

# Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.  
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## Summer is almost here – slow down and watch for kids playing outside!

### Know the rules... Summer Safety Tips to teach children

From the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Below we've listed some basic summer safety tips to go over with your children. There's also an emergency contact sheet you can download at [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) => Safety => Kids Summer Safety Tips, fill in and keep on the fridge just in case of an emergency. It may seem pretty basic, but in emergency situations, children can have difficulty remembering their names and addresses, much less how to contact Mom or Dad. Better safe than sorry. We want everyone to have a safe, fun summer!

#### For Parents:

Be sure your children know the rules about whose homes they may visit when you're not home and know their boundaries - where they may and may not go in the neighborhood. Make sure children know their full names, address, and telephone numbers and how to use the phone. Be sure they know what to do in case of an emergency and how to reach you. (See info sheet) Children should have a neighbor or trusted adult they may call if they're scared or there's an emergency. Make sure they know who to contact and that it's okay to do so.

#### Rules for Kids:

- Always CHECK FIRST with your parents, guardians, or the trusted adult in charge before you go anywhere or do anything. Be sure to CHECK IN regularly so that someone knows where you are at all times.
- Always TAKE A FRIEND with you when playing or going anywhere. It's safer and more fun.
- Stay aware of your surroundings when outside. Don't crank up the music and focus on texting. Know where you are at all times and more importantly, what, or who, is around you.
- Stay SAFER when you're home alone by keeping the door locked; not opening the door for or talking to anyone who stops by unless the person is a trusted family friend or relative, you feel comfortable being alone with that person, and the visit has been pre-approved by your parents or guardians; and never telling anyone who calls that you're home by yourself. Say that your parents can't come to the phone right now and offer to take a message.

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### 4thFest Silent Auction— Volunteers & Items Needed

Each July 4th, the WBNA hosts a Silent Auction during the annual FourthFest celebration. 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 all the meetings we host throughout the year.

We are seeking donations of merchandise, gift cards/certificates, theme baskets i.e. date night, family movie night, fun in the sun, etc, or services.... to auction. This is a great way to promote your business and serve our community at the same time. 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.

We need volunteers to solicit donations, sell raffle tickets, help with set-up the day before, work for an hour or two during the auction, help out at check-out time, or help with clean-up the day after. Any time you can give will be appreciated!

If you have items or services to donate OR if you would like to volunteer, please email us at [info@wbna.us](mailto:info@wbna.us).

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Safety from page 1

- Don't be tricked by people who offer you treats or gifts. Never accept anything from anyone without your parents' or guardians' permission.
- Never go alone to malls, movies, parks, or video arcades. Take a friend with you, and always CHECK FIRST with your parents or guardians to make sure it's okay and so that an adult knows where you are at all times.
- Be careful when you play. Don't play near busy streets or deserted areas and never take shortcuts unless you have your parents' or guardians' permission.
- Don't wear clothes or carry items with your name on the outside and don't be confused just because a person you don't know calls out your name.
- Never go into a public restroom by yourself.
- Don't get into or go near a vehicle with anyone in it unless you are with your parents, guardians, or a trusted adult. Never take a ride from anyone without CHECKING FIRST with your parents or guardians.
- Be careful playing or riding your bike as it gets dark. Wear reflectors and light colored clothing so that drivers are able to see you.
- Don't be afraid to say NO and GET AWAY from any situation that makes you feel scared, uncomfortable or confused. TRUST YOUR FEELINGS and be sure to TELL a trusted adult if anything happens to make you feel this way.

Let's have a SAFE and HAPPY summer!

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## 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).

### FourthFest: Photos, Ideas & Suggestions Needed!

In honor of its 20th Anniversary, the WB MUD is looking for pictures from past Fourthfest celebrations. Please bring any photos you have to the Wells Branch office or send your digital copies to [info@wellsbranchmud.com](mailto:info@wellsbranchmud.com). In addition, if you have any ideas or suggestions for ways to celebrate how Wells Branch has grown both physically and as a community over the years, please send your ideas to [info@wellsbranchmud.com](mailto:info@wellsbranchmud.com).

### Rec. Center Expansion Meeting

At the MUD Board Meeting on May 7, the Board discussed scheduling a planning meeting to gather input from residents

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# CLASSIFIED ADS

**Hannah's Petsitting:** \$11/day for 1 pet (\$5 for ea. addl) to water, feed & play with your pet twice a day. References available. 922-3853

## Fun Things for Kids to Do Over the Summer

By: Tammy DeWitt Le

As the mother of a 9 and 12 year old, I am always looking for ways to avoid "Mom, I'm bored!" over the Summer. The following list highlights some of our favorite boredom-busters.

**FREE! Relax at a natural outdoor amphitheater while you enjoy a music or dance show at Zilker Hillside Theater.** This is one worthwhile trip to South Austin. The Zilker Hillside Theater is located in Zilker Park across from Barton Springs swimming pool (also a great Summer activity). The stage is located in a natural amphitheater under a stand of 100 year old pecan trees. Shows typically begin around 7:30 – 8:00pm and you can bring a cooler & snacks.

**Kick it old school style at the Playland Indoor Skate Center in North Austin.** Not much has changed here since I used to skate as a teenager in the 1980s. But my family always has fun grooving to the disco and current tunes and I like that we all work up a good sweat. Join in when they do the Hokey Pokey. Affordable prices.

