



# Rattan Creek Neighborhood News

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## Around Milwood

### Annexation Information

Many of our neighbors in North Austin MUD # 1 have heard that the City of Austin has put us on their three year annexation plan. Sometime in March every property owner should receive a notice from the City of Austin regarding the future annexation of the area. The Board of Directors of North Austin MUD # 1 will be working with the City of Austin regarding the process.

The City of Austin has a website for those desiring more information regarding annexation at: [www.ci.austin.tx.us/annexation/namud.htm](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/annexation/namud.htm) . You will also be able to look on the District website: [www.northaustinmud1.org](http://www.northaustinmud1.org) for updates as they become available.

**Soccer fields at both  
Robinson and Rattan Creek Park  
are closed  
until February 15th.**

### Upcoming Events:

- **Sat. March 27th Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale**  
RCNA advertised "neighborhood wide" garage sale  
See pg 13 for more information
- **Sat. April 10th Neighborhood "Curbside" Clean-up**  
Put trash curbside by 7:00 am Saturday for pick up.  
*No Hazardous Waste or Materials Collected*  
See page 13 or [www.northaustinmud1.org](http://www.northaustinmud1.org) .
- **Hurricane Swim Team Sign Up:**  
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## EVENTS

### February

- Feb 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day  
and Chinese New Year
- Feb 15 President's Day  
(RRISD off)
- Feb 17 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm  
RC Community Center
- Feb 18 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm  
RC Community Center



### March

- Mar 10 RRISD Early Release
- Mar 14 Daylight  
Savings Time  
"Spring Ahead"
- Mar 15-19 RRISD  
Spring Break
- Mar 17 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm  
RC Community Center
- Mar 18 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm  
RC Community Center
- Mar 27 Neighborhood Wide  
Garage Sale



### April

- Apr 2 RRISD Holiday
- Apr 3 Easter Egg Hunt  
Rattan Creek Park
- 8:30 am Pancake Breakfast
- 9:30 am Wobbler area opens
- 10:00 am Easter Parade
- 10:30 am Kids Egg Hunt begins
- Apr 10 Neighborhood Clean Up
- Apr 15 RCNA Meeting, 7:00pm  
RC Community Center
- Apr 21 MUD Meeting, 6:00pm  
RC Community Center



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Page 2 Website: [www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org)

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

**RCNA-ACC**

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**Austin, TX, 78720-0584**

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We need **Block Captains** for the following streets:

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Steeplechase (49), Olympiad (20), Snook Hook (24)  
Peabody (22), Balamos (14)**

Block Captains deliver newsletters 6 times a year to homes on their street. If your street is one of the ones mentioned above, you will not receive newsletters until someone steps forward to deliver to your block. Extra Newsletters are available at the sign at the Rattan Creek Park. *Numbers in ( ) is the number of houses.*

**No Section Heads 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 Candice & Andy Hoover,  
& Rebecca Meisch 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

Now that we are well into 2010, and the weather is beginning to warm up, YOUR Neighborhood Association is also gearing up for what appears to be an active 2010. We need each and every family in the District to step forward and support us. All we are asking is that you become a member the RCNA. Annual dues are only \$25.00. Our annual membership drive consisting of a flyer, with a return address envelope, should have been delivered to your door. You can also sign up by mail the coupon found on this page or go to our website: [www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org), and use paypal. WE need your help and support now more than ever before.

We have been made aware last month that North Austin MUD 1 District which includes, our area of Milwood and the Bluffs is on the 3 year list for annexation by the City of Austin. Many of our services that have been provided by our MUD will be provided by the City. This includes water, waste water, trash collection, as well as the day to day management of our area. The City could also take over and manage/maintain our parks, pools, community center and other recreational areas. We expect that our tax rates will go up, based on the experience of other Districts that have been annexed in the recent past.

The Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association (RCNA) will work closely with the MUD District in anyway capacity needed. We need your help and support now more than ever before. We intend to schedule a meeting regarding the proposed annexation in the very near future. Please watch for notices on our website:

[www.rattancreek.org](http://www.rattancreek.org), or follow RCNA on Facebook: Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association. Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at the Rattan Creek Park on Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 8:30 am with the **Boy Scouts cooking their famous "Pancake Breakfast"**. The cost is minimal and the pancakes are really good, not to mention it is for a good cause! This annual event attracts several hundred participants. You would not want your children to miss out on this popular event.

