

Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.
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Annual WBNA Meeting & Officer Elections Thursday, February 7, 7pm • WB Community Center

All residents (both in-district and out-of-district) are invited and encouraged to attend the annual WBNA meeting on Thursday, February 7, 7pm at the Community Center on Klattenhoff.

Each year, the WBNA elects its Board on the last Thursday of January. Both elementary schools have held their Science Fairs on that same night for the last few years and this prevented many of our families with young children from attending. We want to include as many residents as possible so this year we've moved our elections to the following Thursday.

Guest Speaker - Travis County Precinct 2 Commissioner, Sarah Eckhardt will join us on February 7 to discuss how Travis County Government and Wells Branch residents can continue working together to move Travis County forward. She will be available for questions after speaking. Commissioner Eckhardt has 16 years of public service experience for Travis County. She is a mother of two and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. Sarah Eckhardt can be reached at [facebook.com/saraheckhardtaustin](https://www.facebook.com/saraheckhardtaustin), on Twitter @Sarah_Eckhardt and at SarahEckhardt.com.

We'll finish up the evening with WBNA officer elections. As

per our Bylaws, a nominating committee was selected in October to speak with residents interested in serving on the WBNA Board. Unfortunately, two of the committee members have been ill and were unable to conduct interviews prior to the publication of this issue. The nominating committee will be contacting interested parties this week and will post their recommended slate of candidates at wbna.us no later than 72 hours prior to the election. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Many thanks to Tom Cheshire, Salvador Aguirre and Madonna Johnson for serving on the nominating committee.

Help shape YOUR Community! Get involved!

2012 saw another year of continued growth in our neighborhood association. In addition to the officer elections, we hope to form several committees at this meeting. For a partial list, and more information, please visit our website at wbna.us. Our community needs your participation and involvement. Please consider joining the neighborhood association and volunteering your time and talents.

We hope you'll bring your ideas and suggestions for what you'd like to see from your neighborhood association in 2013. See you on the 7th!

Waters at Willow Run Letter Writing Blitz

Saturday, Feb. 2, 1-4pm

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to write letters to TDHCA reiterating the deficiencies of the proposed development.
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Also, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the

TDHCA Hearing • Feb. 21st
Watch www.wbna.us for updates

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Membership Form on Back Page - Envelope in Center Section!
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Project Graduation for WB Graduating HS Seniors

Project Graduation is a nationally recognized substance free graduation party designed to give graduates a safe celebration. Wells Branch students currently feed into 3 area high schools and parent volunteers at all 3 schools are working hard to raise money to provide their graduates a fun, safe graduation party!

Cedar Ridge High School

We invite the entire community to participate in our fundraisers and help us make the FIRST Project Graduation a success for the FIRST graduating class of CRHS!

Save the Dates and Keep Your Kitchen Clean!

January 29, Outback Steakhouse*, 1651 S. IH-35, Round Rock (flier online gives a free Bloomin' Onion with 2 entrees).

February 11, Rio Grande P'ville location (just across IH35, off of Grand Avenue at 15821 Central Commerce Dr. Tell server you support CRHS Project Grad & they donate 30%!

TX Roadhouse dinner roll dough \$4/1 doz. rolls & \$2/8 oz of cinnamon-honey butter are being sold from March 4-19. The frozen roll dough will be ready to pick up on March 26, in time for Easter. Contact Pam, raidertennismom@gmail.com.

March 27, Chick-fil-a in Pflugerville, Stone Hill Town Center.

*Details/coupons available at www.crhsprojectgraduation.org/

Attention runners! Support Project Grad by participating in the **RRISD Project Grad 5k** on March 2 at the Dell Diamond. More info and a link to register can be found on our website.

April 6, Fashion Show and Silent Auction, support our seniors by attending and/or donating items, gift certificates, etc... for the Silent Auction. Contact Sherry.roper@att.net.

Monetary donations may be mailed to CRHS Project Grad Class of 2013, PO Box 5622, Round Rock, TX 78683-5622 or may be made online at www.crhsprojectgraduation.org.

