



# Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.  
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## Annual WBNA Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 30, 10:30am • Homestead at KF Park**

Join your friends, neighbors, and **The Easter Bunny** himself as Wells Branch welcomes Spring with the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Homestead. "Hunts" will be by age group and begin at 10:30am. Come early and visit with the Easter Bunny or have fun at our craft table. Bring your basket - We hope to see you there!

### Easter Egg Hunt RULES:

Those of you who've attended our hunts in the past know we have very few rules, but we do ask parents to follow those rules and be courteous and respectful of your neighbors so that all of our children enjoy the hunt. Age Groups:

0-3 yrs

\*Only 1 parent per child in egg hunting area

\*Watch out for potential choking hazards

4-6 yrs • 7-9 yrs • 10-12 yrs

\* No parents allowed in egg hunting area

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Check all eggs for prizes.

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## Safety Alert!

Spring is here and with the pretty weather, car break-ins always seem to increase. This year, there's been a rash of spare tires disappearing off the back of SUVs as well. These are crimes of opportunity. Take away the temptation and access and each of us is much less likely to become a victim.

- Always lock your car.
- Don't leave valuable items in plain view. Take them with you or lock them in the trunk out of sight.
- Don't keep personal information in your glove box or console.
- Never leave your car running unattended or leave your keys in the car or ignition.
- If you keep a garage door remote control in your car and don't park it in the garage each and every time you return home, hide the remote. Thieves check visors and this gives them instant access to your home.
- Make a habit of checking your truck bed before going in the house. Never leave anything out that you can't afford to lose.
- Spare tire locks for SUVs start at \$11. Invest in one if you have an outside mount.

Although we live in an **extremely** safe neighborhood, it's best to always be aware of your surroundings and to look out for your neighbors. If you see or hear anything suspicious or out of place, don't be afraid to call 9-1-1. Travis County would much rather answer a false alarm than deal with a tragedy later.

## 4thFest Means Silent Auction!

### Items Needed for Auction

Each year, the WBNA hosts a Silent Auction during the FourthFest celebration on July 4th.

This is our BIG fundraiser for the year - how we pay for the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, our participation at Halloween, Luminary Fest and New Year's Eve as well as the meetings, candidate forums and safety demonstrations we host throughout the year.

We are seeking donations of merchandise, gift cards/certificates, theme baskets, services.... to auction. In return, you receive exposure for your business at the auction, through flyers, a special "Thank You" section in the September issue of the WBNA Neighborhood News and on our website with links to your site.

If you have items or services to donate OR if you would like to help solicit items, please email us at [info@wbna.us](mailto:info@wbna.us). Thank you in advance for helping to make (and keep) Wells Branch GREAT!

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## The Art of Living Safe and Well Expo 2013

Pfluger Hall • April 13, 2013 • 10am-1pm

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## Get Firefighter Fit – Train with the PFD Firefighters



In support of a community living safe and well, Travis County ESD No. 2 / Pflugerville Fire Department and Panther Celebration 2013 are pleased to host the Firefighter Fit 5K Pfun Run and Three-Person Relay at

Lake Pflugerville, Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 8:30am.

For FULL DETAILS and to REGISTER, visit [www.pflugervillefire.org](http://www.pflugervillefire.org).

We believe all athletes, no matter what their pace, should get the chance to enjoy the race experience. All levels of runners and walkers are welcome to attend.

Participants placing first through third will be awarded prizes. Participation awards will be given to Junior FitFirefighters ages 11 and under.

Proceeds benefit Panther Celebration 2013 Project Graduation, a teen drug-free, alcohol-free, and tobacco-free program.

## Disc Golf Update by Brian Litke, Wells Branch Resident

In October 2012, the Wells Branch MUD authorized the final phase of the expansion of the WB Disc Golf Course from 9 to 18 holes. The new design places all of the course baskets on the south side of WB Pkwy, and players have begun using the new starting point by parking along Owen Tech Blvd.

In 2011, during the initial phase of the redesign, the course was expanded to 18 holes, but final placements for the baskets were postponed while the new layout was tested and fine-tuned to minimize environmental impact and ensure the best use of available land. Feedback was provided by a variety of sources in the community, including a town hall meeting where the MUD heard neighborhood input. In the end, the wisdom of our local residents and board members helped shape a disc golf course that has already enhanced the name of Wells Branch as a community with one of the most pleasant places to play disc golf in Austin.

The course redesign has been popular with players, who enjoy the shade in the forested landscape, the expanded course length, the practice basket at the start of the course, and the safety of not having to cross WB Pkwy. The redesign will be completed in April with the installation of concrete tee pads, signage at each hole, and block stone benches.

It has been said many times that the greenbelt, the trail system, the playground and the lake are gems in the crown jewels of WB, and the disc golf course provides another precious amenity--and another opportunity to get some exercise and see just how beautiful Wells Branch can look. I would like to thank the Wells Branch MUD Board and the many WB residents who participated in the process of patiently providing feedback and shaping the course redesign.

### What is disc golf?

Disc golf is a sport similar to golf in which the player throws a plastic disc (smaller than but similar to a frisbee) at a target,

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which is usually a pole draped with chains and a basket to catch the disc. Each player counts the number of throws it takes to reach each target and compares the total to the par for the course.

## Who plays disc golf?

Disc golf is a sport that is can be enjoyed by anyone, no matter the skill level, and it is inexpensive to play. I see families playing at the WB course, as well as couples, kids, and regular players in their 60s. It's a great way to be active, and you can easily pick up a casual round and perhaps meet a new friend when you arrive at the park--there are a lot of friendly regulars. Many residents such as myself chose Wells Branch due to its greenbelt amenities, including the disc golf course, and I'm sure WB will be even more attractive in the future to residents who have a passion for disc golf.

Disc golf started in the 1960s, and today it is one of the fastest growing sports worldwide, growing at a rate of 12-15 percent annually for more than the past decade, with nearly 3,000 courses in the US and more than 4,000 globally. You can purchase disc golf discs at Academy, Play-it-Again Sports, as well as DiscNation, a store based in Austin (and online) devoted to disc golf.

I invite you to join the Wells Branch Disc Golf Green Team during our monthly park cleanup days. Keep in touch via Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/WellsBranchGreenTeam>.

## WB Disc Golf Tournament

**May 18 • 9am-4pm • Disc Golf Course on Owen Tech Blvd.**

The grand opening of the redesigned Wells Branch Disc Golf Course will be launched on May 18 from 9am-4pm with a disc golf tournament appropriate for all ages and skill levels.

