

Thank you, Volunteers! Thank you, WB!

by Debby Thompson, President, WBNA

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was sooooo much better than last year! We had a great turnout without it being overwhelming. Keeping it off the internet seems to be the way to go.

My fellow WBNA Board Members are fantastic and all the truly spectacular volunteers* we count on to help pull things off for each of our events are one of the many things that make Wells Branch so very special.

Please visit our WBNA Facebook page to view the two Easter Egg Hunt albums. As always, please download, tag, and share. If there are any photos you'd like for us to remove or any that you'd like a higher resolution file of, you may comment on the photo, message us or email us at info@wbna.us.

**Unfortunately, the well thought out article (written in longhand) thanking each and every volunteer for their hard work preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt happens to be locked in the back of my Jeep at the repair shop and this needs to be at the printer long before they open, so rather than leave someone's name off, I promise to thank everyone properly in the next issue, on Facebook, and our website. My apologies!*

Kids, Dog Poop, Locked Gates, and Picking Up After Your Pet (Please Do)

Many of you have asked why the side access gate at Wells Branch Elementary has been locked in the evenings. Although there are signs clearly posted stating **No Dogs Allowed**, members of the community have allowed their dogs to run either on-leash or off in the areas the children play and perform P.E. without cleaning up after their pets. WBE AIA coaches have been picking up 15-20 packages of dog poop daily. The kids have run and stepped in it and tracked it into the school. It's un-hygienic and uncalled for as the off leash dog park is just around the corner. Even there, one is expected to bag waste.

WBE AIA has graciously offered to give dog owners a second chance. They're not banning pets, they simply ask that if you choose to walk your dog at the school, you pick up after it. Sounds reasonable to me. On the promise of publication, they've agreed to unlock the gate. However, if dog waste continues to be a problem, we'll lose access to the property.

Please, everybody - be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog(s). This goes for ALL of our school properties as well as common areas, sidewalks, neighbors' yards, and our beautiful parks. **THANK YOU!**



Silent Auction Items Needed

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 and Luminary Fest as well as the meetings, candidate forums and safety demonstrations we host throughout the year.

In addition to giving back to our community, donating to the WBNA Silent Auction is a **GREAT way to promote your business!** We are seeking donations of merchandise, gift cards/certificates, theme baskets, and 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 and Facebook page with links to your site.

If you have items or services to donate or if you would like to help solicit items or volunteer to work the auction, please email us at silentauction@wbna.us.

Thank you in for making (and keeping) Wells Branch GREAT!

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Mr. PC's Computer Corner by Dave DeVore

Almost every day it seems a new Facebook security vulnerability or question about their use of information about their approximately 400 million users surfaces. The recent Congressional hearings in which Mark Zuckerberg was grilled about the Cambridge Analytica breach and other privacy issues put them in the spotlight yet again.

Even with the public's concern about privacy or user data being sold to advertisers, they have continued to gain new users. Apparently, most people are not upset about these issues. They should be.

One user recently canceled his account and downloaded the data file that Facebook kept on him. He was shocked to find a record of every cell phone call and text message he had sent or received for the past year or more. Much of this data is collected when apps that you agree to use, such as Messenger or Instagram, share data with the parent firm.

What can the average user of Facebook do to avoid identity theft, scams and more? One thing is to check your privacy settings occasionally to make sure that the information you want to share publicly and that which should only be seen by friends is correct. It has come to light that with each major redesign of Facebook, these settings revert to their defaults, which may be much more open than you would prefer.

Another safeguard is to only accept friend requests from people you know, since it is estimated that up to 40% of user profiles are bogus, oftentimes created by bots controlled by criminals intent on parting you from your money. One scam has a "friend" being imprisoned in a foreign country and they need money fast. Don't fall for this. Also, if you get a friend request from someone that you know is already your Facebook friend, don't accept it. Notify them immediately and have them report it. Their profile and page has likely been copied with ill intent.

Finally, don't mention when you are leaving town for your dream vacation, wait until after you are back to discuss it. Your home may be emptied while you are gone!

There are many more tips than space here will permit, but most of them are common sense in nature. If you would not agree to something in the "real" world, don't agree to it online!

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Memorial Day Casino Night

Saturday, May 26 • 6-9pm

WB Rec. Center • 3000 Shoreline Drive

Test your luck and beat the odds at the Memorial Day Casino Night event! No need to go to Vegas, the WB MUD is bringing the games to YOU! From 6-9pm, the WB MUD Parks & Rec. Dept. presents an adults-only evening of gaming for residents ages 21 and up ONLY; IDs will be checked at the door. Join your neighbors at 3000 Shoreline Drive as the Rec. Center is transformed into a casino using professional tables and dealers. Stick around following the gaming for more fun and the opportunity to "spend" your winnings on a variety of prizes. Complimentary sodas and snacks will be available and a limited number of beer and wine tickets will be distributed at the door. No alcohol allowed outside of the gym.



Splash Day!

Monday, May 28 • Noon-4pm

KF Pool • 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Wells Branch MUD Aquatics Dept. is kicking off the summer with its 5th Annual Splash Day event! Learn about safety in and around water by participating in the various interactive educational stations. There will be family-friendly pool and diving games and lots of great giveaways. Entry to the pool and the event is FREE, so splash on in for an exciting fun filled afternoon!



Juneteenth Jazz on the Greens

Sunday, June 17 • 6-8pm

WB Homestead • 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.

Join Wells Branch in a celebration dating back to 1865: *Juneteenth*, an African American celebration of remembrance, emancipation, heritage and equality.

Jazz on the Greens will be a mellow, relaxing evening featuring Austin's Queen of Jazz, Pam Hart, as she serenades the audience on the lush greens of the WB Homestead at KF Park. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy this year's second annual celebration of Juneteenth. Hosted by the WB MUD Rec. Dept.



Teen Friday Night Pool Parties!

June 15 | July 13 | August 10 • 9pm-Midnight

KF Pool • 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

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Have a blast with your friends this summer at WB MUD's late night teen pool parties. They'll have music and pool games. Pizza and Drinks will be provided. Parties are open to anyone between the ages of 12 and 16.



Movies in the Park

June 16 • *Paddington 2* | July 21 • *Peter Rabbit*

August 18 • *A Wrinkle in Time*

KF Park • 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy a fun-filled night with your family and neighbors. Admission is free. Parking is limited so residents are encouraged to walk or ride a bike. Concession sales begin at 8pm with the movie starting at dusk. Hosted by WB MUD Rec. Dept.

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A "balanced" Real Estate market has 6 months of inventory available - Travis County had only 2.1*

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*Austin Board of Realtors, March 2018 Market Report

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Vacation Safety Tips

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- Let only those who **NEED** to know, know when you are going out of town.
- **Don't share vacation plans OR photos on social media.**
- Arrange to have your lawn cared for if you are going to be away.
- Don't hide keys under doormats, flowerpots or in similar places.
- Put your lights, stereo and/or TV on timers.
- Leave a car in the driveway or ask a neighbor to park in it.
- Don't cancel your paper or mail deliveries; ask that your neighbor pick them up every day.
- Leave a key with a friend or neighbor; ask that the house be checked at regular intervals.
- Keep your house well lit at night (backyard included) with a motion sensor or photocell activated light.
- Store all your valuables.
- Consider asking friends or relatives to live in your home while you are away.
- Ask your neighbor to put trash in your trashcan and to put it out for collection and away when they put theirs away.

