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# newsletter

Serving Milwood at North Austin MUD #1 since 1983



## Caroling In The Park

Sunday, December 21st | 6-8pm

Join us and sing carols around the bonfire! You will need a flashlight to see your songbooks! If it rains we will relocate to the Rattan Creek Community

## Holiday Open House

Center. The Rattan Creek Community Center will also be having its Holiday Open House that evening. Light refreshments will be served inside.

Don't forget to bring your camera!! Santa arrives at 6:30pm, you'll want to arrive early if you plan on seeing him in person.



## Curbside Christmas Tree Pickup

- ♦ Mondays -> January 5th, 12th, and 19th.
- ♦ Do not just leave an entire tree on the curb – they must be cut into pieces no longer than 4 feet in length!!



## Donuts & Drive-Thru Membership Day



Start your day off right on the 2nd or 3rd Saturday of January, from 9am to Noon. Come to the Community Center Parking Lot to pay Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association membership dues for 2015!

You don't even have to leave your car...

# Join

and we will treat you to a donut and coffee too!!



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The Rattan Creek News welcomes your letters and guest columns. Letters must have a verifiable signature. Guest columns and letters will be printed on a space-available basis. Neither the Rattan Creek News nor the Rattan Creek Neighborhood Association accept responsibility for the opinions expressed in editorials, letters, or guest columns. The Rattan Creek News reserves the right not to publish any submissions and the right to edit all submissions.

**Send news and ads to the following address:**

Jamie True, RCNA Editor  
 13218 Dime Box Trail  
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**Important Numbers**

- Jollyville Fire Non-Emergency 512-258-1038
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- Travis Cty Non-Emergency 512-974-0845
- Crime Stoppers 800-253-STOP
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**Questions?? Call 512-350-5191**

# President's Notes



Happy Holidays, neighbors!

I have some news to share! I took my love for this neighborhood to a new high late last month. On a Tuesday in November, Lucas and I decided that getting married before our baby arrives was a darn good idea (a little nudging from Texasscapes owner, Richard, certainly helped!). On Wednesday, we dialed up our RCNA membership chair Kelly Siegler, whom happens to be ordained, requesting her availability for a weekend ceremony. On Friday, we gave the park property behind our house some TLC - picking up sticks, bagging leaves, and a good grass cutting. On Saturday, we announced via Facebook that we'd be getting married the following day; and on a chilly Sunday afternoon, Lucas and I tied the knot among our closest friends and family, in an intimate ceremony with Rattan Creek Park as our backdrop. I couldn't be happier with how it turned out, and how lovely and special it was to get married in such a naturally beautiful location. It reminded me of how lucky we have it as a neighborhood - the character and variety of homes, the mature trees, the beautiful greenbelt, the walking trail, the friendly neighbors. For those of you that like to keep to yourselves, suit yourself - but I for one put a lot of stock in knowing my neighbors and feeling comfortable, safe, and open in the place that I call home. So many of you have contributed to that, and for that, I'm thankful that I know ya!

The December/January issue is all about a new year, and new memberships! I usually nudge for membership dues in every President's article, but for the new year, I need to make the topic front and center. Membership dues and advertising fees are the only two revenue streams that the RCNA has. We missed our goal of 400 memberships in 2014, but I'm confident that with the lineup of activities for 2015, the increased partnership with the MUD, the new look and feel of the newsletter, and improvements that we plan on making for communication channels, that you all will see value in paying your \$25 per household to support our cause. We are still finalizing plans for the January membership drive, but know that we'll

be available in person on multiple occasions to accept dues and mingle with neighbors old and new, as well as accept dues via PayPal, by mail, and at the Community Center. So this is your RCNA President, BEGGING you to pay your dues early in the year; in support of events that you may have participated in at one time if not lately, to contribute to the cost of covering the newsletter that arrives at your door every other month, and to foster a sense of community spirit that only benefits home values and neighborhood safety.

Hopefully by the time you read this, I'll have a new baby at home and will actually be taking a break from - but certainly not bowing out of - RCNA coordination activities for about a month. But you're in good hands with the leadership team we've got in place and I look forward to seeing what those rock stars accomplish on behalf of our community. Please give them the support they need, and join me in thanking them for their efforts!

And any newborn baby advice...send it my way. You all know where to find me! Cheers to a healthy and happy holiday season - see you in 2015!