Connally High School

Reverse Raffle Sweetheart Dinner & Auction • February 17

Our annual Connally **Reverse Raffle Sweetheart Dinner & Auction** is here! Come show your support and help our CHS parents host a fantastic Project Graduation party for our seniors. Tickets are only \$45 per person and include entry into the \$1,000 raffle, dinner, 2 drinks, fun and auctions galore!

Call any CHS senior parent to get yours today. Need not be present to win!

If you'd like to help by donating money or items for our auction, or would like to buy tickets, please call Sherry Hinesman at 512-461-7561. Thank you for your support of our 2013 Senior Class!

McNeil High School

McNeil Project Graduation would like to thank everyone who came out for our 9th annual **Home for the Holidays Arts & Crafts Show**. It was a huge success—thanks so much!

2013 Project Graduation Raffle!!!

Buy your tickets for \$10 each or 3 for \$25

We have some great prizes for everyone:

1st prize - \$1500 Visa Card

2nd prize - \$500 Visa Card

3rd prize - Teeth Whitening Kit (\$600 value)

4th & 5th prizes - Camp Gladiator 4 Week Class

6th prize - \$100 HEB Card

MHS Senior parents, please consider selling to your friends, family and coworkers. WB residents, if you would like to purchase some tickets and/or make a donation, please contact Mary Helen at 512-293-5442 or mparinella@austin.rr.com. Thank you for your support!

Join us for the following Spirit Nights, a portion of sales will be donated back to MHS-Project Graduation:

Joe's Crab Shack • IH 35 North in Round Rock • 2nd

Wednesday of the Month until June. Tell server you are with McNeil High School.

Rita's Italian Ice • Corner of McNeil & W.Parmer Lane • EVERY Tuesday through the end of the school year. Just say you are with McNeil Project Graduation, and 20% of those sales will be donated to our group!

Thank you for supporting all Wells Branch seniors!

CLASSIFIED ADS

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



Northwest Elementary News!

By Betsey Harper

Happy New Year to the NW Elementary Community! As we have crossed over the midway point of the school year, we need to again focus on our kid's education. If you aren't looking forward

to another 18 weeks of arguments with your child about his/her homework, don't feel like you're alone. According to a survey by Public Agenda, almost half of parents said that they argue with their kids about homework. This does not need to be a source of stress for your family, and here are some strategies to make homework easier:

- Start with a healthy snack and exercise.
- Establish a routine.
- Help him/her get organized.
- Free up his/her schedule.
- Be a role model.
- Stay positive.
- Give guidance, not answers.
- Contact your child's teacher for support.

You are your child's biggest cheerleader! Make sure you're on the same team with homework!

School Calendar:

January - Walk/Jog/Run Club - Free after school fitness program for staff, students and parents; Mondays and Thursdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm on the school track.

February 6 • 12:00pm • Early Release

February 18 • Presidents Day • No school

March 11-15 • Spring Break • No school

March 26 • End of 3rd Nine Week Grading Period

Future events: Valentines Celebration, Parents Night Out, Box Top collection, NW Birthday marquee. Look for updated news in your child's school folders, on district and school websites, the listserv, read community newsletters, or check out the outside sign marquee as you drive by. Stay involved!

WB Elem 5th Grade Farmer's Market

by Tara Fisher-Munoz

A wonderful group of 5th graders at WBE have been working hard on their business -- the WBE Farmer's Market! Each week they are responsible for all aspects of their business, including planting, growing, maintaining, harvesting, selling, developing a budget, advertising and marketing and are very excited to present their organic offerings: lettuce, herbs, beets, radishes, carrots, kale, Asian greens, broccoli, cauliflower and edible flowers. Beginning the first week of February, they will be selling their items every Tuesday from 2:40-3:30 p.m. in the walker dismissal area at WBE (near the wooden benches). We look forward to receiving your support! To learn more about the WBE Green efforts, please visit us at: <http://gogreen.wellsbranchpta.org/>.

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One fifth of all Americans suffer from allergies affecting the sinuses and lungs. During the winter, everyone is trying hard to keep the house warm and closed off from the outside air. Unfortunately, that also seals up the indoor atmosphere where certain pollutants can irritate allergies. These pollutants include dust mites, pets and mold. The way to eliminate the irritation caused by these things is usually as simple as removing the source. The room you most need to focus on is the room you sleep in. Here are a few tips to help keep the sneezing and sniffing to a minimum this winter.

