



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.
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Affordable Housing in Wells Branch

By Liz Davidson, reprinted with permission of the Wells Branch WORD

The City of Austin (COA) has approved zoning, opening the way for the development of affordable housing units on a 14-acre tract behind the Willow Run subdivision in Wells Branch. The property, which lies between Newton Nursery and the Willow Run area, was annexed by the COA.

The developer plans to build 243 multi-family units on the property. A group of Wells Branch residents has been trying to fight the proposed development. Attorney and resident Kelly Landry said that their concerns include overcrowding at local schools, (WB Elementary is currently at 122% capacity); safety issues due to the lack of public transportation, a dangerous entrance and exit point onto FM1325 and increased pedestrian and vehicle traffic along Shoreline Drive as well as hazards created by two high-voltage transmission lines that bisect the tract.

The Wells Branch group fought the proposed Multi-family Residence – Medium Density (MF-3) zoning of the undeveloped tract. After hearing the group's argument at the Zoning and Platting Commission of Austin meeting on Nov. 15, the Commission recommended MF-3 zoning with MF-1 density, which reduced the project's density from 36 units per acre to 17. The Austin City Council approved the Commission's recommendation on Dec. 8, but Landry said that the reduced density would not prevent the developer from implementing its current plan to build 243 apartment units on the property.

Landry also brought residents' concerns to the WB MUD Board and asked it to investigate the potential negative impacts this development would have on WB resources. At recent meetings, the Board passed resolutions objecting to the COA rezoning application and subsequently, the Board directed the Administrative Committee to investigate ways to mitigate the negative impact of the development to WB and to bring recommendations to the Board.

Residents are waiting to review the developer's site plan, which had not been filed as of press time. The plan is required to be filed with the COA Development Assistance Center, which will provide project details indicating the location of buildings, parking lots, entrances and sidewalks.

"Wells Branch residents can impact the outcome in a positive way," Landry said. "Residents are asked to stay tuned to the Willow Run Housing Project Opposition page (on the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association website, www.wbna.us). Residents are also encouraged to express their opinion to the COA Development Assistance Center at 512-974-6370, and at future Wells Branch Board meetings."

RRISD may move students to 3rd HS in 3 yrs

Submitted by Pam Wachholz, parent of 9th & 11th graders at CRHS

Round Rock ISD is at it again. With the opening of a new elementary school, and "expected overcrowding" at the new Cedar Ridge HS the recently chartered boundary committee held four public hearings to receive input from residents.

The elementary school boundaries don't affect WB residents, but the boundaries for the 18 month old Cedar Ridge HS, where WB students west of Bratton Ln were reassigned beginning with the 2010 school year are at risk of being moved again. But, NOT back to RRHS, where many of us fought so bitterly to stay, but to McNeil HS.

I attended three of the hearings (one was listed as focusing on the elementary school) and heard the same thing from residents. Basically, many of the people affected by the last change were back, speaking to the mistake that was made 3 years ago, pointing out the demographics were wrong, and asking, if the district knew that CRHS would be overcrowded beginning its 2nd year open, WHY did they rip a small group of kids from their peers at CTMS and RRHS and force them across the highway to be a very small minority among more than 1,200 kids that had tracked together in the SPS community for years. Additionally

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RRISD Boundaries from page 1

the students whose boundaries were changed west of I35 were given the choice to grandfather (stay at their current school) or move to the new school. Our students were NOT given that choice. Our 9th graders from RRHS were not given the choice to stay; they were forced to the new Cedar Ridge High School.

The "expected overcrowding" reference came from the RRISD Boundary Committee web-page and only added fuel to the fire from residents who reminded the current committee how ridiculous, unfair and political the boundaries established in 2009 were (the head of the previous committee said in public forum that if SPHS lost it's 5A rating, he would have to leave town...moving our kids to CRHS allowed more kids to stay at SPHS). Residents also told the committee of varying degrees of problems experienced by our students who were forced away from the peer groups they had established at Chisholm Trail MS. It was tough for many, and many of those students are now thriving and in leadership positions in NHS, athletics, and other student groups. BUT there are still enough of our students experiencing difficulty fitting in and adjusting at Cedar Ridge, that the ONLY fair and equitable solution is to allow the kids at CRHS a choice of staying or moving to Round Rock HS.