File a Close Patrol Request. The filing of this form alerts patrolling officers so that they may pay close attention to one's residence. To do so: Contact the Travis County Sheriff's Office at 512-854-9721. Ask to make a Close Patrol Request. You will be asked for information on those caring for your home while you're away: make and model of their vehicles, name, description and times they should be at your home.



Register for Central Texas Emergency Warnings

by Lisa Block, Travis County PIO

Register your cell phone, phone landline or email address to receive emergency alerts for your specific neighborhood at WarnCentralTexas.org. Contact information, including phone numbers and email addresses, is only used for emergency and major incident notification. WarnCentralTexas.org serves Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties. A nice feature of the emergency notification system, **WarnCentralTexas.org**, is that people can register several addresses for warnings, so if you have loved ones at a location separate from your home, you can also receive emergency notification for their location.

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Wells Branch Community Church has moved! by Chris Plekenpol, Lead Pastor WBCC

We are now located in the bar formerly known as "The Roost" and more notably as "Ropers" at 2113 Wells Branch Parkway. For the past 9 years, WBCC has been supported by the Wells Branch MUD in huge ways. When WBCC was first planted, the WBMUD offered us the Wells Branch Annex (current MUD offices) to use for the first two years of our Sunday gatherings. When our planting pastor, Todd Wortham, passed away, the WBMUD offered for the church to meet at the Wells Branch Recreation Center. Starting January 1, 2012 through April 29, 2018, we as a church met at the Rec. Center. We transformed a gym into a place of worship through the hard work of some dedicated volunteers each Sunday. We were able to grow and expand so much that we planted a church in East Austin, sent a missionary to Tanzania, Africa, and finally raised the capital to occupy and renovate 13,000 square feet on Wells Branch Parkway to better serve our community.

At our final service we celebrated the WB MUD for their generosity with us as a service organization and for letting us lease the Rec. Center for over six years. As our church leaves the MUD's space, our heart is to still serve our neighborhood. We will still be at the events at Katherine Fleischer Park, still be involved with our schools, still give thousands of dollars in benevolence to our local residents who are going through hard times and need a little help making ends meet. We will still be involved in our commu-

nity trying to impact Wells Branch with the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ.

We would love for you to come and check us out on Sunday, May 20 for our launch on Wells Branch Parkway. If you can't make it May 20, good news, we will be there every Sunday for the foreseeable future. Have kids? Our church has an excellent children's ministry and youth group. We love your kids. To serve our community further, we also want to offer our free counseling services through our Live For More Counseling Center co-located with our new church space. Wherever you are on your journey, Wells Branch Community Church wants to serve you with the love of Jesus.



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EXTREME Clean Spring Volunteer TYs!

By Debby Thompson, President, WBNA

Extreme Clean was fabulous! The weather was perfect. We had LOTS of neighbors who volunteered their time and we had tremendous participation, serving over 300 Wells Branch residents!

Extreme Clean is a collaborative effort by the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association (WBNA) and Wells Branch MUD to provide one-stop recycling/repurposing services to the residents of Wells Branch.

The **WBNA** would like to thank the following volunteers (in no particular order):

Chuck Walters & Marie Streusand for receiving and tracking Household Waste & Electronics. Chuck and Marie never tire of volunteering for our community. Each quarter, they sort and count several thousand batteries, hundreds of gallons of paint, and a few thousand pounds of electronics. Thank you!

Sherrie Lindig, Master of Styrofoam, for her ability to 'Tetris' all of the Styrofoam recycling that comes in (bagging and making it all fit in the trailer for transport).

Janet Maxey, Gloria Barba, Kellie Reed, and Kathy Palmer for receiving and sorting all donations for Easter Seals, Homeless Collections, Animal Rescue Donations, and Austin Creative Reuse. **Lois Kantor** for picking up and delivering the pet rescue donations to different groups in need and **Laura Tanner** from Austin Humanists at Work for picking up the collections for the homeless (two FULL carloads!) Go WB!

The Friends of WB Community Library (FOL) Board for hosting their Book Drive for Port Arthur Library which garnered 60 cases of books! **Tracy Simon, Christine & Charles Bloemsa, Joan & Dave Mead, and Doug Schwartz**, thank you for volunteering for such a worthy cause and thank you Wells Branch for your generosity! *See page 11 for upcoming donation opportunities!*

Ed Peterson, Master Sorter and Rescuer of items that can be repurposed, for helping unload all the Bulk Trash and making sure that anything that could possibly be reused didn't go in the land fill, transporting a truck load of reusables to Habitat for Humanity and a truckload of bicycles to Austin Yellow Bike Project.

Kay Peterson, Cardboard Maven, for breaking down every single cardboard box that comes in (no small feat) and looking for the best boxes for our children's activities at Eco Fair.

We have Ed & Kay to thank for always pushing us to find new ways to provide recycling opportunities for our community. Thank you!

Siv Manda, who helped out at literally ALL of the stations.

Donna Lyons, Margaret Sufke, and Krista Keosheyan for being our welcoming crew and checking in everyone dropping off their goodies.

Donna Howe, RPh for organizing and managing the Drug Take

Back Program twice a year, volunteers from the **UT School of Pharmacy**, and **Arjuna Manda** for collecting and sorting all medication, and **Captain Craig Smith** of the Travis County Sheriff's Office for onsite supervision and disposal of drugs collected. 29.2 pounds of pills were kept out of the watershed or possible misdirection. Thank you WB for disposing of your unwanted medications responsibly!

WB Venture Crew 1409 for serving our community by transporting residents' oversized items to Extreme Clean for disposal. This is a much-needed service they provide our neighbors. Plus, it enables the Crew to earn money for camp-outs, trips, summer camp, etc. Thank you to the adult leadership who managed the program: **Daniel White, Jill Douglass, and Rich Michelson** and a special thank you to **Kevin and Liam Ward** for donating their time, energy, and use of their trailer for collection.

Last, but not least, thank you to the **MUD Board** for allowing us use of their facilities and the transportation of household waste and Styrofoam to the Austin Resource Recovery Center in far, far, far south Austin and to the following **MUD Staff** who unloaded countless cars and trucks: **Andy Rankine, Mouse Phung, Felix Pena and DeWayne Mosier**.

Summer Art Enrichment Mini-Camps

Let your kids do it their way! by Dianne Koehler

Art Enrichment camp is again available this summer with lots of great projects and a chance for each kid to customize his/her art. No cookie cutter projects here, except at Artistic Food Camp! We pack lots of projects into each week of three 1/2 day sessions: painting, drawing, 3-D art, fabric painting, mosaics, clay sculpture, murals, and art discussions. Each week has its own theme. Enroll for one or several. Camp is open to kids 7-12 years, \$45 fee includes camp and all materials. All camps are held at the WB MUD Rec. Center on Shoreline. Register in person at the WB MUD Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive, by phone at 512-251-9814 or online at wellsbranchmud.com.

