



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.
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National Night Out

America's Night Out Against Crime

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Tuesday, October 4 • 6-8pm Gazebo at KF Park

Join your Wells Branch neighbors for our night out against crime, Tuesday, October 4, from 6-8pm at the gazebo at Katherine Fleischer Park. The WBNA will be serving up FREE hotdogs, sausage wraps, fruit & veggies, beans, hummus, sodas and chips. For dessert, we'll have the Friends of the Library handing out Culver's delicious frozen custard (while supplies last). And don't forget the door prizes!

Guest grillmaster Chris Carby of Branch BBQ will be manning the pit while distinguished guests from the Travis County Sheriff's Office, ESD No. 2 Fire Dept. and Precinct 2 Constable's Office will be on hand to visit with residents and answer questions. Both children and adults will have the opportunity to talk with first responders, receive information on Neighborhood Watch and other programs available to residents, and tour the fire safety house and fire truck that ESD No. 2 will have onsite. We may even get a peek at one the District's new ambulances!

Come find out what's going on in our community and discuss with local law enforcement officers and politicians what you can do to help reduce the opportunities for crimes to occur in our neighborhood.

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

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



New Address? Name Change?



October 11th

**Contact us: VOTE@wbna.us
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Business Spotlight – New Businesses in Wells Branch

by Gus Kohn

We've had some new businesses open in Wells Branch recently and have a few updates on others. The continuing successes of the businesses in the district directly influence our property values as well as our sense of community. Sales tax paid within Wells Branch from your purchases benefits both the Library and the Fire Department (ESD#2). When we "Shop WB" we all benefit.

LONGHORN ALTERATIONS & CLEANERS opened at 14735 Bratton #107 next to Oasis Pizza in Bratton Square on March 1st. They offer Dry Cleaning and Laundry and their specialty is Alterations. Owner Dany Nolasco and Alterations Manager Vangie Sager ran a custom alteration business in Round Rock before coming to Wells Branch to provide residents with alterations of all clothing, including leather, draperies, design remakes and custom made shirts. They offer personalized service at competitive rates. Drop in and visit with Vangie who has been a seamstress for over 40 years. Their phone is 512-551-3686. See their ad pg 6.

JOHNNY BEANS GOURMET COFFEE BAR & ESPRESSO

CATERING has been an Austin favorite for over 20 years and is now in WB! Located in the Market at Wells Branch between Pizza Hut and Wells Branch Visioncare, owners John & Lauren Dixon offer the first place award winning espresso from the 1997 U.S. Barista World Series. They also serve Locomotion, another house favorite, as well as Pumpkin Spice now being served seasonally and coffee cold brews in the comfortable setting of a living room. They specialize in "building relationships one cup at a time" and owner John says, "it's all about the experience". They offer Tyson's Tacos mornings and baked goods by Russell's Bakery as well as Gluten free gourmet tamales from Tamale Addiction. If you haven't been by Johnny Beans, their passion is hospitality and they're open 7am-5pm M-F & 8am-3pm on Sat. Call 512-736-0272 or hit their website at <http://johnnybeans.com/> for catering opportunities. See their ad pg 4.

WELLS BRANCH FOOD MART has taken the place of the lovely green building on the corner of 1325 and WB Parkway selling Texaco gas and a huge assortment of convenience items with an unusually large selection of wines and beer. Owner Hanna Nader opened March 20th and welcomes neighbors to come in and explore the store, open 6am to Midnight.

See Business Spotlight on page 24



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National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 9-15, 2016

Does your home have a smoke alarm/detector? Hopefully the answer is YES. At a minimum, you should have one in every bedroom, as well as the common area just outside of each bedroom, and at least one on each level of your home.

But do you know how OLD your smoke alarms are? If you're like most people, you're probably not sure. Maybe you bought a pre-owned home and assumed that the alarms were updated by the previous homeowners or replaced during the inspection process. You might even assume that your smoke alarms will last pretty much forever as long as they get new batteries. Not true! Sadly, the average American does not realize that smoke alarms are generally not designed to be reliable after about 10 years, even if you change the battery every six months and manually test the alarm each month as you should.

A good analogy is a car: even if you keep filling up the gas tank and rotating the tires, if the engine stops working then you'll be stranded. There's a crucial step that most people miss in making sure your smoke alarm will actually work when you really need it: checking the manufacture date that's printed or stamped on the back of the alarm! Time and time again, we see tragedies that could've been prevented if the smoke alarms were working.

National Fire Prevention Week this year is October 9 to 15, 2016. This year's national message from the NFPA is: **"Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace All Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."** Pflugerville firefighters will spread this critical message during community outreach events in September and October, including the WB National Night Out festivities on Oct. 4. We have also been working with the property managers for all apartment complexes to ensure the smoke alarms in each apartment unit are not more than 10 years old.

The bottom line is that you only have two minutes (or less!) to escape a fire before it can kill you. A smoke alarm is literally your BEST chance of surviving a fire at home, especially if the fire starts while you are sleeping. The Pflugerville Fire Department wants to make sure EVERYONE in the entire community is inspired to take your smoke alarms off the wall and check the date of manufacture on the back. If the tiny little stamp or sticker says 2006 or earlier, it's time to get a new smoke alarm right away. Don't wait until it's too late to check that life-saving date!

To learn more about smoke alarms, please visit www.PflugervilleFire.org, choose the Prevention tab then Public Education, and click on Smoke Detector Safety.

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As part of my commitment to this community, a donation will be made to the WB Library or 501(c)3 community group of your choice upon closing.

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Local Candidate Forums

Each political season, the WBNA hosts candidate forums so that our Wells Branch neighbors have the opportunity to meet with and ask questions of our local leaders seeking election. We hope you'll join us for the following Candidate Forums and/or Meet & Greets to be held at the Wells Branch Community Center, 2106 Klattenhoff Drive. For an updated list of participants, please visit wbna.us.

Thursday, October 6, 7pm: RRISD Board of Trustees

Wednesday, October 12, 7pm: Wells Branch MUD Board

Thursday, October 20, 7pm: Travis County Candidates and State House Representative, District 50

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NOVEMBER 6 Time to "Fall Back"

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

Voting: Informed & Engaged

by Debby Thompson, WBNA President



You have the ability to shape your world by being informed, involved, and voting. That being said, I urge you **NOT** to vote for the first person who comes to your door, but rather to make the effort to find out all you can about **EACH** of the candidates before making your choices. Keep in mind, local elections tend to have a far greater impact on our day-to-day lives than state or national elections. Wells Branch MUD and Wells Branch Community Library both have candidates on the ballot. These are non-partisan positions so you must scroll all the way to the end to vote in these races.

For state and county elections, the League of Women Voters has an excellent publication that will be available online at <http://lwvaustin.org/> mid-October. On the local side, we have bios of all the MUD Board candidates inside this issue (see pages 16, 17 & 22). Wells Branch Community Library will also have candidates on the ballot. Please see page 8 for info on their voting process and brief candidate intros. Detailed bios for both elections may be found on the wbna.us website under the Elections tab.

Read about them. Visit their websites and Facebook pages. They each have contact information available. Reach out and talk to them. Ask questions. Talk to your neighbors and most of all, attend the Candidate Forums hosted by the WBNA. Dates and times to the left of this article.

