

Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.
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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT By Debby Thompson

Tuesday, October 4 • 6:30-9:00pm

Gazebo at KF Park

Join your Wells Branch neighbors for our night out against crime, Tuesday, October 4, from 6:30-9:00pm at the gazebo at Katherine Fleischer Park. The WBNA will be serving up FREE hotdogs, sausage wraps, sodas, chips and door prizes.

We'll have distinguished guests on hand from the Travis County Sheriff's Office, ESD #2 Fire Department, and the Wells Branch MUD to mention a few. Both children and adults will have the opportunity to visit with first responders, receive information on Neighborhood Watch and other programs available to residents, and tour the fire safety house and fire truck that ESD #2 will have on hand. Come find out what's going on in our community and visit with local law enforcement officers and politicians about what you can do to help reduce the opportunities for crimes to occur in our neighborhood.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, and to strengthen neighborhood spirit and law enforcement-community partnership. Help send the message to criminals that Wells Branch is organized and fighting back.

Take a stand against crime. Turn on your porch light and come join your friends and neighbors at the park for food and fellowship. If you have a Neighborhood Watch group on your block (or even if you don't) we'd like to encourage you to come eat dinner with us, listen to the speakers, and then return home to your street and gather with your neighbors over dessert to discuss how you can make your homes and our community safer.

We hope to see you there!



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A PLEA FROM OUR NEIGHBORS ALONG THE GREENBELTS Submitted by Ed & Kay Peterson

Given the extreme drought this summer and the HIGH risk of wildfires, we are asking you, our neighbors, to please refrain from smoking along our trails and in our parks, parking on the grass, riding dirt bikes in the fields or other potential hazards until this risk subsides. We are under a mandatory burn ban so if you see anyone doing any of these things, please remind them that it's just not safe right now.

It is most likely we are going to lose some trees from the drought anyway and we would hate to lose more due to a fire or worse yet, have a fire spread to our homes. Please, please, use caution when doing any activity outside, recreational or otherwise. For further information on wildfires, go to http://www.fema.gov/hazard/wildfire/wf_prepare.shtm. Thanks and stay safe.

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OCTOBER IS NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

THE 2011 FOCUS IS PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM FIRE - DOES YOUR FAMILY HAVE A FIRE PLAN?

Your family needs to be prepared in case of a fire. Children especially need to fully understand what to do and should practice these rules often. Otherwise, they will naturally run and hide from a fire instead of getting out of the house safely. Get a family fire-escape plan ready and have fire drills at least once a month. You can even print out the drill and tape it to the refrigerator so the whole family is reminded often of the plan.

- Make sure that everyone knows two ways out of every room.
- Teach children to crawl on their hands and knees to get low under smoke.
- Teach children how to close the door behind them to slow the spread of fire and smoke.
- Plan alternate escape routes.
- Teach children to lay low and shout their names out if they are trapped in a smoke-filled room.
- Plan a meeting spot outside the house, at a neighbor's or in a special place in the yard a good distance from the house.
- Teach kids that once they get outside, they should stay outside.
- Make a sketch of the layout of each floor of your house, including windows, doors and stairways. Mark escape routes from each room on the sketch.
- Hold frequent fire drills, including some at night. Make sure everyone is following the plan perfectly.
- Assign a member of the family to be responsible for the younger and older members of the family. Get a "buddy" system going so everyone is taken care of.
- Assign a responsible adult to look after house pets in case of fire.
- Assign someone to call 911.
- And if there is a fire, remember, COUNT HEADS, STAY TOGETHER and DON'T GO BACK into the house for personal belongings.

Source: www.allaboutthhome.com

For a more comprehensive guide, please visit www.wbna.us => Safety => Fire Safety

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ESD #2 OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, October 11th 6pm-8pm
15300 Bratton Lane (corner of Bratton & Shoreline)



National Fire Prevention month means it's the time for the annual Open House at our local fire station. Come out and tour state of the art fire trucks and explore the fire safety trailer. There will be goodies for the kids and blood pressure checks for adults—something for everyone!



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In Memory of Corporal Kevin Aigner

Many of you will recognize Corporal Kevin Aigner's familiar face. He worked off duty for the MUD patrolling our parks on weekends and during special events.