**Cool off at the Rock 'N River water park in Round Rock.** My family discovered this gem a few years ago which is a great alternative to the pricey and crowded Schlitterbahn. It is located near the Dell Diamond on Highway 79 about 15 minutes from Wells Branch. With 2 slides, a lazy river, and multiple pools for young children, it's a good deal at under \$5 per ticket. You can also bring in your own cooler and snacks. <http://www.roundrocktexas.gov/pools>

**Watch a movie at the IMAX theater at Bob Bullock museum,** featuring Austin's only IMAX Theatre. This 400-seat, state-of-the-art theatre makes your ticket really worth the price and 3D movies really do jump out at you. Current flicks include Tornado Alley & Flight of the Butterflies. They also play regular feature films. <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/>

**FREE! Splash around at the Brushy Creek Lake Park.** This park was named "Best Place to Play in a Fountain" by the Austin Chronicle. Let your kids run around the splash pad while water shoots up at them. They also have a playground, picnic tables, lake, and hike/bike trails. Located at 3300 Brushy Creek Road near the Parmer Lane intersection.

**Tour the LBJ Presidential Library and Museum.** If you are new to Austin, you may not know about this fantastic museum. It's an air-conditioned way to sneak in some education. Notable current exhibits include Texas Vietnam Heroes and 11/22/63. FREE ADMISSION on July 4<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> (LBJ's Birthday). If you have enjoyed the wildflowers on Texas highways, learn why you have Ladybird Johnson to thank. <http://www.lbjlibrary.org/>

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## **Hazardous Waste Collection Sees Record Breaking Numbers—WB ROCKS!**

By Debby Thompson

We had an incredible turnout April 13 for the combined Bulk Trash, Hazardous Waste, Habitat for Humanity, Easter Seals, Shredding, and Drug Take-Back event. 237 households came out with MANY making four and five trips! It was great to see everyone!

We filled two 16 ft. trailers (with side walls) and the back of a flat bed truck with hazardous waste, three and a half slide-off dumpsters with bulk trash, and the equivalent of another slide-off was collected for metal recycling. Habitat for Humanity packed their truck to the brim by 2pm and we filled the Easter Seals truck by 3:30pm. Ed & Kay Peterson made a final run to Salvation Army after we closed! They also took all the electronics collected to Goodwill for repurposing.

The first-ever WB Medication Take-Back program was a HUGE success! MUD Board President Donna Howe and her team of U.T. pharmacist students collected 75 lbs. of meds (approx. 15,000 pills) for incineration. The next Drug Take-Back is scheduled for October 12.

Another first! WB offered free document shredding. The guys from IESI/Progressive were wonderful! Very professional and courteous! We came pretty close to filling their truck with shredding. They even took the 37 lbs of pill bottles collected for destruction!

EXTRA Special Thanks to the WB MUD Board for allowing us to hold this event quarterly and for all of their support!! Thanks go out to Ed & Kay for coordinating with Habitat for Humanity and helping EVERYONE load their bulk trash, Habitat & Easter Seals donations and for sorting through it all. Many thanks to MUD Staff, Braxton & Fred, and Gus Kohn for loading the hazardous waste. Thank you MUD Board Director Tom Cheshire for signing folks in and getting them to the appropriate location, and Director Janet Maxey and MUD District Manager Shirley Ross for lending their support as well. Most of all, thanks to all the residents who came out and used these services!

Great job, All! - Next Hazardous Waste/Habitat for Humanity/ Easter Seals Collection is July 13! See you there!

More photos are posted to the WBNA Wells Branch

Neighborhood Association Facebook page. Click on "photos", then "albums", then "2013 Hazardous Waste".



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regarding the Rec. Center expansion. A date has not yet been set. Please watch the MUD website, marquees, and bandit signs for notice.

### **New Teen Focus Group**

The newly formed Youth Advisory Team (YAT) has had the opportunity to meet twice now and have brought several exciting suggestions to the WB MUD Rec. Committee for consideration. After-hour Teen Pool Parties have been scheduled for KF Pool and a Youth Laser Tag Event at the Rec. Center is planned for June. Watch the MUD marquees and website for dates. Look for exciting additions to FourthFest such as a rock climbing wall & perhaps a video arcade game truck. Thanks Zaiah Palmer, Kat Sands, Alyssa Weaver and James Berver for volunteering your time!

### **Preserving the Pond and Native Species Habitat**

The feral ducks and geese have been removed from Mills Pond in an effort to improve water quality and allow for revegetation of the area. A farmer near Bryan, Texas has taken many of the ducks for breeding purposes. In addition, one of our Wells Branch residents, Betsey Harper, has relocated the remaining feral ducks and all of the geese to her farm in Elgin. None of the waterfowl were destroyed. I am assured that they will all live out their days in sunshine on clean fresh ponds. Betsey has promised photos of our WB fowl for the June newsletter.

Phase 1 of the scheduled pond improvements is near completion. You may view the pond renovation plans on the MUD website.

Watch for the new "Grow Zone" signs along our trails and around the pond. For a complete presentation on Grow Zones, visit [www.wellsbranchmud.com/grow](http://www.wellsbranchmud.com/grow).

### **WB Community Garden - NXNA's Garden Tour**

Wells Branch MUD Community Garden will be part of NXNA's first annual Garden Tour on June 1, 2013 from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be 13 private gardens, 5 school gardens, and our community garden included in the tour. Visit the MUD's website for links to more information and how to purchase tickets!

### **Off Leash Dog Areas**

Recommendations regarding new signage and the reopening of the "Off-Leash" areas will be made at the May 21 MUD Board meeting.

### **Trees for Trails Focus Group**

Check the June edition of The Word (in your water bill) for information on membership and membership renewal in the Trees for Trails Focus Group.

## **WB Ladies! Come 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 Community Center, 2106 Klattenhoff. **FREE Childcare provided!**

### **June 10 • Sweet Monday "Coffee House"**

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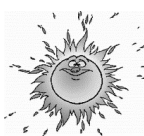
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### Summer Sun Safety – Essential in Central Texas

Submitted by Pam Wachholz

It's that time again, the kids want to be outside every daylight moment; the lawn begs for regular attention; and the great pools and playgrounds are beckoning to be used. BUT, enjoying the summer outside leaves our skin vulnerable to one of the deadliest forms of cancer—malignant melanoma.