Renee "ReNeighbor" (Mullins) Curfman  
reneemullins@gmail.com



**EVERY SECOND THURSDAY  
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**Need to go Christmas shopping?**  
**Got a holiday party to go to?**  
**Wanna get away for the evening?**

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while you have some grown-up time!

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**

Saturday, December 13  
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
Rattan Creek Community Center

\$20 per child, \$10 per sibling  
ages 3 to 12 (must be potty trained)

Register by emailing your name and phone number to  
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*RCNA Member / Milwood Resident 22 years*

**Architectural Control Committee**

Send all submissions for ACC approval to:

**RCNA-ACC  
P.O. Box 200584  
Austin, TX, 78720-0584 OR  
acc.rattancreek@gmail.com**

The MUD has the deed restrictions for RCNA's ACC. If you need copies of your Deed Restrictions, contact or send the request to:

**North Austin MUD 1 — Deed Restrictions  
15803 Windemere Dr., Ste. 603  
Pflugerville, TX 78660  
(512) 251-2934**

- There is an \$8.50 charge for the copies.
- You will need your legal description (ie. lot, block, and section of Milwood), so you get the correct set of deed restrictions for your section.

**What Does The ACC Do?**

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) handles all submissions related to additions or changes to structural outdoor components of your property. No construction or improvements can begin without written approval of the ACC.

The following improvements are considered projects that require approval from the ACC:

- Backyard Play Equipment
- Decks and Arbors
- Fence Replacement
- Home Addition/Renovations
- Storage Sheds
- Pools

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

After you receive your approval letter, you can go forward with your project as you described in your submission. If you go forward with a project without an ACC approval letter, you can be subject to legal action by your neighbors and/or by the ACC.



*The Women's Book Club*



The Rattan Creek Women's Book Club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Upcoming club meetings will discuss:

**December 10th:** The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg  
**January 14th:** Angela's Ashes by Frank McCourt  
**February 11th:** This Is Where I Leave You by Jonathan Tropper

**New members always welcome!**

Ladies, don't forget to bring your book suggestions and please consider hosting the next book club...

**Dates and book titles are subject to change.  
For more book club information,  
please contact RCNAbookclub@gmail.com.**



## North Austin Municipal Utility District #1

2601 Forest Creek Dr.  
Round Rock, TX 78665-1232  
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www.northaustinmud1.org

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- Place Five—Asst. Treasurer/Secretary (11/16)  
Kim Green

The center, pool, park, and courts are owned by NAMUD 1 and professionally managed by **Crossroads Utility Services Company**. Pool/tennis court applications should be submitted by mail or in person at:

**RCNA Community Center**  
7617 Elkhorn Mountain  
Austin, Texas 79729

**Community Center Desk 512-257-1255**  
**Pool Desk 512-257-1265**  
**North Austin MUD #1 Desk 512-257-1271**

The pool is professionally cleaned and cared for by **Clearwater Management** (512-331-7066).

NAMUD 1 also enforces deed restrictions and handles neighborhood complaints. If you notice a neighbor has violated a deed restriction, send the signed, written complaint to:

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## Crossroads utility services

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**NA MUD 1 Phone: 257-1271**  
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# North Austin MUD Update



**NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED ON MUD PROPERTY.** This includes the parks, tennis courts, greenbelt, etc. If you are caught shooting off fireworks on MUD property, you can be ticketed.

**Congratulations to Don Conklin and Alan McNeil on getting re-elected.** Board members serve 4 year terms as North Austin MUD 1 Directors. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the MUD Board members.



**Park, Pool, and Court rules are being updated.** Once they are adopted by the Board, they will be posted on the North Austin MUD 1 website, or you can pick up a copy at the Community Center. This past year, our pool had been vandalized. We are hoping the person or persons will be caught.

**Sidewalk Maintenance**—The Board has agreed to join with a couple of other districts in seeking the Attorney General’s opinion as to whether a County can decide they are no longer responsible for the sidewalk upkeep within a MUD district. Most other counties believe it is their job to maintain the sidewalks, not the homeowners, since sidewalks are located within the road right of way..



**New “Dog Poop Stations” will be installed over the winter.** Hopefully, this will encourage more residents to pick up after their dogs when in the park and trails. Please remember ALL dogs must be on a leash within the boundaries of the MUD.