An outstanding officer, he was an even greater human being. Kevin was a kind, caring man who showed concern for everyone he met. He served with the Travis County Constable's Office and helped get the Explorer Post off the ground almost two years ago. Allison Scott, 17, Lieutenant for Explorer Post 711, had this to say about "Aigner",



"In the 18 months or so that I have worked with the Constable's Office as an Explorer, I have met some amazing people. Corporal Kevin Aigner exemplified that, whether it was the way he cared about everyone he met, or the way he worked until the job was done. My favorite thing about him was his smile. I'm not known for my jokes, but he'd always laugh or at least smile. The world is a better place for having him, and I'm a better person for having known him."

This pretty much sums it up for all of us who knew Kevin. We will miss your smile. Peace be with you.

WILDFIRE DANGER – CREATE A DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Defensible space is the required space between a structure and the wildland area that, under normal conditions, creates a sufficient buffer to slow or halt the spread of wildfire to a structure. It protects the home from igniting due to direct flame or radiant heat. Defensible space is essential for structure survivability during wildfire conditions.

Steps to help protect your home:

- Remove all dead or dying vegetation.
- Trim tree canopies regularly to keep their branches a minimum of 10 feet from structures and other trees.
- Remove dry leaf litter (dry leaves/pine needles) from yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Relocate woodpiles or other combustibles at least 30 feet away from home.
- Remove combustible material and vegetation from around and under decks.
- Remove or prune vegetation near windows.
- Remove "ladder fuels" (low-level vegetation that allows the fire to spread from the ground to the tree canopy). Create a separation from low-level vegetation and tree branches. This can be done by reducing the height of low-level vegetation and/or trimming tree branches.

Source: Texas Forest Service. To download a complete safety plan prepared by the Texas Forest Service, visit www.wbna.us => Safety => Fire Safety.

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TIME TO "FALL BACK"



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6 at 2am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before bed on Saturday night!

Ever wonder "Why two o'clock on a Sunday morning?" In the U.S., 2:00 a.m. was originally chosen as the changeover time because it minimized disruption. Most people were at home; this was the time when the fewest trains were running; it is late enough to minimally affect bars and restaurants and is early enough that the entire continental U.S. switches by daybreak. Source: <http://www.webexhibits.org/daylightsaving/b2.html>

SAFETY REMINDER

Fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because Daylight Saving Time provides a convenient reminder. **A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire.** More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries. Don't become a statistic!

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KUDOS

Thanks to those who delivered our
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fantastic turnout at FourthFest and the
best ever Silent Auction.



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**As always... Thanks to all of you for keeping
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Travis County Sheriff's Extravaganza - October 1

On Saturday, October 1, the Travis
County Sheriff's Office will host its 9th
Annual Community Extravaganza at the
Wells Branch Municipal Utility District
located at 3000 Shoreline Drive. The
event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free to
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SUMMER SUCCESS!

By Debby Thompson



Donations from neighbors allowed "Give a Kid a Summer" to buy ten one-year recreation passes for neighborhood kids in need. You know me, I would think it was a huge success even if we had only helped one kid and this year, we were able

to buy twice as many tags as last year. Thank you so much for your contributions: Mike & Donna Howe, Brad & Linda Caramagno, Katherine Brinegag, Jonathan & Kara Chapman, Ed & Kay Peterson, Tammy Le and my husband, Gus Kohn, who supports all of my "causes".

Kids NEED a place to "be" anytime – not just summertime. We have wonderful facilities available in Wells Branch: two pools and a recreation center – safe, clean environments with adult supervision. I know for a fact the kids we bought passes for used these facilities every single day and what's more, they appreciated having someplace to go. I'd like to thank Matt and the staff at the Rec. Center for providing leadership and positive adult role models. You've made a difference in these teens' lives. And a special thanks to Paul for giving the boys rides home (and ice cream).

Thank you, everyone, for taking this opportunity to help these kids enjoy their summer vacation safely.

Recycling Pays Off!

Money rolls in to buy trees for our parks system!