The redesigned course is now located south of Wells Branch Parkway and parking is available along the street on Owen Tech Blvd., across the street from Whataburger. Each player will receive a custom artwork disc golf disc and reusable water bottle as part of their registration. There will also be raffles, door prizes, and awards for winners of each division.

At the top of each hour, local disc golf players will hold short instructional sessions on disc golf rules and different techniques for gripping the disc and throwing disc golf drives and putts.

A course map and scorecard are available at [www.wells-branchmud.com/parks/disc-golf.html](http://www.wells-branchmud.com/parks/disc-golf.html). Registration will be taken at the WB Recreation Center, located at 3000 Shoreline Dr. You may also call to register at 251-9814.

Fee: \$10 before tournament

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## Check Your Irrigation System Now: proper maintenance saves both water & money

by Margret Wingrove, Crossroads Utility Services



Irrigation systems need to be checked to make sure they are working properly and efficiently. Faulty systems can greatly increase your water bill and contribute to unhealthy lawns, plants and shrubs. Before the system is activated for the Spring and Summer seasons, here are some maintenance recommendations for checking your system.

### Controller Box

- Clean out cobwebs and dirt
- Check wiring for loose connections
- Change batteries
- Check time and date of watering cycle. Make sure that it is programmed to follow the District's voluntary watering schedule.

Odd Addresses = Saturday & Wednesday

Even Addresses = Sunday & Thursday

Automatic Irrigation Systems = Before 10 AM

Hose-end Sprinklers and Soakers = Before 10AM or after 7 PM

*Remember, the Spring months require less water than the hot Texas summer months.*

### Sprinkler System

- Before running the system, remove the last sprinkler head in each zone and run the water for a few minutes to flush out any dirt and debris. Replace the head.
- Activate the system and check to make sure that all heads in each zone are spraying consistently. Low pressure could indicate a broken pipe as well as a zone not coming on or turning off prematurely. There should be an even flow of water from each head with no bubbling or spurting.
- Check each head to make sure it is popping up correctly and that it is not leaking or covered with debris. Grass may need to be trimmed to allow the head to operate properly.
- The head should be adjusted to spray on the landscaping, not the street, sidewalk or driveway.
- A monthly check of each sprinkler head should be performed throughout the watering season.
- Adjustments to the watering cycle should be based on changing rainfall and temperatures throughout the year.

## Summer Piano Lessons

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 Wells Branch Resident  
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## Summer Art Mini-Camps Registration begins in April! • Sign up SOON!



Hurray! Art mini-camps are being offered again this summer. The camps are for children 7-12 with Jr. camps for children going into Kindergarten (ages 5-7). Each camp is \$40 with 40% of the fee dedicated to programs like trees

for our parks. Registration begins in April at the MUD Recreation Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive. See [www.wells-branchmud.com](http://www.wells-branchmud.com) for more information.

Junior sessions (age 5-7)(pre-K /K /1) 9-11:30am T/W/Th  
 6/18- 6/20 • Incredible Insects: Bees & Dragonflies to Spiders & Other Crawly Things  
 6/25 - 6/27 • Wild & Wacky Art of Science  
 7/24 - 7/26 • Storybook Camp  
 8/6 - 8/8 • Puppets & Plays

General sessions (age 7-12) 12-3:30 pm T/W/Th  
 6/11 - 6/13 • Painting & Drawing  
 6/18- 6/20 • Incredible Insects: Bees & Dragonflies to Spiders & Other Crawly Things  
 6/25 - 6/27 • Wild & Wacky Art of Science  
 7/9 - 7/11 • Dragons & Other Mythical Creatures  
 7/16 - 7/18 • Food Art (Special Time: 9 am-12:30)  
 7/24 - 7/26 • Mixed Media Art & More...  
 7/30 - 8/1 • 3-D Art Sculpting, Wire Art, 3-D Mobiles  
 8/6 - 8/8 • Puppets & Plays

## 2nd Wells Branch Community Garage Sale Coming Soon

Planning a garage sale to declutter this spring? Let the Friends of the Wells Branch Community Library help you! Reserve your space today (one parking space for \$10 or two for \$15) in the library parking lot for Saturday, May 4th from 7am to 1pm and we'll send lots of customers your way! You KEEP all your profits!

A large turnout is expected once again after the tremendous success of last year's sale so come join your friends and neighbors. The Community Garage Sale will help the Friends of the WBCL raise funds for the Summer Reading Program, The Spider Guy, additional Overdrive and Mango resources and other programs at the library. Space is limited so reserve today! Reservation forms are available at the Library or by emailing [friends@wblibrary.org](mailto:friends@wblibrary.org). If you don't want to rent a sale space then come and shop for treasures from your neighbors. Refreshments will be available for purchase.



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## Spring has Sprung! Now's the time to jump in and help shape YOUR community!

by Debby Thompson, WBNA President

One of the goals we talked about at our Visions meetings was to create committees where everyone who wants to, has an opportunity to volunteer in some way that gives back to our community. You don't have to be involved in EVERYTHING, just find that one thing you're passionate about that you want to share with your neighbors. Let's get these new committees up and running!

Based on suggestions from the meetings, emails & phone calls, we're starting out with the list below. We're always open to new ideas, so if your passion is missing, let us know. We'd love to hear from you. You can participate as MUCH or as LITTLE as YOU desire. Please contact [info@wbna.us](mailto:info@wbna.us) and we'll help get you started. Questions? 656-0654

### Existing Committees that we need volunteers to help with:

Easter Egg Hunt • July 4th Silent Auction & Raffle • National Night Out • Neighborhood Watch • Halloween Trunk or Treat Booth • Luminary Fest (Friday night) • New Year's Eve Party • Newsletter • Voting (Get the VOTE Out!) • Welcome Wagon

### New Committees we'd like to get started:

- A **"Green Team"** to organize and pick up along the trails once a month and possibly coordinate with the Disc Golf Green Team and Keep Wells Branch Beautiful efforts. Members could also volunteer at the quarterly recycling/repurposing events (Hazardous Waste Collection/Easter Seals/Habitat for Humanity) held in Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct.

