters sent (21), Number of cover letters to rental owners: (3), Second letters sent (5), Repeat letters sent (0), Violations sent to MUD attorney (3), Number of cases closed (violations corrected) (28), Number of cases in litigation(3).

**Rattan Creek Park Playscape:** The two new playscapes have been installed and are now open for play. Thank you for your patience!

**Rattan Creek Park Pool:**

- McNeil Swim Team has begun practicing Monday through Friday, from 6:00am to 8:00am!
- 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:**  
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**.

**Utility Management Company:**

Crossroads Utility Service is our water/wastewater manager. The number to reach them is **257-1271**

or **246-1400**. The mailing address for the water/wastewater bills is 2601 Forest Creek Dr. Round Rock, Tx 78665-1232. ***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](http://www.northaustinmud1.org)**

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## Round Rock Symphony Starts Second Season By Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman

The Round Rock Symphony opened its second season recently with a performance at the Round Rock ISD Performing Arts Center, located next door to McNeil High School. A crowd of approximately 600 music lovers of all ages enjoyed “Music of the Silver Screen,” performed by the 54 piece symphony under the direction of Conductor Silas Nathaniel Huff. Joining the symphony for one selection were a group of Round Rock ISD middle school students, who played “Clash and Roar” by Larry Clark along with the professional musicians. Some of the highlights of the evening were the “William Tell Overture,” and the “E.T. Theme.”

After a brief intermission, Round Rock Symphony Board President Judy McLeod, a former Round Rock ISD board president, made comments. She said, “My heart is beating through my chest with excitement.” She said it was neat to see the young students perform and she is proud to have such a great symphony in Round Rock. She also thanked the sponsors and donors. She then introduced Jim Van Zandt, Director of Fine Arts for Round Rock ISD, who said, “Welcome to our

house!” He spoke of the many honors won by Round Rock schools for excellence in music, including awards won by Canyon Vista and Grisham Middle Schools and Westwood High School. Dr. Jesus Chavez, Round Rock ISD Superintendent, also spoke and said that although the district stresses academics, he is also very proud of the emphasis they have on music and other fine arts.

The next event for the Round Rock Symphony will be a “Holiday Spectacular” featuring over 200 singers from the Texas State University choirs on Saturday, Dec. 5th at 8 p.m. at Anderson Mill Baptist Church. For more information: go to [www.roundrocksymphony.org](http://www.roundrocksymphony.org).

If you need assistance with any county issue, please contact me at [lbirkman@wilco.org](mailto:lbirkman@wilco.org) or (512)733-5380.



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

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# What To Do With Leftover Turkey!



From the Butterball Kitchen

## Tex-Mex Turkey Rice Skillet

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### Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1 cup uncooked long grain white rice
- 1 cup medium or hot chunky salsa
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) chicken broth
- 2 cups chopped zucchini
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
- 1 1/2 cups chopped cooked Butterball® Turkey
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded mexican style cheese

### Directions:

- Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in large skillet on medium heat. Add rice; cook and stir until rice turns light golden brown, about 3 minutes. Stir in salsa and broth.
- Cover skillet, reduce heat to low. Simmer 15 minutes or until rice is tender.
- Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a second skillet on medium-high heat. Add zucchini and onion.
- Cook and stir 5 minutes or until vegetables just start to brown on edges. Add corn after 3 minutes. Add turkey to vegetables; keep warm until rice is done.
- Stir vegetables and turkey into rice mixture. Continue heating 2 minutes or until turkey is hot.
- Sprinkle with cheese, cover.
- Remove from heat and let stand 5 minutes.

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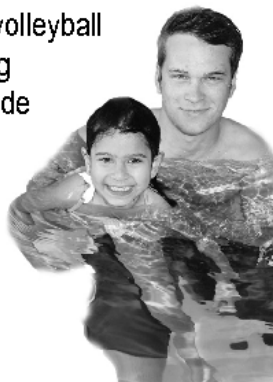
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**“Yoga in the Park” schedule:**

**Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm and Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 pm.**

Classes accommodate all levels of practice, from beginning to beyond in a relaxed peaceful environment. Our practice begins with breath meditation (pranayama) to foster awareness between mind, body and spirit. A fundamental sequence of poses are practiced in the meditative Hatha flow part of class with asanas (postures) that vary according to the focus of each class. Mindfulness in movement, breath and thought allows us to experience freedom from our internal and external judgments and attachments. Come experience enhanced physical, mental and emotional wellbeing through “Yoga in the Park”!

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## REVISED MANDATORY WATER SCHEDULE RESIDENTIAL

Once a week Outdoor Watering Schedule 12AM-10AM

Even Numbered Addresses –Sunday

Odd Numbered Addresses –Saturday

- Washing of automobiles, trucks, motorbikes, boats & trailers or other vehicles is prohibited except on designated watering days. Washing must be done with a handheld bucket or a handheld hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses.
- All outdoor water use is prohibited between the hours of 10am & 7pm except with a handheld bucket or hose equipped with a shutoff nozzle.
- Failure to Comply with the Mandatory Watering Schedule May Result in Monetary Penalties and/or Water Disruption.

## COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS

- Landscape irrigation use for odd numbered addresses is Tuesday  
even numbered addresses is Friday
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**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](mailto:acfcheerbug1991@yahoo.com), thank you. (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](mailto:indigosquid@gmail.com), and I will get back to you as soon as I can. (11/09)

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(11/09)

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# Halloween Safety

## Did You Know?

The United States Consumer Products Safety Commission has recorded that the three most common Halloween-related injuries are:

1. Eye abrasions from sharp objects attached to masks or costumes;
2. Skin irritations or rashes from decorative face paints or creams, and
3. Burns from flammable costumes being ignited by open flames (candles, Jack 'O Lanterns).

We hope you will find the tips below helpful in creating a fun and safe Halloween environment for your children



## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

### Remind Children that they **SHOULD** always:

- Carry a flashlight.
- Walk on sidewalks and driveways.
- Cross only at corners.
- Never cross between parked cars.
- Walk facing the oncoming traffic if there is no sidewalk.
- Always remove masks before crossing streets.
- Be aware of cars that may be turning into or backing out of driveways.
- Don't play near lit jack-o-lanterns.
- Never go into a stranger's house.
- Visit only houses where the lights are on.
- Be sure and say thank you for your treats.



### Parents - Remember You **SHOULD** always:

- Know the route your children will be taking.
- Make sure children are accompanied by an adult.
- Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties.
- Set time limits on when children should return home.
- Explain to children the difference between **tricks and vandalism**.
- Instruct children NOT to eat treats until they return home and you have had a chance to inspect those treats.

### Motorists and Neighborhood Residents Should:

Drive cautiously on Halloween Eve. Excited youngsters may forget some of these safety rules and dart out in front of your car.

Remove all obstacles from lawns and steps to prevent children from being injured.

Have a well-lighted home, both inside and out, to prevent vandalism and to prevent injuries to our little ghosts and goblins.



Have a safe Halloween!!

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## 2009 Texas Constitutional Amendments Election

I recently attended a meeting that Deborah M. Hunt, Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector spoke to us about the upcoming 2009 Texas Constitutional Amendments. These Constitutional Amendments will be on our ballots for the November 3rd election.

You can find out more information regarding the Constitutional Amendments and the upcoming election at the League of Women Voters of Texas website:

[www.lwvtexas.org](http://www.lwvtexas.org).

This is a copy of the handout that was passed out:

In honor of Constitution Day, I will share a complete post on the proposed Texas Constitutional Amendments. On November 3, 2009, Texas Voters will be able to vote on 11 proposed Constitutional Amendments. Each of these amendments was passed by at least a two-thirds vote of both the Texas House and Texas Senate during the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session.

Here is a quick summary of the 11 proposed Propositions.

**Proposition 1:** Allow local governments to finance the purchase of land to create buffer zones around military bases.

**Proposition 2:** Stipulates that appraisals of homesteads will be based on the current use of a residence and not the potential value of the property if the home is flipped to a commercial development.

**Proposition 3:** Allows the Comptroller to enforce uniform appraisal standards for property tax purposes.

**Proposition 4:** Establishes the National Research University Fund to promote university research.

**Proposition 5:** Allow for the consolidation of appraisal review boards across counties.

**Proposition 6:** Renews the Veteran's Land Board bonding authority for home loans to veterans.

**Proposition 7:** Allow members of the Texas State Guard to hold civil office.

**Proposition 8:** Allows the state to contribute resources to build veterans hospitals.

**Proposition 9:** Establishes a constitutional right to access and use public beaches along the Gulf Coast.

**Proposition 10:** Allows the elected board of directors for emergency service districts to serve 4-year terms instead of 2-year terms.

**Proposition 11:** Restricts the use of eminent domain by a government entity to one that is solely for public use.



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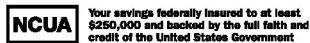
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Up to 60 Months	as low as 4.99%
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# Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale

**Saturday, October 24  
7:00 am until you choose to close**

• The RCNA runs ads for a neighborhood wide Garage Sale (Saturday Only), giving the boundaries of our neighborhood and the time of the neighborhood wide garage sale.

**No Rain Date is given for this event!**

- 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!

# Fall Curbside Clean-up

**Saturday, November 7**

7:00am until 2:00pm.

Please place your items out at your curb before 7:00 am, Saturday Nov 7. This is a perfect time to get rid of large items. The trucks will circulate through the neighborhood until around 2pm, as they have to make their final run before the dump closes for the day.



**Hazardous Items Will NOT Be Collected**, including the following items:

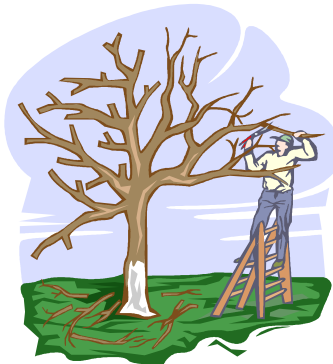
- Tires,
- Batteries,
- Oil,
- Paint,
- Combustible or flammable items,
- Refrigerators / Window Units or anything with Freon.

**Limbs or**

If you have and brush to

**Brush:**

limbs be collected



at curbside  
you will need to have brush and limbs bundled  
no longer than 4 foot in length  
not bigger than 2 feet in diameter.