RRISD Superintendent Jesus Chavez has stated, in public forum, that vertical alignment (students tracking from middle school to HS together) is the best solution for students. Those of you involved in the last boundary battle may remember the "data guy" (Erik Okerholm) who told the committee and the board of trustees that their data was wrong, it was based on projections not actual enrollment and that they would be looking at boundaries again in 3 years. Well guess what, he was right. And he is back with the VA (Vertical Alignment) plan, formerly called the RTW (Right the Wrong) plan that moves everyone back to their previous boundaries and also accomplishes several other positive things:

- 1-Vertically aligns ALL students to stay with those important peer groups they've established during the critical middle school years
- 2-It keeps the populations balanced at the high schools so

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that there will be NO NEED for another HS boundary change for at least 7 years!

- 3-Relieves overcrowding at CRHS, even while giving current students the choice to stay or go back to RRHS
- 4-It allows for an easy, turn-key transition for the students who will be populating the new HS #6 (property already purchased) in Avery Ranch.
- 5-Saves the district more than \$1,000,000 in the next 3 years alone. This saves YOU, the taxpayer and frees up money that can be spent on our children!

As taxpayers in RRISD every homeowner in WB should be outraged that the trustees might consider anything other than the VA plan. Erik met with Dr. Chavez Friday and learned that the data presented to the Boundary Committee by the district was wrong because of the formulas used to make projections. As Erik states, his data is good because it is based on "butts in seats" AND the fact that his current data is consistent with the information he presented in 2009.

By the time you read this, we will have attended the RRISD trustees meeting on the 19th, and will be establishing the next steps to take to ensure the right thing is done for our kids and the entire district! So, please, stay informed and let the trustees hear from you. You can keep up with latest at www.wbna.us - the link is on the front page.

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Organic gardens started at WB Elementary

Submitted by Dianne Koehler & Tara Fisher-Munoz

Local mom and businesswoman, Tara Fisher-Munoz, has taken her passion for organic food, gardening and healthful living to the students at WBE. With the help of student and parent volunteers and donated supplies, raised beds were built and gardens planted in early November.

Why at the school? Research has shown what a positive impact school gardens have on young children and their education. We believe that this "hands on" learning will further enhance the students' education. The program will promote fitness, a love of the outdoors and the environment, and offer experience with nature, which is diminishing with urban/suburban sprawl and lack of transportation for many families. Additionally, goals to instill a sense of stewardship for the environment as well as conserving natural resources is a benefit of the project as well as to teach life-long lessons toward healthy habits and how to make better food choices.

How did this all come together so quickly? We formed the Green Team as part of the PTA at Wells Branch Elementary in September 2011. We are an ambitious, motivated group of individuals that believe that this will have a powerful impact on the students and the community. While we've received several donations, we are still in need of many items, and have a wishlist on the WBNA website.

Who is involved? Tara and Thuy Luong-Higgins are Co-Chairs of the Green Team and have been working hard to make the outdoor living experience a reality. Sarah and Nick Slaughter have been instrumental in getting the raised beds built and on the ground. Dianna and Johan Gielstra have also donated much of their time to this project. Jenny Peterson is donating her services to draw the plan for the courtyard and Shelley Palmer is helping plan the native trees/vegetation. There have also been other volunteers from the PTA involved as well as neighbors, such as Dianne Koehler and George Holcombe. We hope to get the whole community involved in this life-changing project.

Read more about this effort and see pictures at www.wbna.us.

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Thanks to all of you who delivered our Holiday issue. Our Thanksgiving Potluck (hosted by WB MUD) brought out the crowds as usual and we had a tremendous turnout for Luminary Fest in December. Thanks for getting the word out to all of our neighbors!

