

# Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.  
Vol 21, Issue 4, Summer 2012

## Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Wells Branch Style! By Debby Thompson

Roll out the Red, White & Blue! If you haven't decorated yet, you better get busy! Let's show our Wells Branch Spirit. Hang your flags out NOW. Let everybody know that you're ready to celebrate! Meet in front of the community center at 9:30am. The parade takes off at 10am. If you've never been to one of our parades before, then you should probably know we have decorated bikes, wagons, trailers, DOGS, KIDS, hats, motorcycles and floats. If you wish to include a float in this year's parade, please contact the Rec. Staff at 251-9814. For the parade route, which is new this year, please see the Community Corner section on page 10.

When the parade returns to the Community Center, we kick off a FULL day of FREE events. There'll be children's activities throughout the park from 11-2pm. Come win prizes at games including beanbag toss, balloon darts and washer toss. Free admission to KF Pool and games there from 12-3pm. The Kiddy Train will be giving rides and there'll be a balloon clown on hand from 11-3pm to entertain. Caricature artists provided by WB Community Church will be in the courtyard from 11-3 and there'll be inflatables for the kids to play on in the park. New this year, resident Delian Filip is offering her photo booth free of charge for residents to capture the moment.

Live entertainment starts at 11am and goes through 5pm under the big tent. There'll be Motown music from The Legends, a ventriloquist, a magician and then more music from The Legends. Throughout the day, concessions will be available offering a variety of items to enjoy. For a complete list of entertainment and food, visit our website: [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us).

The Silent Auction is back this year and benefits the WBNA. Money raised from this event helps fund the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, our participation in Halloween Trunk or Treat, Friday night at Luminary Fest and all of the educational and safety seminars we put on throughout the year. Come check out all the wonderful gift baskets and gift certificates donated by WB friends, neighbors and businesses and start placing your bids as soon as the parade returns. It's not too late to donate an item, either. Contact Gus Kohn at 990-3693 or [SilentAuction@wbna.us](mailto:SilentAuction@wbna.us) if you have an item or service you'd like to donate or if you'd like to volunteer at the Silent Auction.

### **FIREWORKS launched from Willow Bend Pool at 9:45pm**

Be sure and join us for Fireworks at the end of the day at Willow Bend Pool on the corner of Bratton and Sauls.

-No parking along Sauls Dr., in the Willow Bend Pool parking lot or the granite parking lot across from the pool.

-Fireworks display is subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions so check our website for updates!

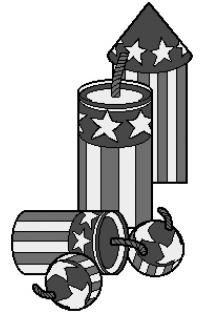
**Come show your spirit and remember -**

**YOU make Wells Branch GREAT!**

**FIREWORKS REMINDER:** These restrictions remain in effect at ALL times even if the County is not enforcing a fireworks or burn ban.

**USE OF FIREWORKS ON MUD PROPERTY IS PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES.** This includes all MUD facilities, parks, trails, greenbelts, the Pond, drainage detention areas, the veloway, and the grassy area located at Robert I. Walker and Charla Circle. For any questions concerning firework use on district property, please contact the MUD office at 251-9814.

**IN ADDITION, TEXAS LAW PROHIBITS THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS ON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY.** The Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 2154, Subchapter F, Section 2154.251 (a) (1), states that a person may not explode or ignite fireworks within 600 feet of any church, a hospital other than a veterinary hospital, an asylum, a licensed child care center, or a public or private primary or secondary school or institution of higher education unless the person receives authorization in writing from that organization.



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# CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**Gina's Registered Home Day Care** for 0-3 yrs old. 12 yrs experience as Child Development Associate "I love to care for children while singing, dancing, feeding them healthy home-cooked meals and teaching them Spanish." Located in WB's Stoneridge area. Call Georgina Gutierrez, 512-576-4423, to reserve your spot today!

## Leading by Example...Chuck Walters

*What you do, support, and how you volunteer your time matters. YOU make a difference. WBNA is starting a series on individuals who've helped shape our community as we've grown over the years. Many are familiar faces, always present at events, but we've never taken the opportunity to get to know them. Watch for upcoming articles on Dianne Koehler (Fall Issue) & WBCC (Holiday Issue). If there's someone you'd like to spotlight, please contact us at [info@wbna.us](mailto:info@wbna.us).*

We'd like to begin by recognizing Chuck Walters as a champion of our community. Chuck celebrated his 20th year serving on the MUD Board this past May. An original resident of Wells Branch, Chuck first ran for the board because of his interest in the trail system and strengthening Wells Branch as a community. He worked with Texas Parks and Wildlife on three matching grants to improve our park system. The first was for the initial trail system, the second for Willow Bend Pool and the pond, and the third was for the construction of the Recreation Center on Shoreline.