- **"Neighborhood Deals"** whose purpose would be to determine interests and needs of WB residents and negotiate deals at a reduced rate. Like sponsoring a "dead tree removal week" where residents might receive a specific discount if they used a certain vendor during a given time frame encouraging residents to get the work done while saving them money at the same time.
- **"Wells Branch Merchant's Association (Shop WB!)"** which together with the Friends of the Library and ESD No. 2 (Fire Department) helps to organize merchants to strengthen our retail business in WB (increasing property values and tax revenue for the WB Community Library and the Emergency Services District).
- **"Yard of the Month & Holiday Lights/Decorations"** would divide the neighborhood into around 20 sections and award the Yard of the Month to one house in each section each month. Winning homes would have a sign posted in their yards for a month, be recognized on the WBNA Facebook page, website and in the newsletter. This comes at a time when yards have been devastated by the drought and has the potential to breathe life and renewed pride back into our landscaping (once again, increasing property values). There's a lot of room here to shape this one! Chris Flores has volunteered to chair this committee, but he NEEDS volunteers!

Our community is what we make it! Let's continue do all that we can to Keep Wells Branch GREAT!

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## Project Graduation for WB Graduating HS Seniors

Project Graduation is a nationally recognized substance free graduation party designed to give graduates a safe celebration. Wells Branch students currently feed into 3 area high schools and parent volunteers at all 3 schools are working hard to raise money to provide their graduates a fun, safe graduation party!

### Cedar Ridge High School

We invite the entire community to participate in our fundraisers and help us make the FIRST Project Graduation a success for the FIRST graduating class of CRHS!

### Save the Date and Keep Your Kitchen Clean!

**Wed. March 27**, Chick-fil-a in Pflugerville, Stone Hill Town Center (SH45-Kelly Ln. exit) - facepainting for the kids! Drop your receipt in the basket!

**Saturday, April 6, 6-7:30pm Rock the Runway Fashion Show & Silent Auction**, Fashions provided by Dillards in the Domain & Al's Formal Wear, assistance by Austin Fashion Week. See who will win the Duct Tape Prom Dress design contest! Support our seniors by attending and/or donating items, gift certificates, etc... for the Silent Auction. Tickets on sale 3/25-\$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Contact Sherry.Roper@att.net.

Monetary donations are always welcome and may be mailed to CRHS Project Grad Class of 2013, PO Box 5622, Round Rock, TX 78683-5622 or online at [www.crhsprojectgraduation.org](http://www.crhsprojectgraduation.org).

Watch [wbna.us](http://wbna.us) for the date of the next pet vaccination clinic at Wells Branch Elementary.

### Connally High School

This month for Connally High School Project Graduation, we are selling the remainder of our 'Connally Cougars' winter scarves. They are classy, warm, and made to last! We only have 100 left, so get yours today. We need to sell them all to help fund the Project Graduation Celebration! Call Sherry Hinesman at 461-7561 for scarves or to make tax-deductible donations. Thank you for your support of our 2013 Senior Class!

### McNeil High School

#### 2013 Project Graduation Raffle April 15th!

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25

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- 1st prize - \$1500 Visa Card
- 2nd prize - \$500 Visa Card
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#### ATTENTION Senior Parents - We need your help!!!

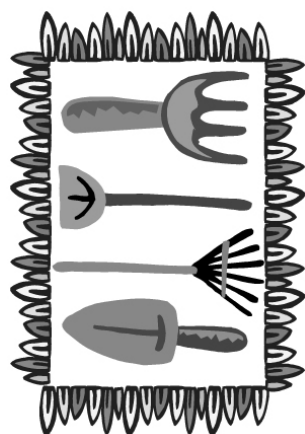
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#### Join us for the following Spirit Nights:

**Joe's Crab Shack • IH 35 North in Round Rock • 2nd Wednesday of the Month until June.** Tell them you are with McNeil HS, and a portion of the proceeds will go to MHS Project Graduation.

**Rita's Italian Ice • Corner of McNeil & W.Parmer Lane • EVERY Tuesday through the end of the school year.** Just say you are with MHS Project Graduation, and 20% of those sales will be donated to our group!

**Thank you for supporting all Wells Branch seniors!**



## Garden Guild Spring Events

**April 13, 9am-Noon: Plant Swap** WB Community Garden, corner of Town Hill and Single Trace (across from the field behind Wells Branch Elementary). Please see <http://wbna.us/community/gardening-in-wells-branch/garden-guild/> for more information.

### April 20, 11am: Weeds, Pests and Beneficial Insects

WB Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive

### May Meeting: Annual Garden Tour - Date and locations TBD

This will be the third annual WB Garden Guild Garden Tour. It's been a huge success in the past as neighbors meet and then travel throughout Wells Branch to tour each other's gardens and finish up with refreshments at the final location. Whether you're into vegetables, flowers or xeriscaping, we'd love for you to share your landscaping experience and techniques with your neighbors. Please visit [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) for updates and contact information.

## WB Student Honored for Musical Composition



by Jeri Chambers

Why is 16 year old Jocelyn Chambers smiling so Big? She found out her original score 'Paradise' will be Premiered by the Austin Symphony Orchestra on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 7:30pm at The Long Center for the Performing Arts.

Join us to celebrate Jocelyn's great accomplishment as a two time winner of the Texas Young Composers Competition.

For Tickets call the Austin Symphony Box office at (512) 476-6064 or go to <http://www.austinsymphony.org/events/3rd-annual-texas-young-composers-concert/>

## Open Ears Concerts at St. Andrews

Open Ears Concerts, hosted by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Wells Port, is a monthly non-profit series that presents established and emerging artists. Bring a dish to share in our potluck dinner and enjoy free fair trade coffee in a family-friendly, peaceful, listener-oriented environment. All ages are welcome. While there is a suggested donation of \$15 for all shows, no one will be turned away.

### Sunday March 24 - Stephanie Bettman and Luke Halpin

will provide special music during the second service and will perform a full concert afterward. Potluck lunch immediately following the second service. The show will start at 1:30 PM.

### Friday, April 12 - Friction Farm, Karyn Oliver, and Rob Lytle

Doors open & potluck starts at 6:30 PM, show starts at 7:30. For more information, see: [www.openearsconcerts.org](http://www.openearsconcerts.org)



## FREE! Live Music Showcase

March 26 & April 30 • 8-10pm

FREE Live Music every **last** Tuesday at Kenny's in Bratton Square, 14735 Bratton Lane (corner of Bratton & Merriltown). Check it out!

PLEASE NOTE: Although Kenny's has closed, they will continue to host this event and sell coffee throughout the evening. Questions? Call Grayson at 484-2614.