Prior to beginning our single stream recycling program in June, approximately 33% of Wells Branch participated in the recycling program. August finished with a whopping 70.3% participation rate! Impressive! Our participation rate and dollar amount received has steadily increased.

June showed an average participation rate of 66.95% with a pay out of \$948. July was up to 68.85% participation and the MUD received a check for \$972. August, which included three collections instead of the usual two, got us up to a participation rate of 70.3% and a check for \$1,312 from IESI. That's \$12,000 a year for our parks!

Gerry Rieger of IESI attended a MUD board meeting in August and commented that they had never experienced a continued increase in participation. Every other community they serve had seen a decline in participation after the first month. **GREAT WORK WELLS BRANCH!**

For details by collection day (so you can see how your immediate area compares) go to www.wbna.us => "Community". Just in case you didn't know - Our **Single Stream Recycling Program** pays the WB MUD \$20 in rebates for each ton of recycling collected. Those funds, in turn, are dedicated to purchasing trees for our park system.


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STAGE 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

In support of water conservation efforts during the drought, the Wells Branch MUD Board voted to adopt the same Stage 2 mandatory water restrictions as the City of Austin. As of September 6, Wells Branch residents and commercial water customers will only be allowed to water one day a week.

Stage 2 Restrictions Include:

- Watering allowed 1 day per week for all Wells Branch customers
- Hand-watering allowed anytime
- No automatic-irrigation **after** 10am on designated watering day
- Vehicle washing on designated day **before** 10am
- No charity carwashes
- No automatic fill valves for pools or ponds
- No outdoor fountains except to provide aeration for aquatic life
- Restaurants may serve water only upon request
- No washing of sidewalks, driveways, parking areas or other paved areas

To ensure that all customers follow these restrictions, violations will result in an official warning, followed by a citation with fines set at \$250 up to \$2000 for subsequent offenses.

For questions concerning Stage 2 Water Restrictions, please contact District Manager, Jesse Kennis, at 251-9814, press "0". Your cooperation in conserving water is appreciated.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Politicians look at statistics. Wells Branch used to be known as a voting community. Lately, our numbers have been embarrassingly LOW. If we are going to carry any weight, with anyone, we need to be known as an informed, involved community. Please join me in reaching out to our neighbors. TALK about upcoming elections. Encourage everyone to register. Have non-partisan voting "parties". Host a coffee or happy hour and walk to the polls together (or carpool)! If you're voting early, take a neighbor! Make time to VOTE and help someone else do the same.

At our last election, we only had one voting judge from Wells Branch. They had to beg people from other parts of town to work our neighborhood. To learn how to become a voting judge and help our community, call Diana Rubio at 854-3938.

ADVERTISING AND ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Do you have a business or service you would like to advertise? Have an article of interest to other WB residents? If so, please contact ads@wbna.us for information.

Publication is not guaranteed, and all article submissions are subject to editing. All ads must be pre-paid. Please note that it is the policy of the WBNA not to publish political ads of any kind. The deadline to receive ad payments, ad materials (including revisions to existing pre-paid ads) and article submissions for the next issue is October 28, 2011. Please see www.wbna.us for ad rates and sizes.

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Long ago, in Wells Branch's younger days, the neighborhood association hosted a Welcome Wagon. When new residents would move into the neighborhood, they would be greeted by a friendly neighbor and a basket of goodies. As time progressed, this custom fell by the wayside.

Good News! We've had a volunteer come forward recently who would like to bring back this familiar custom and the WBNA would like to support her efforts. We want everyone to feel a part of this wonderful community. If you would like to volunteer and help welcome new families to Wells Branch, please contact Linda Baird at welcomewagon@wbna.us.

CURB APPEAL & DROUGHT

Please remember that even during drought, you can water responsibly and still maintain a neat, well-kept yard. It may take a little more effort than in years past, but maintaining our property values is worth it. St. Augustine grass doesn't go dormant – it dies.

If you've lost your yard to the summer heat and lack of water, you may want to consider overseeding with Rye grass for the winter. This will help keep your soil intact and hopefully, ward off the mud pits when the rains come this winter. You might also consider seeding with a drought tolerant Bermuda in the spring, once again for soil retention, and to cut down on weeds.