Chuck is Chairperson of the Facilities and IT Committees and serves on the Recreation Committee as well. During his tenure, he spearheaded the Meditation Grove at the Pavilion, helped facilitate the Leslie Lane Meditation Garden and led the committee responsible for fence replacement along our major thoroughfares which not only changed the face of Wells Branch, but continues to help maintain property values for all Wells Branch residents. Above all else, Chuck brings two decades of cumulative knowledge to the table when dealing with issues affecting our community.

As our park system has aged, we've lost a number of old growth trees. Together, Chuck Walters and Bob Bauhs (Facilities) have worked with the Trees for Trails focus group over the last year to identify the areas most in need and prioritize plans for adding trees to the trail system. The efforts of this group as a whole have encouraged an interest in preserving natural areas, stream maintenance and an increased effort to maintain Wells Branch's natural amenities. Whether it's Keep Wells Branch Beautiful or neighbors gathering to clear out the invasive species in what will one day be our Natural Play Park, Chuck is there, working side by side with the rest of the community.

Chuck was instrumental in the creation of the Homestead Board to perpetuate the care and maintenance of the Gault

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Homestead in the event of annexation. In addition, he has served on that board since its inception. The Homestead is the sponsor organization for both Cub Scout Pack 140 and Boy Scout Troop 1409. For the last twenty years, Chuck has volunteered as the Charter Organization Representative for both BSA Pack & Troop. He also served as Den Leader for his son, Dane and as a key volunteer for the Armada swim team for a number of years. When there was a shortage of crossing guards at WBE, Chuck stepped up and was out there every morning to help children get to school safely.

Chuck has contributed financially as well with donations to the library, BSA Pack 140 and most recently Wells Branch Elementary to help pay for shade trees by the Merriltown playground.

Always a strong supporter of the WBNA and community involvement, Chuck volunteers each year at our Easter Egg Hunt and you can always find him at our National Night Out celebration, either at the grill or with a microphone in his hand. Chuck has always been ready to volunteer his time where needed, whenever asked and has had the honor of being Santa Claus at Luminary Fest more than anyone else in Wells Branch history.

Chuck has wholeheartedly given of himself and his time, and through his leadership has made this community even stronger. We thank you, Chuck for all that you've contributed to Wells Branch. You've made a difference in all our lives.



*Chuck Walters, still helping Wells Branch grow after all these years.*

*Tree planting at Wells Branch Elementary, March 2012.*

## WBNA Raffle: iPad 2 • 64GB • Wi-Fi

Drawing will be held at FourthFest

See [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) for more info

\$5 = 1 ticket OR \$20 = 5 tickets

Call 512.568.0774 to purchase tickets in advance  
or purchase at Silent Auction (while supplies last).



## Important WB Websites, Blogs & Pages

We've listed a few of the important sites below. Additional links may be found on both the WBNA and MUD websites. Both sites have contact information and welcome your suggestions and input.

**Austin Wildlife Rescue** <http://austinwildliferescue.org/>  
**WB Community Garden Blog** [www.wbcgarden.wordpress.com](http://www.wbcgarden.wordpress.com)  
**Wells Branch Community Library** [www.wblibrary.org](http://www.wblibrary.org)  
**Wells Branch MUD** [www.wellsbranchmud.com](http://www.wellsbranchmud.com)  
**Wells Branch Neighborhood Assn. (WBNA)** [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us)

### Wells Branch Neighbors List Serve

Join the Wells Branch List Serve for a community conversation on any and everything! Find out what's going on with Wells Branch as it's happening – everything from ducks, composting and crime watch to history and gardening. All residents, homeowners and renters alike, are welcome. New topics are always popping up. Don't miss out! Join the group by going to Google Groups on your Web Browser, search for Wells Branch Neighbors, and fill out the request sheet. The List Serve Administrator can then add you.

The site is: <http://groups.google.com/group/wells-branch-neighbors/web>, but remember, you need to belong in order to read it, so send your request today!

**Follow both the WBNA and WB MUD on Facebook. WBNA features photos of all the Wells Branch events and encourages neighbors to share their pictures as well.**

## W2A Road Approval & Acceptance

Submitted by Bob Bauhs & Ed Peterson

Section W-2A, The Pond at Wells Branch, includes the following roads west of Wells Port: Rick Whinery, Quiet Pond, and Emmett Parkway. For background info, please see [www.wbna.us=>community](http://www.wbna.us=>community).

It appears the W2A journey will finally wind down this August and September. It's taken hard work and patience by many neighbors, board members and concerned citizens. Special thanks to the Citizen Committee comprised of Ed Peterson, Wendell Grimsley & Ravi Marawar.

If approved, each home in the W2A section of Wells Branch will be assessed a total of \$665.45, which spread over five years comes to \$133.09 per year with the option of paying a lump sum at once.

- August 14 a public meeting will be held by Travis County Commissioners Court for affected residents
- August 17 ballots will be sent out to homeowners
- September 13 County Clerk will declare outcome of the election

Once the election is over and W2A residents have voted "YES" the County will take responsibility for the necessary road and sidewalk repairs within W2A.