Did you know that every blistering sunburn received before the age of 18 drastically increases the chance of developing skin cancer? Well, now you do, and here are some tips to help prevent damaging sun exposure in both adults and children.

- Stay out of the sun during peak hours (10am-4 pm)
- Protect children from the sun
- Wear a wide brimmed floppy hat, the wider the better.
- Use a high SPF of sunblock (the higher the SPF the longer you have protection)
- Choose a sunscreen that has both UVA and UVB protection and apply liberally.
- Put your sunblock on indoors, 30 minutes before sun exposure
- When swimming or sweating a lot, pat yourself dry (rubbing will remove your sunblock) and reapply according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- When possible, wear light colored long sleeves & pants to protect skin.
- Wear UV-protective sunglasses to shield your skin and eyes from the sun
- Avoid Indoor Tanning

Minimizing your children's exposure to sunlight between 10am and 4pm and keeping them covered up when they are in the sun will protect them from future problems.

Again, scientists have found a link between childhood sunburn and skin cancer later in life. As teens and adults, we should all avoid exposure to radiation from sunlamps, tanning parlors, or other artificial tanning devices. Exposure to UV rays from any source can lead to skin damage.

So, let's all be smart and safer in the sun this summer as we enjoy all that our neighborhood and Central Texas has to offer!

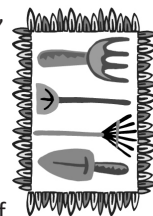
Much information gathered from the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention, <http://www.skincancerprevention.org>

### Summer Garden Guild Meetings

by Dianne Koehler

We have an exciting summer planned! In June, we hope to have a local herbalist speak. July we are planning a tomato tasting and our August meeting will be a potluck lunch from our gardens and planning for our next year's events.

The Garden Guild meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the MUD Rec. Center at 3000 Shoreline. The meeting begins at 11am but come at 10:30 to talk and trade plants, seeds and other garden related items. We usually finish up around 12:30. Everyone is welcome! Look for pictures of the May Garden tour on the WBNA Facebook page.



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## Northwest Elementary News By Betsey Harper

This year has certainly flown by quickly but we aren't on our summer break yet. For some teachers, parents, and students, this part of the school year is the hardest to stay committed. With the added stress of standardized tests, completing school projects, the weather warming up outside, and more summer sports programs starting; the pressure to finish the year off strong is a hard commitment. Here's where you can help get the most out of completing the school year without heartache. Teaching commitment to your child can be a difficult thing to do but it is a vitally important trait to foster in any child. You can help prepare your child to finish their commitment to the school year by doing some of the following:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep;
- Do not add to your child's stress mornings;
- Get your child to school on time;
- Wish your child a good day each morning. If they had a bad day, reassure them tomorrow is a fresh start;
- Tell your child that they are special and that you believe and trust them;
- Encourage them to do their best;
- Try to help your child to stay focused by removing distractions;
- Reward your child for small goals while focusing on the big picture;

Important dates to remember:

May 17 – All library book due

May 27 – Memorial Day; No school

May 31 – 5th Grade Talent Show

June 4 – Last Day of School; Early Release

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## WB Elementary News by Belinda Cini, Principal

What a productive and successful year of working and learning together has been experienced by all the WBE Explorers! It is hard to believe that we have almost reached the end of the 2012-2013 school year! Students have engaged in authentic learning experiences across content areas with rigor and complexity and were well-prepared for the STAAR administrations in April and May.

This has also been a year of tremendous growth and success in our Outdoor Garden and Classroom initiative. Our Garden Explorers meet weekly to engage in hands-on learning in our courtyard garden, while varied classes also experience learning in the garden through our Junior Master Gardener curriculum. Our 5th grade Garden Explorers are even selling their grown produce and flowers in our Farmers' Market stand on Friday afternoons in the walker dismissal area - come on by! We are so excited that these initiatives will be spotlighted in televised video shoots the week of May 20th.

Our WBE PTA has done so much to support and extend the Explorers' learning this year, as they provide field trips across all grade levels as well as provide many curricular support resources and equipment to our campus. The PTA Spring Festival on April 13th was our biggest, best attended, and most fun spring festival ever! A huge thank you to the WBE PTA for all you do for WBE!

The end of the year is quickly approaching - check with your child's teachers for the date and time of their grade level's final Explorer Excellence assemblies to honor and recognize accomplishments and achievements of our students:

Have a wonderful summer! Don't forget to read every day and we will see you for the 2013-2014 school year!

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## Give a Kid a Summer

by Debby Thompson

The fact of the matter is: Kids NEED a place to "be" in the summertime. Staying at home by themselves is only good for so long before boredom sets in and they go in search of entertainment. If you give a kid someplace to be, something to do, they're far less likely to get into trouble on their own. We have wonderful facilities available in Wells Branch: two pools and a recreation center – safe, clean environments with adult supervision.

Unfortunately, many families are strapped for funds and a Wells Branch Rec. Pass is the last thing in their budget. That said, the WBNA would like to ask for your help. It only costs \$35 for an individual quarterly rec. pass and just \$75 for an annual membership for a child in need.

We'd love to tell you that your donation is tax deductible, but unfortunately, it isn't. Think about it, \$5, \$10, \$20, even \$35 isn't going to make that big a difference on your tax return and you can make a HUGE difference in a child's life. For questions, or if you know of a child, age 10–16, in need, contact Debby Thompson at [deborah\\_thompson@earthlink.net](mailto:deborah_thompson@earthlink.net). Needs will be met on a first come, first serve basis.

Help us out, please – **Give a Kid a Summer**. Mail your check (in any amount) made out to WBNA with Rec. Tag Donations in the memo box to: WBNA, 2104 Klattenhoff, Austin, TX 78728.