Junior Artist Sessions (age 7 1/2 or completed 1st grade-age 12)

Hours: 12:30-4:00pm Tue-Wed-Thurs

June 12-14 MOSAICS AND POTTERY: We will be doing original mosaic designs of many types and learning about pottery.

June 19-21 FANTASY DRAWING AND PAINTING: We will try our hand at painting and drawing our own version of projects from Medieval castles to imaginary space beings.

June 26-28 STARS & STRIPES: We will work on lots of patriotic themed projects including dress up items for the WB parade on July 4th.

July 17-19 DRAW IT - CREATE IT- PAINT IT: We are going to let our imaginations run wild and see what we come up with. I have a new book of prompts for us to try out.

July 24-26 IT'S ALL MADE WITH PAPER: We will make paper, create paper mache, and do molded paper.

July 31-August 2 ARTISTIC FUN WITH FOODS: Fun playing with food trains, planes and jellyfish? See your food in a whole new way!

KUDOS! KUDOS! KUDOS!

January/February Delivery: Thanks to all of you who stuffed envelopes and delivered our newsletter. Our membership drive is always fun and you all were FANTASTIC! Thank you to **Malita Radwan** and **DeLane Spriggs** for recycling and donating their HEB bags for newsletter delivery and a special thank you to **Janet Maxey**, **Sherrie Lindig**, and **Donna Lyons** for labeling all the return envelopes.

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March/April Delivery: Thank you, EVERYONE who helped with this delivery and a huge thank you to **Diana Orozco-Lapray** for all the HEB bags. We're always crazy before the Easter Egg Hunt and you guys rocked!

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Silver Branchers

by Darlene Bauhs and Glen Garey



The Stagecoach Inn in Salado

The Silver Branchers would like to extend an invitation to any and everyone who might be interested in making new friends. Meetings are held Thursdays of each month from 1-3pm at the WB Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive to visit and play games. We also have socials and take day trips to local places of interest from time-to-time. Membership is free. There are no age requirements; everyone is welcome. Both individuals & couples are invited. For more information, call 512-461-1665 or just stop by.

The Silver Brancher's enjoyed our trips to Salado for lunch at the Stagecoach Inn and on the Hill Country Flyer train. We are looking forward to a series of plays this Summer.

June 23 - Gilbert and Sullivan 2:00pm production of Ruddigore (gilbertsullivan.org/SummerProduction.htm). We'll leave the Rec. Center at 1:15 and return after the show.

July 21 - Zach Theater (zachtheatre.org) at 2:30pm for your choice of two plays, Heisenberg or Beauty and the Beast. Leave the Rec. Center at 1:15 and return after the play.

August 12 - Palace Theater (georgetownpalace.com) at 2:00pm to see the play Mary Poppins with a concurrent side trip to Inner Space Caverns (innerspacecavern.com) for those not attending the play. We'll leave the Rec. Center at 1:00pm and return following the play.

You may sign up for day trips by registering with Wells Branch MUD customer service at 512-251-9814 or at the customer service desk at the Wells Branch Recreation Center. This will enable us to arrange for transportation. Transportation may be limited, so please insure that you have secured a ride as we are not responsible for forfeited event fees. If private cars are used for transportation, you may be asked to contribute for the driver's expenses. Please note that money for admission fees will not be collected. **You will be responsible for advance reservations and admission fees for functions such as plays, train trips, etc.** For more information call Glen at 512-461-1665 or see our information on the WBNA website at: <http://wbna.us/community/silver-branchers/>.



Silver Branchers on the Hill Country Flyer

WB Walking Club by Katie Hutcheson

It's never too late to start walking! Get a jump start on summer! Temps are crisp in the morning and the trails are beautiful. WB Walking Club meets in front of KF Pool at 7:30am **AND** 8:30am on Tuesdays & Thursdays and utilizes the Wells Branch MUD trails. The 7:30am group walks at a faster pace and for longer distances while the 8:30am group is best for beginners or those who'd like to take it a little more slowly and enjoy the scenery.

For more info, contact Katie Hutcheson at khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.

WB Running Club by Kara Myers

The Wells Branch Running Club is a completely free and fun group of community members who meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:45am at the Gazebo in KF Park. Workouts are tailored to meet the needs of every individual with members running at all different paces. We also do weekend runs, usually on Saturday mornings. If you have a particular event that you're training for, let us know and we can be sure to help you meet your goals. Come join the fun!

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Couch to 5K Running! by Jill Douglass

The Wells Branch Running Club is sponsoring a Couch to 5K running program this summer. The program aims to help non-runners (couch potatoes!) achieve running a 5K in 9 weeks. Aspiring runners will meet at the gazebo at Katherine Fleischer Park at 6 am Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning June 4. The program is free. We will be using the "C25K" phone app. Questions? Contact Jill Douglass (jdzurenko@gmail.com).

Aquafit Classes

by Katie Hutcheson, WB MUD Aquatics Supervisor

WB MUD offers Aqua-fit classes year-round each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-2pm at Willow Bend Pool. This class requires the MUD Multi-class card; for more information visit wellsbranchmud.com.

Please wear swim attire, bring a water bottle and towel. If it is raining or below 55° we will not meet. Otherwise, we are there year round. See you at the pool! For more information, contact Katie Hutcheson at 512-516-2621 or khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.

European Dance Guild by Daniel White

Come learn something NEW (or OLD, as the case may be). The European Dance Guild meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, from 6 to 8pm in Room 104 of the Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more info, call 512-413-0097.

What is a Homestead? by Kelly Page

What is important to you when you are looking for a home, a homestead for your family? Well, for us as 34-year Wells Branch residents, it was the whole package. We were newly married county government employees wanting a home for our future on a shoestring budget...Hello 1983 high mortgage interest rates, 13.25%!

Gratefully, we found our way to Wells Branch, a community that was 17-miles from downtown Austin. But, Wells Branch seemed like no mans land to me, I was accustomed to being 2-miles away from downtown. In 1963, my parents bought their first home. It was 980 sq. foot, off of 45th street for \$10,500; but for us Wells Branch is where it all began. We purchased a Doyle Wilson home and selected a lot that was only a field with no streets, no trees, no street-lights and no curbs. When our agent took us to the new home site, all we saw were small wooden stakes with small plastic ribbons attached, ... "a field of dreams," one could say.



Jamie, Trent, Kelly & Shane Page at their first home on Cervin

Our beginning started on Cervin Blvd; a light gray home with white trim, a two-car garage and two Arizona Ash trees. We were thrilled to be joining a safe community that was maintained with solid amenities and great neighbors. Just a small side note, there was no Wells Branch Parkway or MoPac/Tollway; the nearest grocery stores were in Round Rock or off Rutland Drive. Our daily trek to work in downtown Austin was traveling down Merrittown and then to Burnet Road. We were living the dream, working hard, raising a family and commuting. Sadly, a few years later we saw the tragic impact of the recession on our street, families literally walked away from their homes and their yards became overgrown. My husband and remaining neighbors joined together taking turns mowing lawns so that it kept our street neat only to await future Wells Branch families. Slowly, our street became alive again. Young families who wanted to be a part of a committed community moved into Wells Branch. We all enjoyed seeing our kiddos learn to swim at the pool, Easter egg hunt at Katherine Fleischer Park, ride their bike in the 4th of July parade and enjoy fireworks being shot-off of Wells Port...before homes, apartments and gas stations were built.