Questions to keep in mind when visiting with each of the candidates, no matter what position they seek:

- Education & Experience? How will your education, career path, and life experience benefit the people of WB?
- What unique qualities do you bring to the table?
- Motivation? Why are you seeking this position?
- How have you demonstrated an interest and involvement in our community?
- Do you actively volunteer your time for Wells Branch? If so, how?
- Will you be present at our community functions?
- Will you listen when residents have questions or concerns?
- What do you see as the single most important issue facing Wells Branch?
- How will your election improve Wells Branch for all residents?

These are all important questions; what have each of these candidates demonstrated in past positions and within our community? Ask.

Last, but certainly not least, I ask that the candidates and those supporting them choose their words both wisely and kindly. Emphasize your candidate's attributes, not your opponent's perceived shortcomings and PLEASE keep your campaigns positive. At the end of the day, we're ALL still going to be neighbors. We need to act like it and we need to be able to continue working together for OUR community come November 9th.

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Make an Emergency Plan and Register for Central Texas Emergency Warnings

by Lisa Block, Travis County PIO

September is National Preparedness Month, and Travis County and the City of Austin are encouraging everyone to prepare for emergencies and register to receive emergency alerts. Central Texas is known as Flash Flood Alley, and in recent years, Travis County has faced deadly flash floods. Other emergencies, such as wildfires, tornadoes and severe weather, are not uncommon in our area, so planning and preparation are key to protecting life and property.

Don't wait. Communicate. Make your emergency plan today. Take practical steps now, so that you are informed and prepared to keep you and your family safe when emergencies occur:

1. Stay informed. Monitor local news reports for emergency information. There may be no electricity during a disaster, so a hand-crank radio is recommended. Travis County and Austin Twitter pages (@TravisCountyES, @austinHSEM and @austintexasgov) and Travis County Emergency Services and Austin HSEM Facebook pages (TravisCoEmergencyServices and DisasterReadyAustin) also provide updates during emergencies.

2. 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.

3. Stay weather aware. Visit Weather.gov/safety to learn about weather emergencies. Follow ATXfloods.com during heavy rain and floods to monitor low-water crossing closures.

4. Build a disaster supply kit. Your kit should include enough non-perishable food, one gallon of water per day per person, prescription medication and other supplies, such as flashlights, batteries and a first-aid kit. Learn more about disaster supply kits at Ready.gov/kit.

5. Make a plan that extends from home to vehicle, workplace and other locations. Remember to have supplies at all locations, and keep vehicle fuel tanks at least half full.

6. Prepare your home and decrease the threat of wildfires to you and your property by following the Ready, Set, Go! brochure at TravisCountytx.gov/wildfire.

7. Get involved—Prepare your community for emergencies: For more information about National Preparedness Month and getting others involved, go to: Ready.gov/September or Ready.gov/es/Septiembre, and follow #NatlPrep.

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Volunteer to "Drive a Senior"

by Johanna Oswald

The North Central Austin Drive A Senior Program needs more volunteer drivers. We have a number of clients in the Wells Branch/Gracy Farms area who need rides to medical appointments or other essential services. Volunteering is easy and flexible—no long term commitment is required. You can organize drives around your schedule and choose times and locations convenient for you by checking a daily ride request list that is sent to volunteers by e-mail. This is a wonderful direct service for our neighbors and helps seniors remain independent. To find out more or to attend a volunteer orientation call 512-453-2273 or email nc@driveasenior.org. Our new office is located at 901 W. Braker Lane, Austin, TX 78758.

Clip n' Save Winter Pool Hours

Katherine Fleischer Pool
September 6, 2016 - March 31, 2017

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October 1, 2016 - October 31, 2016

Open/Lap	S-S	1-6pm
	M-F	3:30-8pm
Lap Swim	MWF	5:30-7:30am
	MWF	12-2pm

November 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

Open/Lap	S-S	1-6pm
	M-F	3:30-8pm
Lap Swim	MWF	12-2pm

Please note: These are general guidelines. Hours are subject to change. Visit: wellsbranchmud.com/pools for current information and specific exceptions. Pools may be closed due to inclement weather. During heavy storms or below freezing temperatures check the website or call the pools to confirm if they are open.

Parking Safety Reminders for School Zones

- Do not park within 30 ft of a stop sign.
- Do not park within 20 ft of the designated crosswalks.
- Do not park right up to the edge of an intersection as this prevents emerging traffic from having clear vision and safe entry into the intersection.
- Do not block the driveways of residents even if only for a moment.
- Do not leave cars unattended. Park your car. Turn it off. Set the brake. Lock it and take the keys with you.

Please remember that everything we ask of you is for the safety of our children and their families.

***We've experienced issues with the areas surrounding Wells Branch Elementary (Town Hill/Merrilltown, Town Hill/Donald and Town Hill/Robert I. Walker), Joe Lee Johnson Elementary (Sauls/Crissom, Crissom/Kissman) and Athlos Academy (Shoreline/Cadoz) but please be respectful of all areas in or close to school zones. Even if there isn't a sign for it, please use common sense and courtesy when parking close to intersections or crosswalks. Thank you for helping keep our kids safe!



Parking Mobility Enforcement Class

Accessible Parking & Mobility Solutions will provide an initial training class at the WB Rec Center for parking mobility enforcement on October 23rd from 2-6pm.

Parking Mobility recruits, trains and manages citizen volunteers to help solve the universal problem of accessible parking abuse on the local level. Parking Mobility was developed and is operated by the disability community. The 501(c)(3) non-profit mission is to provide the solution to the #1 issue faced by the disability community every day. This is done through education and engaging community participation. Enforcement is essential, but education changes behavior.

A full four hour class is offered for those who have not been sworn in before. All current Parking Mobility Volunteers who complete retraining before November 1st can attend a two hour training instead of the usual 4 hour training. Contact Mack Marsh at mack@parkingmobility.com to register.

Silver Branchers

By Darlene Bauhs

Fall is finally here! Our first trip of the season was to Lake Buchanan for the Vanishing River Cruise. On October 13, we plan a visit to Palmetto State Park in Gonzales followed by barbeque in Lockhart. Park entry fee is \$3. Please call 512-251-9814 for departure details and to reserve your spot. Check the Calendar at WBNA.us for updates.

We continue to meet at the Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive, on Thursdays from 1-3pm throughout the year. We are an active group of seniors who gather for an afternoon of fun and laughter each week. We play many games and enjoy each other's company. All residents 55 years and older are welcome.

Raccoons & 'Possums & Rats, Oh My! Fall Clean-Up Time is Here

by Debby Thompson, WBNA President



Chances are if you're reading this, you've had a problem with at least one of these critters in the last few months.

Rats contaminate food, damage and destroy property, and spread disease. Raccoons are destructive and possums can be a nuisance. All have been seen in Wells Branch recently.

The best form of control for any of these animals is an integrated plan that removes access to shelter, food and water. If you have a rat or mouse problem, then the use of rodenticides or traps *may* be necessary as well. **Every** resident in WB can take steps to minimize appeal to these animals.

- Do NOT leave food outside for your pets. If your animals eat outside, give them a chance to eat and then bring the food and water bowls inside.
- Secure all doggie-doors at night.
- If you have a bird or squirrel feeder, bring it in at night. Empty the birdbaths as well.
- Seal all openings into your home and any outdoor storage units using hardware cloth and steel wool. Mice can squeeze into a ¼" opening and it only takes ½" for a rat to gain access.
- Clean out any debris that might provide refuge for these animals.