Last year, we were able to buy seven one-year recreation passes and seven quarterly passes for neighborhood kids in need. Contributions were down but we had some funds left from the previous year so we were still able to buy passes for everyone who requested help. Please help us do it again. Donors will be recognized in the September issue of the WBNA News. Thank you in advance for taking this opportunity to help a child enjoy their summer vacation safely.



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## WB FOL Community Garage Sale a HUGE Success!

by Gus Kohn,

President, Friends of the WB Community Library

The second Friends of the Wells Branch Community Library (FOL) Garage Sale was held in the library parking lot on May 4. There were over 45 vendors occupying 70 sale spaces selling their treasures to hundreds of neighbors eager to buy.

Concessions as well as donated items were sold by the FOL volunteers and board members who orchestrated another successful sale. A final tally had not been made before the newsletter went to press but money raised will be used to help fund library programs such as: TWO shows by the Spider Guy, prizes for the children's summer reading program, Overdrive & Mango licenses and extending the Constant Contact E-Blast subscription so we can all continue to receive the weekly library E-Blast to keep up on library happenings and programs.

The FOL would like to express their deep gratitude to all the volunteers who made this possible, the Travis County Precinct 2 Constable Explorers, the area businesses who donated concession items and of course the vendors and customers without whom the sale could not have taken place. The FOL hopes to make this a semi-annual event so look for it again in October.



## Northwest Spring Pfiesta Event

Thank you to all of our families, teachers, PTO, WB Community Church, and local businesses for helping us to have such a successful and fun Spring Pfiesta Event. We had over 300 Northwest Friends and Families attend our event this year and everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. Thank you for your donations, your volunteer hours, and for making our 2013 Spring Pfiesta our best ever!



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## Local Project Grads Thank You!

By Pam Wachholz

As an officer on the Cedar Ridge HS Project Grad, and formerly the RRHS committee for the Class of 2008-I know how much time and effort go into raising the money to put on a great substance-free all night graduation party for our young adults.

Sadly, we were informed that Stony Point HS had to cancel there PG party due to lack of volunteers & funds. But it also makes me more grateful for all of you who have worked so hard to put on events for Cedar Ridge, Connally and McNeil's graduating seniors-AND-for everyone that supported these fundraisers.

I'm not sure where CHS & MHS stand in regards to the amounts raised, I can only speak to CRHS-and we are short. Not enough to cancel the event, but enough that we won't be buying any more door prizes for the students (which is a big draw for the students).

So, if you have planned to give a donation to any of our PG committees, now is the time to do it as graduation is only a couple of weeks away!

Tax-deductible monetary donations are always welcome and can be made as follows:

By mail to CRHS Project Grad 2013, PO Box 5622, Round Rock, TX 78683 or go online at [www.crhsprojectgraduation.org](http://www.crhsprojectgraduation.org).

For Connally HS, call Sherry Hinesman at 461-7561.

By mail to Project Graduation McNeil High School, 5720 McNeil Road, Austin, TX 78729.



**Congratulations to all Wells Branch  
graduating seniors!**

# KUDOS! KUDOS!

Thank you EVERYONE for taking time out of your busy weekend to get the March newsletter out to your neighbors. We had a fantastic turnout at the Easter Egg Hunt! Your efforts in helping build and maintain our community spirit are very much appreciated!



Mary Alverson, Daniel Barnekow, Clay & Henry Bennett, Emily Berver, Mike & Joyce Best, Kathy Brown, Garland Bullock, David Burke, Creola Burns, Brendan Carlquist, Kathleen Clark, Dan Ernst, Miriam, Melissa & Briana Garate, Dave Gezana, Brent Hallings, Cynthia Hannon, Betsey, Tessi & Cole Harper, Sonya Hindman, Suzanne Hoffman, Travers Hough, Deanna Johnson, Gus Kohn, Sivaram, Jyoti & Arjuna Manda, Sylvia McClain, Joan & Dave Mead, Jeaneane, Finn & Kadian McNulty, William Olson, Mekala Padmanabhan, Chris & Adrienne Plekenpol, Cristi Rendon, Ron Robinder, Kim & Kat Sands, \*Scott Smith, Virgil Smith, Scott Swain, Curtis Thompson, Debby Thompson, Lisa, Sarah, Faith, Hope & Liam Ward, Pamela & Bre Woodward \*Delivered more than one section

Also, thank you to all of you who take the time to send in articles about your childrens' schools or the community service events you're involved in. Your contributions strengthen our neighborhood!

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!***

## 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.

Publication is not guaranteed, and all article submissions are subject to editing. All ads must be pre-paid. Please note that it is the policy of the WBNA not to publish political ads of any kind.

The deadline to receive ad payments, ad materials (including revisions to existing pre-paid ads) and article submissions for the next issue is **June 7**, for distribution around June 29. Please see [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) for ad rates and sizes.

## Summer Art Mini-Camps

Registration began in April! • Sign up SOON!



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 began in April at the MUD Recreation Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive. See [www.wellsbranchmud.com](http://www.wellsbranchmud.com) for more information.

### Junior Sessions (age 5-7)(K/pre-K/1) 9-11:30am T/W/Th

We are coupling a story with the art lesson for the younger campers. If you have a 1st grade student who still enjoys the book with an activity, they are also welcome. Each week's programs will include some drawing and painting in additions to clay, beads and other media.

- 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) 12-3:30pm T/W/Th

Each week's programs will include some drawing and painting in additions to clay, beads and other media.

- 6/11 - 6/13 • Painting & Drawing FULL
- 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

  
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## Clip & Save Recycling Calendar

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 healthier our park system.

Monthly recycling numbers are posted each month on our website. WB continues to hover at around 60-62% 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

**May 2013**

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**June 2013**

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## Once Upon a Summer

Program begins on June 1st.  
All logs must be turned in by  
6pm on August 9th!

### 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.

**Special Author Visit:** June 5. Award winning local author Sherry Thomas will join us to discuss her book, *His at Night*.