## RATTAN CREEK WATER CONSERVATION SCHEDULE



### ↓ Hose-End Sprinklers ↓

Before 10am or After 7pm  
Even Address Sunday  
Odd Address Saturday

### ↓ Automatic Irrigation ↓

Before 5am or After 7pm  
Even Address Thursday  
Odd Address Wednesday

Washing vehicles at home is prohibited. If you need to wash a vehicle, you may do so at a commercial carwash facility.

### Exempt from the schedule:

- Watering with a hand-held hose or a refillable watering vessel, such as a bucket or a Tregator®.
- Soaker hoses/automatic tree bubblers under the drip-line of a tree canopy.
- Watering a vegetable garden with a soaker hose.
- Drip irrigation.

## North Austin MUD Event

On Sunday, December 21st from 6-8pm, the MUD district is hosting a **Holiday Open House** in the Community Center. The Open House is being held in conjunction with the **RCNA's Caroling In The Park** event. Be sure to bring your cameras so you don't miss the photo op with Santa Claus!



**Have a Safe and Happy Holidays!!**



**WINTER BASKETBALL & FOOTBALL!**



# Youth Sports Leagues

- Northwest Family YMCA -

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- Teams divided by age / grade.
- Parent-coaches & YMCA officials.
- Every child plays at each game.
- Sports Jersey & Medal provided.

### Youth Flag Football

(Ages 4-10yrs)

**Season Dates**

Jan. 24-Feb. 28

**Registration**

Nov. 10 - Jan. 4

### Youth Basketball

(Ages 4-15yrs)

**Season Dates**

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**Registration**

Nov. 10 - Dec 14

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# Book the Rattan Creek Community Center for your next party!

Facility reservations are handled through the MUD desk at the Community Center or by calling 257-1255.



## Rental Rates

Cleaning and damage deposit and Williamson County Sheriff Off—Duty fee:

	In-District Deposit	Out of Deposit	Williamson County Deputy Fee
Event without alcohol	\$500	\$1,500	No Charge
Event with alcohol	\$750	\$2,250	\$50 per rental hour (4 hr min)

For rentals with alcohol: for every 100 people you must have 1 Deputy @ \$50 per hour. For example: 200 people = 2 Deputies at \$100/hour.

## Facility Rental Rates

Rooms	Resident*				Non-Resident			
	2 hours	4 hours	12 hours	Add'l hours	2 hours	4 hours	12 hours	Add'l hours
Great Room	\$60	\$100	\$280	\$25	\$180	\$300	\$840	\$75
Conference Room	\$50	\$85	\$235	\$20	\$150	\$255	\$705	\$60
Meeting Room	\$40	\$70	\$190	\$25	\$120	\$210	\$570	\$45
Kitchen	\$50	\$100	\$200	\$25	\$150	\$300	\$600	\$75
Combo: Great Room & Kitchen	\$80	\$150	\$450	\$40	\$300	\$540	\$1,400	\$120

\*To qualify for the Resident rate, the person completing the application and paying the use fee must live within North Austin Municipal Utility District #1. We do not allow third party rentals.

## Other Fees and Optional Equipment Rental Additional Fees

◆ Setup Fees	Start at \$50/hr (depending on time required)
◆ Optional layout fee by community center staff	\$100/hr (not a standard layout)
◆ Over allotted time penalty rate + rental fee	1.5 times rental fee
◆ After hours fee (after 12am)	1.5 times 2 hour rate
◆ Room cleanup by Community Center Staff	\$50/hr per person plus materials
◆ Contract security (4 hour minimum)	\$50/hr
◆ Sound system (Aux plug to speakers for use with Mp3, iPods)	\$10
◆ TV/VCR/DVD	Not available at this time

## Private Parties

1. Adults eighteen (18) years and older holding a pool ID 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 11:30pm.
2. Reservations must be made at least four (4) days in advance with the Pool Manager. Reservations are confirmed by a \$50 deposit. A reservation is not confirmed until the Pool Manager receives the deposit. The cost for rental of the pool is \$10 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.