Again, I urge you to show your support of **YOUR Neighborhood Association** by

renewing your membership or becoming a new member. The cost is only \$25.00 for the year! We need you and every single household in the District to become a member and show your support. We need folks who can lend a hand and volunteer at an event or by sitting on one of our committees. We need folks who can only donate an hour to folks willing to donate more time.

*Thank you to those that have already sent in your dues. And for those that tirelessly volunteer their time, **We Appreciate You!***

Please feel free to contact me at [president@rattancreek.org](mailto:president@rattancreek.org), or just join us at one of our monthly meetings which are held at the Community Center(7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail) at 7 PM on the third Thursday evening of the month.

Brian Kerman,  
RCNA President

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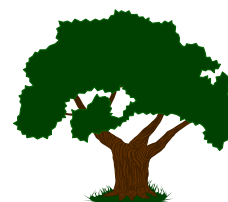
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**Thank You For Your Support!!**

# 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:



No new neighbors at this time

### 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:

- **Bunco 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) .
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:smorrow@wordsarewe.com)

### Post a message!

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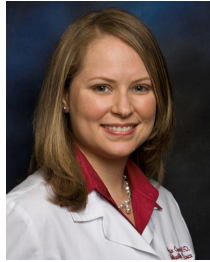
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**February / March - Planting Time is almost Here!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Shrubs for sun/part shade** include the Argarita, Bear Grass, Cherry Sage, Dwarf Wax Myrtle,

Dwarf Yaupon Holly, Evergreen Sumac, Glossy Abelia, the Hawthornes, and a large bush with green changing to white to purple berries that the Mocking Birds love, the American Beautyberry.

**Remember to water new plants** weekly to monthly during dry spells for the first year, periodically for the first 2 years to establish the roots. Based on how fast you want the plants to grow, you can be cut back your watering after the first 2 years.

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

Check the moisture level of your tree at least once per week, when the soil is dry 1" below the surface, water the tree slowly and deeply. Recommend at least 5 gallons per week for the first

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year and double that the second. That's for a well mulched tree. It takes much more water for trees without good mulch cover of the soil.

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

**Tree Care Should Wait** - We can still have a freeze through Valentines day so pruning fertilizing and cleanup of yards should wait until at least late February. These activities stimulate new growth that can be easily killed by a late frost. Most plants require warm nights (when the soil is really warm)

before much growth starts in the spring.

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

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

Early spring fertilization usually does wonders for the strength and growth of live oak trees. Put 2 or 3 inches of compost and 4 inches of mulch under the tree extending 1 1/2 times beyond the drip line. I was surprised to learn that the Austin area native trees have such a wide spread root system to help the tree to quickly capture rain water before it runs off.

**Prune Trees and Shrubs** - Prune now only to

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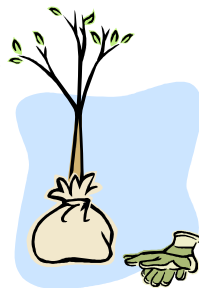
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remove dead branches, diseased, crossing, rubbing, damaged branches, narrow weak crotches, or multiple main stems (try for only one main stem). When pruning, make the cut beyond the branch collar leaving a small stub. A flush cut requires the bark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

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

If they are the large variety and must be made smaller, use the old maintenance trick and cut off near the ground at an angle, 1/3 of the largest trunks. Next year, prune the new growth for shape and cut out another 1/3 of the largest trunks. In 3 years you will have a healthy new



cluster of trunks with heavy flowering provided by the massive root system developed over the years. Aggressive top pruning will work ok but it makes ugly stick trees for a few months.

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

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## Do you have termites or carpenter ants?

This is the time of year when you should be thinking about carpenter ants and termites. Both are social insects that go through a process of developing wings. These young, winged insects leave the nest, also known as swarming, to form new colonies. Swarming can begin as early as January in the South.

**Termites** digest wood as a food source which causes billions of dollars worth of damage annually to homes and other structures. The typical homeowner's insurance policy does not cover damage caused by termites; therefore, it's important for homeowners to understand the threat of termites, and take the necessary steps to protect their homes.