**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.

**June 16:** *The Surgeon* by Tess Gerritsen

**July 21:** *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton

**August 18:** *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins

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



**YA for Grown-Ups:** 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Teen books for the young at heart.

**June 13 -** *Ash* by Malinda Lo

**July 11 -** *The Grimm Legacy* by Polly Shulman

**August 8 -** *Beauty* by Robin McKinley

### Special Adult Workshops

**Online Language Learning:** 6/5, 7/3, and 8/7 at 6pm

**Digital Library:** 6/19, 7/17, and 8/21 at 6pm

**Social Media:** 6/8, 7/13, and 8/10 at 1pm

**Knitting Group:** 6/20, 7/18, and 8/15 at 6:30pm

**Computer Classes:** Check our calendar or website

**Family Craft Event:** June 15 at 3pm

We'll have the supplies, you bring the imagination!

**Donuts with Dads:** June 15 at 10am

Kids - bring your dad (or uncle, or grandpa) to enjoy coffee, juice, donuts, and special reading time together.

**Car Care Program:** May 25 at 10:30am

Professional mechanics will take us through some basic repairs, maintenance and trouble-shooting.



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### Track your reading to earn prizes!

Picture Book Level

Chapter Book Level (ages 5-10)

Tweens & Teens (ages 10+)

Adults (ages 18+)

**Grand prizes will be awarded to top readers at the Movie in the Park event on August 10th.**

### Summer Storytimes

#### Baby Bookworms

- 0-18 mos. - Mon. at 10:30am

- 12-24 mos. - Mon. at 11:15am

#### Traditional Storytime

- Toddlers - Fri. at 10:30am

- Preschoolers - Fri. at 11:15am

#### Storytime & Craft (all ages)

- Tues. at 6:00pm & 7:00pm (tickets available at 5:30pm)

#### Saturday Storytime (all ages)

- Alternating Saturdays at 11am

#### French Storytime (all ages)

- Alternating Saturdays at 11am

#### Heartsong Music (Free. All ages)

- June 10th at 10:30am & 11:15am



### Fairy Tale Fun: Wednesdays at 5pm

Ages 5+ are invited to explore fairy tales through stories, crafts, and activities.

### Games & Movies: Thursdays at 6pm

1st Thursday - LEGO Club

2nd Thursday - Board Games

3rd Thursday - Family Movie

4th Thursday - Wii Video Games

### Arts & Crafts: Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Tickets available at 5:30pm. Ages 8+ or with an adult.

### Chess Club: 1st Saturday of each month at 1pm

**Teen Book Review:** Pick up book review forms in the teen area, and turn them in at the kids desk for a chance to win a gift card. Ages 10-18.



### Special Kids Programs

Seating is limited at these events, and is on a first-come basis. Arrive early to secure a seat.

**Lucas Miller Concert:** June 1st at 11am

**Flying Theater Machine:** July 13th at 11am

**Summer Reading Finale: Movie in the Park**  
(at Katherine Fleischer Park) August 10th at 8pm

### Bow Wow Reading Dogs

Kids ages 5+ practice reading aloud to therapy dogs. Call to reserve a spot.



## Upcoming Events in WB

### Memorial Day Casino Night

**May 25 • 6-9pm • WB Community Center**

Wells Branch MUD presents its annual Memorial Day Casino Night. An adult evening of gaming for our residents, this event is for ages 21 and up only and IDs will be checked at the door. Join us at 2106 Klattenhoff Drive as the Community 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.

### Summer Movies in the Park!

Wells Branch MUD presents Movies in the Park at Katherine Fleischer Park. Admission is FREE. Bring your blankets, chairs and snacks for the kids and enjoy these free family events. Pre-movie activities start at 8pm with the movies beginning at dusk. Community service groups will have refreshments available for purchase. Save the following Saturdays.

**June 8 – Rise of the Guardians**

**July 13 – TBD**

**August 10 – TBD**

### Teen Basketball Clinics

This clinic is designed to hone your skills using drills, games and scrimmages indoors under the supervision of a coach. You're guaranteed to dribble away a better player!

Location: WB Rec. Center

Days: Mondays & Wednesdays

Time: 12-3pm Ages: 10-16 Fee: \$40

Session #1: June 10-June 26 Session #2: July 8-July 24

### Volleyball Clinics

Open to all levels, this unique and professionally run clinic will teach fundamentals of playing indoor and sand volleyball. Depending on the skill level, we will teach everything from simple ball handling (passing and setting) to more advanced skills (hitting, serving, defense, offense). We will also work on conditioning and overall physique. Volleyball is a sport in which your child learns lessons of sportsmanship, communication and teamwork. Enroll soon!

Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Location: Tuesdays: KF Park Sand Court

Thursdays: Rec. Center Gym

Time: 12-2pm Ages: 10-16 Fee: \$40

Session #1: July 9-July 30

Session #2: August 1- August 22

### Swim Lessons

Both Group and Private Swim Lessons are available all summer. Contact the recreation center at 512-251-9814 for more information and scheduling.

### Teen Pool Parties coming in June!

Watch the marquees and website for dates!

### Youth Laser Tag

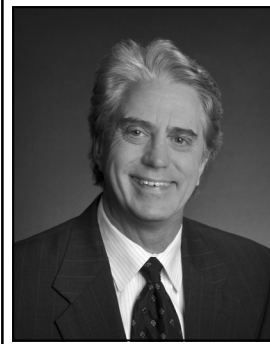
**June 21 • 8-10pm • WB Rec. Center on Shoreline**

Laser Tag for ages 12-18 at the WB Recreation Center.