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| BOOMERANG 1.75L                     | \$22.99         |
| PINNACLE 1.75L                      | \$16.99         |
| RUSSIAN STANDARD 1.75L              | \$21.99         |
| THREE OLIVES 1L (5 SELECT FLAVORS)  | \$18.99         |
| THREE OLIVES ORANGE/RANG TANG 750ML | \$15.99         |
| STOLICHNAYA RASPBERRY 750ML         | \$10.99         |
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| FAMOUS GROUSE 1.75L        | \$34.99         |
| GLENLIVET 12YRS 750ML      | \$34.99         |
| JAMESON IRISH 750ML        | \$19.99         |
| JIM BEAM WHITE 750ML/1.75L | \$13.99/\$22.99 |
| MAKER'S MARK 750ML         | \$22.99         |

#### RUM/TEQUILA

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| APPLETON RESERVE 1L                   | \$22.99         |
| FLOR DE CANA WHITE/GOLD 1.75L         | \$17.99         |
| MALIBU COCONUT 1.75L                  | \$19.99         |
| SAILOR JERRY SPICED RUM 1.75L         | \$19.99         |
| 1800 SILVER 100 PROOF 800ML (4-200ML) | \$24.99         |
| CAMARENA SILVER/REPOSADO 750ML/1.75L  | \$15.99/\$31.99 |
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# KUDOS

Thanks to all of you who delivered our May issue. The great turnout we had at the MUD Town Hall Meeting is a direct result of your hard work! Hopefully, the push for WB to get out and vote is having an impact as well.



June Apprill, Garland Bullock, David Burke, Creola Burns, \*Jacob Dawson, Christy Feng, Miriam, Melissa & Briana Garate, David Gezana, Georgene Goforth, \*Christopher Grimsley, Vickie Hahn, Betsey, Tessi & Cole Harper, George & Wanda Holcombe, Travers Hough, \*Gus Kohn, Dan, Kim, Brendan & Sarah Lanicek, Brian LeBansky, Brian Litke, Nancy Loomis, Emily Loontjer, Erik Mackdanz, \*Sivaram, Jyoti & Arjuna Manda, \*Katie Moore, William Olson, Julie Schwartz, Yvette Shelton, Peggy Simmons, Scott Smith, Virgil Smith, Diane Starkey, \*Debby Thompson, Jill Traffanstedt, Sarah, Faith, Grace & Liam Ward, Mike Weis, Wally Wingfield, Pamela & Bre'Anna Woodward

\*Volunteered to do additional sections – THANK YOU!

**As always...Thanks to all of you for keeping WB Great!**

If you would like to deliver the newsletter, please contact our distribution team at [info@wbna.us](mailto:info@wbna.us) or 656-0654. We'll bring the newsletters over to you along with a map of the delivery area. If you've never done this before, it takes 45 minutes to an hour to deliver a section. 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.

Also, thank you to all who've been contributing articles! Love neighbors helping neighbors stay informed!

### WATCH for PEOPLE in CROSSWALKS!

We've had **SEVERAL** near misses in the last few months. Please use caution at all times, but especially in areas likely to have foot or bike traffic.



For a complete article on "Crosswalk Law" by Deputy Deke Pierce, Travis County Motor Division please see our website at [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) under "Safety".

## Spotlight on WB Businesses by Karen Mappin

The businesses within the Wells Branch tax district do more than just feed, clothe, entertain, and serve the



residents. A portion of the sales taxes collected from these businesses support our Emergency Services (Fire Dept.) and our Community Library. So when we utilize their services, we are helping our neighborhood. It pays to have prosperous businesses in our area.

The Spotlight on WB Businesses will be a regular feature and focus on a different shopping area in our district each issue. Bratton Square at the corner of Merriltown and Bratton Lane starts the series (14735 Bratton Lane).

Bratton Square has three business categories: food, health and wellness, and service. We will spotlight four of the businesses that answered our call for information and list the others in each category.

Starting with food: Longtime resident and business owner Tracy Yuan operates the Four Seasons Chinese Restaurant where we can get wonderful meals for a reasonable price. The best part about Four Seasons is that they deliver seven days a week. Four Seasons offers a standard Chinese restaurant menu and will bring it right to your door if you call 251-8827.

Additionally, Mezzaluna Italian Grill is also open for lunch and dinner 6 days a week to provide some fantastic Italian food. Owners Loretta & Carey Lynch enjoy the neighborhood atmosphere and the camaraderie that pervades the restaurant. They have a new menu with daily specials listed on the web at [www.mezzalunaaustin.com](http://www.mezzalunaaustin.com) or you can call them at 252-1444.

Other food options are Polvos en La Brisa (Mexican), the Oasis (pizza and sandwiches), or Kenny's Coffee (breakfast fare and coffee).