Mary Alverson, June Apprill, Lara, Clay & Henry Bennett, Gary, Joy & Chance Bryant, Garland Bullock, Creola Burns, Phil & Dana Carter, Kathleen Clark, Anthea DeVaughan, Dan & Clea Ernst, Tara Fisher-Munoz, Michelle & Jenny Gadush, David Gezana, Georgene Goforth, George & Wanda Holcombe, Travers Hough, Deanna Johnson, Dan, Kim, Brendan & Sarah Lanicek, Jacque Longino, Dave & Lori Lotspeich, Laura Ludwig, *Sivaram, *Jyoti & *Arjuna Manda, Judy Mauldin, William Olson, Micki Rosiles, Mekala Padmanabhan, Maia & Matias Munoz, Ashley Perraud, Marcia Schoellman, Peggy Simmons, Virgil Smith, Debby Thompson, Georgia Thompson, Larry & Rachel Tschanz, Jill Traffanstedt, Joe Wieck, Wally Wingfield, Pamela & Bre'Anna Woodward

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As always... Thanks to all of you for keeping Wells Branch Great!

If you would like to deliver the newsletter, please contact our distribution team at 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 WB, let us know and we'll gladly find a section for you.

New Year means time to renew!

The beginning of 2012 is also the beginning of a new membership year and time to renew your Wells Branch Neighborhood Association membership. Memberships run from January 1 to December 31. Start the new year off right – rejoin! Household membership is only \$20.

Think of your WBNA membership as a second insurance policy on your home. Your primary insurance protects you from weather, fire, and physical damage while your WBNA membership helps to protect the value of your home by keeping you informed about neighborhood crime, proposed developments that might affect the value of your home (i.e. housing, toll road construction, school boundary changes) and community events.

We monitor crime statistics, have a very active neighborhood watch program, maintain excellent relationships with the sheriff's department and much more to insure our members know what is happening. We were instrumental in getting Travis County on Spot-Crime so that each and everyone of you could have the option of receiving daily reports about criminal activity in Wells Branch.

We attend regular MUD board meetings each month to stay informed on governmental activities that might affect your family or home. In addition, the WBNA sponsors many events each year that improve the neighborhood and foster a close relationship between you and your neighbors. The annual Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth Fest Silent Auction, National Night Out, Luminary Fest (Friday night), numerous safety seminars and joint ventures with the Wells Branch Garden Guild. Last, but certainly not least, the WBNA Neighborhood News (six issues per year) and our website, wbna.us, provide you with the latest information on what's going on in our community.

All of these activities are funded through membership, advertising in the newsletter and the silent auction. Sometimes we're stretched a little thin. While you receive all the benefits of having an active neighborhood association for free, your \$20 membership really does make a difference in what we can provide. There's a membership form on the back page and a printable version on the website. Can we count on you to help this year?



Residents toast the New Year at the 1st annual WBNA NY Eve party at the WB Community Center.



Reminder: Water Wisely

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Annual WBNA Officer Elections

Tuesday, January 31, 7pm, WB Community Center

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend the annual WBNA meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 7pm at the Community Center on Klattenhoff. Look for details on the speaker and topic of discussion at www.wbna.us.

We'll begin the evening with WBNA officer elections. Current board members are willing to continue to serve the neighborhood with their time and talent in 2012 and will be seeking re-election. They are:

President – Debby Thompson
Vice-President – Lara Bennett
Treasurer – Mike Howe
Secretary – Linda Baird
Community Liaison – Tom Cheshire
Member at Large – Faye Cormier
Editor – Pam Wachholz

Many thanks to our nominating committee members: Tom Cheshire, Salvador Aguirre and Madonna Johnson.

Park patrol nabs burglar

addendum from the Holiday Issue

We inadvertently left off the Constable's Deputy who helped with this case. Senior Deputy Kevin Ward with Pct. 2 was also working Wells Branch that evening and filled out the vehicle inventory and took care of impounding the suspect's truck for the arresting TCSO Officer. We appreciate the efforts of all the law enforcement officers who serve Wells Branch and apologize for this oversight.

Upcoming MUD Events

Wells Branch's Got Talent!

Saturday, January 28, 6-9pm • WB Rec. Center, Shoreline Dr. WB MUD invites groups & individuals of all ages to participate in our third annual talent show. Prizes and trophies will be awarded in several categories. Admission is free for spectators. All performances require a \$5 entry fee. Sign up today! Space is limited. For further questions, please contact the MUD Recreation Director, Matt Fuller, at 251-9814.

Valentine's Day Swing Dance & Concert

Tue., Feb. 14, 6:30-8:30pm • WB Community Center, Celebrate Valentine's Day and swing to the sounds of a live swing band. The Wells Branch MUD will provide snacks & drinks for everyone as well as roses for the ladies.