During our 8-years at our Cervin Blvd. home, we hosted many family and neighborhood celebrations. We were fortunate to have a master carpenter in our family, my father-in-law. He built our covered patio, workshop/shed, my favorite can good pantry (a nook in the wall), and tiled our kitchen and two-bathrooms; boy did he upgrade our home!

We loved Wells Branch so much that we built our second home on Sandy Side, which has been our home for the past



Mamie Jo, Kelly, and Sandee

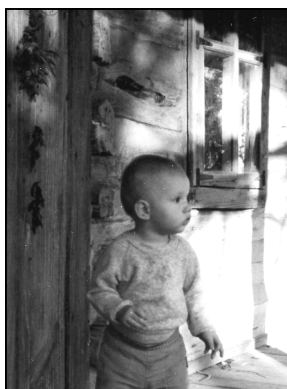
26-years. So, we are 34-year Wells Branch residents. Actually, we are four generations deep as residents. Yep that is correct. My husband and I, in-laws, grandmother, mother, sister and brother-in-law, niece and nephew, our sons and daughter-in-law have lived, or, are currently living in Wells Branch. Our family members' accumulative time living in Wells Branch total 152 years.

When I reflect, all of our homes have been within a 1.5-mile radius of Katherine Fleischer Park over the past 34-years. All I can say is Wells Branch has been good to our families and that many of our family photos have been at the Wells Branch Homestead.

So, what is a HOMESTEAD? A homestead is a residence or small cluster of buildings. That is what I love so much about our community; we have homes, community centers, tennis courts, basketball courts, a gym, meeting rooms, pools, schools, a library and so much more.

We are so lucky to be sandwiched in-between two major thoroughfares and be able to get to so many places such as, shopping centers, restaurants, hospitals, doctors and major employers. Our neighborhood would not be what it is without the commitment of the residents, volunteers, Wells Branch Neighborhood Association, Wells Branch MUD or our government representatives.

From time-to-time I think about my years growing up in Central Austin and how the Central Austin area has changed. My childhood home is now valued at \$492,000. it's crazy...the house literally has not changed. However, my old neighborhood is no longer the quaint area where I rode



Trent as a baby on the porch of the Homestead and later on, at one of the first WB Easter Egg Hunts.

my bike to Ramsey Park or to 2-J Hamburgers, it is fast-paced and the quaintness has been gobbled up. I am grateful that I moved 15-miles away to Wells

Branch, to our homestead living in a community that I value—life is good.



Trent & his wife, Chelsie, continuing the Wells Branch tradition.



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SUMMER READING IS HERE!

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To sign up and start logging your reading progress, visit wblibrary.readsquared.com on or after June 1.

To see everything happening at the library this summer, check out our website and event calendar at **WBLIBRARY.ORG**.

KIDS & TEENS

Storytimes

Mondays at 10:30 (Baby) and 11:15 a.m. (Toddler)

Fridays at 10:30 (Toddler) and 11:15 a.m. (Preschool)

Enjoy fun stories and songs at the library!

LEGO Lab (Ages 5+)

Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Robotics and free build. Robotics registration at 3:30.

Spanish Circle Time/Rueda de Amigos (Ages 0-3)

Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Learn vocabulary and early concepts in this Spanish-language circle time!

STEAM Studio (Ages 4-12)

Complete science-, technology-, engineering-, art-, and math-themed activities with a creative twist.

Sign Language Storytimes (All Ages)

Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Enjoy stories and songs in American Sign Language!

Storytime & Craft (All Ages)

Saturdays at 11 a.m. | Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Hear stories and make a simple craft!

Family Yoga (All Ages) **

Second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

Free, for all ages.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Armchair Travelers

Alternating Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning May 31
Travel the world without leaving Wells Branch! Hear travel stories and tips at this biweekly program.

Summer Reading Kickoff with Mr. Will **

Saturday, June 2 at 10 a.m.

Join us for a rockin' good time as we celebrate the start of summer reading!

Donuts with Dads **

Saturday, June 16 at 11 a.m.

Celebrate father figures in your life with a morning of stories and donuts at the library.

SUMMER CLOSURES

Monday, May 28

Library closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, July 4

Library closed for Independence Day

ADULTS

Computer and Career Workshops **

Explore topics like Microsoft Word and Excel, résumé help, and more! See all class offerings on our calendar.

English Conversation Group

First and third Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m.

All skill levels are welcome.

Spanish Conversation Group

First and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Practice your speaking and listening skills with others!

Wells Branch Writers' Guild

First Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Connect with the Guild on Meetup:

meetup.com/Wells-Branch-Fiction-Writers-Guild

Morning and Evening Yoga

First and third Thursdays of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Please bring your own yoga mat.

Knit & Crochet for a Cause

Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Knit and crochet items benefitting the Austin Scarf Project.

NEW: Outside the Lines Coloring Club

Sundays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Come color and relax! Materials provided, no registration.



FOL News

by Tracy Simon, President, FOL

In August 2017, Hurricane Harvey destroyed most of the collection of the Port Arthur Public Library and severely damaged the library building. The library remains closed at least through Summer 2018.

As many of you know, our Friends of the Library group has committed to helping theirs rebuild. Thank you Wells Branch neighbors! With the boxes received at Extreme Clean and ECO Fair, plus another donation, we've now received almost 80 boxes.

There's still room for more! Our next book drive will be Memorial Day weekend. Saturday, May 26, from 5-7pm, the FOL will be collecting materials at the Rec. Center at the beginning of Casino Night. Books and DVDs are welcome.

Thank you to the FOL Board for their dedication in working our collection booths: Marie Streusand, Doug Schwartz, Joan Mead (and husband Dave) and Christine Bloemsma (and husband Charles and daughter Sanna).

Continue to watch the Wells Branch FOL Website and Facebook Page for event announcements!



WB Photo Club by Margaret McGhee-Sufke

In April, we had a fantastic critique session. There were tons of great photos: bluebonnets, birds, and landscapes galore.

We had a wonderful turn out for the May offsite session at Brushy Creek with excellent photo ops for wildlife and landscapes. As always, seasoned members took the time to help others. A good time was had by all.

June 12, 6:30pm - Summer Camp Class:

Best Practices for the Workflow Process

As a reminder, our group has a standing monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 6:30-8:30pm at the Rec. Center on Shoreline unless otherwise noted. WB Photo Club includes some part-time professionals, keen amateurs, general hobbyists and several beginners. Everyone is welcome. Please feel free to reach out to Margaret Sufke, mmsufke@gmail.com or 512-341-0428 for updates.

As always, we will continue to take our photographic skills into the community to help capture all the great local events.

Calling all WB photographers!

The WBNA is hosting the Wells Branch Calendar Contest this year. Once again, voting will take place at 4th Fest. For entry details, visit wbna.us/community/calendar-contest/.



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Graduation - Financial Gifts – and Tips – for New Graduates submitted by Nicole Viator, Financial Advisor

It's Graduation Season again. If your child is graduating from high school or college, you have reason to celebrate. But what should you give to your newly minted diploma holder? You might want to consider offering a combination of financial gifts and tips, which, taken together, could set your graduate on a path toward a successful, independent life.