- Keep your house properly ventilated and get fresh air on a regular basis.
- Keep upholstered furniture to a minimum in your bedroom and vacuum it frequently.
- Cover your mattress, pillows and box springs with an impermeable covering. Dust mites thrive in bedding.
- Unclutter the room as much as possible to keep down dust and dust mites.
- Vacuum and dust as frequently as you possibly can. Have someone who is NOT allergy-prone do this, since these activities can really aggravate allergies.
- Try to keep your bedroom uncarpeted. Dust mites love carpeting, and even vacuuming twice a week can't combat them.
- Keep pets out of the bedroom.
- Avoid high humidity. Run humidifiers only when the heater is running.
- Don't run humidifiers in the room with the door closed.
- Use super-fine furnace filters and change them frequently (at least once a month).

Source: www.allabouthome.com

Calling all Seniors! Retired? Bored?

Ready to meet some new friends? Join the Silver Branchers!

The Silver Branchers began in 1988 as a group of seniors interested in meeting for fun and fellowship. This tradition has continued and we invite residents 55 years and older who might be interested in making new friends to join us. Meetings are held every Thursday from 1-3pm in Room 4 of the Wells Branch Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive.

Membership is free. All residents 55 years and older are welcome. Both individuals & couples are invited. For more information, call 251-9814 or just stop by.

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From Recent MUD Board Meetings

by Debby Thompson

Please remember, the WBNA (Wells Branch Neighborhood Association) and the Wells Branch MUD are two different entities; ours is a volunteer community group, the other, a governmental body. In the interest of our shared residents, we do our best to report on MUD events and Board meetings in an objective manner so that each of you are aware of current topics and can research those that interest you for yourselves and form your own opinions. There is a wealth of information on the MUD website: www.wells-branchmud.com. For more information on any of the topics below, please check there first. Information may be in the form of a featured story or in the MUD Board Meeting Minutes. If you have difficulty locating what you're looking for, contact me at info@wbna.us and I'll do my best to point you in the right direction.

Regular MUD Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Community Center on Klattenhoff unless otherwise posted. All residents are invited to attend. Meetings begin at 6:30pm. Agendas are posted the week prior to the meeting at www.wellsbranchmud.com.

District Office Relocation & Annex Renovation

Renovations to the Annex on Wells Port have been completed and MUD staff have settled in to their new offices.

Customer Service will continue at the Rec. Center on Shoreline. This includes water payments, facility reservations and Rec. Tag services.

WB MUD's New District Manager

Shirley Ross joined the Wells Branch MUD on a part-time basis back in August 2012 and moved to a fulltime position as District Manager at the end of November. Shirley has an undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Texas; she has spent her entire career in the utility management and environmental consulting business.

Please join the neighborhood association in welcoming Shirley to Wells Branch. You may reach her at 310-4127 or via email at sross@wellsbranchmud.com.

Renovations & New Contract for Community Garden

Several much needed renovations are under way at the gardens on the corner of Town Hill and Single Trace. Thanks go out to the MUD board and staff for being so receptive to the gardeners' requests. Please visit the MUD website for information.

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mation on garden plot rentals and to view the new contract.

Capital Improvement Projects Meeting

On January 8, 88 residents turned out to meet with the MUD Board to discuss prioritization of capital improvement projects. Suggestions were made for the expansion of the Rec. Center, the addition of a skate park behind the Rec. Center and construction of a pavilion in the area where the old office stands. Other items under consideration are a splash pad, completion of the veloway on Merriltown, a nature park on Wells Port and the addition of new and/or renovation of existing dog parks. The MUD gathered data and will schedule additional meetings with residents to determine how to proceed. Watch their site (or ours) for updates on meeting times.



A standing room only crowd filled the Community Center on 1-8-13 to provide feedback to the MUD Board regarding capital improvements.

New Teen Focus Group Forming

A town hall meeting for teens is in the works to help the MUD Board determine the wants and needs of our younger residents. From there, a Teen Focus Group will be created and work in conjunction with the Rec. Committee to develop recreational opportunities for our youth.