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

**Application to Use Recreational Facilities and Release of Liability**

*PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED*

NAMUD1 Water Bill Account No. _____	Home Telephone No. _____
Name _____ (As it appears on NA MUD1 bill)	
Address _____	
Emergency Contact _____	Emergency Phone No _____

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

Member Name	Date of Birth	Member Name	Date of Birth
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____
_____	____/____/____	_____	____/____/____

**WINTER FEES**

Quantity	Cost	Amount
_____ Winter In-District Badge	@ \$20 per badge	\$ _____
_____ Annual In-District Badge	@ \$40 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	\$ _____
_____ Guest Admittance (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$2 each (one time use)	\$ _____
_____ 10 Guest Admittances (only w/ badge purchase)	@ \$15	\$ _____
_____ Tennis Court Swipe Cards (In-District Only, valid thru 4/30/2015)	@ \$25 (one card/household)	\$ _____
Email address (required for tennis court cards) _____		
_____ RCNA Membership (In-District Only, renews annually in January)	@ \$25 per household	\$ _____
<b>WINTER BADGES/GUEST ADMITTANCES ARE VALID THRU 04/30/2015</b>		<b>TOTAL \$ _____</b>

**ALL ITEMS PURCHASED ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring copy of your water bill with you if coming in person.</li> <li>• CHECK MUST BE SEPARATE FROM WATER BILL PAYMENT – DO NOT MAIL APPLICATION W/ WATER BILL</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make Checks Payable To: <b>North Austin MUD No. 1 Pool</b></li> <li>• Check MUST accompany this registration form to be processed. <b>NO CASH ACCEPTED!</b></li> <li>• Mail or Deliver To: <b>NAMUD1 Pool, 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail Austin, Texas 78729</b></li> </ul> |
|---|--|

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: ____/____/____
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## PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

- All members receiving ID badges must be listed, with birthdates, for the application to be considered complete. Children under three do not need to be listed.
- Guest passes can only be purchased by a member of the pool. All guests must be accompanied by a pool member.
- An application, copy of water bill and check for pool ID cards, tennis swipe cards and/or RCNA must be delivered or mailed separate from your water bill to 7617 Elkhorn Mountain Trail Austin, Tx 78729.
- Tennis court locks are changed annually – around the end of April/ or 1st of May. Access swipes must be purchased once 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 swipe cards are available for pick up at Rattan Creek Community Center.
- ID Badges, guest passes & tennis court keys are not pro-rated at any time.
- ID cards will be issued to members at the pool after your application is processed and your residency is confirmed. If you bring a copy of your water bill with you to the pool, this will help to speed up the process. ID cards are not mailed.
- 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.
- Replacement fees for lost or stolen ID badges are as follows:  
Summer / Winter Badge: \$5.00 each                      Annual Badge: \$10.00 each



Application, schedules & other information on district facilities is available at [www.northaustinmud1.org](http://www.northaustinmud1.org).

## Important Rattan Creek Community Pool Info

### DECEMBER

Monday-Friday Noon-1:30pm & 4:30-8pm  
Saturday 11am-8pm  
Sunday Noon-8pm

*Closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Years Eve.*

### JANUARY

Monday-Friday Noon-1:30pm & 4:30-8pm  
Saturday 11am-8pm  
Sunday Noon-8pm

*Closed on New Years Day.*

### NOTES:

- All hours listed are subject to change.
- Rattan Creek Community Pool is for the use of residents in North Austin MUD 1.
- Residents must show proof in order to purchase a pool badge.

**Pool Phone: 512-257-1265**

**Pool Manager: Elizabeth Johnson**

Applications can be submitted by mail or in person at:

**Rattan Creek Community Center  
7617 Elkhorn Mountain  
Austin, Texas 78729**



# Rattan Creek Park Pool & Court Rules & 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.

## POOL RULES & 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. Report lost or stolen I.D. tags to the pool manager. Replacement tags can be purchased for a fee.
3. 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 motorized vehicles are permitted in the park. No pets are allowed in the fenced pool area. Pets must be on a leash while in the park.
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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Pool Hours (as posted at the pool):

Weekday hours are 11am to 9pm.  
Saturday hours are 11am to 9pm.  
Sunday hours are Noon to 9pm.

### 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.

**Questions or Problems: Contact the Pool Manager Tom at 512-257-1265 or Bill Burke with Clearwater Management at 512-331-7066.**

## TENNIS COURT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Tennis Play Only. Soccer tennis is prohibited.
2. No glass containers.
3. No alcoholic beverages inside court area.
4. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, skates or motorized vehicles are allowed on the courts.
5. No dangerous or offensive conduct or offensive language will be allowed.
6. Time limit of 60 minutes is observed when others are waiting.
7. Tennis courts one and two are subject to reservation by tennis leagues, not to exceed five (5) hours a week as posted at the courts.
8. A maximum of (4) players are allowed per tennis court at any time.
9. A member may have a maximum of three (3) guests at one time on the court.
10. Gate should be locked at all times.
11. Special activities may be scheduled with District Manager.
12. Court keys may be purchased at ECO Resources.

