



The Women Businesses of Wells Branch Business are indeed BACK! Reaching out to women in Wells Branch, our WB of WB ladies have helped out at National Night Out and Pumpkin Painting in the Park. Stop by and visit us at Luminary Fest on Friday night where we'll be volunteering in the children's craft area at the Community Center.

WB of WB is all about promoting women's businesses in Wells Branch. While emphasizing the idea of "Buying Local", these women business owners want to share experiences, learn from each other, and plan events to represent their businesses. All women who live in Wells Branch and run their own business are invited to join the group and help one another build and develop their businesses. We live in such a caring and supportive community; it will only get better as our group continues to grow.

To join or learn more about us, visit our blog, like us on Facebook or contact us via email. If you are a woman with a business here in WB we would love to hear from you and share your business with all of our neighbors.

Blog: wbofbw.blogspot.com

Facebook: Women's Businesses of Wells Branch

Email Contact: christiane_boehme@outlook.com

Project Graduation for WB Seniors

Project Graduation is a nationally recognized alcohol and drug free party designed to give high school graduates a safe alternative for celebrating their special night. Statistics have shown that students celebrating on the evening of graduation can experience one of the most dangerous nights of their young lives.

We hope you will support the fundraising efforts for our Wells Branch seniors!

Cedar Ridge High School Project Graduation

We are planning many events to raise funds and invite the entire community to help us make our 2nd Project Graduation party a success.

"Holiday of Golf", December 14, 3:30-6pm at Terravista is a fun, easy and affordable event where you can learn to play golf or pick up a few pointers and improve your game, all while supporting Project Grad. There are 2 options:

All In package, \$35, includes a hands-on golf clinic, deli buffet, door prizes, and shopping specials in the pro shop to benefit Project Graduation —OR— the "Just Food" package, \$15 for those who just want to eat and shop.

More info is on our website at CRHSProjectGraduation.org.

Monetary donations may be mailed to CRHS Project Grad Class of 2014, PO Box 5622, Round Rock, TX 78683-5622 or may be made online at www.crhspjgraduation.org.

Thanks for supporting the Cedar Ridge Class of 2014!!

Connally High School • Cougar Celebration 2014 is the senior parent organization from Connally High School who encourages CHS students to embrace a lifestyle free of drugs and alcohol. Its key activity is to organize and host Cougar

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Covenant Corner – Home Repairs

Winter is an excellent time to take a close look at your home and evaluate the exterior for necessary repairs. Foliage has died back and it's easy to see just what needs to be done.

Keeping up the outside of your house is important not only because it's a condition of the covenants in most sections, but because it helps us all maintain our property values and keeps Wells Branch beautiful. Now that the weather has cooled down, take a moment to assess the work needed and make a plan. It's worth the investment.



Celebration for it's graduating seniors. Cougar Celebration includes a festive array of food, activities, games, entertainment, and prizes in a safe and supervised setting. This event provides a fun alternative to the sometimes risky partying that often occurs graduation night. More than 50% of the CHS graduating seniors attend.

Each year parents, educators and community businesses join together to make this event a success. The CHS Project Graduation parent group is 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible.

You can support our efforts at the following events:

Saturday, 11/23, 9am-3pm Pictures w/Santa at the CHS Holiday Bazaar in the CHS cafeteria. CC2014 will also be selling 1200 thread count sheet sets in many colors for only \$45. There will be lots of vendors selling a large variety of items. Hope to see you there!

Our biggest fundraising event is the Reverse Raffle which will be held on February 23 at the Pflugerville Lions Club from 6:00-10:00 pm. This is an adult only night that is filled with food, reverse raffle, silent auction, games and much more. Tickets are \$40 each or \$75 per couple. Please contact Cindy Padavick at padavick1994@sbcglobal.net for further info. Please help keep our kids safe!

McNeil High School's Project Graduation

As of press time, we have been unable to reach anyone to get information about MHS' Project Grad activities. If you know who the correct contact is, please send the info to news@wbna.us.



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Youth Fowl Shot Contest

November 26 • 6-8pm

Wells Branch youth are invited to test their basketball skills and maybe win a turkey to take home for Thanksgiving starting at 6pm in the Wells Branch MUD Recreation Center on Shoreline. Participants accumulate points by competing in a variety of basketball activities (Free Throw, 3-pt Around the World, and Knockout). Age groups will be split into three groups: 8-10, 11-13, and 14-17. Grand-prize winners from each age group will receive a turkey. Registration is free and will begin early November in the Rec. Center.



2013 Fall Extreme Clean by Debby Thompson

Once again, WBNA had an excellent turnout for our Extreme Clean Fall Roundup! 245 residents participated in the Hazardous Waste, Bulk Trash, Habitat for Humanity and Easter Seals collections and over 50 residents utilized the free drug disposal and shredding opportunities provided by WB MUD.