## 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](mailto:ads@wbna.us) for information.

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## WBNA Board Update

WBNA's February 7 meeting featured guest speaker, Sarah Eckhardt, Travis County Commissioner Pct. 2. Commissioner Eckhardt asked the neighbors what they wanted to talk about and the conversation took off! She offered assistance where she could and where she couldn't, she gave guidance. Thanks Sarah for coming out and visiting with WB and answering all our questions and thanks to everyone who came out for the meeting!

Annual WBNA elections were held that night as well. The following officers were re-elected: Debby Thompson, President; Lara Bennett, Treasurer; Tom Cheshire, Community Liaison; Linda Baird, Secretary and Pam Wachholz, Editor (non-voting). New to our Board are: Chuck Walters, Vice President and Member-at-Large, Donna Malone. Thanks again to the Nominating Committee: Salvador Aguirre, Madonna Johnson and Tom Cheshire.

The WBNA welcomes input and involvement from everyone. Special thanks to those who joined or renewed their memberships last month. We're so glad to have you!

If you haven't joined yet, there's a membership form on the back page. We **want** to hear from **you**. Tell us what you'd like to see in the way of meetings and events and how we can help you become more involved in your community.

## Q: How do you get rid of Fire Ants?

### A: Do the Texas Two-Step!

It's March and time to treat for Fire Ants - Check out TexaScapes founder and Green Gardener, Richard Fadal's guidelines on natural and organic gardening and his

plan for controlling fire ants on the WBNA website: <http://wbna.us/community/gardening-in-wells-branch/the-green-gardener/>







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## Northwest Elementary News

By Betsey Harper

**Happy Spring!** As the NWE PTO Co-Treasurer, part of my job is to try and inspire parents to be more involved with their kids. This newsletter I want to write about the outstanding Northwest PTO and our countless hours involved with and devoted to neighborhood kids and school activities.

Our group is always there to cheer on your kids and we have committed ourselves for events like music programs, the spring run, field day, fifth grade trip to Main Event, graduation, and our biggest event, Spring Fling. And that's just what's coming up in the next three months! So next time you run into any of these hard working ladies, please say an inspirational word, or offer assistance for an upcoming school event. And thank you to my fellow PTO members Pam Boe, Debbie Schulze, Lisa Ward, Krista Owens, Julie Schwartz, LaToya Finley, Holly Whichard, Jill Douglass, and Brandy Ng, (and all others I've forgotten) who have caringly dedicated themselves to improving our school, our neighborhood, and motivating our kids.

### Upcoming Events:

March 27: Start of the last Grading Period

March 30: No school

April 27, 10am-2pm: Spring Fling

Mon & Thurs: Walk/Jog/Run Club; Free after school fitness

Future events: Music performances, STAR testing, 5th grade candy sales, 5th grade car wash, Spring Fling, Box Top Spring collection, NW Birthday marquee, etc.

Look for updated news in your child's school folders, on district and school websites, the listserv, read community newsletters, or checkout the outside sign marquee as you drive by. Please stay involved!



## WBE Spring Festival

**Saturday • April 13 • 2-6pm**

Wells Branch Elementary (WBE) School will hold its **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Festival**, Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm on the WBE campus. Mark your calendar and plan on attending with your family, friends and neighbors. This will be a fun and memorable event to spend with your community while raising money for WBE! Tickets will go on sale the week of April 8th at the school and will be available for purchase at the event. Activities include:

- Silent Auction • Moonwalks • Dunking Booth
- Human Hamster Ball • Face painting • Laser Tag
- Live Music • Cake walk • Pringle Toss • Refreshments
- Many more exciting activity booths and games

For additional information, please email the WBE Parent Teachers' Association at [springfest@wellsbranchpta.org](mailto:springfest@wellsbranchpta.org).  
**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

## WBE 5th Grade Farmer's Market Continues to Grow!

by Tara Fisher-Munoz

**WB Elementary • Corner of Merriltown & Town Hill •  
EVERY FRIDAY 2:45-3:15pm**

A wonderful group of 5th graders at WBE have been working hard on their business -- the WBE Farmer's Market! Each week they are responsible for all aspects of their business, including planting, growing, maintaining, harvesting, selling, developing a budget, advertising and marketing and are very excited to sell their organic offerings: several varieties of lettuce, beets, radishes, carrots, kale, Swiss chard, broccoli, many culinary herbs, and edible flowers. The prices range from \$1-\$3. Look for the Farmer's Market every Friday from 2:45-3:15 p.m. at the corner of Merriltown and Town Hill Dr. on campus. We look forward to receiving your support! And, don't forget your reusable bags!

Coming soon: Seedlings for sale! We will have tomato, melon, basil, peppers and more for sale in a month or two.

To learn more about the WBE Green efforts, please visit us at: <http://gogreen.wellsbranchpta.org/>.



## Stuff-2-Do Summer Day Camps

### Mark your calendars for registration day!

Wells Branch MUD will again offer its Stuff-2-Do Summer Day Camp in weekly sessions for children ages 5-10 years old.

Registration for Wells Branch residents with recreation tags will begin Monday, April 29. Residents without rec. tags may start registration Monday, May 6, and open enrollment for all others begins Thursday, May 9. Registration continues until the camps are full. Register at the Recreation Center, located at 3000 Shoreline. The age appropriate camp will be determined by the grade your child just completed. Check [www.wellsbranchmud.com](http://www.wellsbranchmud.com) for more information, theme weeks, and dates.





## Boxtops Collection in WB

Submitted by Elizabeth Grimsley

Wells Branch Elementary and Northwest

Elementary have collaborated efforts to col-

lect Boxtops for Education (BTE) within the WB Community. The BTE program is a fun and free way to support our schools by bringing in labels from hundreds of products. Collection boxes decorated by WBE students are located at the following locations:

Children's Courtyard (Mopac and Palmer)

Stepping Stone (Wells Branch Parkway)

Wells Branch Community Center

Wells Branch Swimming Pool (Bratton)

Wells Branch Library

To date we have collected over 250 boxtops that will help benefit both public elementary schools in Wells Branch. If you have been saving up those little pink boxtops or even the brown Labels for Education, drop them off at one of our locations. Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Grimsley, WB Elementary BTE Chairperson (boxtops@wellsbranchpta.org) or Tara Balandran, NW Elementary BTE Chairperson (tara.balandran@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you for your continued support of our schools!