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Lap Swim: M-F 3:00pm – 4:00pm (Texas Gold uses four lanes  
from 4:00pm – 7:30pm)

M-F 7:30pm – 9:00pm

**June 1 – August 25, 2013**

Open Swim: M-Th, Sa 10:00am – 9:00pm

Friday 4:00pm – 9:00pm and Sunday 1:00pm – 9:00pm

#### Willow Bend Pool • 2801 Sauls Dr • 310-1833

**May 4 – June 4, 2013**

Open / Lap: S-S 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Lap Swim: M-F 5:30am – 7:00am

M-F 12:00pm – 2:00pm (Closed after 2:00pm due to Armada  
swim team practice)

**June 5 – August 25, 2013**

Open Swim: M-F 2:00pm – 9:00pm; S-S 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Lap Swim: M-F 5:30am – 7:00am

M-Su 12:00pm – 2:00pm

\*Starting July 6th Willow Bend Will also be open on Saturdays  
from 12:00 – 2:00pm for lap swim only

#### Notes:

- Hours are subject to change. Visit [www.wellsbranchmud.com](http://www.wellsbranchmud.com) for current information.
- Willow Bend Pool will be closed at 5:00pm on Tuesday, June 18th. (Rain Date: June 25th).
- Willow Bend Pool may open late on these dates due to Armada home swim meets: 5/18, 6/1, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6.
- If you have any questions about pool operation, please feel free to contact the Aquatics Supervisor at 251-9814 x120.



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## ENJOYABLE DAY TRIPS

**Visit Enchanted Rock in Fredericksburg.** Your kids will love the feeling of climbing to the top of the rock. Enchanted Rock was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1970 and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. The Rock is a huge, pink granite exfoliation dome that rises 425 feet above ground, 1825 feet above sea level, and covers 640 acres. It is one of the largest batholiths (underground rock formation uncovered by erosion) in the United States. The park reaches capacity and frequently closes on weekends (sometimes as early as 11 a.m.). <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/enchanted-rock>

**Relish 70 degree temperatures at Natural Bridge Caverns in New Braunfels.** Only about a 45 minute drive from Austin, this cavern is one of the largest in the state of Texas, making it a top attraction. The outdoor climbing tower and zip lines will give your kids some exercise. <http://www.naturalbridge-caverns.com/>



### Take a day trip to the Mayborn Planetarium & Space Center in Killeen.

With a full-dome planetarium and laser light and star shows, this trip is a must for any child interested in space (and even those who aren't). It has a full 60-foot

dome. Experience a unique and artistic mix of light, color and sound with 3D laser light shows set to music. Affordable ticket prices. <http://www.starsatnight.org/>

### Take a dip in Krause Springs!

Just 45 minutes from Austin, step back in time and let the kiddos enjoy flying off the rocks via an old-fashioned rope swing while adults float the day away on a spring fed creek. Bring a picnic and stay all day or plan on camping out! <http://www.krausesprings.net/>

## Have you seen our Butterfly Garden?

by Betsey Harper

The Wells Branch MUD, CAMN (Capital Area Master Naturalists), and the American Heritage Girls (AHG) have been working hard over the past few months preparing the area north of the St. Andrews Church near Wells Branch Parkway for a new Butterfly Garden.

This project involves Wells Branch neighbors Shelley Palmer (CAMN) and her son Zaiah, Betsey and Steven Harper, Lisa and Kevin Ward (AHG parents), and AHG children, Tessi Harper, Sarah, Faith, and Grace Ward; along with boy power from Cole Harper and Liam Ward.

Involving CAMN and AHG kids in hands-on explorations of the natural world is essential if we are to create future generations who are able to undertake the vital tasks of re-establishing native plants and creatures. And what better place to start nurturing this than in our own neighborhood!

Why a Butterfly Garden? Butterflies are magical creatures and they evoke joy and fascination. I remember when I first moved to Texas, seeing fields of butterflies — Monarchs so thick they were like a carpet! Butterfly populations have seriously declined and are under threat, due mostly to destruction of their habitat and use of toxic chemicals.

We are providing the conditions to help butterfly populations bounce back, and what better way to get the kids involved than with a five year gardening commitment. Working together, the girls are creating their own butterfly friendly garden, in memory of Travis County Constable Pct. 2 Officer Kevin Aigner. The local AH Girls troop number is TX0240, which was Kevin's badge number.

To date, we have planted over twenty starter plants vital to attracting and keeping butterflies. Also, all of the plants the girls picked were native to support local and migratory butterflies.

What have we learned? The AH Girls were taught by Ms. Palmer that butterflies need host plants, caterpillar "hotels" where they feed and lay eggs. They learned they also needed nectar plants, or "restaurants" where adult butterflies can feast on nectar which will help prolong the butterfly's stay in the garden and draw in others. A protected water source, is also available via the creek.

What's next? As the plants grow, the group will begin labeling plants by name and adding a description of their usage (butterfly hotels or restaurants). Additional milk weed plants will be planted over the next couple of months after they've germinated in starter pots.

So the next time you are out on the trails, we hope you'll take a moment to stop by enjoy Wells Branch's new Butterfly Garden.



## Test Your Limits & Have Fun With Boy

**Scouts!** by Greg Jewett, Communications Chair, Troop 1409



Boy Scout Troop 1409 wants you! If you are between the ages of 11 and 18, now is the time to join the fun and excitement. Scouting combines camping and backpacking, outdoor games and sports, academics, leadership skills and more in fun and exciting programs that help boys test their limits both physically and mentally. In

the last year alone, members of Troop 1409 have:

- Camped out on the Battleship Texas in Galveston, Texas
- Performed Skits and Ceremonies at Cub Scout meetings
- Used tools and learned carpentry skills to help build benches for Camp Wilderness Ridge
- Acted as Luminary stewards for the WB Luminary Festival
- Hiked 9 and 16 miles around Lake Georgetown, exploring nature and the beautiful area around the Lake, preparing for backpacking trips and other adventures
- Camped out at Urland Scout Ranch, Matagorda Beach, Inks Lake, and other venues
- Helped raise money and collect donations for victims of fires and other natural disasters
- Learned first aid, emergency preparedness, geocaching, oceanography, cooking, plumbing and more in preparation for earning Merit Badges for rank advancement
- Attended Summer and Winter campouts at Lost Pines Boy Scout Camp with hundreds of other Troops from all over the southern United States

Interested boys and parents are encouraged to attend any of the Troop 1409 meetings at the WB Annex at 14611 Wells Port Drive on Sundays from 2-4pm; visit our website: [www.troop1409.com](http://www.troop1409.com); or contact Scoutmaster Roger Gray at (512) 351-0804 or [info@troop1409.com](mailto:info@troop1409.com).