Thanks go out to the Wells Branch MUD and Staff for providing the site, assistance, and transportation of the hazardous waste to South Austin, MUD Board President Donna Howe for organizing the Drug Take Back program, all of the UT pharmacy students who volunteered their time, Progressive Waste who donated the shredding services, and of course, our wonderful WBNA volunteers who gave up their Saturday to help their neighbors: Chuck Walters, Ed & Kay Peterson, Gus Kohn, Debby Thompson and Tom Cheshire.

Bulk Trash Disposal is available at the MUD Maintenance Yard, 13905 Thermal Drive, the second Saturday of EACH month from 8am-5pm. Dumpsters sometimes fill fast, so come early!

Hazardous Waste, Habitat for Humanity, and Easter Seals collections occur quarterly on the second Saturday of the following months to coincide with Bulk Trash Disposal: January, April, July, October. Our next collection is scheduled for January 11. HW is collected until 5pm. Please have any donations for Habitat or Easter Seals to us by 2pm.

Drug Take Back & Shredding are twice a year, occurring the second Saturday of April and October from 8am-Noon.



2013 National Night Out at KF Park THANK YOU Wells Branch!

by Debby Thompson

We enjoyed another wonderful turn out at National Night Out! Thank you everyone for making time to come out and join us. Our tremendous sense of community is what shapes our neighborhood most.

Special thanks go out to the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2. Y'all always make it special! We appreciate the use of the Fire Safety House, Fire Engine No. 221, and the chance to have a look at the original Pflugerville Volunteer Fire Dept. truck from 1956. Laura brought games for the kiddos and Mike came out to talk with us about the First In Pfoundation. Chief Moellenberg and Asst. Chief Crane joined us to visit with residents and answer questions. We value your service to our community.

Thank you TCSO! We are always grateful for the Travis County Sheriff's presence at our events. Thanks to each of the officers who joined us: Major Clair, Corporal Freddy, Detective Kim, our WB officers - Deputies Deke Pierce & Robert Phillips, Community Outreach officers - Kelly Page & Zainab Banks. You're all wonderful!

We'd also like to thank Explorer Post #711 from the TC Constable's Office Pct. 2. You guys are great! Special thanks to the young man who helped me load up the vehicles at the end of the night!

The Friends of Wells Branch Community Library ROCK! Pamela Woodward with the FOL was responsible for scoring us the free custard from Culver's (and thanks, Culver's). Thank you WBCL and thank you Ms. Kristen for holding a safety themed story time for all the children. It was a great addition to the event.

Representing the Wells Branch Merchants Association, we had Lee Cramer of State Farm Insurance and Chris & Catherine Carby of Branch BBQ. Christiane Boehmer and Donna Greenlee-Klaas from the WB of WB (Women Businesses of WB) also came out for the event. Thank you all! A strong business community not only supports the library and ESD, but helps to increase property values as well. Please buy locally whenever possible.

Once again, we were thrilled to have our star block captains, Salvador & Nina Aguirre manning our neighborhood watch booth. You have such a positive impact on our community. Thank you!

Last but not least, thank you to all the WBNA volunteers who make this event happen each year: Pit Masters Chuck Walters, Tom Cheshire, Gus Kohn and Guest Pit Master Extraordinaire, Chris Carby. Thank you Lara Bennett and Linda Baird for prepping sausage wraps and hot dogs, Pam Wachholz for manning the door prize table, and Madonna Johnson for her talents as our official photographer.