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Halloween photos

Be sure and drop by the WBNA "Trunk or Treat" booth at the Community Center parking lot on Halloween Night and have your picture made. All photos will be posted on our Facebook page (find the link at www.wbna.us) so that you may download shots of your little ghoul or goblin.



Please see www.wbna.us for "Halloween Safety Tips for Kids & Pets" and "How to have an Eco-Friendly Halloween"

Neighbors in NEED

A loving hand to take care of small needs around your home.

Wells Branch Community Church would like to help with some of the needs in our community. Some of us may be reaching an age that makes it difficult to do work around our home. Others are suffering from medical conditions that render it difficult to take care of things that were once routine.

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Special THANKS to all who participated in our July 4th Silent Auction! By Debby Thompson

We'd like to thank our community for supporting the WBNA in our fundraising efforts. The following individuals and businesses donated generously to our Silent Auction, which was held on July 4th. Its purpose was to raise enough money to pay for National Night Out, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Friday night at Luminary Fest in December and to help with our educational/safety programs. We exceeded our goal! Thanks to all of you who participated in the Silent Auction. Whether you were a donor or buyer, you all made a tremendous difference and the WBNA is grateful! When you see the neighbors listed below, please thank them for supporting our community. In addition, we hope you'll patronize these businesses and join us on October 4th for Wells Branch's National Night Out Against Crime.

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WB MUD MOVES WATER PAYMENT CENTER

As of August 22, water payments and service requests can be made at 3000 Shoreline Drive, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. The MUD will no longer maintain a Customer Service Center at the 14205 N. MoPac Expwy location. For questions, call: 251-9814



Meeting set to discuss 2012 pool hours

MUD Board Rec. Committee to meet with residents to determine recommendation for pool hours for Summer 2012

After receiving community feedback on pool hours at the beginning of the summer, the MUD Board implemented new hours for KF Pool to better accommodate residents.

As promised in June, the Board has scheduled a follow-up meeting with the Rec. Committee for October 6, at 6pm in the Community Center on Klattenhoff to discuss the success of the program and possible choices for next summer. If your family uses either of the pools, we urge you to attend this meeting and make your thoughts known.

It's a Boy! Submitted by Alex Berksan & George Holcombe



After what seems like trying for years, even during the 17-degree days last winter, the female goose at the pond hatched a baby boy around July 10. The mom and the males introduced him to the world a week later. Being very protective of the little one, they'll peck at your leg if you get too close. He's grown quite a bit since July and is now as big as the ducks. No doubt he will be joining in the honking chorus before long!

Note: As many of you may remember, the female goose spent three weeks undergoing treatment at Wildlife Rescue last fall after she became entangled in fishing line and caught a lure in one of her legs. This injury developed into a terrible infection and she was near death when the MUD Staff caught her. Thanks again to - Keith Nett, Ryan Davino & Andy Rankine for taking her in to Wildlife Rescue where she was able to receive the care she needed. Without your help, we wouldn't have this new little boy to watch grow up.



Joint General and Special Elections for Travis County – Tuesday, November 08, 2011

- **Voter Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011
- **Begin Accepting Applications to Vote by Mail:** Friday, September 09, 2011
- **Final Day to Accept Applications to Vote by Mail:** Tuesday, November 01, 2011
- **Early In Person Voting Begins:** Monday, October 24, 2011
- **Early In Person Voting Ends:** Friday, November 04, 2011

WBNA to host a meeting regarding upcoming bond proposal Thursday, October 27, 7pm, WB Community Center, 2106 Klattenhoff

Steve Manilla, County Executive for TNR, will make a presentation on the upcoming bond proposal to be voted on by Travis County residents on November 8. Travis County Commissioner Pct. 2, Sarah Eckhardt will be available to answer questions as well.

For more information contact the Travis County Elections Division at (512) 238-VOTE (238-8683). For information on registering to vote, contact the Voter Registration Division of Travis County Tax Office's Office at (512) 854-9473.

Register and Vote — Everyone Counts in Travis County!
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Fitness Checklists: Think you're "fit"? This fall, the library will offer a checklist on a different kind of "fitness" each month. Pick one up, and when you've completed at least ten items on the list, turn it in at the library for a chance to win a prize!