## Calling all Seniors – Join the Silver Branchers!

The Silver Branchers would like to extend an invitation to any and everyone age 55+ who might be interested in getting out for a little fun and fellowship. Each Thursday, they meet from 1-3pm in Room 4 of the Wells Branch Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive to play dice games and card games. They're in the process of planning a day trip to Fredericksburg and have an ice cream social coming up May 23. Membership is free. All residents 55 years and older are welcome. For more information, call 251-9814 or just stop by.

## Costume Fun Walk Benefits WB Mom

By Sylvia Brito

In honor of cancer survivor Renee Sendelbach and her family, her friends and neighbors will be hosting a Costume Fun Walk at KF Park on April 20, 2013 at 10am. We have appreciated all the calls, texts, and facebook messages asking what everyone could do to help. Now, here is your chance. Renee's daily routine is jogged full of obstacles and we would like to help her and her husband with monetary donations to lighten the load a little. While donations are appreciated, your love and support are valued even more. We hope you'll pull out that dusty Halloween costume and come walk around the park a few times. We'll have hot dogs and goodies and everyone can stop and say hello to a real-life super hero, Renee Sendelbach. See wbn.us for full story and more details.

Renee (far right) and her support group: Gina Richardson, Sylvia Brito, and Teri Rivas.



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## YOU can make a difference by RECYCLING!

Send less waste to the landfill and help earn money to purchase trees for our park system!

Progressive, formerly IESI, 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. The more we pitch in and recycle, the more trees get planted, the healthier our park system.

Monthly recycling numbers are posted each month on our website. WB continues to hover at around 62% participation. We can do better! Please do your part. Recycle and remind your neighbors!

Recycling pickup only occurs every other week on regular trash pickup days. For a complete list of recyclable items and a fresh 2013 calendar, please visit:

[www.wbna.us=>community=>recycling](http://www.wbna.us=>community=>recycling).



### Recycling Calendar

#### April 2013

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#### May 2013

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## Book Clubs



**Steamy Reads:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6pm. Read and discuss a new steamy romance over a steamy coffee/tea/cocoa and sweets. Everyone is free to come, even if they haven't read the book.

**Clueless Mysteries:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 3pm in the Quiet Reading Room. Come share your sleuthing skills and solve the mystery with us.

**Wine, Women and Words:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm. Newcomers are always welcome.



## Storytimes

Tuesdays at 6pm & 7pm: Pajama Storytime & craft (all ages)

Fridays at 10am: Toddler Storytime (18-36 months)

Fridays at 10:45am: Preschool Storytime (3-6 yrs)

Saturdays at 11am: Storytime (all ages)

**Arts and Crafts** (ages 8+ or with an adult): Wednesdays at 6pm: Creative projects for the family



**NEW: Baby Bookworms:** Interactive stories, songs, and playtime every Monday.  
10:30am for ages 0-18 months  
11am for ages 12-24 months

## After-School Programs for Kids

Wednesdays at 4:30pm

4/3 & 5/1: Brain Games – Play board and video games

4/10 & 5/8: Comic Club – Read, discuss, draw, & do crafts about your favorite comics

4/17 & 5/15: Wacky Science – Hands-on experiments

3/27, 4/24 & 5/22: Lego Club – Build with our guides or your imagination



## NEW! Chess Club: Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm

Play chess and practice new tips and techniques with local chess coach David Ensign. Free.

**Resume Workshop:** Saturday, April 20 at 10:30am  
Bring your resume to polish! Pre-registration required.

## Around the World Tea Party: Saturday, May 18 at 10:30am

Explore stories, tea and crafts from around the world. Registration required. Free



Explore a new language every month and win a treat. The library has a subscription to Mango Languages, an online learning program for over 50 languages. Each month, we will highlight a different language. Go to Mango through our website and take the first lesson (20-30 minutes). Then greet the circulation desk staff in that language for your treat. The program is completely FREE to library patrons.

March: French

April: Italian

## D.E.A.R. Day – Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Drop Everything And Read!

- Wear pajamas, bring a pillow, and be comfortable.
- If you don't know what you want to read, librarians will help you find the perfect book.
- Drop-in story time for all ages, all day
- Public computers will not be available on National D.E.A.R. Day.



## Adult Computer Workshops: NO CHARGE.

4/13 & 5/11 @ 1pm: Twitter and Facebook – Setup, use, and safety/privacy concerns.

4/17 & 5/15 @ 6pm: Overdrive Digital Library – Download e-books and audio books direct to your device.

4/3 & 5/1 @ 6pm: Learn a language online, for free!



## Knitting Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Our instructor will help you work on a beginning project. The Library will provide needles and yarn.



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The library will be closed for Inventory on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.



## From Recent MUD Board Meetings

by Debby Thompson

Please remember, the WBNA (Wells Branch Neighborhood Association) and the Wells Branch MUD are two different entities; ours is a volunteer community group, the other, a governmental body. In the interest of our shared residents, we do our best to report on MUD events and Board meetings in an objective manner so that each of you are aware of current topics and can research those that interest you for yourselves and form your own opinions. There is a wealth of information on the MUD website: [www.wellsbranchmud.com](http://www.wellsbranchmud.com). For more information on any of the topics below, please check there first. Information may be in the form of a featured story or in the MUD Board Meeting Minutes or Board Packets. If you have difficulty locating what you're looking for, contact me at [info@wbna.us](mailto:info@wbna.us) and I'll do my best to point you in the right direction.

Regular MUD Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Community Center on Klattenhoff unless otherwise posted. All residents are invited to attend. Meetings begin at 6:30pm. Agendas are posted the week prior to the meeting at [www.wellsbranchmud.com](http://www.wellsbranchmud.com).

### MUD Board Meeting Packets Available Online

Board Packets for the monthly MUD Board meetings will now be available the day before each meeting on the Wells Branch MUD website, [www.wellsbranchmud.com](http://www.wellsbranchmud.com) under the "Board" tab, click to "Current Agenda & Minutes."

### New Teen Focus Group Formed

The purpose of the newly formed Youth Advisory Team (YAT) will be to partner with the WB MUD Board of Directors to develop and improve activities, programs, and amenities for teenagers that reside within the Wells Branch community. This does not, *at this time*, include designing any facility, i.e. bike park, skate-park, etc. *\*This isn't saying the skate park is off the table – the Board would just like to start with a comprehensive look at what the WB teens want in the way of amenities and programming.\**

The following youth will be serving on this team: Zaiyah Palmer, Kat Sands, Alyssa Weaver and James Berver.