**Check out the WBNA Facebook page
for photos of WB events, as well as
event reminders & other timely news.**



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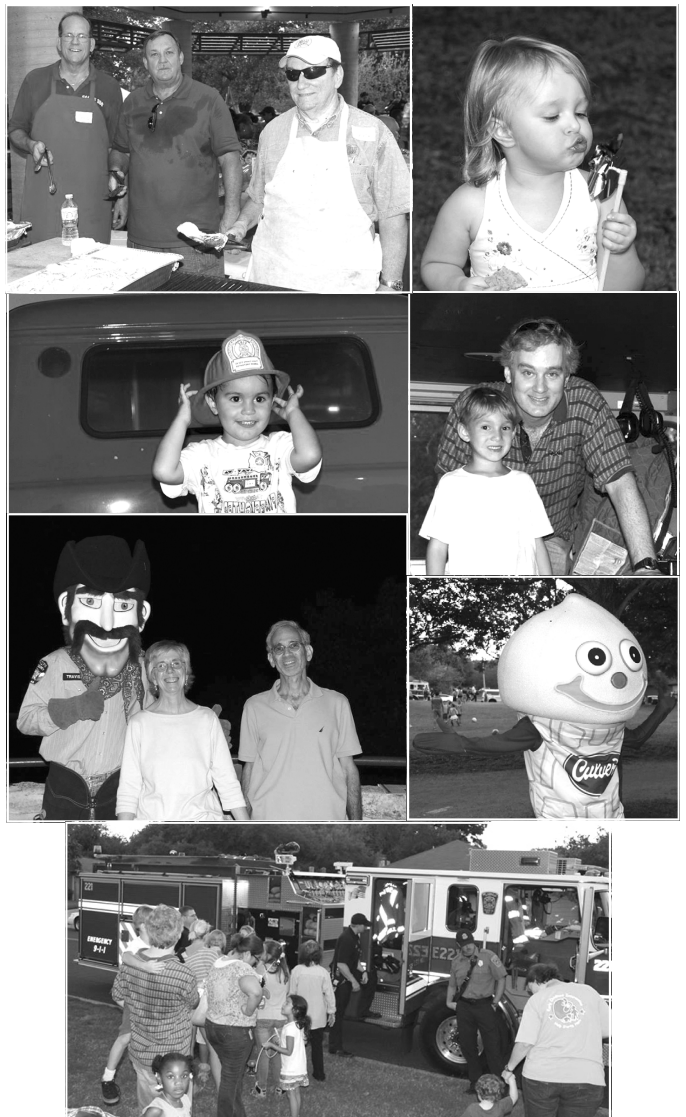


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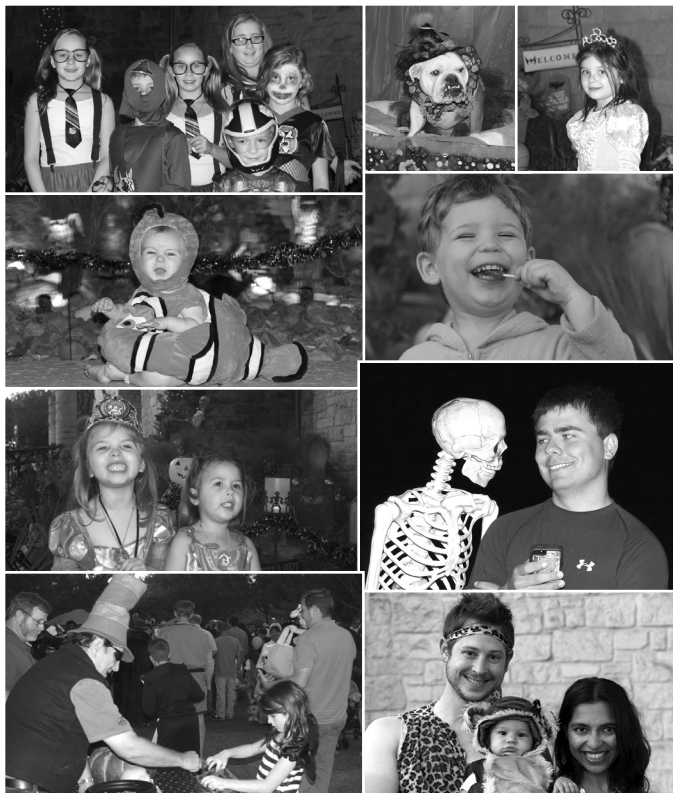


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Trunk or Treat Photos!

Thanks go out to WB MUD for hosting another great Trunk or Treat! Thank you to all the community service groups who participated and a special THANK YOU to WBNA Board members for donating their time to build and tear down the graveyard: Debby Thompson, Chuck Walters, Linda Baird, Lara Bennett, Pam Wachholz, and Tom Cheshire, and volunteers Gus Kohn and Madonna Johnson for their wonderful photos! Please see our Facebook page for more event pictures.



WB Garden Guild by Dianne Koehler

The Wells Branch Garden Guild will take a break in December but return in January with a program on Growing plants to attract Wildlife led by Shelley Palmer.

We meet at the MUD recreation center at 3000 Shoreline on the 3rd Saturday of each month (Jan. 18, Feb. 15) 11 am-Noon, but come early at 10:30 for plant trades, sampling of garden produce, garden/yard item sharing and just general meet and greet. All gardeners are welcome as we cover a lot of ground and do not focus only on vegetable gardening.

Garden Guild meetings are posted on the WBNA website at www.wbna.us under Upcoming Events. Find a variety of helpful articles on gardening that we've put together under the tabs Community => Gardening in Wells Branch or visit my garden blog: <http://dianne-gardening-in-wells-branch.blogspot.com/> for more information.

Save your pipes: Tips to keep water flowing in cold weather

We may be in Texas, but we're still vulnerable to destructive winter weather. Here are tips to protect your water system from winter blasts.

Before a freeze:

- Wrap all exposed pipes located outside or in unheated areas of your home.
- Remove garden hoses from outside faucets. Insulate the faucet with a Styrofoam cover, rags, disposable diaper or paper.
- Cover vents around the foundation of your house.
- Know where your property's water cut-off valve is located and know how to use it.