Fall is the time when varmints start looking for a nice winter home. Old appliances, stacks of lumber, uncut brush and grass, old decking and hot tubs, etc. provide the perfect winter shelter. Now that the weather is starting to cool off, take a weekend to make sure your home and yard are protected.

If you have a neighbor who needs a little help getting his yard in shape, offer to lend a hand. Or better yet, organize a block clean-up party for one weekend. One of the neighborhood watch groups does this twice a year (spring and fall). All the neighbors gather early one morning, pool their tools and go house to house to help each other take care of large outdoor projects and get the yards ready for the next season. They finish the day with a cookout at a neighbor's house. It's an opportunity to bring everyone together and the whole neighborhood benefits from a pest-free environment.

Travis County discourages the trapping and relocation of healthy raccoons and possums. They recommend the aforementioned preventive measures instead. They will, however, come out if you have an animal "trapped" inside a living area. Should this happen, call 311 and ask for Travis County Animal Control.

For poison free remedies and information on rodent bait and trapping tips, visit <http://wbna.us/community/rodent-control/>



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Library Trustee Election

There is a LOT to think about when voting this year. One election that may not be on your mind is the Library Board of Trustees- a race where one or two voters can really make a difference because only people who live in the district can vote. Voters can select up to three candidates of the four on the ballot. Information about the candidates will be available on the WBNA website. Trustees are not paid and serve 2 year terms.

Faye Cormier – Candidate, WBCL Trustee



Faye's life began in the best of both worlds; born a Texan and raised right across the Sabine River in Louisiana. Life in a small town is much like life in Wells Branch: great neighbors, community pride and freedom to impact the community. Faye and her family have been proud WB home owners since 2000. Faye enjoys a career as a medical social worker and generously shares her time and experience with numerous community groups in Austin. Her volunteer work at the library includes interior design and special programming. She has been a library trustee since 2012, serving as the FoL liaison and Vice President.

Matthew Sims – Candidate, WBCL Trustee



Matthew Sims is one of four candidates seeking your vote for one of the library trustee positions. With a love for history and books, he wants to help the library continue as good stewards of our tax dollars while growing alongside our community. He served in the United States Army for three years before being honorably discharged in March 2006. He has since obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and his Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from Texas Tech School of Law. For the past six years, he has worked as a legislative staffer in the Texas House of Representatives. He and Amanda, his wife of ten years, have one child, Raleigh age 5.

Jill Traffanstedt – Candidate, WBCL Trustee



A native Texan, Jill grew up in Abilene and graduated from UT with a degree in Psychology. She and her husband stayed in Austin and bought a home in Wells Branch in 1985, back when WB Parkway did not exist. Jill was part of the staff that published the first Wells Branch Word newsletter in September, 1985. During these early years, she was an active member of the WB Neighborhood Association Board and volunteered for Frontier Days and delivering newsletters. She has served on the WBCL Board for 6 years. She is active in the library's Facilities and Finance Committees, two book clubs, the Friends of the Library, and can be seen working in the library landscape.

Darlene Bauhs – Candidate, WBCL Trustee



Raised in South Dakota, I received my BA in elementary education from St. Catherine's University, St. Paul, Minnesota and Learning Disabilities certification from Xavier University, Dayton, Ohio with Graduate hours in remedial reading at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. My love for education led me to teach third grade, remedial reading, LD tutoring, and substitute teaching in Minnesota, Ohio and Texas. When our youngest left for college, I followed my passion to the library, where I served for 6 years as Assistant Children's Librarian at George Memorial Library in Richmond, Texas. Moving to Wells Branch to help with the grand sons has been a blessing.



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Mon. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fri. – Sat. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sun. 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN PROGRAMS

Spooky Family Film: The Ghost & Mr. Chicken (*All ages*)

Friday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.



Spooky Spider Show (*Ages 0-10*)

Saturday, October 29 at 10 a.m.

Texas Tarantulas and their Kin (*Ages 10+*)

Saturday, October 29 at 11 a.m.

Trick-or-Treat and Face Painting

Monday, October 31 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.



UPCOMING CLOSURES

Thursday, October 27

Closed for Inventory

Wednesday, November 23

Library closes early at 4 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, November 24-25

Closed for Thanksgiving

To see everything happening at the Library
this fall, check out our event calendar at

WWW.WBLIBRARY.ORG

CELEBRATE WORLD SPACE WEEK, OCTOBER 4-10!

Planetarium and Star Party (*All ages*)

Friday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.

DIY Teens: Galaxy Shirts (*Ages 10-18*)

Saturday, October 8 at 2 p.m.



KIDS

WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Language Learning Storytimes (*All ages*)

Sign Language: First and third Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Bilingual/Spanish: Second and fourth Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Wiggle Worms (*Ages 1-4*)

Enjoy open-play time with trains, cars, dinos, and more!

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

LEGO Lab (*Ages 5-10*)

LEGO free-play and LEGO Robotics

Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Staci Gray Concert (*during Wiggle Worms*)

Wednesday, October 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Martian Math

Wednesdays at 4:30

Math enrichment for grades 3-6.

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Local Troops Host Expo of Scouting

by Rich Michelson, Troop 1409 Scoutmaster

The youth scouting organizations of Wells Branch hosted an *Expo of Scouting* at the WB Rec. Center on Saturday, September 10, 2016.



Members from the Cub Scouts Pack 140 and Pack 728, Boy Scouts Troop 1409, Girl Scouts, Baden Powell Association, and Venture Scouts Crew 1409 were on hand to answer questions about the different programs available for youth in Wells Branch.

The purpose of the Expo is to raise awareness of youth scouting programs in the community and for scouting programs to recruit new members. The main event of the day was a series of 15-minute presentations and question and answer sessions all afternoon. The Boy Scouts gave a cooking demonstration that was enjoyed by all.

BSA Pack 728

by Shannon Best

Pack 728 is back in the swing of things! We have a full calendar this year which includes: Pinewood Derby, Rain Gutter Regatta, TWO campouts, volunteering on It's My Park Day, Report to State and of course our annual Blue and Gold ceremony. We have homeschoolers, WBE students, Athlos students and private school students! We welcome ALL boys from Kinder-5th grade to join us. We meet at the Live for More Center on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Email: wbpack728@gmail.com for more info.



Venture Crew 1409

by Jill Douglass, Advisor

Venturing Crew 1409 returned from the Atchafalaya Swamp this summer sunburned and bruised, but very, very elated by their experience. Our trek was shared with a Boy Scout troop out of La Porte, Texas. The two units quickly became friends and spent time getting to know one another throughout the trek. Yes, we saw alligators... lots and lots of alligators, but they were mostly small-ish. Our guides kept us out of any treacherous areas. Highlights included catfishing, luxurious free swims complete with mud masks, blow dart competitions, and beautiful scenery. The crew took care of one another - dehydration, heat rashes, and long portages are real, my friends! Not too long after our trek ended, Island Outpost (where we spent two nights) was flooded by the late summer rains that affected much of southern Louisiana. We all fervently hope Swamp Base gets the resources they need to repair before next summer.