What sort of gifts and tips should you consider? Here are a few ideas:

Give a few shares of stock. Everyone should understand the financial markets and how they work. One great way to encourage this interest is to give your child a few shares of stock. Young people enjoy owning a piece of a company that makes the products and services they like – and the very act of ownership can inspire them to learn more about investing and to ask questions: **What causes the stock price to go up or down? How long should I hold this stock? Should I own several stocks like this one, or is it better to branch out to find new opportunities?** Over time, in learning the answers to these and other questions, your child can become familiar with investing and how to make the best choices.

Encourage your graduate to open an IRA. Your child can open an IRA as long as he or she has some earned income. You might want to suggest that your child consider a Roth IRA, which, at the child's age and income level, may be a good choice. With a Roth IRA, children can access their contributions at any time, tax- and penalty-free. They can't touch the earnings without incurring both taxes and penalties, however, until they reach 59½. But you will want to encourage them to keep the money in their IRA intact, giving it the chance to grow.

Provide some financial education. Unfortunately, most young people don't really receive any kind of formal financial education. Of course, you can try to provide some of this knowledge to your own children, but, as you know, advice from Mom and Dad sometimes gets ignored. However, you might get better results if you arrange for your recent graduate to meet with a financial professional. As mentioned above, owning stocks, and following their progress, can teach your children a great deal about investing, but a financial professional can paint the "big picture" and explain how all aspects of money management – such as borrowing, budgeting, saving and investing – fit together to help individuals stay in control of their finances and make progress toward their important financial goals, such as buying a house and retiring in comfort. Recent graduates, whether leaving high school or college, are at "turning points" in their lives and can benefit greatly from understanding the importance of developing good, lifelong financial habits. Most of us can think of several money-related mistakes we've made over the course of many years. And your children will make some errors, too. But by providing them with some appropriate financial gifts and valuable advice upon their graduation, they may well be better prepared to keep those mistakes to a minimum – while maximizing their ability to make good decisions.

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BSA Cub Scout Pack 140 by Tonya Riley

Cub Scout Pack 140 is wrapping up the Scouting year. We just returned from a camping trip to beautiful Lake Georgetown where we fished, swam, made S'mores and more! Is this something your child might be interested in doing? Some exciting changes have recently happened to Cub Scouts. The Cub Scout program now welcomes girls and Kindergarten as members. Not only do our Cub Scouts learn about first aid, knot tying, and safe camping and hiking, and participate in fun activities such as the Pinewood Derby. We also participate in Wells Branch community events such as the Fourth Fest, Movies in the Park, the Luminary Festival and others.

The Cub Scout Program is a family program, and if your family is interested in becoming members, please contact Pack 140 at info@pack140.org or 512-627-9741.

BSA Cub Scout Pack 728 by Deanna Johnson

After a full year of learning new skills, completing service projects, participating in Pinewood Derbies, and getting outdoors, the boys in Pack 728 celebrated their efforts and achievements in an Advancement Ceremony where they moved forward to their next rank. Our Cub Scouts (Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos) have grown a lot in the last year. We can't give enough thanks to the families and den leaders who have enabled our Scouts to achieve so much.

Currently, many of our Scouts are making plans to attend Space Explorer themed summer camp, where they will enjoy sports, crafts, nature, water activities, learn to shoot a bow and arrow, BB Guns, wrist rockets and more! In addition, as a Pack we will get together for some fun summer activities.

As school starts up again, we will be actively looking for new Cub Scouts to join in our adventures. Cub Scouts is open to children in the first through fifth grades, and come from schools in Wells Branch (Joe Lee Johnson, Wells Branch Arts Integration Academy, and Jubilee), as well as schools outside the neighborhood. Most of Pack 728's community service projects are completed right here in Wells Branch. Children and their families are welcome to check us out and learn what we're all about. During the school year we meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 in Wells Branch.

For more information on Cub Scouts Pack 728, please contact us at 512-524-9095 or at wbpack728@gmail.com.

Pioneer Pals

by Gwendolyn Johnson, Curator, WB Homestead

The Pioneer Pals have had fun this year, but we will break for the summer. Our last storytime before our break will be on Wednesday, May 30 at 9:30am. We will start back up again in September. Have a wonderful summer!

For more information, contact Gwendolyn Johnson at gjohnson@wellsbranchmud.com.

BSA Troop 1409 by Rich and Di Michelson

Troop 1409 has had a busy spring! Two of the boys spent their Sprint Break at National Youth Leadership Training, a week long course to teach leadership skills and what it means to lead.

The Troop also helped the Friends of the Round Rock Library with stage set up and takedown for the annual Mystery Night production. Two of the boys from the Troop also worked as stage crew for all six shows.

At Pioneer Fest, the Troop helped out and watched the fires. Members from the Troop also helped with the Wells Branch MUD Youth Fishing Tournament by measuring fish, setting up poles and releasing caught fish back into Mills Pond.

Some of the boys shared a stormy night at the District Camp-o-ree out in Liberty Hill and five of the boys have just completed the 12-week Physical Fitness Merit Badge.

Coming up, the Troop will be taking a short 11-mile hike on the shore of Lake Georgetown.

Two Webelos are crossing over and will be attending summer camp with the Troop at Camp Tahuaya in Belton. If your 11-18 year old boy is interested in finding out more about the Troop, visit our website at troop1409.com, find us on Facebook, or email info@troop1409.com.

See you on the trails!

BSA Venture Crew 1409 by Jill Douglass, Advisor



In April the crew helped a younger scout earn his wilderness survival merit badge by accompanying him on an overnight "tentless" campout. They showed him how to build a shelter out of a tarp and how to survive without any of the facilities of a campground.

In June the crew is heading out west for an epic road trip to Coconino Na-

tional Forest in Arizona. The 9-day trip itinerary includes only 1 location where showers are available. In order to accommodate our hygienic needs, the crew is building 2 pressurized car top shower systems using 4" PVC and various valves and such.



Venturing is a youth development program of Scouts BSA for young men and women who are 14 – 20 years of age.

Contact Jill Douglass at 512-293-9022 or jdouglass@crew1409.com for questions about the Crew or visit crew1409.com/ to learn more!

Don't forget to renew your WBNA Membership! See page 20 for details.



WB Armada News

by Peter Mielcarek, Board President

The Wells Branch Armada (WBA) swim team kicked off its 29th season with afternoon practices starting on May 1.

We will switch to morning practices when the MUD switches to its summer pool schedule on June 7, once school is out for the year.

Our home meets this year are on May 26, June 9, and June 30. Many of you with kids on the team will already be there, but if you're not, feel free to come by in the mornings and cheer them on, and while you're there stop by and have some of the wonderful food provided by our concessions team. WBA's concessions team are all volunteers, and have gained a reputation over the past few years as providing the best value – quality food at a low price – in the league. All concessions proceeds benefit the WBA swim team.