Bratton Square is becoming a Wells Branch mecca for health and wellness options. Michael Massie has been a contributor to the Wells Branch Neighborhood News and owns and operates Fighting Fit Boot Camp. Mike and his trainers can help our residents stay functionally fit by attending his fitness boot camp classes, fitness kickboxing classes, and with his weight loss coaching classes. Yes, we've still got to do the work, but Mike welcomes us, regardless of our fitness level, to come in and try a class for free. He can modify any workout to fit any fitness level and help us build from there. So don't be afraid of the "boot camp" name! Come by to talk, check out the website at <http://FitnessBootCampAustin.com>, or call him at 512-670-9333.

After you work out with Mike, you can hop over to Massage + Yoga where Michael Parrish and Summer Greenlees will make you forget that workout or that stressful day at work. Their barefoot massage, a technique adapted from standard massage practices, is sure to be a relaxing experience. Alternatively, if you are into stretching and bending, the wide variety of yoga classes is bound to appeal. Their schedule for classes or massages are on their website: [www.massage-plusyoga.com](http://www.massage-plusyoga.com). (And don't forget ladies spa nights on the first Friday of each month!)

For some color pampering or a new "do", try Bratton Nails or the Shear Images hair salon.

See "Bratton Square" on page 5

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## Mini-Art Enrichment Camps!

Looking for something really cool for the kids to do this summer? Dianne Koehler has just what you need and there are still a few spaces available in each of the remaining camps. A variety of sessions are offered through the WB MUD (251-9814) at the Annex on Wells Port and Renaissance Academy (252-2277) on Owen Tech. Both locations are in the neighborhood and are fundraisers and partially tax deductible. (Benefits WB Trees for Trails & RA science lab). Go to [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) for a complete listing of classes and contact info.

*Dianne - It's wonderful you work so hard to give the kids something so fun to do. But, it's even more extraordinary that you donate the profits to benefit our whole community. I for one appreciate and thank you for this awesome gift.*

*-MUD Board Director Janet Maxey*



**NEVER** leave a child or pet in a parked car - even for a "quick" errand. The inside of a car can reach dangerous temperatures in just minutes, even if it's relatively cool outside or the windows are left down.

**DON'T RISK IT.**

*"Bratton Square" from page 4*

And to round out the businesses at Bratton Square, there are several that offer different services. The Speedy Stop (gasoline and food mart), Marvelous Mandarin (Chinese classes), Martial Arts, and Potter's House Christian Church on Sundays.

Many of the businesses in Bratton Square are avid supporters of our schools, our Boy and Girl Scout troops, our library, and our neighborhood association. They participate in events such as International Day at Wells Branch Elementary and the Fourth Fest by donating food, gift certificates, and their time and talents. As consumers, please support our neighbors in return to keep our tax dollars working in the neighborhood and to say "thanks" with our purchasing power. We love having them so close by!

## WB Elementary School Registration Dates


**Pre-K-5th:** Beginning July 9, M-Th 7:30am-5pm WBE

As of August 13, M-Fr 7:30am-4:15pm

### Registration Requirements

- Proof of Residency (mortgage, house title, lease agreement or current RRISD tax statement).
- Official birth certificate, or passport. Kindergarten students must be five years of age on or before September 1, of the current school year. First grade students must be six years of age on or before September 1.
- Immunization record from a physician or clinic.
- Social Security number requested (please bring the card).
- Withdrawal form from previous school.

Our Welcome Walk is on August 22 from 5:00-7:30pm and Back to School Night is on August 23 from 5:30-7:00pm.



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## WB Neighborhood Watch News

### New Neighborhood Watch Group

We'd like to welcome our newest group: Sambuca Circle, Sambuca Ct., Coffee Bean, Mankins, and a portion of Cadoz. Deanna Johnson, block captain, did an outstanding job of getting her neighbors organized. We had a great kick-off block party with TCSO Deputy Kimberly Orts there to meet with



residents, answer questions and give tips on how we can make our homes safer. For more info on setting up a neighborhood watch group for your block, email info@wbna.us

### Graffiti around the Pond

The MUD has a 24 hour no tolerance policy which mandates that all graffiti be removed within 24 hours of being reported. If there is an overwhelming amount, it may take a little longer, but it will be handled as quickly as possible.



If you notice graffiti in Wells Branch **AND** it is not an act in progress, please photograph and send emails to pdean@wellsbranchmud.com or text photos to 512-492-5707. The MUD Safety Committee reports all graffiti to the Travis County Sheriff's Office. Patricia will coordinate reporting and clean-up with the appropriate staff.

**As always, If you see someone committing ANY crime, please call 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY. When they answer, tell them you're in Travis County.**

Call **911** to report "Suspicious Activity" as well. Some folks aren't comfortable calling 911 for any number of reasons, not the least of which is that they're embarrassed or afraid it may not be a "real" emergency. If in doubt about the safety of a situation **AT ALL, CALL 911**. The Sheriff's Office would much rather answer a false alarm than deal with a tragedy later.