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 – 20 years of age. Contact Jill Douglass (512-293-9022 / jdouglass@crew1409.com) for questions about the Crew. Visit <http://www.crew1409.com/> to learn more!





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Cub Scout Pack 140 by Tonya Riley

Pack 140 is off to a great start this Scouting year! We've had a number of new Scouts join us from Northwest and Parmer Lane Elementary schools so we have grown tremendously! But there is always contact us at info@pack140.org or visit us at www.pack140.org.

It is fundraising time for Boy Scouts of America. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be out in the community with our Trail's End popcorn. 73% of proceeds goes to the local Council and Unit. Thank you in advance for supporting your local Scouts with a purchase!



Fall 2016 WB Soccer Season Kicks Off

by Leisha Richardson, Secretary, WBSA

It's that time of year! The Wells Branch Soccer Association (WBSA) fall soccer season is upon us and we are delighted to welcome all of the new and returning players and their families to the best neighborhood Club in the Austin-Round Rock-Pflugerville metropolitan area. Registration for the Club continues to see growth with 339 players ages 3-14 playing U6 to U15 across 37 WBSA teams (32 Recreational, 5 Competitive) this fall.

The Club held opening day games on September 10 followed by the annual WBSA Kickoff Party held on the Sauls Fields at Willow Bend Park. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's kick-off event a huge success! Wells Branch Soccer is an all-volunteer organization and we couldn't do it without all of the great support we receive every season from our volunteer coaches and families!

And thanks to the Wells Branch MUD and staff for the support in getting our fields in tip top shape to start the season. WBSA will play host 164 home games right here in beautiful Wells Branch this season. That's a lot of soccer!

If you want to show your support for your favorite WBSA players you can find a list of home games to watch by visiting <http://wellsbranchsoccer.weebly.com/calendar-of-events.html> and checking out the fall lineup. And for more information about WBSA community events be sure to follow us on Facebook.



Photo courtesy of Tim Shaffer



KUDOS!

You were FABULOUS and you just keep breaking records! 72 neighbors volunteered to deliver the Summer issue. This is HUGE. Summertime is always rough because so many of our steady

deliverers that we depend on are out of town, but we put the word out and y'all were truly wonderful. Many, many thanks to each and every one of you.

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As always, thank you to all who contribute articles and share information. Our newsletter continues to grow because of you. Keep the articles coming!

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Wells Branch is AWESOME!!! Special THANKS to ALL who participated in our July 4th Silent Auction! Every year just keeps getting better and better!

by Debby Thompson, WBNA President

The Wells Branch Neighborhood Association would like to thank our neighbors for coming out and supporting our organization through the Silent Auction. We had an incredible turnout and truly appreciate your support once again in our efforts to fund our neighborhood activities over the next year. Our Fourth Fest Silent Auction brought in \$7,872.50 last year, up from \$5,424.58 the previous year (which was a record). This year, we raised \$6708.00, a decrease of \$1,164.50 over last year, but still a generous amount.

As most of you know, this is our big fundraiser. Its purpose is to raise enough money to pay for National Night Out, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, participation in Halloween events, Friday night at Luminary Fest in December and to help with our educational/safety programs and candidate forums. We met our goal thanks to all of YOU! Whether you were a donor, a buyer, a volunteer, or the WB MUD, who so graciously allows us use of their facilities, you all made a tremendous difference and the WBNA is grateful!

When you see the neighbors listed below, please thank them for supporting our community. In addition, we hope you'll patronize these businesses and join us on October 4th for Wells Branch's National Night Out Against Crime.

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We also thank our many donors who wish to remain anonymous.

Last, but not least, the WBNA would like to thank all of our Silent Auction volunteers. EXTRA SPECIAL THANKS to our Silent Auction Chairperson, Gus Kohn and his organization and donation team: Chuck Walters and Donna Malone - You did an amazing job! Our die-hard volunteers: Lara Bennett, Emily Berver, Chad Cannedy, Jacob Dawson, Ruth Gutierrez, Mary Hale, Dianne Koehler, Sherrie Lindig, Steve & Donna Lyons, Donna Malone, Janet Maxey, Katie Moore, Patsy Nelson-Farmer, Cindy Padavick, Teri Perrey, Joe & Mary Petronis, Arlie Pfeifer, Lisa Rankine, Ralph & Tracy Simon, Marie Streusand and Mark & Margaret Sufke were incredible. Our wonderful photographers: Steve Hilchey, Madonna Johnson, Arlie Pfeifer, and Tom & Debbie Zimmer devoted their day (and night) to capturing 4th Fest for everyone to remember. We'd also like to thank Bruce Burns for the absolutely amazing drone video of the fireworks show. If you haven't seen the photos or video, they're on the WBNA Facebook page in individual albums. Feel free to download, tag and share.

You all were fabulous! If I've left anyone out, please accept my sincere apology, let me know, and we'll get you properly recognized! Thanks so much EVERYONE for making it happen!!!



3rd Annual Day of Disc Golf for Veterans

by Brian Litke

The Wells Branch Disc Golf Club hosted the 3rd Annual Day of Disc Golf for Veterans - September 3, 2016. Sixty-five veterans and supporters came out to enjoy playing a round of disc golf together.

The event was sponsored by the Affinity at Wells Branch apartments, a new living community adjacent to the WB disc golf course.

Trophies were awarded for the best men and women score in the veterans division and the supporters division.

VETERANS TOP SCORES

-12 Chris Harris (Army)
+16 Denise McGillivray (Army)

SUPPORTERS TOP SCORES

-14 Robert McCall
-9 Kristina Alexander Gold

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VETERANS!

THANK YOU SPONSORS:

- Debbie Brown, Leasing Consultant, Affinity at Wells Branch
- Dynamic Discs for making the custom discs
- Gordon Kelley and Waterloo Disc Golf club for providing a couple of discs for prizes and t-shirts for all participants
- Edman and Woody Coffey for providing discs and entries into Outlaws Disc Golf Tournament 2016 and the Texas Womens Championship 2017
- Torchys Tacos for providing 8 Torchys hats for prizes
- New Belgium Brewing for providing discs, patches, beer openers, and other merchandise for prizes
- Other donors whose prizes came in and I have forgotten who donated them. (sorry! let me know and I'll update this page)
- Wells Branch Disc Golf Club for providing people and prizes to help with the event

THANK YOU

- The veteran who stepped up to lead us in the anthem
- Martin Rendon for cooking
- Todd Vann for reaching out to Torchys and New Belgium Brewing, buying prizes with his own money, and handing out discs before the event and prizes at the awards ceremony
- Victor Lugo for helping setup and handing out t-shirts
- Jennifer L. Jones for staffing the event and getting the artwork for the discs ready to print
- Wells Branch Everyday for taking photos for the event
- Janet Maxey, WB MUD Board Member for helping me get people registered and supporting disc golf in Wells Branch
- MaryFaye Grimes for founding this event and continuing to provide energy to keep it moving
- Brian Litke for organizing the event and bringing everyone together.



FOL News

by Gus Kohn, FOL President

"A Portrait of Wells Branch" Calendar Orders

The friends of the Wells Branch Library (FOL) wish to thank and congratulate everyone who contributed photos to our calendar contest. It was a difficult decision to select only 16 from the many photos submitted. We now have an incredible calendar and we hope everyone will order; they make excellent gifts. The calendar will be available around the first of October and you may order yours at <http://tinyurl.com/folcalendar>. The order process requires a pickup date; please select any date and realize you will be notified as soon as they become available.