Finally, whether you have kids or your kids swim, the WBA is a great way to get word out about your business. This year we have over 200 swimmers registered from 130 families from Wells Branch and surrounding neighborhoods. If you're interested in sponsoring the team for this or next year, or donating in some other way, please access our website <http://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com/>, and talk to Steven Wilson (links to email addresses provided on the website) about a sponsorship. WBA is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Thank you for your continued support of the WBA. We are looking forward to another amazing season!

Northwest Elementary News

NES Website: pfsd.net/Page/475

NES Calendar: pfsd.net/Page/42

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WBSA Summer Camps and Fall 2018 Soccer Registration Now Open

by Leisha Richardson, Secretary, WBSA



Wells Branch Soccer Association celebrated the close of another great season on May 10, thanks to our amazing volunteer coaches, team managers, families and friends! The WBSA Board would like to thank all of you for your contribution and support. We couldn't make it happen every season without you. This was also the first full Fall/Spring cycle at the new complex and we are especially thankful for all the support from the Wells Branch MUD Board and Facilities teams for the great care and maintenance of the new Wells Branch Soccer Complex.

Even though summer will soon be here, there are a lot of exciting soccer events still coming up! WBSA will host our third annual open tryouts for select and academy teams for ages 2007 and up, May 31-June 1, 5:30-8:00pm at Katherine Fleischer Park. Be sure to register for these upcoming sessions on the WBSA website.

You also don't have to wait until next fall to get a few touches on the ball. WBSA offers four weeks of affordable indoor soccer camps for all ages during the month of June led by Executive Director of Coaching, Nick Marquez. All camps take place at the Jubilee Academies right here in the neighborhood, and include a mix of individual skill development, tactical fundamentals, futsal training, and fun activities such as "soccer tennis". Bundled pricing discounts are available for attending multiple camps. Visit <http://wellsbranchsoccer.weebly.com/summer-camps.html> to learn more.

And before you head out on those fun summer vacations, don't forget to register for the Fall 2018 season. Registration is now open. Visit www.wellsbranchsoccer.com to learn more.

Westview Middle School

Ways to Stay Informed:

Westview MS Website: pfsd.net/wms

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Connally High School

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Wells Branch Elementary Arts Integration Academy PTA- Endings and New Beginnings

by Laura Gomez-Horton, WBE PTA, Secretary

As the school year comes to a close, the Wells Branch PTA would like to thank everyone who donated time, energy, items, skills, ideas, and creativity to make lasting memories. Although many go publicly unrecognized, your efforts are appreciated and every minute culminates into the amazing school, which is WBE!

We could not do as much as we do without our friends, neighbors, relatives, teachers, administration and staff!

We bid farewell to our graduating class of fifth graders and the families and friends who graduate along with them. We look forward to staying connected and hope you leave with fondness in your hearts.

Lastly, while we acknowledge this ending, we also look forward to new beginnings. We welcome our new PTA board members and the energy they bring to continue traditions and introduce new ideas!

Be on the lookout for upcoming events in the 2018-2019 school year!

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is an all volunteer membership program that works collaboratively to bring programs, field trips, equipment, and materials that supplement learning. If you would like to get involved with the PTA in some capacity, please email president@wellsbranchpta.org or visit our website at wellsbranchpta.org or facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wellsbranchpta>.

WBE AIA Garden News

by Dianne Koehler, Garden Curriculum Coordinator

Our gardens got a facelift this spring with two "Art in the Garden" enrichment classes painting the sides of many of our wooden beds and planting flowers to beautify the areas and bring in pollinators. The cold weather has produced a bumper crop of apples on our trees for the planned "Apple Party" in late May. This allows the kids to sample the apples and keeps them on the trees long enough to ripen. We are also seeing many figs and peaches on our trees, and blackberries on our new vines.

Our Farmer's Market this year has kept our teachers well supplied with healthy garden fresh foods but this has left the community mostly out. We are working on a plan for next year to get the after school booth back out. We did sell lots and lots of home grown tomato and other plants this spring. Thanks to the community for all the support.



Deerpark MS PTA

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JLJ STEAM Academy PTA

by Stephanie Hilchey, Secretary, JLJ STEAM PTA



Thank you to all our wonderful Trailblazer volunteers for making the 2017 to 2018 school year successful. The JLJ PTA could not have done it without your help! Please continue to get involved at Joe Lee Johnson Elementary STEAM Academy next school year by joining the JLJ PTA at jljpta.org.

Follow our Facebook page: along with our monthly email newsletter, we will be posting frequent announcements and updates on our FB page. Follow us! ([facebook.com/jljpta/](https://www.facebook.com/jljpta/))

Thank you to the out going JLJ PTA Executive Board Members who have served with such pride in their two-year terms as our inaugural board. Jon Norris, PTA President; Heather Breazeale, VP Membership; Greg Goebel, Treasurer; and Stephanie Hilchey, Secretary.

Please welcome our new JLJ PTA Executive Board Members for the 2018 to 2019 school year:

President: Amisha Gidda | VP Membership: Greg Goebel
Treasurer: Justin Anderson | Secretary: Cristina Hanus

Upcoming Events at JLJ!

May 22 | 5:30-7:30pm | Peter Pan Performance, JLJ Cafeteria

May 25 | 9am | 5th Grade Graduation

May 28 | No School | Memorial Day

May 29 | 1:30pm | End of Year Parties

Wishing each of our Trailblazers a fun and safe summer!
Trailblazers...Driving the Dream!

JLJ Steam Academy Garden News

by Heather Johnson, JLJ Garden Volunteer

The Farmer's Market students have decided to use their proceeds to purchase fruit trees for the school. They are still voting on which trees they want. What will they choose? It is not too late to attend the final JLJ Farmer's Market of the school year on Thursday, May 24th, outside by the walker pick up area from 2:40-3:00. Funds are supporting fruit trees for the school!

Also, the JLJ garden Growing Competition is underway. Each class in 3rd Grade is competing with tomatoes, 4th grade classes planted okra, and 5th grade will see who can grow the tallest corn. So exciting!

And finally, the Farmer's Market students did their part to create a zero waste campus, by gathering food scraps in milk jugs, each lunch time, to compost. They have three barrels going, and the first finished compost has already been spread in the garden. In the picture, you'll see the students emptying their milk jugs of food scraps into a compost barrel. A completely student lead initiative, with wonderful results!

McNeil High School PTSA



Catch up on ALL things McNeil on the school's website:
<https://mcneil.roundrockisd.org>

WB Youth Disc Golf Tournament

by Brian Litke, WB Disc Golf Club

The 2018 WB Youth Disc Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, April 15, 2018. Each player received two custom art throwing discs, a Mini Buzzz throwing disc, and a WB-stamped mini marker for their \$10 entry fee. We had 45 youth participate (13 girls and 32 boys), and a great time was had by all. Notable contestants included the youngest player at 18 months old who shot a 196 (142 over par) and a 4-year old who scored a 73 (only 19 over par)--both are destined for disc golf greatness! The WB Disc Golf Club sponsored trophies for the winners of each age bracket, and door prizes included a portable disc golf target, disc golf bags, discs and other merchandise.