L-R: Derek Davis, Mike Nyguen, Andrew Canon, Tyler Elmore, Josh Hoffman, Taylor Kokas, Tony Hoffman, Marcus Bell

WB MUD Board Drafts Resolution in Support of Petition for the Creation of ESD 2A

A petition was filed with Travis County on November 15, 2012 requesting the creation of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2A ("ESD 2A") to provide additional funding for emergency medical services within the boundaries ESD 2A, which include the portion of the District in Travis County and other areas in Northeast Travis County.

If the petition is approved, Travis County will call an election regarding the creation of ESD 2A to allow the voters within the proposed district to decide upon the creation of this district.

On January 8, 2013, the MUD Board passed a resolution in support of the petition for creation of ESD 2A so that District residents have a voice in determining whether ESD 2A is ultimately created.

For more information on the proposed Travis County ESD 2A, please visit our website, www.wbna.us=>community=>esd2a.

See MUD News on page 6

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MUD News from page 5

Preserving the Pond and Native Species Habitat

January 15, the MUD Board held an open meeting with residents to begin an educational process regarding preservation of the pond and creation of a native species habitat. Dr. Kevin Anderson, past president of the Texas Riparian Association, and current coordinator of the Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory, spoke on riparian restoration, the health of our pond and stream, and maintaining a sustainable habitat for the native species that inhabit the pond. Richard Fadal of TexaScapes presented the MUD's design plan for the pond.

Proposals were discussed regarding the relocation of the feral/domestic geese and the Muscovy ducks as these birds can spread disease to the migratory ducks and weaken the species through crossbreeding.

Signs will be posted stating "No Waterfowl Dumping Allowed" and "Please Do Not Feed the Ducks". Suggestions for minimizing signage and informing the public were taken, including the possibility of informational kiosks at the Pond, KF Park and the Disc Golf Course.

Visit the MUD website for detailed information on this important issue.

New Lawsuits Filed

The MUD Board Agenda for a special meeting held on January 10, 2013, listed two pending lawsuits against the MUD and their HR firm at the time of the claims, Achilles HR Group, Inc. As both are ongoing lawsuits, all discussion took place in executive session. No action was taken.

Trees for Trails

Tree plantings have begun along the trails. The next section, along the creek behind the east side of Gaylord should have just been completed about the time this newsletter hits. For a detailed presentation of what's in store for our park system, please visit the MUD website.

Demolition of old office building on Shoreline and Mills Pond Dam Compliance & Risk Assessment

These matters are currently under review. A new scope of service had to be developed for the office demolition before it could go out for bid. For more information, watch their website and check MUD meeting agendas.

WB MUD Board Officers & Committee Assignments

As stated in the past, our MUD Board Directors welcome input from the community. Visit their website for direct links to emails for the Directors or **OUR** website (www.wbna.us) for a list of committee assignments for WB MUD Board Directors and their contact information.

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

By Margret Wingrove, Crossroads Utility Services



Don't wait for a water emergency!! Locate your water cut-off valve now so it can be accessed quickly when needed.

A properly operating cut-off valve allows you to cut off water quickly should you have a leak in the house, need to work on your sprinkler system, or wish to turn off the water to your house as a precaution when traveling.

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

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



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

Before a freeze:

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

In sub-freezing weather:

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

If you're not going to be home:

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

Renters should contact the manager or landlord for more information on freeze precautions.

Source: Wells Branch Word, December 2003 <http://www.wellsbranchmud.com/docs/newsletters/bw.pdf>

ATTN: Wells Branch Elementary parents: volunteer needed to provide school news for this newsletter.

Guest writers needed to write the Business Spotlight & Community Spotlight features.