## SPORT COURT RULES & REGULATIONS

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.

### Court Hours:

7am to 10pm (In District Members Only)

Private Park for use of residents of North Austin MUD #1 and their invited guests. *The resident must be present at all times when the court is in use.* Violators are subject to removal, privileges revoked and possible prosecution.

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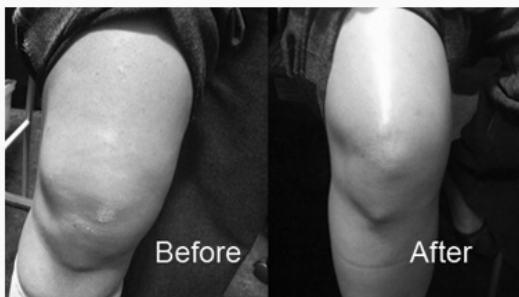


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## Winter Wastewater Averaging — Mid-November to Mid-February

Actual dates will be printed on the water bills. 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 house line 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**



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A homeowner's guide to healthy habits for clean water



As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.



By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, and coastal waters. Remember to share the habits with your neighbors!

## Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water

### Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to **minimize** the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody.



- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up **spilled fluids** with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

### Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers **sparingly**. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.
- Select **native plants** and grasses that are drought- and pest-resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. **Vegetate** bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

### Home Repair and Improvement

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drains and **protect** them from debris and other materials.
- Sweep **up** and properly dispose of construction debris such as concrete and mortar.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the **smallest amounts possible**, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills **immediately**, and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.
- Purchase and use **nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable** products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.
- Reduce** the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping.



### Pet Care

- When walking your pet, remember to **pick up** the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

### Swimming Pool and Spa

- Drain** your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels.
- Whenever possible, drain your pool or spa into the **sanitary sewer** system.
- Properly store pool and spa chemicals to **prevent** leaks and spills, preferably in a covered area to avoid exposure to stormwater.

### Septic System Use and Maintenance

- Have your septic system **inspected** by a professional at least every 3 years, and have the septic tank **pumped** as necessary (usually every 3 to 5 years).
- Care for the septic system drainfield by **not** driving or parking vehicles on it. Plant only grass over and near the drainfield to avoid damage from roots.
- Flush responsibly. Flushing household chemicals like paint, pesticides, oil, and antifreeze can **destroy** the biological treatment taking place in the system. Other items, such as diapers, paper towels, and cat litter, can **clog** the septic system and potentially damage components.

Storm drains connect to waterbodies!

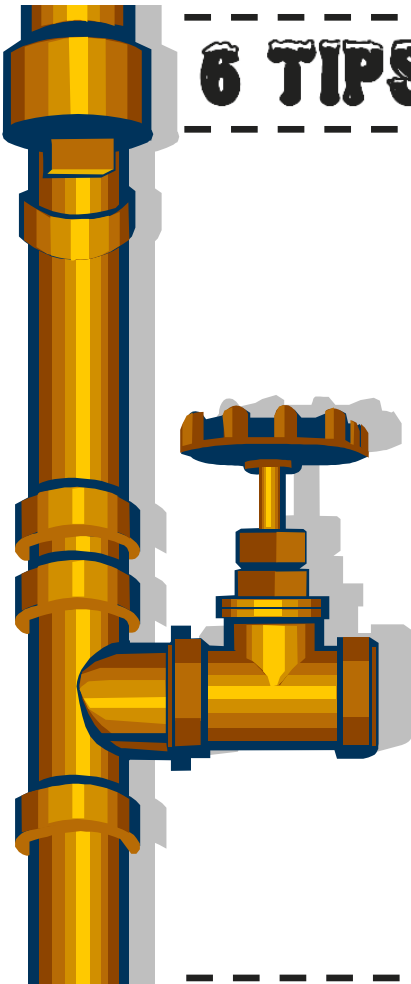


Remember: **Only rain down the drain!**

For more information, visit  
[www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater)  
or  
[www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)



# 6 TIPS TO PREVENT FROZEN PIPES



1. Cover your exterior faucets.
2. Keep the garage door closed.
3. Caulk gaps and holes in exterior walls and foundations to prevent cold air from coming into walls.
4. Open bathroom and kitchen cabinet doors so that warm air will circulate around the pipes.
5. Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature day and night. The house should never get below 55 degrees.
6. If you're going out of town, drain the water system completely—shut off the main valve and let all the faucets run until they are empty.