The tournament was a great way to start what I hope will be an annual event at the Wells Branch disc golf course. It was amazing to watch the concentration of all these youth as they competed and enjoyed playing a round of disc golf. Thank you to the Wells Branch MUD for supporting the event, DiscNation for providing each player with a store coupon worth \$5 towards any purchase, and WB Programs and Events Coordinator Christine Taylor and WB Board of Directors member Janet Maxey for checking in players and tallying up scores.

WB 6th Annual Disc Golf Tournament

by Brian Litke, WB Disc Golf Club

Over 100 players turned out to compete in the WB 6th Annual Disc Golf Tournament on Saturday May 12, 2018. Participants competed in divisions by age decade with additional divisions for youth. For a \$15 entry fee, players received a custom art throwing disc and a chance at winning a door prize. The WB Disc Golf Club sponsored trophies for the winners of each age bracket, and door prizes included a family pack from Branch BBQ, a portable disc golf target, disc golf bags, discs, towels, hats, \$5 DiscNation coupons, and other disc golf merchandise.

Thank you to the Wells Branch MUD for supporting the event, and event sponsors Wells branch BBQ, DiscNation, Waterloo Disc Golf Club, Round Rock Disc Golf Club, and Wells Branch Disc Golf Club. With an event this big, it's easy to appreciate and my pleasure to thank WB recreation staff member Jennie Lopez and WB Board of Directors member Janet Maxey for checking in players, tallying scores, and helping to award prizes. Thank you to the good folks of the WB Soccer Association for selling drinks and food that kept players happy and well-fed during the event.



It's My Park Day Recap

by Brian Litke, WB Disc Golf Club

Over 30 volunteers came out to the Wells Branch Disc Golf course on March 3 during "It's My Park Day" to volunteer their time planting trees, spreading mulching around existing trees to combat soil compaction and drought, and in general, Keeping Wells Branch Beautiful. Over the past four years, these IMPD volunteer efforts have planted over 90 trees at the WB disc golf course. During this year's event, volunteers planted 3 loquat trees, a persimmon tree, a granny smith apple tree, an elbow bush, a flame leaf sumac, a mountain laurel, two desert willow trees, and a pomegranate tree. Thank you to the Wells Branch Disc Golf Club for purchasing the trees, Wheatsville COOP for providing healthy snacks for volunteers, the WB MUD for helping organize and support the volunteer day, and Austin Parks Foundation for providing t-shirts for participants and free mulch.

I invite you to come enjoy the WB Disc Golf course, which is accessible from the WB trail system and located off Owen Tech Blvd in the southwest corner of Wells Branch. I also invite you to attend future "It's My Park Day" (IMPD) events in WB which are held in March and November each year. IMPD is sponsored by Austin Parks Foundation, and the idea is to allow citizens in Austin to propose a park improvement idea and then to support their projects by organizing volunteers and resources to make individual project ideas come to life.



Keep Texas Beautiful KWBB Volunteer Day
By Katie Hutcheson,
WB MUD Aquatics Supervisor

Our mission is to encourage residents to take responsibility for the improvement of the community's environment voluntarily and focus on litter prevention, beautification, and waste reduction. It's our opportunity to make Wells Branch the cleanest, most beautiful community in Texas!

We usually meet the first Sunday of each month and take on a different project each time.

June 3, from 4-6pm, we'll meet at the Butterfly Gardens to weed, put mulch in beds, and plant a few plants.

Our July event will be one week later than usual. July 8, from 4-6pm, we'll focus on helping the gardeners clean up their plots at the Wells Branch Community Gardens (corner of Single Trace and Town Hill.)

Watch for updates at wellsbranchmud.com. For further information, please email Katie at khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.

Eastside Nature Park

The Eastside Nature Park will be located alongside Wells Branch Pkwy between Wells Port Drive and the trail crossing under Wells Branch Pkwy (The lot adjacent to St. Andrew's Church). Over a decade ago the District began planning for this park. However, the project never gained full Board and public support and was put on hold as the District focused on other projects.

Over the past few months, the Parks and Facilities Committee has been working with consultants to create possible design concepts for the park. These concepts are intended to give a "Big Picture" view of what the park could look like, and are not intended to be final designs or specifications.

On Tuesday, May 1, the Wells Branch MUD Board held a public workshop session to discuss three potential design concepts for the Eastside Nature Park. Based on feedback from the residents and the recommendation from the Parks and Facilities Committee, the Board selected the medium impact design (concept 2). The Committee is still seeking input from residents on specific features fitting the following core concepts:

- Natural play areas
- Native plants and grassland prairies
- Natural outdoor community areas
- Multi-surfaced trails
- Low-impact stormwater management features
- Little to no additional impervious cover

Please contact the MUD at info@wellsbranchmud.com with any input on what features you would like to see in the new park.



Source: <http://www.wellsbranchmud.com/projects/eastside-nature-park>



Not sure what to do with the kids this summer?

Wells Branch MUD offers a wide variety of Summer

Camps. Visit their website at wellsbranchmud.com to learn more about: **Stuff-2-Do Summer Day Camp, Volleyball Clinics, Basketball Clinics, Art Mini-Camps and Swim Lessons.** Don't wait! Registration starts early and fills fast! Questions? Call 512-251-9814.



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Wells Branch MUD Group Swim Lessons

by Katie Hutcheson, WB MUD Aquatics Supervisor

CLASS INFORMATION

Each class maintains a low ratio of students per instructor to insure close, personal attention. We will offer both morning and afternoon sessions for toddlers, preschoolers and youth. Classes are 35 minutes, Mon. - Thurs. with Fri. as a rain out day if needed. Transferring from one session/time to another is permitted up to one week prior to session start. Transfers are subject to a \$3 transfer fee and may be completed at the Rec. Center. In the event of bad weather, water safety activities may be held in lieu of in water instruction. On bad weather days you may call 512-251-9814 or the pool facility your lessons are being held at for information about cancellations.

CLASS REGISTRATION

To sign-up for a session it is necessary to pre-register prior to the start of the session. Registration may be done in person at the Wells Branch Rec. Center or online at wells-branchmud.com. Walk-ins on the first class day are not allowed. We cannot "hold" spaces in a class without payment. All fees are non-refundable unless the class is cancelled by the office. If a class has insufficient enrollment (less than 3 participants), the MUD reserves the right to cancel the class and a full refund will be given or classes may be combined. We do not offer make-up classes except when an entire class is cancelled.

One-Week Sessions (when offered)

In-District \$20 Out-of-District \$30

Two-Week Sessions

In-District \$40 Out-of-District \$55

WB Recommended Home Repair Vendor List

by Tammy DeWitt Le

For your convenience, I have collected and centralized recommended vendor names from neighbors like you, here in Wells Branch. No vendor will ever be added to this page in exchange for financial compensation and a vendor cannot be added unless they receive a recommendation. It is always a good idea to check references and review online review sites before hiring any vendor. If you are a Wells Branch resident who has received exceptional service from a home repair or improvement vendor or if you are a vendor on the list who needs to update or correct information, please email tammy@homesalesaustintexas.com.

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Austin Strategic Mobility Plan - YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

The City of Austin is developing a new city-wide transportation plan, the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP). The plan will expand the vision of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan into actionable mobility-related goals and objectives to guide Austin's near- and long-term transportation investments. The ASMP will include prioritized policies, programs and projects throughout the City of Austin, will be inclusive of all modes of transportation (driving, walking, bicycling, taking public transit, etc.), and will guide Austin's transportation investments for the next 10+ years.