The Boy Scouts of America comprises more than one million volunteers working together for the sole purpose of helping its nearly three million youth succeed in life. Young boys grow up fast. Give your son a valuable gift by encouraging him to join Scouting today. The time you invest in him today will make a difference in the person he becomes tomorrow.

## Join Cub Scouts for Summer Fun!

Are you looking for fun activities to do this summer? Do you have a son going into 1st grade thru 5th grade? The Wells Branch Homestead Charter Cub Scouts Pack 140 has some exciting adventures planned, and they don't want you to miss out. Join Pack 140 this summer for some action packed fun and build a little character on the way! For more information, contact us at [join@pack140.org](mailto:join@pack140.org) or visit our website at [www.pack140.org](http://www.pack140.org).



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## Snakes! by Heather Johnson



It's that time of year when all the slithery critters start coming out and questions abound. The most common large snake we have around Wells Branch is the Texas Rat Snake, which as its name implies, eats rodents. The Texas Rat Snake resembles a rattle snake, and will even shake its tail against things to make a noise, but it does not have a rattle, and it is not poisonous. We like these guys - they keep the rat population down!

Austin Reptile Service maintains a user friendly site for identifying area snakes. They even sort them by markings. For more info on area snakes you might encounter, please visit: <http://www.austinreptileservice.net/guide.html>

For those less enthusiastic about snakes (even the non-poisonous ones) they also identify and relocate snakes.

## Calling all Seniors – Join the Silver Branchers!

In spite of the chilly, wet weather, the Silver Branchers and guests enjoyed a visit to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in April. There were no crowds to contend with and the center was fresh and green from the rain.



Each Thursday, the Silver Branchers 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 more day-trips and have an Ice Cream Social scheduled for May 23 from 1-3pm at the Rec. Center. Membership is free. All residents 55 years and older are welcome. For more information, call 251-9814 or just stop by.

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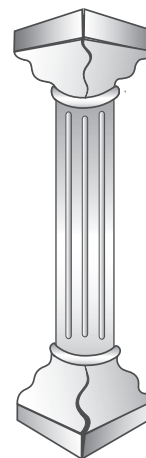
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## Easter Bunny Visits Wells Branch!

Eggstra special THANKS go out to Lara Bennett for her devotion to our Easter Egg Hunt each year! Lara, WBNA Treasurer, plans and executes this event meticulously each year and we at the WBNA are incredibly grateful for her! We had a new first time Easter Bunny this year - THANK YOU, Brendan Carlquist! You were wonderful!! A big THANK YOU to Dianne Koehler & Kat Sands for planning and running the Easter craft table, too! Thank you, Chuck Walters, for manning the microphone and keeping the event as orderly as possible.

We'd like to thank all our neighbors who volunteered their time stuffing over 5000 eggs, hiding the eggs, and helping out with the event from start to finish: Debby Thompson, Chuck Walters, Lara Bennett, Linda Baird, Donna Malone, Janet Maxey, Madonna & Kristen Johnson, Clay & Owen Bennett, Pam Wachholz, Debbie Brown, Gus Kohn, Lori & Max Lotspeich, George Holcombe, Mekala Padmanabhan, Tehra, Joe, Lincoln, Beckett, and Oslo Wieck, Meaghan Cruz, Donna Howe, Donita Ward, Robbie Hearn, and a few folks who stopped on their morning walks and offered to help.

Please visit our Facebook page to view the rest of the photos from this event (581). Feel free to download photos of your family, tag pictures, and add any of your own.

"Like" us to receive updates on all upcoming Wells Branch events.

**THANK YOU ALL for making and keeping Wells Branch such a GREAT place to live and raise a family!**



## WBE Organic Garden on KLRU!

by Tara Fisher-Muñoz

There is just one week left for the WBE Farmer's Market held every Friday from 2:45-3:15pm. May 24th will be the last market this school year. Come out and support our kids! All produce is organically grown by the students at WBE. We harvest the vegetables 20 minutes before we sell them. It doesn't get any fresher! If you can't make the 2:45pm time slot, email me at tfishermunoz@yahoo.com and we can make arrangements for pick up at another time.

Exciting news! KLRU will be filming the garden, students and Farmer's Market on May 22 and 24 for "Central Texas Gardener." We need your help! If anyone from the neighborhood would like to pitch in by pulling weeds and mulching around the benches and plants on Town Hill/Merriltown, we would really appreciate it! Let's make Wells Branch shine!

Thank you all for supporting our organic gardening efforts this past year, especially George Holcombe, Chandra Patel, Dianne Koehler, Dianna Gielstra, Sarah Slaughter, Carol Glinski, Cassi Wortham, Sarah Marquez, Olivia Engstrom, Kimberly Maeder, Emily Christiansen and Melissa Palma who've volunteered their time to share their gardening skills with our children.

The WBE Farmer's Market group would like to thank Chandra Patel for his generous contribution towards the purchase of a large greenhouse. We appreciate it!

Have a safe and happy summer!