September- Save the Environment
October- Know Your Neighborhood
November- Financial Fitness

Mango Language Learning Workshops: Learn to use the library's subscription service. Over twenty languages are available with step-by-step instructions and pronunciation aids. Reserve your spot in this hands-on workshop. October 22nd at 1pm

Overdrive Digital Library Workshops: We have e-books and audio books available for immediate download at home to your computer and personal device (nook, MP3, iPad, etc). Reserve your spot in this hands-on workshop to learn more. October 15th at 1pm

Adult Computer Classes- Every month we offer a variety of beginning and intermediate classes, for free, to help adults learn to use the computer.



Crochet Workshops: October 16th and November 20th at 2pm- If you don't know which end of the hook is which, or if you're a crochet whiz looking for fun, this group is for you. Instruction and supplies are provided.

Fall Family Fun Day: October 29th

Spooky Storytime- 10am
Games & face painting for kids-10:30am-1pm
Pumpkin Painting - Registration required. \$2.50 per pumpkin. Sessions at 10:30, 11:30, and 12:30.



Spider Show- Ages 6+ only. Registration required-Learn about arachnids and see some up close! 2pm




Everyone Reads *Marley and Me: life and love with the world's worst dog* by John Grogan
This program, sponsored in part by the Texas State Library, encourages all ages to read and discuss the same book. We have many adult books, youth books, picture books, Spanish books, and audio books, all about Marley.



Special Programs:

 October 15 at 4pm- Learn about pet care and training from the Austin Dog Alliance
 November 12 at 4pm- Book Club Party and Reception

Ongoing Programs (through November)

 Pet Photo Contest- Bring in a picture of your furry friend for our display.
 Be a Writer- Submit an original anecdote for our blog-WB Community Chronicles.
 Free Family Movies: Sundays at 4pm
October 9: Beethoven
November 13: Homeward Bound

Needles, Hooks and Books: 2nd Sunday of the month at 2pm in the Quiet Reading Room. Bring your project and have fun discussing the book.

October 9- *Frankenstein* by Dean Koontz)



Wine, Women and Words Book Club: 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm. Newcomers are always welcome.
October: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

2011 Storytime Schedule

0-18 months- Baby Bookworms:
Fridays at 10am
1-2 years- Monkey in the Middle:
Mondays at 10:45
18-36 months- Toddler Storytime:
Fridays at 10:45
3-5 years- Preschool Storytime:
Fridays at 11:30
All ages- Pajama Storytime: Tuesdays at 7pm
All ages- Family Storytime: Every Saturday at 11am

Weekly Programs


Kinder Crafts: Tuesdays at 6:30 for ages 3-6:
Process-oriented art projects for kids.

Arts & Crafts: Wednesdays at 6pm for age 8+ or with an adult: Fun and creative art projects.

New program: Growing Up Wild: Wednesdays at 5:00pm: Environmental Science for ages 3-7. Watch the Critter-of-the-Month gr



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Upcoming MUD Events

Fall Youth Fishing Tournament - October 8

Wells Branch hosts the annual youth fishing tournament for ages 17 and under from 9 a.m. to noon at Mills Pond. Enrollment into the tournament is free for all youth and trophies and prizes will be awarded. Equipment will be provided for those anglers who show up without. We will have fishing poles, hooks and bait. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will stock the pond a week prior to the event. All state fishing regulations apply. Please check the MUD website www.wellsbranchmud.com for updates and watch for signs throughout the neighborhood.



Halloween Haunted House and Trunk-or-Treat



You never know what might be around the corner on October 31. Come visit our Haunted House from 6-9 p.m. Halloween night at the Wells Branch Annex, 14611 Wells Port Dr. All ages are invited to experience the fear and terror of dark hallways, scary characters, and eerie music.

Be sure and bring your trick-or-treaters by the Community Center parking lot off Klattenhoff for "Trunk-or-Treat". Vote for your favorite spooky car and play games on Halloween night. For those interested in decorating their car or truck, please contact the Recreation Center at 251-9814 for details.