For a crime that's already been committed (over, done with, criminal is already gone), or something you need the Sheriff's Office to check out, but feel you're not in danger, then 974-0845, press 3, is the non-emergency dispatch number for Travis County. Program it into your phone. A recording will answer. Press 3. This will take you to a live dispatcher. He/she will then determine the urgency of a call.

### FREE VIN Etching

Thanks go out to the Goldfish Pond/Maple Hollow Neighborhood Watch Group who organized a FREE VIN Etching event on June 20 by The Sheriff's Combined Auto Theft Task Force for all of us here in Wells Branch. We had a



great turnout with 40 neighbors taking advantage of this opportunity to have their vehicles etched and save on insurance.

### July is National Auto Theft Prevention Month

- Lock your doors.
- Remove your keys from the ignition and never leave your car with the engine running.
- Close your windows completely.
- Never hide a second set of keys anywhere on your car.
- Never leave packages or personal items in plain view.
- Park with the wheels turned toward the curb, even in driveways or parking lots. This makes your car difficult to tow.
- Always use your emergency brake when parking.
- Park in well lighted areas or attended lots.
- Keep your registration card in your purse or wallet, not in your glove compartment.
- Activate any anti-theft device you have when you vacate your car.
- Have your vehicle identification number etched into your windshield.
- Hide or remove all valuables from vehicle.



### Vacation "Close Patrol Requests"

If you're traveling this summer, take a few minutes to let the Sheriff's Office know you'll be gone. This is done by calling 854-9721 and telling them you'd like to file a "Close Patrol

Request". If you have anyone house/pet sitting or picking up the mail, TCSO will want a description and vehicle information. Your address will be added to a list and when the deputies are in the area or have a free minute, they'll check on your home.

For more info on protecting your home while you're away, see [www.wbna.us=>safety=>TCSO Safety Series=>](http://www.wbna.us=>safety=>TCSO Safety Series=>) When Leaving Home for Several Days

### Parking Alert

Make sure you park your vehicle on the right hand side of the street, no more than 18 inches from the curb. This includes stopping at mailboxes. A citation for this violation can cost up to \$150!



## WB Soccer Association Update

Submitted by Siv Manda, President, Wells Branch Soccer Assn.

As another soccer season comes to a close at the Wells Branch Soccer Association (WBSA), I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words.

We've had yet another great season and WBSA was proud to be able to introduce a new activity - the Free Friday Skills Clinic, conducted by Coach Daniel Benito and his crew of coaches. We have had quite a few individual team successes to brag about, however, as a club, it is also important to highlight the path to success. As part of the WBSA efforts to improve the quality of the children's soccer experience and ongoing education for our volunteer coaches who may be new to the game, WBSA organized five free training sessions open to all WBSA players, each of the sessions were centered around the soccer "fundamentals" like dribbling, changes, passing, shooting and goalkeeping. Our coaches have been impressed with how these clinics have improved their kids' potential and their eagerness in showing their newly learned skills such as dribbling, changes, controlling the ball and short passes. With such a good turnout and great results, we will be expanding this for Fall 2012.

I have been involved with youth soccer at WBSA as a coach, assistant coach, Registrar and now as President only for the past 3 or 4 years. It takes a lot to keep such an activity running for seasons and seasons (and WBSA has been in existence in one form or another for over 10 years). All this has only been possible with the wonderful support of the MUD Board, specially the Recreational Committee (Chuck Walters and Janet Maxey) and also the MUD management, including Jesse Kennis and Matt Fuller. At WBSA, we are extremely fortunate to have such support that helps to keep our costs low for our players!

Also, I just want to add a word of sincere appreciation to the WBSA Board Members, past and present. It is only with the foundation laid by all these folk that we're able to continue to provide the opportunities to the Wells Branch area kids as we have. I personally would like to thank Cash Miller, Raul Johnson, Matt Gavin, Cathy Ulcak, Cary Taylor, Jeff Navarro, Rudy Metayer and many others that I know have put in their efforts to keep this going.

Please see [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) for the rest of this article which highlights the Cougars (pictured below) season.



Go to [www.wellsbranchsoccer.com](http://www.wellsbranchsoccer.com) for more information about the Wells Branch Soccer Association.



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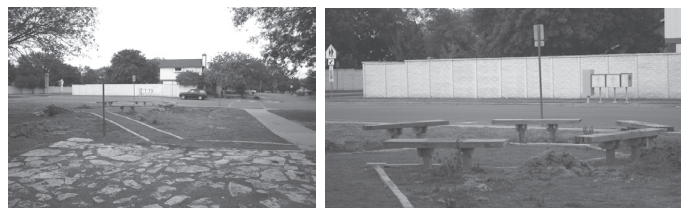
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## Thanks HP!

Wells Branch Elementary parents and administration would like to thank HP for both their monetary contributions and all the labor involved in the construction of our beautiful new student pick-up area. We LOVE it!  
See [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) for more pictures.