National Night Out • October 4, 2016 • 6-8pm

The Friends of the Wells Branch Library will participate in WBNA's National Night Out event at the Gazebo in KF park. Stop by the FOL table for updates on the calendar and information about library programs. Culver's Restaurant is yet again partnering with the FOL in providing free frozen custard and food coupons.

Trunk or Treat • October 31, 2016 • 6-9pm

Join the FOL as we celebrate Halloween in the Community Center parking lot during the annual Trunk or Treat celebration offering a safe environment for youngsters to Trick or Treat. Great fun for the entire family so dress up in your best costumes, come show us your tricks and we'll give you a treat!

Adult Program: Water for Wildlife: Ensuring Texas' Rivers Don't Run Dry with Tom Spencer

Nov. 13, 2016 • 3pm • WBCL • 15001 Wells Port Drive

Program Director of the Texas Living Waters Project, Tom Spencer currently hosts a gardening program for KLBJ-AM called "The Wildflower Hour," and is the host of the Emmy Award winning gardening program "Central Texas Gardener." He served as the Senior Producer and Host of Public Affairs programming for KLRU-TV and is the former Executive Director of I Live Here, I Give Here, a nonprofit organization dedicated to growing the culture of philanthropy in Central Texas which raised over \$13 million for local charities. Join us for an enlightening discussion of water conservation and wildlife protection.

Keep WB Beautiful Events

by Katie Hutcheson

KWBB is launching a Park Stewards program. Join us to learn more about how you can help maintain our parks and trails. We will focus on using Grow Zones and trees to enhance our community.

Sunday, October 2, 2-4pm: We'll meet at the District Office (14611 Wells Port Dr.) and head out to the *Grow Zone* to use your **Plant Identification Skills** (the ones you learned from the education session in September) to find and mark plants.

Saturday, November 5, 2-4pm: We will partner once again with the Austin Parks Foundation "It's My Park Day" and with our annual Arbor Day event from 9am – 12pm as we pull invasive plants from the creek beds. One group will meet at the Disc Golf Course and the other group will meet behind St. Andrew's Church.



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Library Open Forum to Discuss the Future of Meeting Room Space

Sunday, October 9 • 1:30pm

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Have you heard of a Maker Space? It's an area, generally in a library, set aside for the public to access and use specialty tools. The Wells Branch Community Library could re-purpose the existing meeting rooms to make such a space available and to increase programs & events.

What would this mean for our neighborhood? The rooms would no longer be available for private rentals. However, the library would be able to host and sponsor more free programs for the community. We could increase our DIY programs and make those tools (sewing machine, cricut scrap-booking, button/magnet machine, dremel, glass etching, leather working, etc.) available at other times.

What else could we add? That depends on YOUR interest. Ideas include a large format laminator, a laptop with Photoshop, 3D printer, laser engraver, quilting machine, and raspberry pi.

Bring your ideas and questions to an open meeting with light refreshments at the library, located at 15001 Wells Port Drive, on Sunday, October 9th at 1:30pm. Can't make the meeting? Send your thoughts to director@wblibrary.org.

Teens make a difference at the library!

Hey teens, need some volunteer & leadership experience? Join the library's Teen Advisory Group! Help us plan & run special events, create displays for our Teen-only area, and recommend new books for our shelves! Contact Brittany@wblibrary.org.

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Moises Solis

Candidate, WB MUD, Place 2

My name is Moises Solis and I have been living in Wells Branch for eight years. Like most Wells Branch residents, I first fell in love with the trails and the outdoor spaces of our parks. Our location, accessibility, and friendly, diverse neighbors makes Wells Branch an ideal place to live and prosper. Our Google group is a willing partner in solving all types of problems.

I have a Computer Science degree from UTSA. I am a software engineer and recently moved with my startup company to IBM. I have a can-do spirit and bring a solution oriented, and consensus building approach to my work solving a wide range of issues. My work requires that I understand what we have, what we want to achieve, finding a path to those goals, and then verifying the result. I want the opportunity to bring this leadership to our board.

My previous ventures into "politics" have been as president of the HOA of my last home and I was the Precinct 229 Chair for the Travis County Democratic Party for two years.

My goal as a board director is to create benefit to Wells Branch through good planning and policy that serves the community well into the future. My vision includes a green belt that is a beautiful, healthy urban forest, and transparent government with good two way communication between the board and the residents. I have a particular interest in finding ways for dealing with our covenants with the understanding that new building materials and new technologies may not be represented by our 30+ year old document(s). I continue to study how our county and state law interact with our local covenants.

I appreciate your support and please send your ideas and questions to: moises.g.solis@gmail.com. Your willing partner.

WB Running Club by Russell Jones

The WB Running Club is a completely free and fun group of community members who meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:45-6:45am at the Gazebo in Katherine Fleischer Park. Workouts are tailored to meet the needs of every individual with members running at all different paces. We have over 20 active members each run. Come join the fun! For more info go to www.wbrunclub.com or call, text, or e-mail Russell@wbrunclub.com, (512) 825-2369.



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Tom Cheshire

Candidate, WB MUD, Place 2

A resident of Wells Branch since 1988, my wife and I have loved raising our family here and feel connected to the neighborhood by our great amenities and friendly neighbors.

I served as a MUD Director from 2006 to 2014. My background as a small business owner and law enforcement experience were extremely beneficial in my position as MUD Director. A graduate of UT, I've spent my life in law enforcement, held investigative positions in local and state agencies, and held a Certified Fraud Examiner certification and P&C Insurance Adjuster License.

I am a father, a grandfather, and a neighbor who shares the same issues and concerns that everyone in Wells Branch faces. I want to serve on the Board of Directors to ensure that all the residents of Wells Branch, including all the apartments, have equal voice in the "wants and likes" for our community. Our apartment residents have been largely ignored by the current MUD Directors. My belief is that all residents are equal in voice and views and should be heard by MUD Directors, not just an elite few. I believe that MUD Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to keep home values up for our great community. These are some of the reasons I want to serve "ALL of Wells Branch." I will continue to help make Wells Branch the safest, most desirable and inviting neighborhood in which to live and raise a family.

My goals for the community remain the same: maintaining and improving our infrastructure, our parks and recreation areas, and 'Keeping Wells Branch Safe' which improves our property values. We have one of the best places to live in Travis County, and I am honored to be a part.

I hope to continue to serve Wells Branch. Contact me at tom4wbmud@gmail.com or 512-990-1017.

I look forward to hearing from you. -Tom



Derek Cohen

Candidate, WB MUD, Place 2

Hello! I've been a resident of Wells Branch for nearly three years, moving to the area from Cincinnati after my wife and I completed our Ph.D. coursework.

I'm currently the deputy director of a national criminal justice reform campaign where I have provided invited testimony before the city council, state legislature, and the United States Congress. In my free time, I enjoy playing rugby and cycling. My wife is on the social work research faculty at UT, and we live with our toddler Aleister (he has likely asked to pet your dog!) in northern Wells Branch.

My interest in running for a MUD Board place is one of sustainable development.