### Preserving the Pond and Native Species Habitat

March 5, the MUD Board voted to remove all feral ducks and geese from Mills Pond in an effort to improve water quality. This decision does not affect migratory waterfowl. The Board sought input from numerous consultants as well as open community forums before arriving at this decision. The ducks will be sedated and captured, then relocated to farms. The board has located a farmer near Bryan, Texas who will take about half of the ducks for breeding purposes. In addition, one of our Wells Branch residents, Betsey Harper, has graciously offered to relocate many of the fowl to her farm in Elgin and a friend will be taking the remainder. Betsey's farm has several tanks where the water quality is strictly monitored. Thank you, Betsey for giving our WB ducks a home.

March 19, the MUD Board voted to implement the proposal by TexaScapes for Phase 1 of the pond improvements. You may view the pond renovation plans on the MUD website.

## Scott Swain Hosts the WB Home Forum

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### Renovations & New Contract for Community Garden

Our Community Gardens have undergone several improvements over the past two months, accomplished by the Gardeners themselves and by Wells Branch MUD Staff. The District Rules governing community garden usage were recently improved upon based on the feedback received by the Recreation Committee from an Ad Hoc Community Garden Group of Wells Branch gardeners. We thank the MUD Staff, Directors and Gardeners for these improvements. For more details, please see the April 1 publication of The Word in your water bill.

If you are an active gardener and interested in renting a garden plot, please contact Wells Branch staff at 512-251-9814 — there are just a few left!

### Review Dog Park Rules

The Safety Committee asked that the MUD Board review the signage and rules governing aggressive dogs in the dog park. Watch for updates on the WBNA website.

### Solid Waste Contract Renewed

March 5, the Board elected not to go out for bids on solid waste services. Progressive (IESI) has provided much better service than their predecessor and our solid waste costs are lower than any of the surrounding areas. In addition, they offer single stream recycling for more materials and pay the MUD a premium on recycling collected. At the March 19 meeting, the Board voted to renew the contract with Progressive Waste Solutions of TX, Inc. (formerly IESI) for two years with a 1.6 CPI.

### Park Master Plan • Demolition of old office building on Shoreline • Mills Pond Dam Compliance & Risk Assessment

These matters are currently under review. For more information, watch their website and check MUD meeting agendas.

## Thank You, Wells Branch!

by Scott Swain, WBNR

Community turnout for our 'Waters at Willow Run Letter Writing Blitz' more than exceeded our best expectations.

My hat is off to all of you who took time out of your weekend to come up to the Community Center and address and send letters. You brought stamps, and stamp donations, but mostly you brought yourselves, and spent your time for your neighborhood! I am very proud to live among neighbors like this.

This event could not have happened without help, and special thanks go to: Debby Thompson, Chuck Walters, Janet Maxey, Donna Howe, Mike Howe, Gus Kohn, Barbara Romero, Dianne Koehler, Brendan Berver, Emily Berver, Ron Robinder and Linda Baird, and of course all of you that came with your time, stamps, and donations for stamps and also those who alerted their neighbors and took letters home for their neighbors to send.

If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies.

## Waters of Willow Run Update

By: Wells Branch Neighbors for Responsible Development (WBNRD)

The residents of Well Branch have made an impact. The letter writing blitz had 148 participants and our efforts have gotten the attention of the TDHCA board in a meaningful way.

Regardless of the final outcome, it is clear to see that we can bring the Board of a Department of the State of Texas to doubt their own findings. Thanks to all that helped with this win!

The TDHCA hearing was on February 21, 2013. After several hours of testimony by residents and the applicant for the Waters at Willow Run, the project was conditionally approved for funding subject to six issues being resolved. The questions were all raised by Wells Branch residents who testified: Scott Swain, Emily Berver, Laura Ludwig and Mike Howe. The Board was very generous with their time, listened intently, and asked very informed questions of the WB Residents and the applicant before they made their decision.

## WBMA-Is Your Favorite WB Merchant a Member?

You may be wondering why this is important to you as a resident. The answer is simple. We should support all our local merchants and home based businesses because they not only supply us with the goods and services which are close and convenient to our homes, but they also contribute a 1/2% sales tax which helps support the library and ESD in our district.

The Wells Branch Merchants Association (WBMA) needs your help to get all our merchants and residents involved. The WBMA's purpose is to make residents aware of the great businesses right here in Wells Branch and encourage everyone to "Shop Local".

There is absolutely no membership fee for merchants to join and become a vital part of our community. We have one meeting a month for planning and to meet your neighboring merchants.

For more information, please send an email to [wbmerchants@gmail.com](mailto:wbmerchants@gmail.com)

The outstanding issues that need to be resolved are:

1. Determining that the 'tower fall zone' for the high tension power lines and the communication tower are within the utility easement. TDHCA does not allow for a building to be within the fall zone and the current site plan has apartment buildings directly adjacent to the easements.
2. Verifying which emergency response agencies will respond for fire, EMS, and police services. Factors to be considered are that property is in the City of Austin, but in Williamson County and outside of the response area of our fire department, Travis County ESD #2. It is known that ESD#2 does NOT respond to the storage facility next door to the property.
3. The developer was asked to provide documentation from RRISD that they will provide bus transportation services for Wells Branch Elementary. The site is within the current walk zone for WBE.
4. The developer was asked to provide documentation that arrangement for CAP Metro's Ride Share service has been arranged.
5. The developer was asked to provide documentation that RRISD is addressing the overcrowding problem at WBE with plans to build an additional elementary school in the neighborhood.
6. The TDHCA staff will need to verify that the required minimum of six services is with-in a 1-mile radius of the property is met. They were unable to do that at the hearing.

On March 12, 2013, the Texas Bond Review Board discussed the pending bonds for the Waters at Willow Run. The Review Board also listened intently to our neighborhood's concerns and several members mentioned receiving letters from the community. They decided to postpone making a ruling regarding approval of the bonds until all outstanding issues are resolved.

A big thanks to all of the neighbors that have helped in our efforts. Please check [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) for updates.



### CALLING ALL WELLS BRANCH MERCHANTS

We want you to become a member of the Wells Branch Merchants Association (WBMA)

Join to share your ideas and to support our local businesses. Together we can continue to make Wells Branch a great place to live, work and play.

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- ✓ Mutual Referrals
- ✓ Promotion of Local Businesses
- ✓ Meet other local merchants
- ✓ Grass Roots Marketing
- ✓ Help support local library and ESD

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# KUDOS! KUDOS!