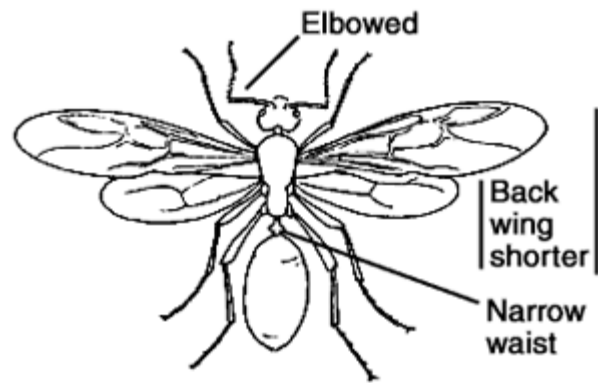
**Carpenter ants** cause damage to homes by burrowing into wood and making nests. Carpenter ants DO NOT eat wood; they remove wood as they create tunnels. This tunneling weakens the structure and may

ultimately compromise the integrity of the building.

It's easy to confuse termites with ants. Fortunately, there are features that distinguish them.

Carpenter ants have narrow waists, bent antennae, and two sets of wings that are different sizes. Carpenter ants are very common and are frequently seen in the open.

### Winged Carpenter Ant:



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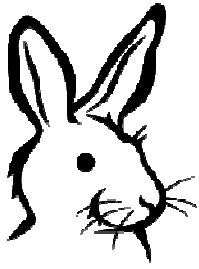


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## Annual Easter Egg Hunt Coming Soon!



Annual Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner!  
**Sat. April 3rd!**

Easter in our neighborhood is a big deal! Last year, over 600 neighbors came out for our RCNA Easter Hunt in the Park.

If you want to see scouting in the community at its best, come to the park the day of the Easter Hunt. Both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts assist in running this event. The Jollyville Fire Department comes out too. The kids love it all! The parents seem to have a lot of fun too!

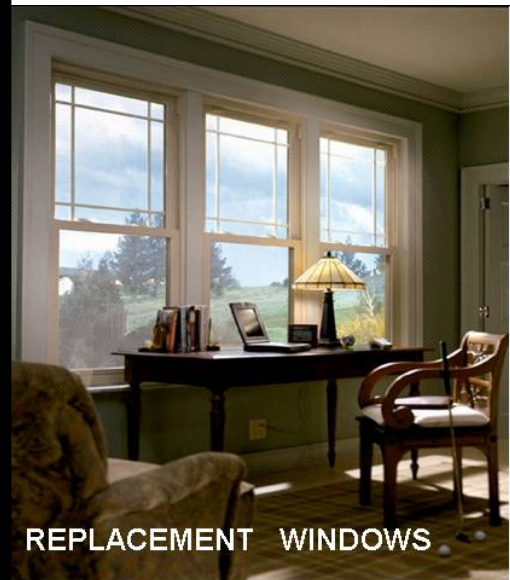
The RCNA needs our neighborhood to

jump in there and help out with the Easter candy donations. Easter comes early this year and Membership is down. Please donate and make this the best year ever!

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

- Setting up fences the night before and taking them down the next day.
- A volunteer to staff the RCNA table for memberships & monetary donations received that day.
- Getting the candy to the proper areas the day of the event.
- Distributing the candy in the baby area.
- Distributing candy and eggs at the two big kid hunts.
- Clean up

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**Recipe Corner**

**Irish Beef Stew in a Slow Cooker**

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 pounds beef chuck, cut into 1 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 pound carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 6 large potatoes, peeled and cut into large chunks
- 1 white onion, cut into large chunks
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) Irish stout beer (e.g. Guinness®)
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

Directions:

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat.

Toss beef cubes with flour to coat, then fry in the hot oil until browned. Place the carrots, potatoes, onion and garlic in a large slow cooker. Place the meat on top of the vegetables.

Mix together the beef broth and tomato paste and pour into the slow cooker along with the beer.

Cover and cook on High for 6 hours or Low for 8 hours.

During the last hour before serving, dissolve the cornstarch in cold water and then stir into the broth.

Simmer on the High setting for a few minutes to thicken.

Yield 8 servings

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**Recipe Corner**

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Monkey Bread recipe.

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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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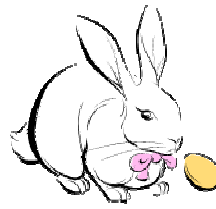


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It is a lot of fun! *If you have a high school student wanting to apply for one of the RCNA's Scholarship, this would be great community service hours. Do you need 4hour community service for the RCNA scholarship? Here is a great opportunity!*

**Items needed for RCNA Easter Egg Hunt** (all items must be individually wrapped and can be dropped off at : 13201 Kepler Cove)

- **Baby area:** Dum-Dums, animal cookies, cookies, gummies, kisses, crackers, etc...
- **Older Kids:** Dum-Dums, suckers, assorted candies, hard candy, kisses, Air Heads, Jolly Ranchers, Tootsie Roles, Ring Pops, Gum, etc...