## Get A Clue! Summer Reading 2012 June 2-August 11

Reading Incentives for ALL ages: Pick up a log at the library and track how many pages you read until August 10. Turn in your logs for awesome prizes!

### Summer Adult Programs

**Potluck Mystery Book Club:** Read any book from the series and try one of the recipes. You can even bring some to share while we discuss the series.

- July 12 at 7pm: Tamar Myers' Pennsylvania Dutch series
- August 9 at 7pm: Joanne Fluke's Hannah Swensen

**Mystery Readers' Social Night:** July 19 at 7pm: We'll have trivia, games, prizes and a mystery book swap.

**Needles Hooks & Books:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 2pm in the Quiet Reading Room: Bring your project (knitting, embroidery, whatever)

July 15: *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett  
August 19: *A Discovery of Witches* by Deborah Harkness

### Wine, Women and Words Book Club:

Newcomers are always welcome. This group meets at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month.

July 5: *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern  
August 2: *The Darling Dahlias and the Cucumber Tree* by Susan Wittig Albert

**Everyone Reads Finale Reception:** July 14, 4pm: Dewey, the Small Town Library Cat that Touched the World by Vicki Myron. Join your friends and neighbors for refreshments and discussion of all books feline and library-related.



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

**Starting September 1, 2012, all library cards will need to be at least 5 digits long to accommodate the system. If you have a card number that is less than 5 digits, please bring it to the circulation desk for a free replacement.**

**NOTE: The Friends of the Library logo contest deadline has been extended to 7/31.**

For more information, email [fol@wblibrary.org](mailto:fol@wblibrary.org)

## Summer Reading Special Programs-

All ages are welcome to enjoy these FREE programs, but space is limited.

### Mr. Johnny and Sharon in Concert!

July 14 at 11am. Kids can sing, dance and play to the music. Registration opens June 30.

**Jungle Jim and the Grand Prize Drawings:** August 11 at 11am. Learn all about arachnids, reptiles, and more when Jungle Jim brings critters to us. Registration opens July 28.



## Summer Storytimes

Mondays at 10am: Monkey in the Middle (12-24 months)

Mondays at 10:45am: Toddler Storytime (18-36 months)

Mondays at 11:30am: Preschool Storytime (3-6 yrs)

Tuesdays at 6pm: Storytime and Craft (all ages)

Tuesdays at 7pm: Storytime and Craft (all ages)

Fridays at 10am: Baby Storytime (0-18 months)

Fridays at 10:45am: Toddler Storytime (18-36 months)

Fridays at 11:30am: Preschool Storytime (3-6 yrs)

Saturdays at 11am: Storytime (all ages) *French storytime on July 21 and August 4*

## Summer Youth Programs

For ages 8+ or with an adult

**Mystery Science:** 5pm Wednesdays: Hands-on science

**Arts & Crafts:** 6pm Wednesdays: Fun and creative projects

**Mystery Book Club:** Read any book in the series (ages 6+)

- July 12 at 2pm: *The 39 Clues*
- August 9 at 2pm: *The Mysterious Benedict Society*

**Video Game Nights:** (ages 8+)

- July 19 at 6pm: Super Smash Bros
- August 2 at 6pm: Wii Karaoke Revolution

**Mystery Movie Night:** July 26 at 6pm: *Wallace and Gromit and the Curse of the Were-Rabbit* (G)

**Book Reviews:** (ages 10-18) Pick up a form to tell us how to adapt a book you've read for the screen. Turn in reviews before August 11<sup>th</sup> for the chance to win a gift card.

**BowWow Reading Dogs:** Saturdays at noon. Call to register.




### Adult Computer Classes: NO CHARGE.

- \*July 5: Resume Workshop at 6pm\*
- \*July 7: Power Point Basics at 10:30am\*
- July 11: Mango Languages at 6pm
- July 21: Social Media at 1pm
- July 25: Overdrive Digital Library at 6pm
- \*July 28: Power Point Intermediate at 10:30am\*
- \*August 2: Excel Basics at 6pm\*
- August 8: Mango Languages at 6pm
- \*August 16: Excel Intermediate at 6pm\*
- August 18: Social Media at 1pm
- August 22: Overdrive Digital Library at 6pm
- \*August 25: Computer Basics at 10:30am\*

\* Limited space- reserve your seat at least 3 days in advance\*







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## From Recent MUD Board Meetings by Debby Thompson

### New Efforts to Encourage Community Input & Involvement

At the June 4 MUD Board meeting, President Chuck Walters suggested that based on input from the recent Visions and Town Hall meetings, the Board should look at ways to encourage greater resident input and involvement.