As Wells Branch continues to develop, it is imperative that we scale our levels of service, infrastructure, and public safety services accordingly. This is felt most directly surrounding the new construction to the north, where rapid development is leading to several "growing pains." Development shouldn't be resisted, but better planned so that residents are not inconvenienced.

Most importantly, the board members you elect must be willing to resist annexation. Community-oriented decisions must be made by the community, and what works in South Austin will not necessarily work in Wells Branch. Your voice is heard much clearer by a five-member board than a city council of 10 representing nearly 900,000 people.

In my work dealing with the various codes of state law, I have hands-on experience in creating policies that work for all Texans. I will work my hardest to ensure that your voice will continue to be heard. I feel with my education and experiences, I am uniquely qualified to lead Wells Branch. Please feel free to contact me at (513) 633-6272 or via e-mail at dmcohen14@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

WB Walking Club

WB Walking Club meets in front of KF Pool at 7am on Tuesdays & Thursdays and utilizes the Wells Branch MUD trails. Temps are mild in the morning and the trails are beautiful; Fall is a perfect time to start walking! For more info, contact Katie Hutcheson at khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.

The WBNA thanks Bruce Kuemmel & Austin Printing for always doing such a great job on our newsletter. Give Bruce a call for your printing & mailing needs!



WBE Arts Integration Academy PTA

by Laura Gomez-Horton, Secretary, WBE AIA PTA

Wells Branch Elementary Arts Integration Academy Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

would like to welcome all our families, teachers, administrators, and staff to the new school year!



The WBE PTA is a volunteer membership program that works collaboratively with the school to bring amazing programs, field trips, and materials that supplement learning.

If you would like to get involved, become a member, chair a committee, donate some time, and/or show off your talents, please visit our website at <http://wellsbranchpta.org/> or facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wellsbranchpta/>

Also, please join us for some of our upcoming events:

- Encourage your student to enter the **Reflections program** in the category their choice! Categories: Visual arts, photography, literature, musical composition, and dance choreography. Watch for information in late September.
- **International fair on 11/10/16, 6:00-8:00pm:** Looking for participants to show off their heritage or culture at this ever popular event! For more information on becoming involved contact: internationalfair@wellsbranchpta.org

Joe Lee Johnson STEAM Academy

Garden Program by Heather Johnson



The Joe Lee Johnson Elementary School is in the early stages of starting a gardening program in their outdoor learning space. If you'd like to be a part of this exciting, student led effort, please send an email to

JLJgarden@gmail.com and we'll add

you to our e-mail list. We need parent and community volunteers to assist the students in their learning path. Gardening knowledge is not necessary!

JLJ PTA by Stephanie Hilchey, Secretary, JLJ PTA

Joe Lee Johnson Elementary STEAM Academy Parent Teacher Association (PTA) goal this year is to create community among families, teachers and administrators.



Come along side other parents, teachers, and administrators by joining Joe Lee Johnson PTA (JLJ PTA). Collaborate with the JLJ PTA to champion Trailblazers spirit, enhance learning experiences and support the school with resources.

If you would like to get involved, become a JLJ PTA member, chair a committee, donate some of your time or talents, please visit our website at www.jljpta.org or keep an eye out for the JLJ PTA monthly newsletter.

Please mark your calendar for the next general PTA meeting on October 4, 2016 at 6:15pm in the JLJ Cafeteria.

We want you as part of our Trailblazers Community! Dream Big! STEAM Big!

Northwest Elementary by Nathan Steenport, Principal



Hello! I hope you all are well on the wonderful fifth week of school.

It's been a great first few weeks here at Northwest Elementary. Every morning, I am overwhelmed by the amount of parents coming to the school to drop of students. It is a complete joy to meet and greet all of you and your children. You all are truly wonderful to be around.

Please see my blog <http://ow.ly/V28R3048zIB> to see what events are taking place over the next few weeks. I hope to see each and every one of you at each event!

Athlos Leadership Academy/WBLA PTO

by Marisa Sawatphadungkij & Sylvia Brito



Athlos/WBLA is a unique free public charter school that prepares kids for a competitive future in three essential ways: Academics + Athletics + Character. PTO is made up of dedicated parents, teachers and community members who share the vision of making every child's potential a reality. This school year will be filled with fun events and fundraisers to help build a new playground for WBLA and provide field trips opportunities for all grade levels K-8.

Join us Friday, November 4th from 5-9pm for our biggest community event of the year, Fall Fest 2016. 3711 Shoreline Dr, Austin, TX 78728

Want to advertise your company at the school? Become one of our Fall Fest sponsors and display your 3' x 4' banner for the rest of the school year. Contact: athlosaustinto@gmail.com.

Concordia High School by Jim Binneboese

Our temporary location at 1500 Royston Lane, just north of Grand Ave. Pkwy., is the closest Christian High School to Wells Branch.



Back in school.....145 students.....classes have started.

Our annual gala is scheduled for October 22nd. It is held this year at the Norris Conference center on Anderson Lane in Austin. A large silent auction will begin at 5:30pm followed by dinner and a brief program at 7:00pm. Please call our office for more information. 512-248-2547. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and learn more about Concordia High School.



The Patel
Memorial Garden
at WB Elementary

Connally HS PTA Holiday Bazaar 2016

The **Holiday Bazaar** will be returning to Connally High School cafeteria in the 2016-2017 school year, on **Saturday, November 5, 2016, 9 am – 3 pm. Free Admission.**

Come by to shop for the holidays. There are typically great deals on a wide variety of gifts and fun items, including ornaments, cards, jewelry, handbags, treats, Christmas decorations, toys, gourmet foods, candles, and so much more.

Shoppers can enjoy live performances by Connally student groups and other local talent, snacks, and beverages. Admission is free, parking is free and all the proceeds fund student scholarships and other PTA programs.

We only have one PTA fundraiser a year. Help us make it a great success. Come shop, eat, enjoy and bring your friends!

Harmony Science Academy

by Clarissa Davila, Outreach Coordinator



Students from Harmony Science Academy - Pflugerville on Wells Branch PKWY, continued to work throughout their summer break participating in the Summer High School Research Program to find solutions to road problems.

Each project focused on finding the most cost effective way to develop an environmentally friendly building material for roads, bridges, or buildings. The goal is to help regions use the resources they have to improve structural integrity and cost. Students were able to work with experts in the field from UT professors, consultants, and even an exclusive tour to TXDOT facilities.

WBE AIA Garden News

by Dianne Koehler

We are thrilled to be starting the year with lots of plants already in place. It has been exciting for classes to walk through the courtyard and see plants. We have many new volunteers on the teaching team too so it looks to be a fantastic year!

Several new areas have become part of the garden this year:

- Due to our popularity last year, the Farmer's Market area has been greatly expanded and should be able to supply many more vegetables to the community including seedlings for your home gardens. The Farmer's Market will also have a dedicated herb garden to supply many more herbs at market.
- The Chandra Patel Mediterranean Garden is a work in progress with many plants established over the summer and more being added weekly. It is a fantastic spot for quiet reflection.

WBE FARMERS MARKET is moving to **FRIDAYS** at end of school. We have many plants growing and hope to open in October with our organic produce. Watch for emails and FB posts.