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

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

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

Dallas Hall  
257-3494  
13201 Kepler Cove



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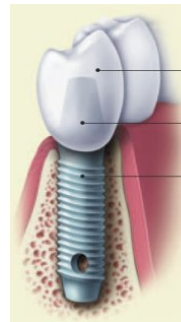
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### Monkey Bread

- 3 (12 ounce) packages refrigerated biscuit dough
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- 1/2 cup raisins

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Grease one 9 or 10 inch tube/Bundt® pan.

Mix white sugar and cinnamon in a plastic bag. Cut biscuits into quarters. Shake 6 to 8 biscuit pieces in the sugar cinnamon mix. Arrange pieces in the bottom of the prepared pan. Continue until all biscuits are coated and placed in pan. If using nuts and raisins, arrange them in and among the biscuit pieces as you go along.

In a small saucepan, melt the margarine with the brown sugar over medium heat. Boil for 1 minute.

Pour over the biscuits.

Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 35 minutes. Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a plate.

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## Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale Saturday, March 27th

- 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.



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

## Neighborhood Curbside Clean Up Saturday, April 10



Time to spring clean. The MUD district is once again doing the neighborhood wide curbside clean up. **Large items will be picked up!**

On **Saturday April 10th**, you will need to have your stuff out early, by 7:00am.

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

Once the trucks are full around 2pm, any remaining items at the curb will be picked up on your next scheduled trash pickup.

**Limbs and Brush:** must be cut in 4 foot lengths and bundle for pick up.

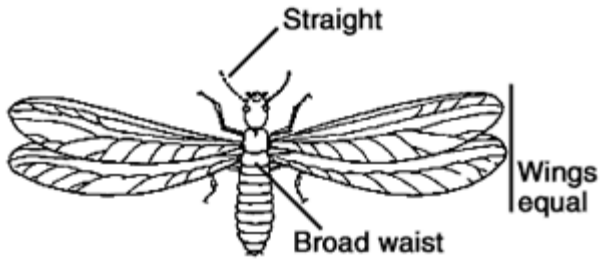
**No Hazardous waste will be collected, such as:**

- Paint
- Old motor oil
- Toxic chemicals
- Anything with refrigerant in it.

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**Holiday Thanks!**

The RCNA would like to thank the following individuals for helping with the Santa in the Park event: *Dough Schram, Angelia Moore, Dallas Hall, Evalyn Hodges, Matt Fragenberg, Chris Pruitt, John Lenz and Jo Jones.*



The RCNA would like to thank Boy Scout Troop 164 for coming out and giving us another wonderful bon-fire for our Santa in the Park event.

We would also like to thank the McNeil Musicale for coming and singing the most beautiful holiday music most of us have ever heard. The parents and the children loved the music and the beautiful costumes.

The RCNA is especially grateful to SANTA! Seeing the faces of the children light up when he arrives and they sit on his lap is priceless. He arrived on one of the Jollyville Fire Department fire trucks and delighted both young and old. A big , “Thank You”, to the Jollyville Fire Department for always being a part of our community.

# MENS CUTS

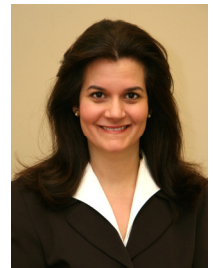
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# Rattan Creek Pool Hours

**February:**

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

**Feb 15:** RRISD day off 12 Noon to 8:00pm

**Open Swim: Feb 1-28**

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

**March:**



**March 1-12 and March 22-31**

**Open Swim:**

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

**March 12-March 21**

***SPRING BREAK***

Mon-Fri	12 Noon 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

**April:**

**April 1-2**

**Open Swim:**

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

**April 3, 4 Easter Pool Closed**

**April 5-30**

**Open Swim:**

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

**May:**



**May 1, 2 and May 8, 9 12 Noon to 8:00 pm  
Free Swim for Residents**

**May 1-31: \*\* hours subject to change**

**Open Swim:**

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

**May 15 RCNA "MEMBERS ONLY"  
Pool Party 12 noon to 5:00pm**

**\*\* Hours are Subject to Change due to Hurricanes workout schedule**

**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. _____
<b>Bring copy of your water bill with you if coming in person.</b> (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: ____/____/____
<b>(APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE WITHOUT SIGNATURE)</b>	
<b>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:</b>	
<small>(See tennis rules for more info)</small>	
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:  
Quantity

Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool  
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	\$ _____
<b>Winter BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES VALID THRU 04/30/10</b>	<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.*

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 December 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 October 28, 2009:

New complaints received (37), Calls for advice (8), Emails for advice(7), First letters sent (21), Number of cover letters to rental owners: (6), Second letters sent (3), Repeat letters sent (0), Violations sent to MUD attorney (0), Number of cases closed (violations corrected) (38).

**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!
- To have a party at the pool you 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; 2 in Robinson Park and Rattan Creek Park are to be closed from January 1 through February 15th for field maintenance.

**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 Southwest Water or 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)

### **NA MUD #1 Board of Directors:**

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# Why Does It Take So Long To Build Roads?

By Williamson County Commissioner Lisa Birkman

Before I was in office, I would often wonder why it seems to take forever to build a needed road. The answer is a combination of many factors, but often the longest part of the process is gaining environmental clearance from state and federal governmental agencies. Environmental clearance can take as long as three to five years, and sometimes much longer.

Several state and federal agencies are mandated to review road construction project's environmental documents: including the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW), the Texas Historic Commission (THC) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Having many different agencies all review a project causes red tape that can delay a project interminably. Another problem is the process itself. For example, it is not uncommon for one reviewer to send back comments on the environmental document that must be addressed. After that is done, the document is sent back to the

agency. Often, a different reviewer will look it over and bring up additional comments that were not mentioned the first time, causing those to also be addressed. Currently, state law does not limit the amount of time TxDOT has to review projects.

A case in point is the extension of O'Connor Road from RM 620 to SH 45. This approximately 1.4 mile extension has been planned since 1999. It was approved by the voters of Williamson County in 2000 for inclusion as a project funded by road bonds. The road would cross ranchland with very few homes nearby and would relieve traffic on one of the most congested roads in the county, RM 620. Yet, for ten years, we have not been able to get environmental clearance to build the road because the area in which the road would be constructed contains caves that are home to several blind bugs that are listed by the federal government as being endangered.

To try to address the environmental impacts of the county's explosive growth and development,

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 Lisa Birkman 733-5380  
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Williamson County worked for over five years to obtain a federally permitted plan to protect these and other species by setting aside land as preserves where these species could live. I have served as president of the Williamson County Conservation Foundation, and led this effort. However, officials with the federal government informed us after we obtained the permit, that it could not be used for any federal road projects, only for local ones, which is difficult to understand since the plan actually achieves the purpose of the Endangered Species Act which is to preserve the species.

These delays in building roads are having a detrimental effect on our county. They cost the taxpayers as much as 20 to 30% more than it costs to build a local road. Plus, the delays add to the traffic congestion in areas where our phenomenal population growth have already made the roadways more and more unsafe due to many more vehicles being on roads built for less usage.

Williamson County officials and staff have met with a variety of state and federal officials to

try to streamline this process. In December, I was told by top TxDOT officials that they are working to streamline the process. The state senate is studying this problem during the time the legislature is not in session. US Congressman John Carter and State Senator Steve Ogden are also engaged in trying to improve the situation. Additionally, the other members of the commissioners court and I will continue to work to expedite the process, while building roads that meet or exceed all environmental regulations.

Lisa Birkman  
Williamson County Commissioner,  
Precinct One

**Contact Info**

For more information on this and other county issues, please contact me at [lbirkman@wilco.org](mailto:lbirkman@wilco.org) or 733-5380.

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- Pay varies from \$12-\$18/hr, depending on position. Census takers in Williamson county will earn \$16/hr.
- All positions are part-time (up to 40 hrs/wk), temporary positions.
- Most field jobs have very flexible schedules.

All persons wishing to apply should call **866-861-2010** to schedule testing.