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Open Ears Concerts

Open Ears Concerts, hosted by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Wells Port, is a monthly non-profit series that presents established and emerging artists, mainly in acoustic genres such as folk, bluegrass, world, and jazz. Bring a dish to share in our potluck dinner and enjoy free fair-trade coffee in a family-friendly, peaceful, listener-oriented environment. Doors open and potluck starts an hour before show time. All ages are welcome. While there is a suggested donation of \$10-\$15 for all shows, no one will be turned away.
Friday, February 15, 7:30 pm at the WB Community Center—Susan Gibson & Elizabeth Wills ; **Sunday, March 24, 1:30 pm** at St. Andrews — Stephanie Bettman & Luke Halpin.
 For more information, see: www.openearsconcerts.com.

Illegal Dumping Issues

at 3505 Wells Branch Pkwy (corner of WB Pkwy & MoPac)

WB Resident Faye Cormier has graciously offered to spearhead the efforts to get this site cleaned up and kept clean. Your help is requested.

Faye has been working with the Travis County Attorney's Office and an active investigation is now underway.

Faye would like to thank those that continue to send photos of the debris. She needs our continued help in dealing with this problem. So, from now on, any time you notice items left on this property please take a picture and send it to Faye at fcormier@austin.rr.com and she'll make sure it gets to the correct investigator. For further information, please visit www.wbna.us.

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TMI! go to www.wbna.us

Once again, the WBNA Neighborhood News is packed with Too Much Information! There's just not enough room for everything. Head to our website for more info on:

- Joining the Google Group
- Local websites and Facebook pages
- Information on WBNA Committees
- Illegal dumping on Wells Branch Parkway
- Luminary Fest & New Year's Eve thank you to volunteers and Facebook photos
- Food Drive Kudos!



Super Sunday Flag Football Tournament

Feb. 3, 1-5pm – KF Park

Wells Branch Community Church is sponsoring their 3rd annual Super Bowl Sunday Flag Football Tournament coming up on February 3. Applications can be picked up in the Wells Branch Rec. Center on Shoreline. Everyone in the community is invited to come play: ages 12-82.

If you can't play, come cheer!!! Contact Ben Dion for more info: 512-769-9151 or benjdion@yahoo.com.



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Get in Shape for the New Year!

Personal Training will be offered at the WB Rec Center beginning in February. Residents will have the opportunity to receive one-on-one training utilizing the recreation center's fitness room. Your first hour will be free and will serve as an evaluation session. Our trainer will be available by appointment and all patrons must have a valid recreation center or all facilities membership. Come visit our staff at the recreation center for more information.



Did you know?

While we ALL appreciate folks picking up after their pets, it is against the law to drop your goodies in someone else's trash bin. It doesn't matter whether your dog is large or small or even if the trash can owner is a pet lover. No one wants someone else's pet poop in their cans. Please pick up after your pet and take your waste bags all the way home with you unless you happen to be at the park or along the trails where disposal in the trash receptacles is encouraged. Thank you for your courtesy and helping to **KEEP WELLS BRANCH GREAT!**

New Year's Resolution - Recycle **EVERYTHING** you can!



Monthly recycling numbers are posted each month on our website. Our all-time high for participation was 78.65% in December of 2011 followed by a steady decline each month until we hit 60% where it's hovered since April of last year.

IESI pays the WB MUD \$20 in rebates for each ton of recycling collected. Those funds, in turn, are dedicated to purchasing trees for our park system. We're able to recycle more products curbside than ever before! The more we pitch in and recycle, the more trees get planted, the healthier our park system.

This is something simple and easy that **EVERYONE** can do to make Wells Branch better. Please do your part. **Recycle & remind your neighbors!**



Recycling Calendar

February 2013

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March 2013

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Please see www.wbna.us for ad rates and sizes.



A loving hand to take care of small needs around your home.

Wells Branch Community Church would like to help with some of the needs in our community. Some of us may be reaching an age that makes it difficult to do work around our home.

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Book Clubs



Steamy Reads: 1st Wednesday of each month at 6pm: Read and discuss a new steamy romance over a steamy coffee/tea/cocoa and sweets.

Everyone is free to come, even if they haven't read the book(s). We'll select future books at the first meeting. First meeting Feb 6th: the popular and sensational *Fifty Shades of Grey* trilogy by E.L.James



Clueless Mysteries: 3rd Sunday of each month at 3pm in the Quiet Reading Room: Come share your sleuthing skills and solve the mystery with us.