Thank you EVERYONE for taking time out of your weekend to get the January newsletter out to your neighbors. Your efforts in helping build and maintain our community spirit are very much appreciated!

June Apprill,	Henry & Owen Bennett,
Daniel Barnekow,	Shannon & Durbin Black,
Emily Berver,	Miriam, Melissa & Briana Garate,
Garland Bullock,	Dan, Kim, Brendan & Sarah Lanicek,
David Burke,	Brian & Rachel LeBansky,
Creola Burns,	Brian Litke & Jennifer Litke Jones,
Brendan Carlquist,	Sivaram, Jyoti & Arjuna Manda,
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Kim & Kat Sands,	Yvette Shelton,
Scott Smith,	Virgil Smith,
Scott Swain,	Debby Thompson,
Steve Wilson,	Jill & J.R. Traffanstedt,

Also, thank you to all who've been contributing articles. Y'all are awesome! I love seeing so many different bylines in the newsletter!

If you would like to help deliver the newsletter, please contact our distribution team at [info@wbna.us](mailto:info@wbna.us) or 656-0654. We'll bring the newsletters over to you along with a map of the delivery area. If you've never done this before, it takes about 45 minutes to an hour. We always try to match up everyone with the area they live in. Sometimes there's a lot of response for one area and none for other areas. If so, we try to "get you close". Or, if you'd like to see other parts of Wells Branch, let us know and we'll gladly find a section for you.

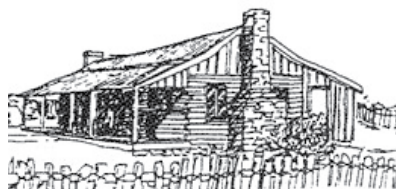
As always...

**Thanks to all of you for keeping Wells Branch Great!**

## Pioneer Festival

**Saturday, April 27 • 12-5pm • WB Homestead**

The annual Wells Branch Pioneer Festival celebrates Texas history. Pioneer Fest is centered around the historic Wells Branch Homestead, the 1850s-era cabin in Katherine Fleischer Park. Pioneer Festival will feature fun and educational activities throughout the day to experience the history of 19th Century Texas. Demonstrations include rope making, corn husk doll making, syrup making and butter churning, just to name a few. If you would like to volunteer or have a craft or activity from that period for demonstration, call the MUD office at 251-9814.





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## Dog Fair

**Saturday, April 6 • 10am-1pm • KF Park**

Calling all dogs! Wells Branch MUD hosts its annual Dog Fair. Come and visit the many booths occupied by local veterinarians and other pet-oriented companies.



Enroll your pooch to win prizes in one of the many free and fun competitions including Best Trick, Fastest Dog, Best Dressed, Dog & Owner Look-A-Like and our prestigious Wells Branch King and Queen contest. All dogs must be on a leash and under owner's control at all times. All dogs attending the event must be current on their vaccinations. No aggressive dogs please.

## Spring Youth Fishing Tournament

**Saturday, May 4 • 9am-Noon • Mills Pond**

Wells Branch hosts its spring 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, with trophies and prizes being awarded at the end. A rod and reel will be provided for those anglers who would like to borrow one. All state fishing regulations apply.



## WB Armada Swim Team Registration

The Wells Branch Armada summer swim team will be conducting in person registration at the WB Recreation Center on Shoreline Drive on:

**Saturday, March 23, from 2:00-4:00pm**

**Thursday, April 4, from 6:00-8:00pm**

For more information see: <https://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com/>



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## WB Ladies – Join Us For Sweet Monday!

by Laura Decker

You don't have to dress up, you don't have to bring your wallet. Just grab your girlfriends for a **FREE Girl's Night Out** the 2nd Monday of every month from 7:00-8:30pm at the WB Community Center, 2106 Klattenhoff. **FREE Childcare provided!**

### April 8 • Sweet Monday Game Night

We will have board games, card games, and hilarious interactive games for you to choose from. You can even bring your own game to share. This is a great time to meet some new friends and have fun in the process. We will even have a special giveaway that you won't want to miss! So come on out and join us for Sweet Monday Game Night! Sweets and Drinks provided.

Please call or e-mail Laura Decker at (512) 550-9255, [lauradecker@outlook.com](mailto:lauradecker@outlook.com) for questions and for childcare info. Watch [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) for updates on the May Sweet Monday event!

## Round Up & Egg Hunt at Our Savior Lutheran • April 1

WBNA was asked by Edmund Frank, 28 year WB resident, to let everyone know about this upcoming Roundup and Egg Hunt: On Monday, April 1, Our Savior Lutheran School is providing two opportunities for children ages 3 to 5 and their parents to participate in an egg hunt. The times will be from 12- 1pm and from 6-7pm.

Visitors will have the opportunity to watch a video about OSL School, take a tour, hunt eggs in a classroom and have their name placed in a drawing for a \$500 tuition credit! The School is located at 1513 E. Yager Lane and offers infant care through Grade 6. The teachers at OSL School are degreed and experienced. Class sizes are small. The school is accredited. Check the OSL website for more details and contact information: <http://www.oslaustin.org>.

## "It's My Park Day"

**WB Disc Golf Course** by Brian Litke

On March 2, WB residents and volunteers participated in "It's My Park Day," an annual event sponsored by the Austin Parks Foundation (APF) that encourages citizens to volunteer to make improvements in local parks. The Wells Branch project, led by WB residents Brian Litke and Jennifer Litke Jones, focused on picking up litter, mulching trees in the greenbelt, and planting several trees. Over 40 volunteers turned out to help, and at least 15 children joined in as the most energetic helpers. Eager hands planted four native, drought-tolerant trees, including three Texas Cedar Elms and one Mexican Plum. Thank you to the volunteers and the many WB MUD staff who turned out to lend a hand and provide tools to help the work go smoothly. Lastly, I'd like to express my appreciation for the event sponsors: Austin Parks Foundation that provided the free 15 cubic yards of mulch, Wheatsville COOP that provided apples, fruit bars, and dried fruit for snacks, and Chipotle that donated coupons and seed packets. I would also like to thank the WB Disc Golf Club that donated over \$200 for the four trees planted at the event.



## Along the creek east of Wells Port by Shelley Palmer

A second "It's My Park Day" event was also held along the creek between Wells Port and WB Pkwy. While this one was less publicized, we still had a great turnout.