Everyone must take a 28-question, 30-minute timed test to qualify for census jobs. There is a practice test and information online at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

There has been a constitutionally mandated census count conducted every tenth year since 1790. Information collected by the US Census Bureau is Title XIII protected for 72 years. Not even the president has access to any information which could be used to identify an individual. The Census Bureau hires by geographic area. We believe local residents are most qualified to collect information. The Williamson county census office needs thousands of qualified applicants from a 5-county region. Most hiring will take place from January through May 2010.

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North Austin MUD #1 announces Adult and Child CPR and AED Classes to be held at the Rattan Creek Community Center.

After numerous requests, North Austin MUD #1 has arranged for Clearwater Management to provide the classes on the following dates throughout the year.

The following dates, on Sundays, and times have been set for the classes:

<b>February 21, 2010</b>	<b>1-7pm</b>
<b>June 13, 2010</b>	<b>1-7pm</b>
<b>August 8, 2010</b>	<b>1-7pm</b>
<b>November 7, 2010</b>	<b>1-7pm</b>

The cost for the classes is FREE to the first 10 people signing up for each class and \$35.00 per person, up to a maximum of 18 per class. These classes are open to anyone from North Austin MUD #1.

Sign up sheets for the classes are available at the Rattan Creek Community Center/Pool office.



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**Amalia Pazzaglini, 17 -** I am a senior at McNeil High School enrolled in the Health Science Technology Academy and many other clubs as well. I have been babysitting since the age of 11, I have a lot of experience with kids, having two nieces of my own. I have a real passion for kids, and I plan on becoming a Physician's Assistant in the NICU. I am CPR / first aid certified, and I am a Certified Nurse's Assistant. My schedule is pretty flexible, and I would be more than happy to watch your kids. My e-mail is [acpazzaglini@gmail.com](mailto:acpazzaglini@gmail.com), and cell phone is 786-6682.( 1/10)

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**Jilly Lounsberry, 18 -** 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 [jilly.lounsberry@yahoo.com](mailto:jilly.lounsberry@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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**We need volunteers for the following:**

**Neighborhood Watch:** We have started a neighborhood watch program again. It takes folks around the neighborhood being alert and attentive. If you see something suspicious or just not right, call 911. It is already working around the neighborhood. Sign up for more information at [watch@rattancreek.org](mailto:watch@rattancreek.org).

**Special Events:** We have a variety of events during the year, from the Easter Hunt to Caroling in the park. We need people to help during these events; from taking RCNA dues to putting up fences. There are all sorts of little jobs to be done for these events.

**Board Members:** We always have openings for board members. Attend the meetings! It's a great way to find out what is happening in our community. *You would be*

*surprised!*

**Volunteers List:** If you would like to volunteer, from a large task to a small, call. I can put you on a list. You can also just volunteer when it is convenient and pass when it is one of those crazy months.

***Just ask yourself, "Why do I live in Milwood?"*** I am sure the answer would be the same, the people, the park, the pool and the events. I know this is why Milwood has been my home for almost twelve years. This is also the reason I have been involved in volunteering for the past ten. I love what our community offers. I know lives can become fast and furious, but a little bit of your time can go a long way for everyone in our community.

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10:00 am  
Rattan Creek Park*



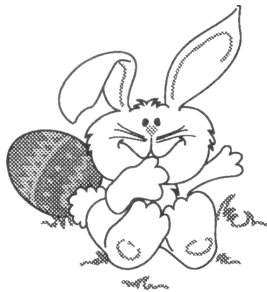
**Exclusive Area For Wobblers and Toddlers in the Kiddie Corral**

**Open from 9:30 to 11:00 am**

Young ones can hunt at their own pace.

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

## **“The Big Hunt”**



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



*Decorate Your Wheels and Join In The Fun!*

**The Hunt will begin AFTER the Parade!!**

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

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

*Remember:*

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





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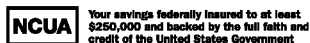
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**Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association  
2010 Scholarship Award Program  
3 - \$500 scholarship awards available**

1. Responses must be **postmarked no later than Saturday May 29, 2010.**
2. *We are not responsible for any lost, delayed or any mail not received.*
3. The Scholarship applicants will be notified via phone after the RCNA regular scheduled meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Finalists should be prepared to answer questions in an interview format with the RCNA Board, if requested.

**Criteria:**

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

**Application:**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number h: \_\_\_\_\_ / c: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

College(s) planning to attend Fall 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Current cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_

List activities, awards or special recognition you have received: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly list work experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, choose only those you consider most significant. You may attach a resume, if available. Return application form, essay and resume (if available) to