Wine, Women and Words:

Newcomers are always welcome. This group meets at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month.
Feb 7th: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain
Mar 7th: *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn



Storytimes

Mondays at 10:15am: Baby Storytime (0-18 months)
Mondays at 11am: Toddler Storytime (18-36 months)
Tuesdays at 6pm & 7pm: Pajama Storytime & craft (all ages)
Fridays at 10am: Toddler Storytime (18-36 months)
Fridays at 10:45am: Preschool Storytime (3-6 yrs)
Saturdays at 11am: Storytime (all ages)

After-School Programs for Kids

Wednesdays at 4:30pm
Feb 6 and Mar 6: Brain Games - play board and video games
Feb 13 and Mar 13: Comic Club - read, discuss, draw, & do crafts about your favorite comics
Feb 20 and Mar 20: Wacky Science - hands on experiments
Feb 27 and Mar 27: Lego Club - build with our guides or your imagination



Thank you, Friends of the Library!

The Friends donated \$450 to support the 11th Annual Polar Express Pajama Party. You can be a part of this vital group. Contact friends@wblibrary.org today!



In 2012, library patrons saved \$2,235,063.94 by borrowing library items 176,494 times.

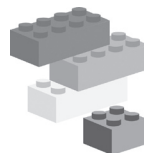
Explore a new language every month and win a treat. The library has a subscription to Mango Languages, an online learning program for over 50 languages. Each month, we will highlight a different language. Go to Mango through our website and take the first lesson (20-30 minutes). Then greet the circulation desk staff in that language for your treat. The program is completely FREE to library patrons.



February: Spanish
March: French
April: Italian

Folktales from Africa with Elizabeth Kahura:

Saturday, Feb 9 at 11am: Experience folktales, poems, tongue twisters, music and games from different parts of Africa. Free for all ages. Space is limited.



LEGO Fun Day: Saturday, Mar 9 from 9am to noon: LEGO Robotics Fun Days allow kids age 4-104 to build and create different projects at any of the many LEGO activity centers. Free!

Arts and Crafts (ages 8+ or with an adult) Wednesdays at 6pm: Creative projects for the family

Adult Computer Workshops: NO CHARGE.

Feb 9 & Mar 9 @ 1pm: Twitter and Facebook - setup, use and safety/privacy concerns.

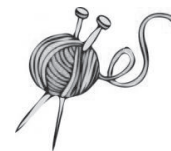
Feb 20 & Mar 20 @ 6pm: Overdrive Digital Library- download e-books and audio books direct to your device.

Feb 6 & Mar 6 @ 6pm: Learn a language online, for free!



Family Game Night: Thursday Feb 7 at 6:30pm: We'll have board and card games available for anyone to play.

Knitting Group: Thursdays Feb 21 and Mar 21 at 7pm: Our instructor will help you work on a beginning project. The Library will provide needles and yarn.



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



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Baseball season is right around the corner!

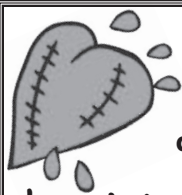
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Teen Dating Violence

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Love is trusting- *It isn't keeping tabs with
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Love is secure- *It isn't being jealous, suspicious
or paranoid*

Love is accepting- *It isn't telling someone what
to do, what to wear, or how to act*

Love is freedom- *It isn't about possessing
anyone or anything*

Love should be fun & exciting - *Trust
yourself, if things don't feel right, chances are, they're
not.*

**February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month,
please take this time to review this information with
your teen.**

For more information on teen dating violence, signs to watch for and how you can help or get help, visit: safeplace.org, seeitandstopit.org, loveisrespect.org or call 512-267-SAFE or 1-866-331-9474. Additional information is available on our website at wbna.us under "Safety". WBNA has sponsored teen dating violence seminars each year. If you would be interested in attending an educational seminar or having one tailored to your teen's peer group, on this subject, please contact me and we can set something up with the Travis County Sheriff's Office. This is a great seminar for athletic clubs, choir, band - anywhere you have a group of teens. Debby Thompson 656-0654 or Deborah_Thompson@earthlink.net

Upcoming MUD Events

Valentine's Day Dance

February 14 • 6:30-8:30pm • Rec. Center on Shoreline Dr.