Thanksgiving Potluck - November 19

Before the dinner begins, Wells Branch Staff will congregate around the dedication grove to recognize new pavers added in memory and achievement. The dedication will begin at 3:30 p.m. Directly following the dedication, our Wells Branch neighbors once again come together for our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner. The fellowship will be held 5-7 p.m. at the Recreation Center, located at 3000 Shoreline Dr. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to serve 10. The turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, bread, and beverages will be provided and served by the MUD.



REVERSE 911 NOTIFICATION

Register your cell phone now!

In light of all the recent brush fires and as many of us no longer have landlines, WB Resident Kathy Brown suggested we publish info on this system.

Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) which serves Travis, Williamson and surrounding counties, offers an Emergency Notification System Cellular Telephone Interface. This system uses a "reverse dialing" telephone method to notify members of the public of critical emergency information in situations where property or human life is in danger.

Originally, the system would contact only those persons with regular, landline telephone service. With the rise in the popularity of cellular telephones, an increasing number of persons no longer maintain traditional telephone service. Instead, they rely exclusively on their cellular telephones as their residence telephone. In response, CAPCOG has added the ability to notify you on your cell phone if there is an emergency near your home, business or other location.

Persons may link their cellular telephone number to one or more locations within the 10-county CAPCOG region, including their homes, businesses and the homes of relatives. If a participating local government activates the system for an area that contains a location that has been registered to a particular cellular telephone number, the system will attempt to send the emergency message to that cellular telephone.

PLEASE NOTE: This notification system only works within Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties.

Emergency notification messages are initiated by local public safety agencies as one of several methods of relaying vital information to their citizens.

Visit <http://wireless.capcog.org> to sign up for this service.

This FAQ page tells more about the system: http://www.co.travis.tx.us/emergency_services/ens_cell_phones.asp



REMEMBERING PASTOR TODD WORTHAM

Todd Carlton Wortham was born in Dallas on June 21, 1969 the son of Richard and Fredella Wortham. At the age of seven he gave his life to Christ. Todd went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday August 13, 2011 while on a mission trip serving the people of Joplin, MO.

Todd met his beautiful wife and best friend, Cassi, in high school and they married in 1993. He graduated from the University of North Texas and attended Dallas Theological Seminary. Todd served as a high school group leader at Denton Bible Church, then was asked to be the youth pastor of Legacy Bible Church, a church Denton Bible planted in Sherman, TX. Todd served as the youth pastor for six years in Sherman. He then went to work with Michael W. Smith at New River Fellowship in Franklin, TN, as the family life pastor. Todd was currently serving as church planter/lead pastor of Wells Branch Community Church in Austin, TX. Todd and Cassi have two miracle

children, Jackson Todd, eight and Bethany Grace, three.

Todd had a heart for God and loved living and serving in the Wells Branch community. Whether it was meeting people at Kenny's in the morning, volunteering at Wells Branch Elementary School, or bringing meals to the teachers, fire department, MUD, etc., he had a way of making everyone feel like they were his new best friend. Todd wanted so much for you to know the hope, love, and joy that come from having a personal relationship with Christ and he showed God's love every day to anyone he came in contact with.

-Todd's Life Verse-

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

The Wells Branch Community Church family will continue in Todd's legacy of "living for more" as we serve in this community. For more information on Wells Branch Community Church, to watch Todd's service or Todd's Tribute video or to find out how you might help the Wortham family visit: www.WellsBranchChurch.com



Fall Garden Guild Meeting

GARDENING IN THE DROUGHT

Join the WB Garden Guild and learn how to continue to get good yields, planting times and ground preparation under drought conditions. This meeting takes place on Saturday, October 8, 11am, at the Wells Branch Community Center

In November, join members of the Garden Guild at the annual Wells Branch Thanksgiving Potluck, November 19th, 5-7pm at the WB Rec. Center. Members will bring food from their gardens to share at this neighborhood feast. Come enjoy the fruits of their labor, fellowship with the gardeners (and your other neighbors), and see first hand the benefits of backyard organic gardening!

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For November's schedule, go to wbna.us.