- Director Walters proposed “Java Jolts” be held monthly or quarterly in which individual MUD Board Directors would host coffee house meetings with interested residents to discuss current issues and concerns. Residents could meet with one or all of the board members over a short period of time to voice their opinions and offer input on matters of interest in a much less formal situation than a MUD board meeting.
- Resident involvement at the committee level was also suggested by Director Walters. Many times residents aren’t aware of issues being considered on a committee level until it comes up before the whole board. This would allow those with interests in certain areas i.e. finance or recreation, to attend the committee meetings and view backup documentation before recommendations are made to the board. Details regarding implementation and rules will be discussed at the July 2 board meeting.
- At the June 19 meeting Director Walters recommended the board return to “work sessions” at the first meeting of the month. In the past, the MUD board would focus on specific issues at these meetings, have their committee meetings in between and then have the individual committee reports along with consultant reports at the second meeting (third Tuesday of the month). Returning to this structure allows for more attention as a board working together on specific issues like disc golf or TCEQ mandates. Director Walters also mentioned inviting citizen communication not only at the beginning of the first meeting, but at points throughout.

Watch for announcements regarding these opportunities in the near future on both the MUD and WBNA websites. Like us (either one) on Facebook and receive updates as they become available.

### Crosswalks & Traffic Signs

In response to concerns voiced at the last Visions meeting, Tom Cheshire & Janet Maxey (MUD Safety Committee) met with Travis County Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt and TNR representatives regarding signage and requests to install a 3-way STOP at the corner of Wells Port & Alpha Collier. Missing and damaged signs are being replaced throughout the district. Traffic flow on Alpha Collier doesn’t justify a 3-way stop at this intersection. However, the County will be restriping all crosswalks in Wells Branch and is considering additional signage at this intersection. The potential of adding a flashing sign that would be activated when residents wish to use the crosswalk is a possibility but would cost the District \$30,000 if they choose to install one.

### Wells Branch District Office Relocation & Renovation of Annex on Wells Port

WB MUD will be moving their District Office from its current location at 14205 Burnet Road to the Annex on Wells Port this September. Renovations to the Annex will begin soon so that it may accommodate District staff this Fall. Only a portion of the Annex will be used for District offices; both BSA & GS meeting rooms will remain intact.

### Mills Pond Dam Compliance & Risk Assessment

Director Janet Maxey requested and the board approved a Risk Assessment before any action is taken. For more information, watch [www.wellsbrancmud.com](http://www.wellsbrancmud.com) and check MUD meeting agendas.

Please see the rest of this article, including the status of potential alterations to the Disc Golf Course; MUD board committee assignments and contact information for the MUD Board of Directors at [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us)

# Community Corner

## July 4th Parade Route

The July 4th parade is scheduled to start at 10am in front of the Community Center. Here is the route:

Start: Klattenhoff Dr. (facing east)  
Turn right on Surrender Dr.  
Turn left on Delvin Ln.  
Turn right on Weldon Ln.  
Turn left on Gaylord Dr.  
Turn left on Sandy Side Dr.  
Cross over Klattenhoff Dr.  
Turn left on Crystal Shore Dr.  
Turn right on Klattenhoff Dr.  
Return to KF Park

And don't forget to stay for all of the games, food, entertainment and the WBNA Silent Auction!



## Silver Brancher News

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.

## Summertime Garden Guild Events

submitted by George Holcombe

After a **VERY** successful garden tour in May and a field trip to Boggy Creek Farm in June, the Wells Branch Garden Guild (WBGG) will celebrate Summer on Saturday, July 21, by having a Salsa Fest with gardeners showing off their fresh home grown tomatoes and chilies in their custom concoctions. We may even give prizes! During our Salsa tasting, we'll spend time as a group planning next Fall, Winter and Spring sessions. With the increase in neighbors growing vegetables and fruits in Wells Branch, we need more input into what our sessions should be about to be helpful and move us forward.

Saturday, August 18, we'll hold a workshop to build our check list of the things we need to do to prepare our Fall gardens, talk about ways to optimize production, and exchange what we've learned. We hope that those who don't garden but are interested in learning about what's going on in the 'hood, will feel free to attend, and certainly those who want to begin a home garden. Just remember, "Nothing tastes better than a home grown tomato."

Both meetings begin at 11am. For updates on Garden Guild news & meetings, check [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us) under "Community".



(Above) Bounty from Yvette Shelton's garden.

(Right) Karen Nunley shows off her sq-ft garden

For more photos from the tour, go to [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us)



## Movies in the Park Summer Series

**Saturday, July 14 - The Adventures of TinTin**

**Saturday, August 11 - The Smurfs**

RBFCU Credit Union & Wells Branch MUD

present Movies in the Park at Katherine

Fleischer Park. Admission is free. Bring your blankets, chairs

and snacks for the kids and enjoy these free family events. Pre-movie activities start at 8 p.m. with the movies beginning at dusk.



## Labor Day Casino Night

**Saturday, September 1, 6-9pm WB**

**Community Center**

Test your gaming luck at the annual MUD sponsored Labor Day Casino Night from 6-9pm. Blackjack tables, a Roulette table, Craps table, and Texas Hold 'em poker provided by Casino Knights Inc., are professionally arranged inside the Community Center to "make or break" anyone who tempts fate. A raffle held upon conclusion of the night allows "winners" to cash out and place tickets towards several prizes. Must be 21 to attend.