This event included creek cleanup and invasive plant removal and we finished with two very large piles of brush for the MUD crew to haul away. Thanks to all and special thanks to Betsey Harper - if you have Betsey you don't need a whole lot more, she works like 50 while keeping the crew moving at the same time! We had some great kid power working for us and the Texas natives will have a better summer for all of their work. Thanks to all. Betsey would like to add, "THANKS to all our neighbors who stopped and asked questions, cheered us on, and even picked up a branch or two to carry to the big cut pile- that made it all worth-while... Let's all help keep WB beautiful with native self-sustainable plants!"



Shelley, Betsey, and the Harper & Ward kid crew in front of their massive pile of brush.

# Join us easter SUNDAY

## 3.31.13 8:45 & 10:30

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### WB Pkwy Illegal Dumping Update

by Faye Cormier

Good News! The property has remained clean for the past few weeks. With the fence now in place, I am hopeful that it will remain in good condition. The fence will at least deter the illegal dumping activity as well as eliminate a shelter for the Wells Branch panhandlers.

On that note, some of us continue to support and encourage panhandling in Wells Branch. The best thing to give a panhandler is a list of community resources. You can find a comprehensive list of services on the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association website.

For those that took the time to send photos, make calls, site visits as well as provide solution oriented suggestions, I thank you. Your efforts put the "we" in Wells Branch Neighborhood.

Sergeant McDougal, Investigator for the Travis County District Attorney's Office is amazing. He spent a lot of time on this site and kept me informed of all progress. I appreciate how much effort Travis County put toward this issue and hope you do as well.

The attorney that owns the site will keep the property fenced until a development plan is completed. Starbucks withdrew their plan for this site and will not be leasing at this time. As of a few weeks ago, there was no other vendor interested.

### St. Patrick's Day photos

*Silver Thistle Pipes & Drums led the festivities.*





# Community Calendar

- Mar. 23, 2-4pm: Armada registration, WBRC\*
- Mar. 24, 1:30pm: Open Ears Concert, Stephanie Bettman & Luke Halpin, St. Andrews on Wells Port\*
- Mar. 26, 8-10pm: Free Live Music Showcase, Kenny's Coffee, 14735 Bratton Ln.\*
- Mar. 30, 10:30am: WBNA Easter Egg Hunt, Homestead @ KF Park\*
- Mar. 31, Noon: Deadline to order Rain Barrels, see insert\*\*
- Apr. 4, 6-8pm: Armada registration, WBRC\*
- Apr. 6, 7:30-Noon: Brattonwood Garage Sale (Jack's Pond)\*
- Apr. 6, 10am-1pm: KWBB Trash Off & Tire Collection, Mills Pond\*\*
- Apr. 6, 10am-1pm: Dog Fair, KF Park\*\*
- Apr. 8, 7-8:30pm: Sweet Monday Game Night, WBCC\*
- Apr. 12, 6:30pm: Open Ears Concert, Friction Farm, Karyn Oliver, and Rob Lytle, St. Andrews on Wells Port\*
- Apr. 13, 8am-Noon: Drug Take-Back, 13905 Thermal\*\*
- Apr. 13, 8am-5pm: Bulk Trash, Hazardous Waste, Habitat for Humanity, Easter Seals & Shredding, 13905 Thermal\*
- Apr. 13, 8:30am: Firefighter 5K Pfun Run, Lake Pflugerville\*
- Apr. 13, 9am-Noon: Plant Swap, WB Community Garden\*
- Apr. 13, 10am-1pm: Art of Living Safe & Well Expo, Pfluger Hall\*
- Apr. 13, 2-6pm: WB Elementary Spring Fest!\*
- Apr. 20, 10am: Costume Fun Walk benefiting Renee Sendelbach, KF Park\*
- Apr. 20, 11am: Garden Guild - Weeds, Pests & Beneficial Insects, WBRC\*
- Apr. 27, Noon-5pm: Pioneer Fest, Homestead at KF Park\*\*
- Apr. 27, 10am-2pm: NW Elementary Spring Fling!\*
- Apr. 30, 8-10pm: Free Live Music Showcase, Kenny's Coffee, 14735 Bratton Ln.\*
- May 4, 9am-Noon: Youth Fishing Tournament, Mills Pond\*\*
- May 13, 7-8:30pm: Sweet Monday Girl's Night Out, WBCC\*
- May 18, 9am-4pm: WB Disc Golf Tournament, DG Course on Owen Tech\*\*
- Silver Branchers meet every Thursday, 1-3pm, WBRC. Don't forget to check your child's school article for upcoming events.



## Your Wells Branch Neighbor & Specialist!

- 14400 Weldon:** Super yard, steps to hike/bike — *Coming Soon*
- 1929 Klattenhoff:** Gorgeous remodel, walk to park — *Coming Soon*
- 3401 Ribbon Reef:** Sleek kitchen renovation, corner lot—*Pending*
- 14402 Sandy Side:** Backs to greenbelt, stunning remodel—*Pending*
- 2113 Delvin:** Huge yard on cul-de-sac, laminate flrs —*Sold in 7 days!*
- 3204 Bratton Heights:** Inground pool and hot tub—*Sold in 3 days!*
- 14407 Oceanna:** Cul-de-sac, steps to hike/bike — *Sold in 8 days!*

*Wells Branch 2012 average days on market=42 days*

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## Brattonwood Neighborhood Garage Sale

**Brattonwood HOA - Jack's Pond off of Bratton Lane**

All Wells Branch residents are invited. Neighbors will set up in front of their individual homes beginning at 7:30am on April 6 and stay "open" until noon at least. Come out and support our neighbors in Brattonwood!

Find us on **facebook**

## Calendar Legend

\*See [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) for details

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

WBCC=Community Center on Klattenhoff;

WBRC=Rec Center on Shoreline;

Are you a nonprofit with a free event to share?

If so, send the details – date, place and time via email to: [ads@wbna.us](mailto:ads@wbna.us).

PLEASE NOTE: Events put on by for-profit entities do not qualify for this space.

## Support your Neighborhood Association

by joining the WBNA and continue to make Wells Branch great!

March 2013

Here is my check (made out to WBNA) for \$20 annual dues for 2013

I am: \_\_\_\_\_ renewing my membership \_\_\_\_\_ a new member

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we want to help with: \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Delivery \_\_\_\_\_ Crime Watch \_\_\_\_\_ July 4th

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Egg Hunt \_\_\_\_\_ Nat'l Night Out \_\_\_\_\_ Luminary Fest

MAIL TO: WBNA Membership, 2104 Klattenhoff, Austin, TX. 78728