The Wells Branch MUD hosts its annual Valentine's Day dance and concert Thursday, February 14, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Recreation Center. This is a free event open to all ages.

You're invited to come jump, jive, and wail on an open dance floor to the sounds of a live, swing band. The Wells Branch MUD will provide snack foods and drinks for everyone as well as roses for the ladies.

St. Patrick's Day Bagpipes Concert in the Park



March 17 • 7pm • KF Park • 2106 Klattenhoff

Wear your green and come experience Celtic heritage at 7pm, March 17. March behind the Silver Thistle Pipes and Drums as they lead a parade through Wells Branch's Katherine Fleischer Park. The parade will end at the Wells Branch Community Center where guests will continue to be entertained by the band.

WB Ladies-Join Us For Sweet Monday!

by Laura Decker

You don't have to dress up or bring your wallet. Just grab your girlfriends for a **FREE Girl's Night Out** the 2nd Monday of every month from 7:00-8:30pm. **FREE Childcare provided!**

February 11th "A Night at the Spa" - at 14735 Bratton Ln.

Who doesn't need a break? We'll have a make-up artist, a hair stylist, and a massage therapist on hand to give you tips, tricks and pampering!

Call or e-mail Laura, (512) 550-9255 or lauradecker@outlook.com for questions and for childcare info! Be sure to watch www.wbna.us for updates on the March Sweet Monday event!

Goodbye from Kenny's Coffee

- A note from Debbie Parish of Kenny's Catering Co.



As of January 7th, Kenny's Coffee Shop has closed. We would like to "Thank" everyone who has supported Kenny's over the years.

It was a hard decision for Kenny to make but he wants to focus on the catering side of the business which remains in operation. We can be contacted at 251-5388 or debbie@kennyscateringco.com.



FREE! Live Music Showcase

Kenny's in Bratton Square

January 29 • 8-10pm

FREE Live Music Showcase every last Tuesday at

Kenny's in Bratton Square • 8-10pm • Check it out!

*Although Kenny's has closed, they will host this event and sell coffee on Jan. 29. Check the WBNA website for updates for February & March Showcase events. Questions? Call Grayson at 484-2614.

KUDOS! KUDOS!



Thanks to all who delivered the Holiday Issue of the WBNA Neighborhood News - You guys/gals ROCK! We had phenomenal attendance at the MUD's Thanksgiving Potluck and record numbers at Luminary Fest! When you

volunteer your time and reach out to our neighbors, YOU build COMMUNITY.

Daniel Barnekow, Emily Berver, Karen Buerkle, Garland Bullock, David Burke, Kathleen Clark, Miriam, Melissa & Briana Garate, Dave Gezana, Cynthia Hannon, George & Wanda Holcombe, Travers Hough, Bill Johnson, *Gus Kohn, Dan, Kim, Brendan & Sarah Lanicek, Brian & Rachel LeBansky, Brian & Jennifer Litke, Erik Macdanz, Sivaram, Jyoti & Arjuna Manda, Skipper & Preston McWithey, Joan & Dave Mead, Katie Moore, Mekala Padmanabhan, Chris & Adrienne Plekenpol, Ron Robinder, Kim & Kat Sands, Julie Schwartz, Peggy Simmons, Scott Smith, Virgil Smith, Emily Spiars, Chris & DeLane Spriggs, Debby Thompson, Jill Traffanstedt, Steve Wilson, Pamela & Bre Woodward **Volunteered to do additional sections – THANK YOU!*

Also, thank you to all who've been contributing articles. Your input and participation bring a true sense of community to Wells Branch!

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 Wells Branch, let us know and we'll gladly find a section for you.