St. Patrick's Day Bagpipe Concert

Sat., March 17, 7-8pm • WB Community Center Courtyard Whether you're Irish or just Irish at Heart, come celebrate the "wearing of the green" at the WB MUD's Bagpipe Concert. You're sure to catch the spirit of the holiday!

Super Sunday flag football tournament

WB Community Church is sponsoring their 3rd annual Super Sunday Flag Football Tournament on Feb. 5 from 1-5pm. Applications can be picked up in the Wells Branch Rec Center on Shoreline Drive. Everyone in the community, ages 12 and up, is invited to come play. If you can't play, come cheer!!! Contact Ben Dion for more info: 512-769-9151 or benjdion@yahoo.com.

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Silver Branchers' News

Our Silver Branchers have suffered a loss. Gene Parsons, a loyal member who never missed a meeting, passed away in December. His presence will be greatly missed.



The Silver Branchers meet for fun & fellowship the first three Thursdays of each month from 1-3pm in Room 4 of the Wells Branch Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive. Membership is free and all Wells Branch Seniors are welcome. For more information, call 251-9814 or just stop by.

Wells Branch Garden Guild meetings

Submitted by George Holcombe

Jan. 28, 11:00 AM at the Rec. Center on Shoreline, *Gardening in the Drought* - Setting up and using Drip Irrigation-Joe Posern, Travis County Master Gardener, will be on hand with a slide show to teach us about using drip irrigation from planning and where to buy to maintaining and getting the most out of your drip irrigation. With drought conditions projected to continue, drip irrigation is the way to go. Save money and grow better plants.



Feb. 18, 11:00 AM at the Community Center on Klattenhoff, *Growing Trees in WB* - The Trees for Trails focus group of Wells Branch will catch us up on the tree project in the park; what and where new trees are being planted, getting rid of invasive plants and how you can help. If you're planning to plant trees in your yard, you'll want to know about invasive plants and trees, how to spot them and get rid of them. We'll also discuss the Community Gardens. This will be a key meeting for Park lovers.

Mar. 17, 11:00 AM at the Community Center, *The Birds and the Bees and Butterflies too!* Lynn Hill, an expert in plants that attract and help Birds, Bees and Butterflies, will teach us about the right plants to use in our landscapes. To have sustainable yards and gardens we need birds and bees and butterflies. This will be a great opportunity to get very useful information and your questions answered just in time for the Spring plantings.



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WB Community Library-a vital asset

Submitted by Jill Traffanstedt, WBCL Board Trustee-Secretary

2011 was a fantastic year at WBCL! The Wells Branch Community Library has been in our neighborhood for 13 years. We are open 7 days a week with a wide variety of media available for check-out; educational and entertaining programs and workshops for all ages as well as public access to computers and wireless internet. These are available to all, for free, in a safe and convenient location.

Each year, the number of people coming through our doors increases by approximately 20%. In 2011, our library had 117,927 visits, circulated 171,652 books/media items, and increased our catalogue to include 41,715 items. For the past 13 years we have been growing and adapting to the needs of our community. The WBCL is a vital hub of Wells Branch and takes seriously its responsibility to serve the area so it should come as no surprise that in a down economy, the need for library services has risen.

The WBCL is primarily funded by sales tax collected in the WB district and that total is down 6% from 2010 to 2011. Combine that with the losses of the Lone Star Library Grant, the Central Texas Library System, and reductions in other state grant programs, and we are faced with a projected \$20,000 loss in income in 2012.

Let's not sugar coat it, this is a significant loss and in 2012, we will be asking you for money. We don't want to, but in order to maintain the same quality level of materials and services that patrons have come to expect, we must. You will see opportunities and instructions on how to donate at special events, in email notices, and in the neighborhood newsletter. Donations can be made online at our website, <http://www.wblibrary> or in person.

We hope that you visit us often in 2012 and remember to drop a few dollars in the donation containers, attend our programs and enjoy our services as much as we enjoy providing them. Have a wonderful 2012!

Trees for Trails—two major plantings scheduled

On Thursday, January 26, at 10am, the Trees for Trails Focus Group in conjunction with Tree Folks will conduct a tree planting at Mills Pond. Residents are invited.