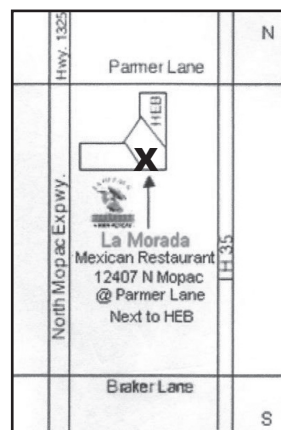
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KEEPING YOUR HOME'S FOUNDATION SAFE DURING THE AUSTIN DROUGHT

Submitted by Tammy Le

Lack of a foundation watering maintenance program is one of the most common causes of foundation problems. Repairs to your home's foundation can be very expensive running in the thousands of dollars.

This region of Texas has clay soils which are very expansive. These soils have the ability to shrink to a low volume when very dry and swell to a large volume when wet. During exceptionally dry periods – such as the drought conditions Austin is experiencing – the soil shrinks and the ground surface recedes and pulls away from the foundation walls.

Many homeowners are cutting back or eliminating their yard-watering water usage. Saving water is a good thing that we fully recommend. But if you own or rent a home with a slab foundation (as just about all Wells Branch homes are), a **foundation watering maintenance program** is essential. Do stay aware of the mandatory water restrictions which went into effect on Sept. 6th.

HOW TO EFFECTIVELY WATER YOUR SLAB

The best way to water the soil around the structure is with a flat green watering hose that emits a fine spray. The spray should be turned to a height of about 6 to 8 inches. Place the hose 18 to 24 inches from the structure but always outbound of a shrub. Watering between a shrub and a structure will encourage root growth toward the structure. Never water next to the structure, because it can cause serious damage if the soil is pulled away due to lack of moisture. The hose should be left on for a period of 4 to 5 hours. Clay can only accept about 1/16 inch of water an hour. A quick watering session is not effective. It is not necessary to water the entire perimeter the same day, however you should water every day until the process is complete. If the soil has pulled away from the slab and the house has seen neglect, you may wish to do this every week for a few weeks. Then, according to the weather, you can adjust the frequency to meet the needs, possibly once or twice a month. It is just as important to be sure that the soil has no low spots that allow water to pond next to the structure, that the lot has adequate drainage and that you have no plumbing leaks. Too much moisture in one area will cause undesirable swelling of the soil.

Don't forget the sides of the house. Most homeowners water the front and back more often than the sides. That soil must have the same attention as the other areas. In addition, large trees & shrubs in close proximity to the structure may make it difficult to maintain even moisture, since they absorb large amounts of water, or may artificially support structure during periods of normal movement. They might cause some differential movement that will show up in the structure, though this is rare. The goal is uniform expansion of the soil around and under the structure.

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Foundation care from previous column

- Diagonal cracks above or below windows and door openings; cracks of uniform width are commonly shrinkage cracks and don't indicate expansive soil activity
- Inability to open or close doors or doors out of alignment
- Obvious floor slopes: feeling of walking up or downhill as you walk across a room
- Cracking exterior brick
- Separation of expansion joints
- Cracking or waving of floor finishes, most often visible in linoleum or ceramic tiles
- Separation of walls from ceilings or floors

Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter, Austin will have already had some heavy rains. We do not want to break any more major records during this major drought:

August 2011 was the hottest August ever recorded at Camp Mabry in Austin

The average daily high temperature in August 2011 was an astounding 104.8° and it was the hottest month in Austin's history with an average temperature of 91.6°.

The summer of 2011 is the hottest summer ever recorded in Austin. From June 1 – August 31, the average temperature was 89.5°.

Sources: Bob Peterson, Texas Licensed Home Inspector, www.foundationwatering.com, KVUE www.kvue.com, City of Austin <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/water>.



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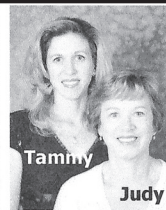
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*See www.wbna.us for details

**Contact the MUD for more info, 251-9814

MP=Mills Pond; WBCC=Community Center on Klattenhoff;
WBCL=WB Comm Library; WBRC=Rec Center on Shoreline.

Have a free event to share? If so, send the details - date, place and time via email to: wbnaews@sbcglobal.net. PLEASE NOTE: Events put on by for-profit entities do not qualify for this space.



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