Cougar Celebration 2017 CHS Project Grad

Connally High School Project Graduation (Cougar Celebration) is doing "Flock a Friend" as a fundraiser for their end of year Substance-Free Graduation Celebration. This is a great fundraiser for an even greater cause! What could possibly bring more JOY than opening your door to a yard full of pink flamingos?!

Flocking is perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, game days or just for fun! They're happy to personalize your message and even have a Longhorn colored Flamingo, an A & M colored Flamingo, a patriotic Flamingo, an old buzzard flamingo, Santa & Reindeer, etc. and if you'd like them next to the "You've Been Flocked" sign, just let them know. Cost is only \$25 and checks can be made out to CC2017! Flamingos will roost in their yards for 24-48 hours. Reserve your date before it's booked!

Share this joy with your friends! If you're interested in "Flocking a Friend", contact Holly Books at hollybooks@sbc-global.net or 512-297-3717.

Once again, Cougar Celebration will be selling the sheet sets that Wells Branch LOVES as one of their fundraisers. All 1200 Thread Count Sheets Sets are \$45 no matter what size! They make WONDERFUL Christmas presents.

To order, please send your name, address, cell number, with quantity, size and color to Holly Books at hollybooks@sbc-global.net or 512-297-3717.

Thanks for helping to keep our kids safe on graduation night!!



McNeil HS PROJECT GRAD

Support the MHS class of 2017! Fundraising for a successful Project Grad 2017 (PG 17) is already in full swing to make sure we have as many seniors as possible attend a safe and fun celebration free of alcohol and drugs on graduation night.

PG is a totally self-supported program, only funded through the generosity of parents, our community and local businesses that engage in our fundraisers and/or become sponsors. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to cover all the expenses and leave a startup budget for PG 2018. Fundraising projects coming up include:

CRAFT/HOLIDAY BAZAAR • McNeil High School
Saturday, November 19 • 9 – 4 pm

Christmas shopping, raffle, food trucks and collection for Easter Seals and electronic recycling items will be held! If you have questions or want to be a vendor, please email Carolyn Kyzar at ckyzar@gmail.com or Jan Markle at jmarkle1000x@gmail.com.

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Flockings begin at \$15 and are great for birthdays, anniversaries, and any other occasion or just for fun!! Go to "Flocking" at mcneilprojectgrad.ch2v.com and reserve your flamingo flocking date today.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MCNEIL HS PROJECT GRAD 2017!!

European Dance Guild

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 101 of the Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive. The meeting is free and open to the public. No previous experience is required. Every dance is taught before it is danced to music. If you can walk, you can do this type of dance. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel White at 512-413-0097.



DIY Club

The DIY Club meets the 1st Sunday of each month, unless it's a holiday weekend in which case they meet on the 2nd Sunday. Meetings are from 6 to 8pm at the Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive, in room 103. They're always free and open to the public.

October 2, they'll kick off the holiday season with Texas Master Florist, Sherrie White, teaching how to make holiday wreaths and decorator bows. In November, she returns with the proper way to decorate a Christmas tree.

Next year, guest speakers will be on hand to talk about how to make home improvements that will increase the value of your home and how to finance the improvements you would like to make. If you have a topic you would like to hear about, please contact Daniel White at 512-413-0097.

WB Garden Guild by Karen Hall-Hagemann

Ever wondered what the WB Garden Guild is all about? Ever wish you knew more about what will grow in your yard or garden? Even better, do you have the prettiest flowers on the block? Grow the best tomatoes? Come share tips & tricks! Join your neighbors for the Garden Guild meeting on the third Saturday of each month at the Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive. We meet from 11am-noon, but come early to visit and swap plants.

In **September**, we heard two very talented WB Gardeners, Yvette Shelton and Heather Johnson, Master Gardener discuss soil prep, vegetable variety selection and perennials that perform well here in Wells Branch for fall and winter gardening.

This **October**, the Guild will take a field trip to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in time for the big plant sale. Check their webpage, wildflower.org, for a list of plant offerings before you head out to take advantage of a unique opportunity to buy native and well adapted plants.

The **November** meeting will be a holiday party at an historic Wells Branch home hidden inside beautiful grounds with incredible trees.

Our annual planning meeting was held in August. For a complete calendar, visit our Facebook page or check wbna.us for calendar updates. Come join us and help strengthen the Garden Guild as a community forum for those of us who love to play in the dirt!

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By Jeremy Selvidge, Managing Technology and Outreach Librarian

Exciting technology changes are underway at Wells Branch Community Library! With the addition of some new hardware, we're happy to announce new services available to our members and visitors.

Our new Library Document Station allows users to scan documents to a wide variety of destinations: email, USB drive, your smartphone, and even Google Drive or Dropbox. Its clean interface and user-friendly instructions make scanning your documents or photos quick and easy, and we've got a helpful staff on hand to help with any questions.

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Birding in Wells Branch

by Wanda Holcombe

The Purple Martins have migrated south and Gourd Homes in the North Meadow have been taken down, cleaned & stored until their return next Jan/Feb 2017. THANKS to the Purple Martin Care Team for "out smarting the sparrows with their care": Vicky Linsalata, Sharon Richardson, Anne Bennett, Patsy Nelson-Farmer and Karen & Howard Hagemann.

With all the rain last month and the cooler weather, there is much more activity on or near the pond: Great Egrets, Blue Herons, Yellow Crowned Night Herons and various other birds a plenty. Visit the WBNA Facebook page for photos of Wells Branch wildlife and our glorious pond. Thanks to both Rob White and Dave Devore for sharing their birding and nature photos.

The Nature Viewing Station has survived the long hot summer! Come enjoy sitting and viewing all the birds and nature that come to visit too! THANKS to the Watering Care Team: William Ouellette, Bob Bauhs and Vicky Linsalata

Monthly Bird Walks

Come join us as we travel the trails and pond identifying the birds living in Wells Branch during the cooler fall months. Meet at the Mills Pond Kiosk (off Wells Port Drive) unless otherwise noted on the WBNA Calendar (wbna.us) the 2nd Monday and 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00 am. If you have any questions regarding the Bird Walks contact Heather: frioswimmer@gmail.com or Sharon: srich816@austin.rr.com

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Janet Maxey

Candidate, WB MUD, Place 4

A resident of Wells Branch since January 1993, I was elected to the MUD board in 2004. You may not know my name, but if you've attended any events in the neighborhood, you've probably seen me – with a baseball cap and ponytail!

Marjorie Moore said, "If serving is below you, leadership is beyond you." I've always believed this sentiment, never asking others to do what I am unwilling to. I've been gladly serving WB in various roles for over twenty years, not just making appearances, but actively volunteering before, during, or after. I've accepted your canned goods at Pumpkin Painting, and counted the fish your kiddos caught at the Youth Fishing Tournaments. I handed out tubes for our First Annual Snow Day and shucked corn for y'all at FourthFest. I've run judging for the Dog Fair and helped register participants at all the disc golf events. I also volunteer at the Quarterly Extreme Clean Events, WBNA Easter Egg Hunt, NW Elementary Fall Festival, Trunk or Treat, Luminaries, and Casino Nights.

What I enjoy even more than all the wonderful events in WB, is working with and trying to resolve resident issues, some of which have been senior recreation tags, bike lanes, cross-walks, traffic concerns, trail improvements, expanded recycling, and new programming. I am an enthusiastic advocate for all the youth programs and a big supporter of our seniors' activities.

