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Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale! Sat. April 6, 2013

7:00 am-until you want to close

- The RCNA will advertise the event for the neighborhood.
- You have the garage sale at your home or with friends or neighbors. It is up to you to get ready and open your doors

Curbside Clean-Up Sat. April 13th

- *Be sure to have your trash out at the curb by 7:00am.*
- *Cut tree limbs to 3-4 foot lengths & Bundle.*

2013 RCNA Scholarship

Scholarship application
deadline is May 31, 2013.

**See page 6 for application and instructions.
Up to 3 - \$500 scholarships to award this year!**

**RCNA Happy Hour
Join us from 6:30pm - 8pm
on the 2nd Thursday of the month
at Little Woodrow's.**

EVENTS:

April

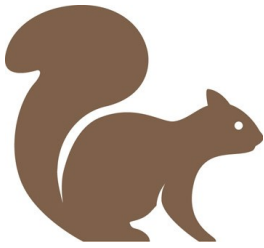
- 4/6 Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale
- 4/13 Neighborhood Curbside Clean-up
- 4/11 RCNA HAPPY HOUR Little Woodrow's 6:30-8pm
- 4/17 MUD Meeting, 6pm RC Community Center
- 4/17 7pm Book Club *
- 4/18 RCNA Meeting, 7pm RC Community Center
- 4/22 Earth Day
- 4/30 Tennis Courts Locks Changed

May

- 5/9 RCNA HAPPY HOUR Little Woodrow's 6:30-8pm
- 5/15 MUD Meeting, 6pm RC Community Center
- 5/15 7pm Book Club *
- 5/16 RCNA Meeting, 7pm RC Community Center
- 5/18 RCNA Pool Party "MEMBERS ONLY" Come out, Join & have Fun!
- 5/31 Scholarship Deadline Seniors: Your family MUST be a RCNA member. See pg. 6.

* Book Club -email for meeting location (pg 3).

All Events are held at Rattan Creek Community Center, Park or Pool unless otherwise noted.



Happy Spring, neighbors!

My dogs and I are loving this weather! I'm a little late on my New Year's Resolutions, but we've been coming out of our hibernation and getting in some regular runs around the neighborhood. You might laugh if you see us on the trail – Wyatt the Border Collie is sporting a pretty substantial Mohawk and I fear he's a bit self-conscious (but it sure is fun for his owner)! Perhaps you'll give him a pat on the head if you run into us. I had a thought yesterday while hanging out in the park on a particularly busy day – what if I wore a t-shirt that said "I'm your RCNA president, talk to me and give me your ideas!" You all know I'm here to help and want your feedback – what better way than a face-to-face conversation in our beautiful park. Don't tempt me...I just might do it!

I've been working with Ben Cross from Cross Web Creations (an RCNA resident and helpful volunteer) on getting our website back online. I do hope you all understand that we have many challenges as an

organization and very few volunteers to help, so the website took some time to get back up and running. Rest assured it's coming along, but please be patient with us as we haven't hit our membership goal numbers yet – and without membership dues, we don't have the funds to pay for things like website development!

I've met some great folks at our regular happy hours on the second Thursday of the month and I'm getting some great suggestions for future events. I've heard requests for wine tastings, mommy massage nights, gardening clubs and presentations, a casino night, a crawfish boil, adult night at the pool, and daddy's night out with a camp-out in the park. I would love to set some of these in motion – if you're interested and want to help organize an event, new or old, please email me!

Our next big event after the Easter Egg Hunt is the **Members Only Pool Party** – are you ready?!? The past couple of years we've had to do our own cooking because memberships were low... well, we took the hint, we discovered the catering is

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what you like, so we're bringing it back! So mark your calendars for this awesome summertime RCNA event on May 18th and plan for a fun-filled day at the pool. Check the website or the facebook page for more details as the event draws near.

In closing...I decided I'd try one more year of planting tomato plants, and I'm going to heed my mother's advice and actually remember to water them this year. They're calling my name right now... hopefully I'll have loads of tomatoes to share in a few months!

Best,

Renee "ReNeighbor" Lienemann
reneemullins@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/rattancreek

Dearest Neighbors,

On behalf of my entire family, I would like to thank the gracious people of the Rattan Creek Neighborhood for the Love and Concern shown to us during the past month. The fire that consumed the house and caused the death of our beloved wife, mother, granny and friend has been softened somewhat by the wonderful response of everyone. While the fire was still burning, there were neighbors wrapping us in warm coats and giving us encouragement in every possible way. Numerous unknown neighbors made gifts of food, gift cards, and offers of help with any need we might identify.