## 13 Homes for Sale in Rattan Creek!!

As of November 5 there are only 13 Rattan Creek homes for sale in the Austin MLS (out of 2600 homes)

	# of Homes	Avg. Price	\$ per sq. ft.
Pending Sales	14	\$251,385	\$122
Sold 2014 (Jan-Nov)	90	\$249,566	\$121
Sold 2013 (Jan-Dec)	162	\$214,475	\$107
Sold 2012 (Jan-Dec)	144	\$187,872	\$100
Sold 2011 (Jan-Dec)	114	\$184,974	\$94

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### My Recent Rattan Creek Sales -



**7300 Rankin**  
Listed for \$329,900  
PENDING sale



**8108 Darwin**  
Listed for \$258,000  
SOLD in November



**13163 Humphrey**  
Listed for \$419,900  
SOLD in October



**13201 Humphrey**  
Listed for \$338,700  
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**13408 Athens**  
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**MASSAGE THERAPY** - Relaxation or Deep Tissue pain relieving, personalized massages by a licensed therapist with 13 years experience. The "chain" clinics give you only 50 minutes of hands on massage, I offer Full 60 min. or 30 min. Hands on massages. Weekday and weeknight hours located in the neighborhood. Call Barbara at 512-918-1824/512-507-4809 or email Barbtex26@gmail.com. (12/14)

**DD'S MACHINE QUILTING** - Contact me for all of your longarm quilting needs. OR if you have a quilt in mind that you want created, let's talk! I'd love to help you finish your quilting projects! ddsmachinequilting@gmail.com (10/15)

**HOME SWEET HOME PET SITTING SERVICES** - Now exclusive to Rattan Creek Residents. My name is April Moran. I have been pet sitting for 6 years and have a degree in animal science where I was a certified vet tech for 8 years. I am a resident at Rattan Creek and already serve numerous clients in the community. Please check out my website at [www.austinpennanny.com](http://www.austinpennanny.com) or call me or text me at 512-799-3767. You may also email me at [april@austinpennanny.com](mailto:april@austinpennanny.com) with any questions. (8/14)

**VIRGINIA HERNANDEZ PHOTOGRAPHY** - I'm a seven-year resident of Rattan Creek offering great rates on professional photography services to fellow neighbors! Contact me for information on portraits, parties, anniversary gifts, formal events, etc. [www.virginiahernandez.com](http://www.virginiahernandez.com) (512) 537-3626. (8/14)

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## Teen Services Ads

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**Anna Qi, 16 years old.** Teaching piano from beginner to intermediate levels. Over 9 years of piano experience. Prices negotiable. If interested email [annaxqi@yahoo.com](mailto:annaxqi@yahoo.com). (12/14)

**Megan, 15 years old.** I have about 3 years experience in babysitting. I can babysit everyday except the first weekend of Summer Vacation (31st May-3rd June). I love kids and can babysit all ages. My number is 512-426-9606. (8/14)

**Sophia Bach, 16 years old.** I can babysit or petsit. I am CPR and First Aid certified and I have some experience with special needs children. I am available most weekends and weeknights. You can email [sophiabach8@gmail.com](mailto:sophiabach8@gmail.com) or call or text me at 512-810-2931. (4/15)

**Dana Stimson, 19 years old.** I'm available over the holidays when home from college to babysit children or take care of pets while you're out of town. I have many years of experience in babysitting all ages. I am willing to keep your children entertained by drawing, playing, reading, writing, and whatever it takes to make sure they are safe and happy while you are out. It doesn't hurt to just check and call to see if I am available! I am very flexible with babysitting price rates, I usually leave it up to the payer's best judgment. My pet sitting rates are \$10 a day. Call 512-791-1853 or email me at [danakei.stimson@gmail.com](mailto:danakei.stimson@gmail.com). (4/15)

## Classified Ad Guidelines

- Teen ads run free, but must be renewed every 6 months.
- Classified ads are 25¢ per word, per issue.
- Payment in full is required before publication.
- No exceptions will be made.
- The date at the end of ad indicates last month the ad will run.
- Deadline is the first of each month for the following month.
- Ads received after the deadline will run in a subsequent issue.
- Ads should be emailed to [RattanCreekNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:RattanCreekNewsletter@gmail.com).



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