Later in February, there will be a tree planting east of Wells Port (near the Annex) along the creek bank. Visit www.wellsbranchmud.com for the date and time.

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Improve your posture – lessen back pain

Submitted by Becky Wooster PT, DPT & Wells Branch resident

A basic quality common to all humans is our upright posture. As humans are vertically oriented, gravity takes a toll on our bodies. We must fight gravity to remain upright to perform our everyday functions like eating, sitting at the computer, and walking. With the affect of gravity on a poor posture, muscles of the neck and upper back become weaker, knotted, and either stretched out or tensed up. Our body then lets us know that something is not quite right by sending our brain pain signals. Ouch!



Improving posture is not difficult if you know just two tips. First of all, get moving. Staying in one position for an extended period of time is the worst thing that you can do to your body, and that goes for any part of the body. Take a 30 second break to roll your shoulders in backwards circles and stand up to increase blood flow. Do this every 30 minutes while typing away at work or at home watching television. Set a timer to remind yourself. Your body will thank you. Secondly, think proper alignment – ears over shoulders over hips. Whenever we fall out of this proper alignment, the curves of the spine increase, facilitating certain muscles on the back to become weak, and other muscles on the front of the body become tight. Stand along a flat wall with your head, upper back, and buttocks touching the wall, and with your feet 6" away from the wall. Now you have good posture!

The key to improving posture is consistency. Putting these tips into practice on a regular basis will give your body a healthy, confident start to the New Year. For questions, contact Becky at chrcpt@gmail.com.

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Thanks so much to all of you who made Luminary Fest happen – Everyone from volunteers to staff and board members. We appreciate all that you do for our neighborhood. For a detailed "Thank You", please see our website under KUDOS.

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Be Prepared For Emergencies By Linda Baird

"Are you prepared for an emergency?" In the aftermath of last year's wildfires around the Austin area, I realized just how unprepared I was. If you find yourself in the same boat, here are a few suggestions to create a "Grab and Go" kit.

Place important papers in a fireproof and waterproof box or a waterproof backpack sealed in a waterproof plastic bag. Place box/backpack in an easily accessible location. If you must evacuate, grab your kit and take it with you. Keep it with you at all times and do not leave it in your car unattended. Items to include:

- Cash or Traveler's check in an amount that you can live on for several days and rolls of quarters.
- A list of emergency phone numbers: Physicians, pharmacy, family, repair contractors, financial advisors, insurance company and clergy.
- Copies of prescriptions or list of Rx numbers with medication name, dosage & instructions), including medicines, medical supplies, contacts and eyeglasses.
- List of numbers: social security, credit cards, insurance policies, bank accounts, loans, driver's license and investment accounts.
- Copies of medical records, dental records, insurance cards and policies.
- Copies of important documents, ie: legal documents, such as wills, deeds, titles, birth and marriage certificates.
- List of debt obligations, due dates, account numbers and contact information.

See rest of story at www.wbna.us

CHS Cougar Celebration Fundraiser

CHS Cougar Celebration 2012 (Project Graduation) will be hosting their biggest fundraiser on February 12th. If you want to do something special for your Sweetie, take them to the steak dinner, reverse raffle, (chance to win \$1,000.00!) and silent auction along with other entertainment. There will also be \$5 chances to win a \$1,169.98 diamond and sterling silver bracelet with 3 carats of diamonds! Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from Cindy at padavick1994@sbcglobal.net, Joy Bryant at 990-1759 or info.cc2012@gmail.com, or text or call Debbie Brown at 422-2372. Thanks for helping to keep our kids safe while having a fabulous evening with your Valentine! For more information, see: www.cougarcelebration.com

Open Ears Concerts at St. Andrews

Open Ears Concerts, hosted by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, is a monthly series that presents established and emerging artists, mainly in acoustic genres such as folk, bluegrass, world, and jazz. Bring all your family and friends, and a snack to share and enjoy free fair trade coffee in a family-friendly, peaceful, listener-oriented environment. Doors open and potluck starts at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm. While there is a suggested donation of \$15, no one will be turned away. For more info, see: www.openearsconcerts.com or email: info@openearsconcerts.com

February 10: The Flyin' A's w/Danny Britt

March 10: The Honey Dewdrops w/The Lost Pines

2011 REVIEW

In the past 12 months, patrons have saved \$2,143,526.30 by borrowing library materials.