The love this neighborhood has shown us demonstrates the very best of human character. We in turn have gained many new friends and will always be grateful for your many acts of compassion.

From the depths of my heart, Charles Warford

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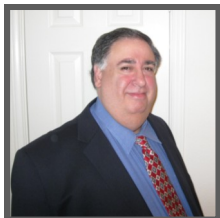


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Women's Book Club

The Rattan Creek Women's Book Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

April 10--*The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman

May 8--*Away* by Amy Bloom

June 12--*Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey

New members always welcome!

- Ladies, don't forget to bring your book suggestions and please consider hosting the next book club.
- Please note: Dates and titles are subject to change; please e-mail RCNAbookclub@gmail.com to confirm information and obtain directions to the meeting.

For more Book Club information, please contact

RCNAbookclub@gmail.com.

Dates and Titles are subject to change.

Gardening In April & May:

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

The low growing oxalis has shamrock-looking leaves with small white flowers and also will survive our winters and come back every year. The Bearded iris also makes an excellent groundcover. Plant them in full sun for blooms in March, April, or May depending on the selection. Buy the rhizomes boxed or growing in containers. The blooms come in white, yellow blues, maroons and bicolors. Iris rhizomes must be planted so the top of the rhizome emerges from the soil. They may rot if planted too deep or under deep mulches. Irises are Xeriscape plants that even without mulch will prosper in our heavy dry soil. For best results, thin out iris rhizomes every three or four years.

Daylilies bloom in early summer after irises and have attractive sword-like foliage that is less stiff than iris. In full sun or part shade they make a good groundcover.

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

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Architectural Control Committee

Send Submissions to:

RCNA—ACC

P.O. Box 200584

Austin, TX 78720-0584

ACC@RattanCreek.org

Do I have to submit plans to the ACC?

Per your deed, a separate committee (the ACC) has responsibility for review and approval of the plans for the "Construction of Improvements upon the Property". No construction of improvements can begin without written approval of the ACC.

Once all of the required documents and fees are submitted the ACC will review your submittal data for compliance with the restrictions on the deeds for your Section. The ACC has 30 days to respond with approval, denial or a request for additional information.

After you receive the ACC Approval letter, you can go forward with your project as you described it in your project submittal documents.

If you go forward with projects without an ACC approval letter you can be subject to legal action by your neighbors and/or by the ACC.

Deed Restriction Complaints

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

Send complaints to:

**North Austin MUD 1 Deed Restriction
15803 Windemere Dr, Ste 603
Pflugerville, TX 78660**

Need Copies of Your Deed Restrictions:

Send request to:

**North Austin MUD 1 Deed Restrictions
15803 Windemere Dr, Ste 603
Pflugerville, TX 78660**

- There is an \$ 8.50 charge for the copies.
- Once you have paid for the copies, a set will be mailed to you.
- Include your legal description (lot, block, section of Milwood), so you get the correct set of deed restrictions for your section.
- (512) 251-2934

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each winter.

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

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

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

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

Be sure to water new small plants especially well and soak new larger shrubs and trees well also. New plantings need water every day for a week, every 2-3 days for a month, and then weekly to twice a month during spring through fall if there is no rainfall. When they really start growing they NEED water and sparing it for the first 2 years is false economy. Replacing plants is expensive.

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

Do Not buy sandy loam or peat moss. Sandy or chocolate loam is fine clay which we have too much of already. **Buy a garden or yard mix** with a lot of composted organic matter and sand in it. Also, **do not buy peat moss** because it is very acidic and in our alkaline soil and alkaline water, peat moss decomposes very rapidly leaving large holes in the soil, exposing the roots to air and killing them. You can watch trees planted with a lot of peat moss wilt and die within 2 years.

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

If your grass has dead patches, it could be white grubs eating the roots. The white grubs are the larval stage of the May or June beetles (or June-

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2013 Scholarship Program

3 - \$500 scholarship awards available

Responses must be postmarked no later than Friday May 31, 2013.

We are not responsible for any lost, delayed, or any mail not received.

The scholarship applicants will be notified via phone after the RCNA regular scheduled meeting on June 20, 2013. 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). Attach extra pages if you need more space. Contact the RCNA board if you need hours!
- 2-4 page written essay discussing "What community service means to you".