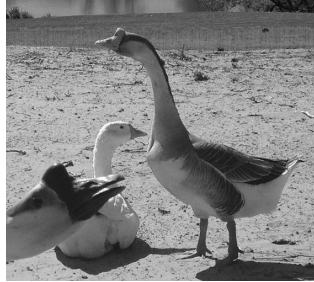
## Baby "G" Reunited with Parents by Betsey Harper

As most of you have seen, the geese are gone from Mills pond. After the first and second round up of waterfowl, there was only one lone goose left. His name is "Baby G" and he is a cross-breed possibly between a Brown Chinese and a White Embden or Czech. He was younger and a bit more determined than the others and stayed away. This story is about him.

His mom tried for years to have goslings and made nest after nest on the side of Mr. and Mrs. Berkman's house across from the pond. Over several years, she sat on various nests of eggs through times of heat and cold weather, covered them from predators when she needed nourishment and exercise, and had Papa Goose and Uncle Goose close by for help too. One morning in July 2011, she came off the nest to proudly show off her baby to the Berkman's. They named him appropriately, "Baby G".

Baby G grew quickly and by spring 2012, the four were seen daily in Mills Pond. They are an unusual family, with mom in all white with an orange straight bill, and Dad and Uncle in a greyish coat with a black strongly developed basal knob on the upper side of their bills. Baby G has traits of both Mom and Dad and proudly swam with them.

After Baby G's parents were relocated to my fowl ranch in Elgin, Baby G told all the passing pond visitors that he was upset about it. Boy, did he have a lot to say on the matter too! He was lonely and left all alone. The crew from USDA put in a tremendous amount of effort trying to capture him, but Baby G was not going to have it.



I received a phone call from a very concerned trail walker, so I went to check on Baby G. I too was concerned by Baby G's mannerisms and vocal tones. He was really missing his family. This is the day I met the Berkman's. We arranged to follow up to see what we could do to reunite Baby G with his family.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Berkman, we were able to lure Baby G out of the pond, up the grass, to the side of the road, close to his home. Within just a couple minutes of sweet-talking Baby G, we were easily able to pick him up and pet him. This was the first time in over a year the Berkman's were able to pet him, and Baby G liked the attention. We gently caged him and I immediately drove off to Elgin.

It was dark when I arrived at the ranch. I opened the gate, pulled out the cage, and set Baby G free. He honked and honked again. In the distance, I heard a return honk, and then another.

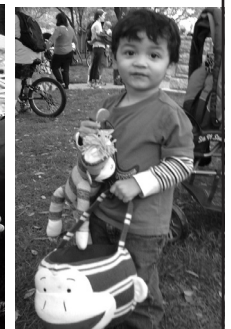
Then out of the darkness, came three or four running, wing-flapping geese. Mom and Dad stepped forward, honking turned to excitement, this led to some head rubbing (goose hugs) between them and off they all went to roost. All in all, it was a happy reunion.

Since then, Baby G, has been inseparable from both parents, and his mom has a new nest with 3 eggs. Both Dad and Baby G stand guard. With 9 new goslings hatched in the past two weeks from our other geese, and more to come; next year, maybe Baby G will find his own soul mate and have a family of his own. Thank you Wells Branch for being passionate and caring about our water fowl.

## WB Event Photos



(Clockwise from top left) 1. Dog Fair King & Queen 2. Macy caught a fish! 3 & 4. Learning at the Homestead Festival 5 - 13. WBNA Easter Egg Hunt  
Please visit the WBNA Facebook page to see more photos (a LOT more) sorted by event.  
Thank you to the neighbors who regularly contribute their time and photography skills at WB events:  
Madonna Johnson      Kristen Johnson  
Debby Thompson      Pam Wachholz  
Gus Kohn      Donna Howe  
Roberto White





# Community Calendar

- May 18, 9am-4pm: WB Disc Golf Tournament, DG Course on Owen Tech\*\*
- May 18, 9am-Noon: Garden Guild Tour, see wbna.us for details
- May 18, 6pm: Open Ears Concert with The Studebakers at St. Andrews on Wells Port; [www.openearsconcerts.com](http://www.openearsconcerts.com)
- May 23, 1-3pm: Silver Branchers' Ice Cream Social, WBRC
- May 24, 2:45-3:15pm: Last WBE Farmer's Market, corner of Merriltown/Town Hill
- May 25, 6-9pm: Memorial Day Casino Night, WBCC
- May 27, 1-9pm: Memorial Day Open House, KF Pool
- May 27, 2-9pm: Memorial Day Open House, Willow Bend Pool
- May 28, 8-10pm: Free Live Music Showcase, Live for More Center, Bratton Square
- May 31: RRISD - Last day of school
- May 31, 3pm: RRISD - McNeil Graduation, Cedar Park Center
- June 1, 9am: RRISD - Cedar Ridge Graduation, Cedar Park Center
- June 1, 1pm: PISD - Connally Graduation, Frank Erwin Center
- June 4: PISD - Last day of school/early release
- June 8, 8pm: Movies in the Park, KF Park – *Rise of the Guardians*
- June 10, 7-8:30pm: Sweet Monday "Coffee House", WBCC
- June 15, 11am: Garden Guild "Growing Herbs", WBRC
- June 21, 8-10pm: Youth Laser Tag, WBRC
- June 25, 8-10pm: Free Live Music Showcase, Live for More Center, Bratton Square
- July 4, 10am-5pm: FourthFest, KF Park
- July 4, 10:30am-5pm: WBNA Silent Auction, WBCC
- July 4, 9:45pm: Fireworks at Willow Bend Pool
- July 13, 8am-5pm: Bulk Trash, Hazardous Waste, Habitat for Humanity & Easter Seals, 13905 Thermal
- July 13, 8pm: Movies in the Park, KF Park - TBD
- Watch for Teen Pool Party Dates!
- Silver Branchers meet every Thursday, 1-3pm, WBRC.
- Don't forget to check your child's school article for upcoming events.



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

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WBRC=Rec Center on Shoreline;

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