## Renaissance Day in the Park

**Saturday, September 15, 10am-2pm in KF Park**

Come get a taste of medieval times thanks to collaboration between Wells Branch MUD and the local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Society is an international association of people who re-enact the Middle Ages as they will for Wells Branch with chivalric and rapier demonstrations along with individual guilds including clothiers, fiber artisans, leatherworkers, dancers, scribes, brewers, metal workers, glass engravers, enamellers, herbalists, and others. Many of the ancient arts will be on display in the baseball field at Katherine Fleischer Park. The event will be from 10-2 p.m. and is free to the public. Wells Branch will sell turkey legs, roasted corn, and beverages.



## Open Ears Concerts at St. Andrews

Open Ears Concerts, hosted by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Wells Port, is a monthly non-profit series that presents artists, mainly in acoustic genres such as folk, bluegrass, world, and jazz. Bring a dish to share in our potluck dinner and enjoy 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 except the August 25 Variety Show, no one will be turned away.

**Saturday July 14, 7pm: Eric Taylor with Paul Curreri (\$15)**

**Friday July 27, 7pm: Bill Chambers (\$10)**

**Saturday August 25, 6pm: Seventh Annual St. Andrew's Variety Show and Silent Auction - FREE!**

**Friday, September 21, 7:30pm: Wes Cunningham (\$10)**

For more information, go to [www.openearsconcerts.com](http://www.openearsconcerts.com).

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It's easy! I have two trash cans (side by side) in my kitchen. One for trash, one for recycling. This is something simple and easy that **EVERYONE** can do to make Wells Branch better. Please do your part. Recycle & remind your neighbors!

Recycling pickup only occurs **every other week** on regular trash pickup days. Clip and save this calendar or download a calendar thru December 2012 from our website: [wbna.us](http://wbna.us). Visit our Recycling page under "Community" for the calendar and list of materials accepted.

## Northwest Elementary Registration Dates

We hope you're having a great summer and look forward to a wonderful 2012 - 2013 school year!

**Pre-Kinder Registration:** Aug. 1, 6 - 8pm Connally High School

**K - 5 Registration at Northwest Elementary:**

August 2, 1 - 7pm or August 3, 8am - 4pm

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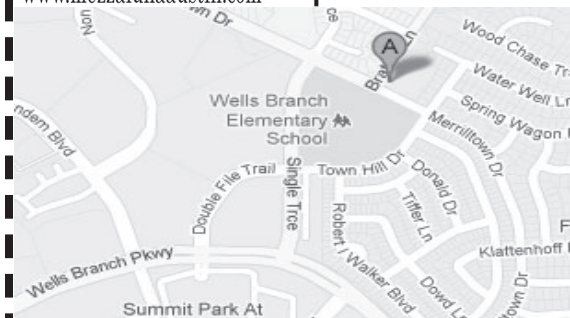
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## Community Calendar

- July 4, 10am-5pm: Fourth Fest, KF Park\*\*  
 July 4, 10:30am-4:30pm: WBNA Silent Auction, WBCC\*  
 July 4, 4pm: WBNA Raffle Drawing for iPad2, WBCC\*  
 July 4, 9:45pm: Fireworks from Willow Bend Pool\*\*  
 July 14, Dusk: Movies in the Park, KF, The Adventures of TinTin\*\*  
 July 14, 7pm: Open Ears Concert @ St. Andrews "Eric Taylor" "Paul Curreri"  
 July 21, 11am: WB Garden Guild "Salsa Fest", WBCC\*  
 July 27, 7pm: Open Ears Concert @St. Andrews "Bill Chambers"  
 Aug. 11, Dusk: Movies in the Park, KF, The Smurfs\*\*  
 Aug. 18, 11am: WB Garden Guild "Preparing for Fall Gardens", WBCC\*  
 Aug. 22, 5:00-7:30pm: WB Elem. Welcome Walk  
 Aug. 23, 5:30-7:00pm: WB Elem. Back to School Night  
 Aug. 25, 6pm: St. Andrew's Variety Show & Silent Auction  
 Aug. 27: RRISD First Day of School, WBE see page 5  
 Aug. 28: PISD First Day of School, NWE see page 11  
 Sept. 1, 6-9pm: Labor Day Casino Night, WBCC\*\*  
 Sept. 15, 10am-2pm: Renaissance Day in the Park, KF\*\*  
 Sept. 21, 7:30pm: Open Ears Concert @ St. Andrews "Wes Cunningham"  
 \*See [www.wbna.us](http://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  
 KF=Katherine Fleischer Park on Klattenhoff  
**Have a free event to share?** If so, send the details - date, place & time via email to: [ads@wbna.us](mailto:ads@wbna.us).  
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Tammy

Judy



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