We've had 117,927 people through the doors.

The library owns 41,720 physical items for patron use valued at \$872,530.82, PLUS 1,539 digital items for download.

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Patrons have borrowed 38,071 movies.

DID YOU KNOW?

As of December 2012, there are 2116 items overdue.

There are 3772 people who owe late fees to the library, a total of \$40,987.92. That's more than the annual technology budget.

2012 Storytime Schedule

0-18 months- Baby Bookworms: Fridays at 10am

1-2 years- Monkey in the Middle: Mondays at 10:45

18-36 months- Toddler Storytime: Fridays at 10:45

3-5 years- Preschool Storytime: Fridays at 11:30

All ages- Pajama Storytime: Tuesdays at 7pm

All ages- Family Storytime: Every Saturday at 11am

Weekly Programs

Kinder Crafts: Tuesdays at 6:30 for ages 3-6: Process-oriented art projects for kids.

Arts & Crafts: Wednesdays at 6pm for age 8+ or with an adult: Fun and creative art projects.

Growing Up Wild: Wednesdays at 5:00pm: Environmental Science for ages 3-7. Watch the critter of the month grow and develop.

Needles Hooks & Books: 2nd Sunday of each month at 2pm in the 'Quiet' Reading Room: Bring your project (knitting, embroidery, whatever) and discuss a book you've always meant to read, or wanted to talk about.

February 12: *Lamb: the Gospel according to Biff, Christ's childhood pal* by Christopher Moore

March 11: *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain



Wine, Women and Words Book Club: Join the group that's been reading together for more than a decade, whether you finish the book or not. Newcomers are always welcome. This group meets at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month.

February 2: *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

March 1: *Undaunted Courage, Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West* by Stephen Ambrose

Mango Language Learning Workshops: Learn to use the library's subscription service. Over twenty languages are available with step-by-step instructions and pronunciation aids. Check the calendar for dates.



Find us on Facebook "Like" us to be linked for up-to-date information.

Overdrive Digital Library Workshops: We have e-books and audio books available for immediate download at home to your computer and personal device (Nook, MP3, iPad, etc). Check the calendar for dates.



Adult Computer Classes: Each month, we offer a variety of classes on basic computer use, everything from buying a computer to email and excel tips. Check the calendar for schedules and be sure to reserve your spot.



Everyone Reads: *Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan
This 3-month program will focus on healthy choices for the whole family. We have many copies of the book available, for adults and youth. Programs include:

- Green Living Seminar January 14 at 11am: Get tips on everything from eating to cleaning, healthy for you and the environment, from Tara Fisher Munoz
- Fitness Workshop February 11 at 4pm: Learn about fitness and exercise and get answers for your questions from personal trainer David Oliverio.
- Family Yoga (multiple sessions) Stretch and relax with the kids and Wells Branch Massage + Yoga.
- Healthy Recipes & Tips collected through March. Send your favorite recipes and tips to staff@wblibrary.org and we'll post on the website.
- Community Discussion Movies (monthly) Ages 10+ can watch the film and stay for lively discussion.
 - January 12 at 7pm: *Super Size Me*
 - February 9 at 7pm: *King Corn*
 - March 1 at 7pm: *Food Inc*
- Book Club Reception March 3 at 4pm



Fairy Tale Tea Party: Saturday, March 24 at 10am: Join us for tea, cookies, stories, and crafts. Dress-up is encouraged. Registration required. FREE.

Schave & Reilly Comedy Vaudeville Show: Friday, February 24 at 6pm—The whole family can enjoy this act together. Registration required. FREE.

Recycling participation continues to climb!

Way to go Wells Branch! Our participation rate was 78.65% for the month of November and 78.3% for December! We were down a little in volume, but more folks are participating. Our recycling efforts for November & December brought in \$714 & \$682 respectively to buy trees for the park system. Please, recycle wherever you can and encourage your neighbors to join you. For more info regarding your area's participation, please visit our website.

Recycling pickup only occurs every other week on regular trash pickup days. Clip and save this calendar of recycling pickup days or download a calendar thru May 2012 from our website: wbna.us. Just search "Recycling" for the calendar and list of materials accepted.

