

# Join The RCNA

Do you live in Rattan Creek? Do you own OR rent OR lease a house or apartment? Do you pay the North Austin MUD #1 for your water & sewage? Then go ahead and join the RCNA now! Help us fund our **various annual RCNA events** along with our **annual RCNA scholarship**

Every so often someone will ask us, "what do I get for my membership?" It is a fair question. Yet, that question indicates that the true purpose of the RCNA is being missed. We are not a for-profit entity like the MUD, where you give us money and we provide you with items or services. We are a non-profit entity, and all our money comes from sponsorships and memberships. We rely on the generosity of our neighbors to pay the voluntary \$25 annual dues so that we can:

- 1) Provide scholarships to neighborhood college-bound students.
- 2) Fund all the various activities we hold throughout the year. These include the Easter Egg Hunt, the Members Only Pool Party, and Rattan Fest.

The MUD does provide use of the park & pool for various events. They may also provide light snacks on occasion. But the RCNA is organizing, running, and funding these events. And we do it only using our sponsorship and membership money. We'd like to think that is enough for you to want to eagerly pay your \$25 annual dues to the RCNA.

The realtors in Rattan Creek all agree that the RCNA has played a crucial part in:

- 1) keeping our home values high
- 2) making this neighborhood one of the most desirable places to live in Austin.

So it doesn't matter whether you take part in our events or not. You still receive the benefits of a strong community and a powerful voice. So please consider joining today!

As a reminder, membership is good for the CALENDAR YEAR in which you pay it. The exception is when you pay at **Rattan Fest** or later, which is usually in late September. If you pay at Rattan Fest or later, we roll the membership over to the following year.

There are big buttons below for joining below. You can also [click here to pay via PayPal](#) or you can download and fill out our **printable mail-in form**.

Keep in mind that we do collect your email on our mail-in form. This is only in case there is a problem with your payment, or we need to get in touch with you for another reason. We do not add you to our email distribution list. We rely on you to **add yourself to our email distribution list**. And we will never sell or use your email for anything other than official RCNA communication.

You can also pay for your annual RCNA membership in person. Stop by the [Rattan Creek Park Community Center](#), and they can accept your annual RCNA dues. The MUD runs the community center but has always done this for us. This is yet another example of how we all cooperate and work together in the neighborhood!

There are several other ways to pay for your membership in person:

- 1) Find the RCNA table at any of our events.
- 2) Come to any of our **monthly board meetings**.
- 3) Come out to one of our monthly **happy hours**.

We will be more than happy to get you signed up whenever you are able!

Remember, your voluntary annual membership helps pay for:

- Annual Scholarships
- Annual Doughnuts & Coffee Membership Drive
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Annual Crawfish Boil
- Summer Movie Nights in the Park
- Annual Members-Only Family Day at the Pool

- **Annual Independence Day parade**
- **Annual Adult Swim**
- **Annual Rattan Fest**
- **Annual Deer Park Ranger 5K**
- **Annual Caroling in the Park**

So please sign up or renew your membership right now! Help us continue hosting all these events and potentially add even more!

And in case you didn't know, we are ALWAYS open to new event ideas & suggestions. Please don't hesitate to send us an email, or even better, stop by for one of our **monthly board meetings!**

Even after everything, maybe you still aren't compelled to join up with the RCNA. You don't go to the events. You don't really care about the scholarships that we hand out to the local college-bound teens. You don't even feel like you want to be that involved with the neighborhood, and we understand.

Or perhaps if the RCNA would only do something about:

- the speeders
- the street parking
- the uncut lawns
- the off-leash dogs in the park
- the trash bins that are left out all week
- the random spats of crime
- the disrespectful teens in the park

you would be more willing to join.

The fact is, the RCNA doesn't have the authority to deal with any of that. That all falls under the domain of the MUD. They are elected by us to represent us. Any of those issues go there.

Remember, the only way the RCNA even exists is with your support AND your participation. Maybe you don't feel like the RCNA is worthy of your \$25 voluntary dues per year right now. We still love you and we hope that one day in the future you'll see the merit of joining up with

the RCNA.

Remember, you don't have to join to get something out of it. You can join simply because you want to support your neighborhood. And to just help add to all the neighborly goodwill that an organization like the RCNA can generate.