Special thanks go out to those of you who helped with the WBNRD Flyer Delivery for the TDHCA Hearing - Many of you delivered multiple sections in a very short period of time and the end result was an enormous turnout for the October 17th hearing. **KUDOS!**

***Emily Berver, *Creola Burns, *Sheridan Dennis, *Chris Flores, Donna Howe, Dianne Koehler, Rachel LeBansky, Katie & Becky Moore, *Mekala Padmanabhan, Marcia Schoellman, Scott Smith, Emily Spiars, Chris Spriggs, *Scott Swain, *Debby Thompson, Pam Wachholz**

Each issue, we count on y'all to help deliver the newsletter come rain or shine and you've NEVER let us down! Many of you volunteer each and every issue. Check our website under KUDOS! - "Newsletter Delivery" for a list of our most frequent fliers! Thank you so much for volunteering your time for our neighborhood!

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

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WB Garden Guild by Dianne Koehler

With the prospects of a multiyear drought looking us straight in the face and people's enthusiasm for getting the right plants into their yards, the Garden Guild has scheduled several speakers to help us plan for our landscaping and garden needs over the next few months. New comers are always welcome to join us. Meetings are held at 11:00am the 3rd Saturday of each month at the WB MUD Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline. Show up early (10:30am) for seed/plant/garden stuff exchanges, chat and set-up.

On February 16, Travis County Master Gardener Cheryl Harrison will do a presentation on "Basics of Landscape Design." She will share information with us on planning and plants for our area.

On March 16, we will have Michelle Pfluger from Green 'n Growing in Pflugerville to talk about "Plants that Thrive in the Shade". She is very knowledgeable and has spoken at a number of group events in the last year or so on this topic.

Bring your questions to both meetings and get expert answers and directions to more resources. Future topics include Weed 'n Pests in April and our annual Garden Tour in May. Follow Dianne's gardening blog at: <http://dianne-gardening-in-wells-branch.blogspot.com/>



Community Calendar

Jan. 26, 6pm: Wells Branch's Got Talent, WBRC**
 Jan. 29, 8-10pm: FREE Live Music Showcase, Kenny's, pg.10
 Feb. 2, 1-4pm: Waters at Willow Run Letter Blitz, WBCC* pg. 1
 Feb. 3, 1-5pm: Flag Football Tournament, KF Park, pg. 7
 Feb. 7, 7pm: WBNA Annual Meeting & Elections, Guest Speaker, TC Pct. 2 Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt, WBCC*
 Feb. 11, 7-8:30pm: Sweet Monday-14735 Bratton Ln.,pg. 10
 Feb. 13: Wastewater averaging ends
 Feb. 14, 6:30-8:30pm: Valentine's Day Dance, WBRC** pg. 10
 Feb. 15, 7:30pm: Open Ears Concert, WBCC*, pg. 7
 Feb. 16, 11am: WB Garden Guild, "Basics of Landscape Design", WBRC*, pg. 11
 Feb. 17: Connally HS Project Grad: Reverse Raffle Sweetheart Dinner & Auction, pg. 2
 Mar. 4-19: CRHS Project Grad-Order TX Roadhouse dinner roll dough, pg. 2
 Mar. 11, 7:00-8:30pm: Sweet Monday, pg. 10
 Mar. 11-16: Spring Break • No School for PISD & RRISD
 Mar. 16, 11am: WB Garden Guild, "Plants that Thrive in the Shade", WBRC*. pg. 11
 Mar. 17, 7pm: St. Patrick's Day Bagpipe Concert, KF Park**
 Mar. 24, 1:30pm: Open Ears Concert, St. Andrews, pg. 7
 Silver Branchers meet every Thursday, 1-3pm, WBRC.
 Don't forget to check your child's school article for upcoming events.
 *See www.wbna.us for details
 **Contact the MUD for more info, 251-9814
 WBCC=Community Center on Klattenhoff;
 WBRC=Rec Center on Shoreline;
 Are you a nonprofit with a free event to share?
 If so, send the details – date, place and time via email to: ads@wbna.us.
 PLEASE NOTE: Events put on by for-profit entities do not qualify for this space.



Tammy

Judy



Your Wells Branch Neighbor & Specialist!

WELLS BRANCH SOLD HOME STATS*

Total homes sold: 114 • Average days on market: 38 days
 Avg sold/list price %: 98.48% • Avg sold price per sq ft: \$94.43

TAMMY & JUDY'S WELLS BRANCH SOLD HOME STATS*

Total homes sold: 11 • Average days on market: 8 days
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