WB Recycling Schedule

January 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2012

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29			

March 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Missing something?

If you have not joined the Wells Branch neighbors' Google Group, you are missing out on current, relevant topics. To give you an idea of what you may have missed, here are some of the recent subject lines:

- Mills Pond - be on the look out for a flasher/pedophile
- Explosion at Electronics Recycling Plant on Grand Ave
- RRISD Boundary Change Update - PLEASE HELP!
- 12 registered sex crime offenders in our zip code
- Social Media Workshop at Wells Branch Library
- Looking for Recommendations on Dog Groomer...

Join the conversation and join the group by sending a request with your street address and name to geowanda1@me.com and specify your preference: 1) No email – just access to read it on the web; 2) Abridged, no more than one email a day; 3) Digest email, up to 25 full new messages bundled into one single email; or 4) Email, each message sent as it arrives.

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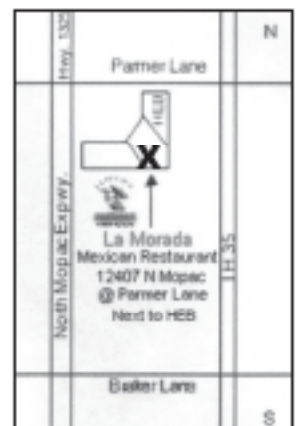
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New Year's Resolution - Build Character in your Child

Submitted by Mendy Barnett, Pack 140

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- Good citizens
- Compassionate
- Cooperative by being helpful and working together
- Courageous by being brave and doing what is right
- Faithful by being humble and having trust in God
- Healthy by being fit
- Honest by being trustworthy and always telling the truth
- Perseverant by being strong and never giving up, even if it is hard
- Positive by being cheerful & finding the best in all situations
- Resourceful by being mindful and using resources wisely
- Respectful by being reverent & showing worth to others
- Responsible by being obedient and fulfilling our duty to God, country, other people and ourselves

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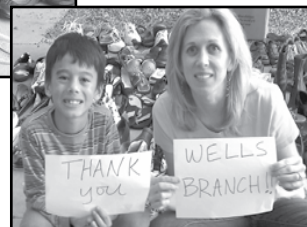
Generosity Shines Bright During Holiday Shoe Drive

Submitted by Tammy Le

The generosity of the residents of Wells Branch shone bright as more than 105 pairs of shoes were donated to Soles 4 Souls, a charity that collects gently used and new shoes and distributes them to people in need, regardless of race, religion, class, or any other criteria.

The Wells Branch community was responsible for donating almost 30% of the total number of shoes collected in 2011. For some children and adults, this is the first pair of shoes they have ever owned.

Thank you so much Wells Branch for helping Soles 4 Souls "Changing the World, One Pair at a Time."



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Community Calendar

thru Feb. 14-Winter Wastewater Averaging,

Jan. 26, 10am:Trees for Trails planting-Mills Pond

Jan. 28, 11am: WBGG - Drip Irrigation - WBRC

Jan. 28, 6-9pm: **WB's Got Talent - WBRC

Jan. 31, 7pm: *WBNA Meeting/Elections-WBCC

Feb. 4, 6-9pm: WB of WB - Chon Som on WB Pkwy

Feb. 5, 1-5pm:Flag Football Tournament- KF Park

Feb. 12: Cougar Celebration Valentine Dinner-pg 8

Feb. 14, 6:30-8:30pm:**V-Day Swing Dance - WBCC

Feb. 18, 11am: Growing Trees in WB - WBCC

Mar. 17, 11am: Birds, Bees & Butterflies-WBCC

Mar. 17, 7-8pm:**St. Pat's Day Concert - WBCC

*See www.wbna.us for details

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

MP=Mills Pond; WBCC=Community Center on Klattenhoff;

WBCL=WB Comm Library; WBRC=Rec Center on Shoreline.

Have a free event to share? If so, send the details - date, place and time via email to: wbnaews@sbcglobal.net. PLEASE NOTE: Events put on by for-profit entities do not qualify for this space.

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January 2012

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Name(s)_____ E-mail:_____

Address:_____ Phone:_____

I/we want to help with: _____ Newsletter Delivery _____ Crime Watch
_____ 4th of July _____ Easter Egg Hunt _____ Nat'l Night Out

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