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Full Legal Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

College/Technical/Trade School Attending Fall 2013: _____

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, you may attach additional pages as needed. You may attach a resume, if available. Return application form, essay and resume (if available) to:

RCNA Scholarship, P.O. Box 200584, Austin, TX 78720-0584

North Austin MUD 1

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

Damage shows as irregular shaped areas of weakened or dying grass where the grass lacks vigor and is vulnerable to invasion by weeds. Weakened grass has less root system and is easily pulled out. If you dig around in the soil a bit you will find the grubs in the top few inches of the soil in the root zone. Treatment is most effective when the grubs are ½ inch long or less. Treatment is most effective when applied after a rain or a thorough soaking of the turfgrass to force the grubs close to the surface to get air. Insecticides include Dursban, diazinin, merit and Oftanol.

Check newly planted roses, shrubs and trees if weather is windy, and refirm soil around roots, and check supports and ties. Remember to remove ties

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Do NOT:

- Leave trash in the parks and greenbelt.
- Toss leaves, yard clippings or trash over your fence into the greenbelt or drainage areas.
- Blow yard waste into the street, it ultimately goes down the storm drains.
- Forget pick up after your dogs in the park, greenbelts and out walking.
- Pour used motor oil down storm drains.
- Pour old paint down storm drains.

**NORTH AUSTIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 - RATTAN CREEK PARK POOL & TENNIS COURTS
APPLICATION FOR 2013 SUMMER SESSION**

Application to Use Recreational Facilities and Release of Liability

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,

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

If you are applying for a tennis key/membership, YOU MUST SUPPLY AN EMAIL ADDRESS IN ORDER TO BE

(See tennis rules for more info)

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>
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____

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

2013 Summer Fees:	Make Checks Payable To North Austin M.U.D. #1 Pool	
Quantity	Check <u>MUST</u> accompany this registration form to be processed.	
_____ Summer In-District Badge (5/1/2013 through 9/15/2013)	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Annual In-District Badge (5/1/2013 through 4/30/2014)	@ \$40 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Out-of-District Summer Membership (Up to 4 Badges if needed)	@ \$200 per household	\$ _____
_____ Additional Out-of-District Summer Badge	@ \$50 each additional badge	\$ _____
_____ Summer Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
_____ 10 Summer Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15	\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court Swipe Cards (In-District Only)	@ \$40 (ONE KEY PER HOUSEHOLD)	\$ _____
	(Swipe Cards are ONLY VALID May 2013 THROUGH April 2014)	
_____ RCNA Membership (RCNA Fee Covers Jan-Dec Membership Year)	@ \$25 per household	\$ _____
NOTE: SUMMER BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES ARE VALID THRU 09/15/13	TOTAL	\$ _____

ALL ITEMS PURCHASED ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Mail or Deliver to NA MUD 1 Pool 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail Austin, Texas 78729

Check **MUST** accompany this registration form to be processed. - **NO CASH ACCEPTED!**

**PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY
BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION**

- All members receiving ID badges must be listed, with birthdates, for the application to be considered complete. (Children under three attending the pool do not need to be listed.)
- Guest admittances can only be purchased by a member of the pool. All guests must be accompanied by a pool member.
- Three guest admittances will be assigned with each Summer or Winter ID badge purchased. Six admittances will be assigned with each Annual ID badge. (Complimentary admittances are not issued with ID badges purchased for replacement of a lost or stolen badge.)
- A check made payable to North Austin M.U.D. #1 (NAM1) Pool must accompany the application to be processed.
- A check for pool ID badges, tennis key and/or RCNA **must be mailed 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 or winter only badges & 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 2012 to April 2013)
- Tennis court locks are changed annually – around the end of April. Therefore, for continued access, Swipe cards will need to be purchased/updated once a year. **Only ONE swipe card can be issued per household.** Replacement fee for lost or stolen swipe card will be at the same price of a new swipe card.
- **Tennis court swipe cards will be available for pick up** at Rattan Creek Pool. If you sign up before Tennis Court locks are changed, swipe cards will be available for pick up after April 30th.
- **ID Badges, guest passes & tennis court swipe cards 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 confirmed. You **MUST** bring a copy of your water bill with you to the pool. **ID badges are not mailed.**
- Forms of payment accepted for pool & tennis swipe cards are check & money order. **Credit/debit cards are not accepted at this time. NO CASH will be taken at the pool, only checks.**
- In the event a check is returned by your bank, your water account will be posted with the fees for items purchased, plus a returned check fee. **Applications are not considered complete unless signed.**

Application, schedules & other information on district facilities is available on the district’s website (www.northaustinmud1.org).