In sub-freezing weather:

- Let water drip slowly from inside faucets during a freeze.
- Open cabinet doors under sinks where pipes are along outside walls.

If you're not going to be home:

- Cut off your water at the property's cut-off valve and drain all outside water faucets if your house will be unoccupied for several days.
- Or leave your home heating system on at a low setting. That may cost a few bucks, but it's better than returning home from your holiday trip to find your carpet and furniture soaked from burst pipes.

Locate & know how to use your Water Shut-Off Valve

A properly operating cut-off valve allows you to cut off water quickly when needed.

The water shut-off valve is located between the water meter near the street and your house. It is generally located in the ground adjacent to the meter box and should be protected by a 6" circular cover. The handle underneath the cover should be exercised to make sure it is operable. To verify the water valve is operable, turn on a hose bib next to the house. Turn the house valve off and the water from the hose bib should stop flowing. Turn the valve on and water should resume flowing from the hose bib.

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From Recent MUD Board Meetings by Debby Thompson, WBNA President

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. 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 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.

Rec. Center Expansion & Park Master Plan

On October 29, the WB MUD Board agreed to a contract with Heimsath Architects for the design of the renovation and expansion of the Rec. Center.

The Board also voted three to two to do Phase One of the Park Master Plan. This will be discussed further at the December 5 meeting. Watch the MUD website, WORD,

Agendas or Minutes for more information as it becomes available.

Demolition of Office on Shoreline

Demolition of the old office building on Shoreline will continue throughout the month of November. For questions or concerns, please contact the MUD office at 512-251-9814.

Please don't Feed the Wildlife!

At the October 15 meeting, the WB MUD Board voted to install Do Not Feed the Wildlife signs at the pond. The December WORD will feature an article on the ill effects of feeding the ducks.

Open Ears Concerts

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 14311 Wells Port Drive
www.openearsconcerts.com

Open Ears Concerts, hosted by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, is a monthly series that presents established and emerging artists, mainly in acoustic genres such as folk, bluegrass, world, and jazz. Bring your family and friends, and a snack to share and enjoy free fair trade coffee in a family-friendly, peaceful, listener-oriented environment. Doors open and Potluck begins at 6pm. While there is a suggested donation of \$15, no one will be turned away.

Saturday, December 7, 7pm: Raina Rose

Saturday, January 4, 7pm: Austin Lounge Lizards



Community Calendar

Nov. 13: Wastewater Averaging Began
 Nov. 23, 3:30pm: Dedication Grove, Pavilion at KF Park**
 Nov. 23, 6-8pm: Thanksgiving Potluck, WBRC**
 Nov. 25, 7:30am: Birding in Wells Branch, Mills Pond*
 Nov. 26, 6-8pm: Youth Fowl Shot Contest, WBRC**
 Nov. 30, 7:30am: Birding in Wells Branch, Mills Pond*
 Dec. 7, 7pm: Open Ears Concert - **Raina Rose** - St. Andrews
 Dec. 12, 1pm: Silver Branchers Holiday Luncheon, Zeds*
 Dec. 13, 6pm & 7:30pm: Polar Express Pajamarama, WBCL
 Dec. 13 & 14, 6-9pm: Luminary Fest, WBCC & KF Park*
 Dec. 14, 9am-Noon: Breakfast with Santa, NW Elementary
 Dec. 13-15: Holiday Decorating Contest*
 Dec. 15, 5pm: **Christmas on Angel Street**, St. Andrews
 Dec. 30, 7:30am: Birding in Wells Branch, Mills Pond*
 Dec. 31, 8pm-12:30am: WBNA New Year's Eve Extravaganza, WBCC* **NOT yet Confirmed!**
 Jan. 4, 7pm: Open Ears Concert - **Austin Lounge Lizards** - St. Andrews on Wells Port
 Jan. 11, 7:30am: Birding in Wells Branch, Mills Pond*
 Jan. 11, 8am-2pm: Habitat & Easter Seals Collection, 13905 Thermal
 Jan. 11, 8am-5pm: Hazardous Waste & Bulk Trash Collection, 13905 Thermal
 Jan. 18, 11am: Garden Guild - Growing Plants to Attract Wildlife, WBRC*
 Jan. 25, 6-9pm: Wells Branch's Got Talent, WBRC**
 Feb. 3: Last day to register to VOTE in March election*
 Feb. 13: Wastewater Averaging Ends



OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Meets from 7-8pm on Tuesdays at the Library.

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

Have a free event to share? If so, send the details - date, place & time via email to: info@wbna.us.

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 _____ Easter Egg Hunt _____ Nat'l Night Out _____ Luminary Fest

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