I have no hidden agenda, I'm not trying to build a business, nor pad a resume. I simply treasure the neighborhood I've raised my family in, and wish to see it continue to grow. Wells Branch is wonderfully diverse and rich with a true spirit of community. I would love to continue serving you and humbly ask for your vote.

I value interaction; please find me on Facebook or email me at janetmaxey@hotmail.com.

Armada Season Recap

by Marcynda Verdicchio

Thank You Wells Branch for a Fun Summer! We want to thank everyone for another fun and successful Wells Branch Armada summer. The season would not have been possible without the help of our great volunteers, coaches, junior coaches, families, and most importantly, the 200+ WB Armada swimmers!

Please make sure to check the WB Armada website, <https://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com/> for updates regarding 2017 registration starting in January. Have a great school year and we'll see you all at Trunk or Treat on Halloween!

Aquafit Classes

by Katie Hutcheson

WB MUD offers Aquafit classes year-round each Monday, Wednesday from 3-4pm and Friday from 1-2pm at Willow Bend Pool. For more information and to purchase your Multiclass card call 512-251-9814 or contact Katie at khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.



Chris Garyet

Candidate, WBMUD, Place 4

Hi, I'm Chris Garyet. I was born and raised in Austin and left briefly to attend Georgia Tech where I earned a degree in electrical engineering and also met my wife, Subina, a biomedical engineer. We moved back to north Austin in 2007 where I worked in

the tech industry and fell in love with the Wells Branch neighborhood where we routinely went running on the trails. When my wife became pregnant with our daughter, we were excited to move into the neighborhood. Since then, we have enjoyed everything that Wells Branch has to offer and I'm excited about running for the MUD to give back to the community.

I served as president of the HOA in my previous residence and have extensive experience collaborating with neighbors, negotiating with property management contractors and vendors, establishing budgets, and meeting the wants of the community. Also, as a younger resident of the neighborhood, I'd love to bring some fresh perspective into the MUD since there is no one of this age group currently represented on the board.

Most importantly, I want to help preserve and expand our green space, gardens, parks, and trails by bringing a focus on sustainability to current and future developments. My wife and I are avid campers and love the outdoors, and we need to grow the parks and trees for future generations. I will also work to bring technological improvements to Wells Branch like fiber internet and video streaming of MUD meetings. Finally, expanding amenities for children and a focus on neighborhood safety are top priorities since my wife stays home with our 1 and 3 year old.

For more information, please visit my campaign page: www.facebook.com/ChrisLovesMUD. There you will be able to leave me feedback on what matters most to you.

Thanks and vote for me on November 8th!

WB Photo Club

by Margaret McGhee-Sufke

We've had a great summer! Club members have provided hands on sessions for building a scrim for better lighting, provided demo set ups for macro photography and hosted interactive presentations on various workflows and tools.

Upcoming sessions will include additional workflow tools, tips and tricks and a session on color theory which will include background information on why digital color looks so very different than printed color. We're also going to plan some meet up sessions to ensure that the upcoming WB community events are captured and shared.

All our sessions are "drop in" and anyone at any skill level is welcome. The purpose of our group is to share the knowledge and tools of photography. Our group meets the second Tuesday of each month, in the WB Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive at 6:30pm. Sessions usually last about 2 hours. Questions? Contact Margaret at mmsufke@gmail.com.

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RRISD MS Boundary Changes from roundrockisd.org

Round Rock ISD will continue its review for middle school attendance area changes considering updates to Cedar Valley, Chisholm Trail, Deerpark, and Walsh middle schools for the 2017-18 school year.

The District hosted its first two meetings September 15 and September 21, concerning the attendance area changes for middle school with the opening of Pearson Ranch Middle School in August 2017.

After evaluating its consultant's report that accounted for safety, growth, and demographics, the District determined it will focus on relieving overcrowding at Cedar Valley and Walsh, which could impact Chisholm Trail. It will continue to consider a change to Deerpark Middle School to align Joe Lee Johnson and Wells Branch Academies.

Our public hearings to discuss possible changes at Cedar Valley, Chisholm Trail, and Walsh are 7:30 pm in the following cafeterias:

September 28 at Chisholm Trail

September 29 at Walsh

Changes to attendance areas will be limited to middle schools and will not include elementary or high schools. Students will continue to attend their assigned elementary and high schools as currently zoned.

After collecting public feedback on the demographer's proposal, the District will present its administrative recommendation at the October 20 regular meeting before the Board

votes on that recommendation at its November 17 regular meeting.

Round Rock ISD released its proposed middle school attendance area update for the 2017-18 school year with the opening of Pearson Ranch Middle School.

If you haven't had an opportunity to review the plan and give feedback, please visit <https://roundrockisd.org/msattendancearea16/>.

If you're interested in learning more and would like to meet with other Wells Branch parents to discuss the division of Wells Branch at the middle school level, please contact Emily Berver at berver@austin.rr.com.

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WELLS BRANCH VISIONCARE welcomes Dr. Ruchita Shah who joined the practice in July. She is a therapeutic optometrist and certified glaucoma specialist. She graduated with honors from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science in Neurobiology and received her doctorate degree from the University of Houston College of Optometry. Dr. Shah actually grew up close by and graduated from McNeil High School. This brings the total number of doctors to four. If you need glasses or contact lenses, please visit Wells Branch Visioncare; they have great doctors and a wonderful staff! See their ad page 2.

GARBO'S recently opened Connor's Creamery, a food trailer featuring soft-serve ice cream. If you haven't tried it, it is just the thing to cool off on a hot autumn day! On the corner in Bratton Square, be sure and try their Sundae special!

WBNA Nominating Committee - Volunteers Needed

The WBNA is seeking residents to volunteer for the WBNA Board Nominating Committee for the 2017 election. The Committee will be responsible for interviewing residents seeking to serve on the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association Board and in turn, submitting a list of names for consideration at the January General Meeting. If interested in serving on the Committee, please email VOTE@wbna.us.

Advertising & 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 message ads@wbna.us for ad rates and submission information. Publication is not guaranteed, and all article submissions are subject to editing. All ads must be pre-paid.

The deadline to receive ad payments, ad materials and article submissions for the next issue is October 28.

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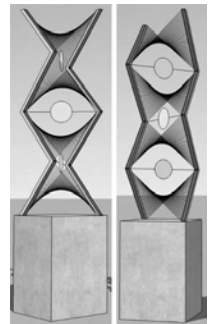
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WB Residents Choose Art for New Complex

Thank you for taking the time to vote for your artwork preference to be located at Art at Bratton's Edge. With an overwhelming majority, Brent Baggett's "Eyes on the Future" has been selected by Wells Branch residents. This complex stainless steel sculpture will be installed on-site in time for the grand opening celebration and can be appreciated as a new perspective from different angles of the surrounding community.



Art at Bratton's Edge should be complete by November 2016. The first tenants should start move in late October. The property began leasing in August and is currently 46% leased. They hope to have a grand opening celebration sometime in mid-November and hope the WB community will be available to join them. Tours of the property will be available.

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Support your Neighborhood Association

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

Here is my check (made out to WBNA) for \$20 annual dues for 2016

Fall 2016

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Name(s) _____ E-mail: _____

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

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