**ALL INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED
WITHOUT PROCESSING.**

Rattan Creek Pool Calendar

April 1-28:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 Noon to 1:30 pm
 4:30pm to 8:00 pm
 Sat: 11:00am to 8:00 pm
 Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00 pm

Hurricane Swim Team afternoon practices

begin

April 29th, 2013



May:

April 29 - May 31:

Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 Noon to 1:30 pm
 Sat: 11:00am to 8:00 pm
 Sun: 12 Noon to 8:00 pm



Lap Swimmers Only:

Mon - Fri: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Hurricane Swim Team:

April 29-May31 Afternoon Practices

Mon - Fri: 4:00pm to 8:00pm

Fri. May 17 Red & White Swim Meet

4:00pm to 9:00pm

May 18: **POOL CLOSED**
RCNA "Members Only"
Pool Party
1:00 to 5:00pm

June:

June 1-30:

Mon - Fri:

Swim Team: 7:00 am to 11:00 am
 Open Swim 11:00am to 9:00 pm

Sat: 11:00am to 9:00 pm

Sun: 12 Noon to 9:00 pm

Pool Hours are subject to change.

Rattan Creek Pool: 512-257-1265

RC Community Center

Manager: Kristi Marino

512-257-1255

rattancreek@sbcglobal.net

Winter Office Hours

Mon: 4-8pm

Wed: 4:30-8pm

Fri: 4-8pm

Sat: 12-8pm

Summer Hours begin end of May

***Rent the
 Community Center
 for a Graduation Party,
 Baby or Bridal Shower or
 even reception!***

Rattan Creek Community Center 2013 Winter Class Schedule

Monday Karate (GR) 6:30-9:30pm
Tuesday Kinderdance (GR) 3:00-6:00pm
Wednesday Kinderdance (GR) 9:00-10:00am
 Yoga (GR) 5:30-6:30pm
Thursday Yoga (GR) 4:00-5:00pm
 Karate (GR) 6:30-9:30pm

Contacts:

Karate: Adrian Williams (512)337-2020
Kinderdance: Angela Fox (512)257-0733
Yoga: Lisa Horvath (512)925-1909

Class Schedules are Subject to Change

**Book the
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 Community Center
 for your *Party!*
 257-1255**

Learn to Swim Program

By Clearwater Management – 331-7066

Qualified Instructors

2013

For Ages 3 to Adult

COST: \$55

Swim Lessons:

Eight Lessons, Monday – Thursday, 30 minutes each

Friday used as makeup day if necessary

Teacher to Student ratio – 1:5

MINIMUM of three (3) students per class

Children under 3 years old – private lessons only (see lifeguards)

SWIM LESSON SKILL LEVELS AVAILABLE:

Tot-Beginner, Beginner, Advanced Beginner, and Intermediate

Session:

Session I

Session II

Session III

Session IV

Dates:

June 3 - June 13 (M-TH)

June 17 - June 27 (M-TH)

July 1 - July 11 (M-TH)

July 15 - July 25 (M-TH)

Class Times

Mornings: 10:00 - 10:30 am

10:45 - 11:15 am

11:30 - 12:00pm

Evenings: 5:30 - 6:00pm

6:15 - 6:45pm

We reserve the right to eliminate or combine class times if there are not enough students

signed up to fill a class at a particular time.

Swim Lesson Registration

Students Name: _____ Age: _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____ Parents Name _____

Class Level _____ Session _____ Time _____

Existing Swimming Skill (Please check one): Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advanced ___

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

**Turn in Swim Lesson request at Rattan Creek Pool Office
7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail**

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from rubbing on plants as soon as possible because any tie constricts flow of sap under the bark. And plants develop faster and with stronger trunks when not supported too long.

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

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

Water trees Water the entire area 1-1/2 times beyond the drip line to encourage roots to grow out where they will capture as much rainfall as possible. Water the area slowly until the water runs off. Wait 30 minutes and water again until the water stands or runs off. This process forces much of the air out of the soil that allows the water to go as deeply as

possible. Remember tree roots on live oak trees (and most others) are 8 inches deep or more and that is where the water must go to help the plant grow. If you want a large tree fast, water more often, it really makes a difference.

Fertilize blooming plants with compost, bone meal or spray with a mixture of liquid seaweed.

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

Set your mower up to the highest setting to encourage deep roots and let the taller grass shade the roots to minimize soil drying. If you noticed the grass in Rattan Creek Park, it is now being mowed taller per the recommendation of the City of Austin water audit.



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