Although Wells Branch is in the ETJ, the City of Austin has requested our participation.

Please provide your input on Austin's mobility future by taking our online survey at <https://asmp.metroquest.com/> before May 31! Your valuable feedback on the three scenarios presented in the survey will help us develop the preferred strategy for the ASMP. We are also interested in what strategies you feel will best achieve the 8 mobility goals identified in our first phase of public outreach last year.

City staff anticipates presenting the draft plan to City Boards and Commissions in late 2018, before going to the City Council for adoption in early 2019. The effort is also being coordinated with other mobility planning initiatives in the area, including Capital Metro's Project Connect (<https://capmetro.org/projectconnect/>).

You can learn more about the ASMP planning process online at austintexas.gov/asmp.

What Do Volunteers at St. Andrew's Food Pantry Do? by Laura Landsman

Almost anything. For example:

Laura – who coordinates the volunteers and assigns duties for every pantry. **Beverlee** – one of the drivers who picks up food from CTFB on Fridays and brings it back to St. Andrew's. Since she has the largest vehicle of any of the drivers she personifies "A girl and her truck – it's a beautiful thing".

Jennie, Ada - our smiling faces who greet clients at Intake, process their information, and compile 'stat' totals at each pantry. **Betsy** - our marketer who designs our flyers to clients, coordinates special events, sets up the snack/meal we serve, and helps clean up as well. **Sally** - our pet lover who donates cat and dog food we distribute and helps to prep/serve our snack/meal.

Phil - our early riser who helps bag hundreds of pounds of produce and oversees the frozen meat table. **Dee, Liz, Teri, Barbara, JJ, Nancy, Joel, Sophia, Mary, Carol, Tina, Andrea, Victor, Mily** - our reliable team who distributes groceries, produce, toiletries, diapers at separate tables to clients and their guides as they move from table to table. **Carroll, Joe, Ken** - who coordinate clients and their guides as they move through the grocery line and outside to their transportation. These volunteers are among our regulars who contribute to every pantry. They must get something in return because they keep coming back.

The St. Andrew's Food Pantry could use more volunteers over the summer since we lose this season's crop of Connally High School volunteers at the end of May. Connally students help bag produce, work behind the grocery lines, guide clients through the grocery lines, and work as "Sherpas" to take groceries to clients' cars. If you're interested, contact Laura Landsman at laura_landman@sbcglobal.net.

LOVE our Rat Snakes!

by Brad Dushkin

We've had several sightings of blotched water snakes and rat snakes already this spring. Please remember that these snakes are our **FRIENDS**. Rat snakes earn their keep around here by keeping the rodent population down and blotched water snakes are an important part of the food chain. While the rat snakes can get quite large (up to 6ft), neither pose a threat to you, your children, or your pets and are reluctant to bite unless messed with - leave them be and they'll go on about their business.

Unsure about which snakes are harmless and which may be venomous? Visit austinreptileservice.net/guide to learn more. This site makes it easy by breaking them down by stripes, blotches, diamonds, bands and solid color snakes.



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ESD#2 Invites Senior Citizens to Fire & Fall Safety Programs in 2018

Travis County ESD#2 is excited to announce a NEW series of safety classes for senior citizens. The program is called "Remembering When: Fire & Fall Prevention for Older Adults." This free program includes a variety of fun, conversational classes. No prior knowledge is required, and you can attend as many or few of the classes as your schedule allows.

Mark your calendar! ESD#2 (Pflugerville Fire Department) Educators Allison Strupeck and Casey Grigsby will bring the following lessons to all interested seniors at the Wells Branch Recreation Center, located at 3000 Shoreline Drive, as follows:

10am Tuesday, May 29 | FIRE & FALL SAFETY BINGO

Whether you're a BINGO expert or beginner, you'll love this twist on BINGO that teaches fire and fall prevention in a whole new way. Everyone walks away a winner!

10am Tuesday, August 28

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF FIRE & FALL PREVENTION

Red Light: No! Green Light: Go! Learn fire and fall prevention in this fun-filled, interactive game that will have you stopping for safety.

10am Tuesday, Nov. 6 | HOLIDAY FIRE & FALL SAFETY

Learn how to keep yourself and loved ones safer this holiday season. Fire and fall safety never felt so festive!

Any senior group in within the ESD#2 area is welcome to request the program. If you're part of a church, social, or civic group and would like more information, please contact ESD#2 Community Outreach at 512.251.2801.

For the Butterfly-Hummingbird-Bee Folks

by Russell Holster

Last year, I tried Blue Mist Flower (and White Mist Flower for the Fall) for the first time as a compliment to my other plants. The butterflies love the blue one in particular, but the white one takes over in the Fall. Basics like Desert Willow, Lantana, Firecracker Plant, Blackfoot Daisy, Liatris, Coral Honeysuckle, Beebalm, and Turks Cap are here for seasonal diversity. The bees hang out too, but were really abuzz on the Mountain Laurel, and Horse Herb blooms this year.

This spring, numerous species of butterflies are regularly on the Blue Mist Flower. Most notably though, the large Black Swallowtails regularly feed on the Blue Mist, and then flutter over to the herbs (especially Fennel, Fern Leaf Dill, and Parsley) to lay eggs, then repeat the cycle. I have already had a full cycle batch of larvae/caterpillars on the fennel, with new eggs being laid this morning. In the years past, the Butterfly Weed (milkweed) would draw the most, but this year the Blue Mist is a huge hit. The hummingbirds will be humming shortly I hope.

I wanted to share this observation in case any gardeners are researching what to plant this year. Normally, it is not this noticeable to me. It is a nice feeling to be able to help restock our pollinators' resources in contrast to what is being wiped out to development all around us. Most of these plants are perennial, and once established do not require much work at all. Happy gardening/pollinating!



Be sure and check out the plantings in the WB Butterfly Garden.

—Photo by Shelley Palmer

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Tammy's Wells Branch Listings

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3001 Feathercrest—Extensive whole house renovation, quartz counters, laminate floors, 4 beds, 2.5 baths, large yard, \$307,000—FOR SALE

2817 Sydney—Elegant kitchen remodel, 4 beds, 2.5 baths, 2 living, huge covered patio, \$298,000—PENDING

2003 Gaylord—Hardwood floors, 2018 stainless appliances, large yard, unique double-sided fireplace, 3 beds, 2 baths, \$295,000—PENDING



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Wells Branch Garden Guild by Dianne Koehler

We are a friendly group who meets once a month to discuss gardening! All are welcome!

May 19, we held our **Wells Branch Garden Tour** where we annually seek inspiration from the wonderful gardens hiding behind our neighbor's fences. Thanks go out to our coordinator, Susan Gillespie. Watch for photos on the WBNA Facebook page.

Karen Hagemann is organizing a trip to **Festival Beach Food Forest** for **June 16** and Yvette Shelton is planning a trip to **Sustainable Food Center Farmer's Market** for our **July 21** meeting.

Watch for updates on the Wells Branch Garden Guild Facebook Group and WBNA website, wbna.us.

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