



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.
Vol 19, Issue 2, March, 2010

Easter Egg Hunt, Town Hall Meeting and Talent Show – coming soon!

See pages 2 and 8 for details

FROM THE PRESIDENT By Debby Thompson, WBNA President

I used to have the attitude that if anything important were to happen in Wells Branch, someone would tell me, but the truth is, it's not someone else's responsibility to make sure I'm informed. It's mine.

Do you know what our local government does? How it works? What decisions have been made in the last year and why? Water rates? Taxes? How our funds are spent? Many of us don't. That's not to say that the MUD doesn't put forth every effort to keep us informed, they do. It's just that we're not always listening. With the demands of work, school and all of our kids' extra-curricular activities, it's hard to find time to get involved, especially when our neighborhood runs so well, seemingly by itself.

The old adage, "You can't criticize the government, if you didn't vote in the election" rings true. That being said, if you don't take the initiative to get involved in issues before decisions are made, you shouldn't criticize the outcome and demand change. You owe it to yourself and your community to know as much as possible, to become as involved as possible. Be a part of the solution, not the problem.

Listen. Take the initiative. Attend meetings. Ask questions. Read. If you know what's going on from the beginning, and you don't agree, then you have the opportunity to affect change before it's carved in stone. At the very least, you wind up with an understanding of the decision even if you don't concur.

Our MUD Board members are approachable. Yes, they're elected officials, but they're also our neighbors. By electing them, we've asked them to make decisions on our behalf, yet they still want our input. They want to hear our ideas and concerns. Their e-mail addresses and phone numbers are listed on the MUD website: www.wellsbranchmud.com.

Jesse Kennis II, the District Manager, is available by phone and e-mail. If you have a question about something, call or write:

251-9814 or jkennis@wellbranchmud.com.

In an effort to seek taxpayer input and keep all residents informed, A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for March 9 (details on page 2). Any resident with comments, questions, or concerns is encouraged to attend. The MUD Board will be there to hear your thoughts and opinions.

Remember: Our MUD Board is there to represent us. We are Wells Branch! Help keep it great – get informed and get involved!

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A special Thank You to Bruce Kuemmel, Austin Printing & Mailing for always doing such a great job at printing this newsletter, sometimes with very short turnaround!

Shout it from the roof tops - Wells Branch's Got Talent!!!

Whether you're 3 and can dance like Michael Jackson or 73 and sing like Sinatra, we want to see it! Wells Branch residents are invited to come show off your special gifts and abilities at our first annual

"Wells Branch's Got Talent" competition on March 20.

Prizes awarded – Any age – Any amateur talent invited

Application must be received by March 12.

See page 6 for more information.



CLASSIFIED ADS

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SET YOUR SIGHTS ON A HEALTHIER 2010!

Submitted by -Shelly C. Hogan, D.C. and Nicole C. Edwards, D.C.

Every year we make vows to go on diets, exercise more, and take better care of ourselves.

Unfortunately, scores of people rarely make it this far into the new year with those resolutions intact.

Instead of overwhelming yourself with huge resolutions, start small and simple. Making some of the following changes can have a noticeable impact, especially on how you feel. Feeling better can in turn make it easier to reach for loftier goals!

First of all reduce your sugar intake. Sugar lowers your immune system and makes you more susceptible to illness. Most packaged and processed meals have excess sugar in them disguised as high fructose corn syrup or other types of processed and artificial sugar (much harder on your body than plain table sugar). Watch out for items that say "low fat" and "low carb". Many times more sugar or an artificial sweetener (nutrasweet, sucralose, aspartame, etc.) is added to make up for the loss of flavor. Look at labels for the amount of sugar and the ingredients. Just cutting out a little sugar will give you more energy for your day and you'll feel better too. Kids also respond really well to reducing sugar in their diets. They're happier, sleep better, and get sick less often. With the number of type 2 diabetics climbing in this country, even in children, any reduction in sugar intake can make a difference.

Secondly, make sure you're getting enough sleep, around 8 hours or more. You'll be more productive

during your day, and more motivated to exercise. Additionally, your body needs adequate rest to keep all your vital organs healthy. It is important to consider what time you go to sleep and not just the total hours. Your internal clock is set up to sleep when it's dark and wake when it's light. Too many late nights throw your body off of the normal sleep wake cycle. Most children need 10 or more hours depending on their age. Naps are great too, but take some time out for yourself and sneak in a quick nap especially on busy days. It will lower your risk of getting sick and help you stay focused during work and play.

Third, make sure you are including plenty of fresh vegetables and fruits in your diet. These contain the vitamins and minerals your body needs to keep you healthy and strong. Consider raw vegetables and nuts for snacks. It will make you less likely to crave junk foods, while still filling you up. Typically, the less processed a food is the healthier it is for your body. Make sure you are drinking enough water. Water with sweeteners, flavors, or tea does not count, because anything that is added makes your kidneys work harder to filter out the additives.

Finally, get moving! Exercise can really make a big difference in how you feel and it can also boost the immune system. Depending on your current conditioning level, walking or jogging will help to keep

See "Healthy" on page 4

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The following article is the first installment on Community Safety by Travis County Sheriff Outreach Deputy James Kitchens.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION: A JOINT RESPONSIBILITY



The prevention of crime – particularly crime involving residential neighborhoods – is a responsibility that must be shared equally by law enforcement and private citizens. The fact is, the impact on crime prevention by law

enforcement alone is minimal when compared with the power of private citizens working with law enforcement and with each other. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH is based on this concept of cooperation, and nationwide statistics prove that it works. When citizens take positive steps to secure their own property and neighbors learn how to report suspicious activity around their homes, burglary and related offenses decrease dramatically.

Neighborhood Watch programs develop citizen awareness and proper response to suspected or actual criminal activity.

Law enforcement officers are available to meet with individual Neighborhood Watch Groups and train members on a variety of topics, including: home security measures; recognizing suspicious activity; describing and reporting events, vehicles and persons; telephone security; and confrontation with intruders. For more information about setting up a

STAY INFORMED, LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

IMPORTANT TOWN HALL MEETING

The WB MUD Board will host a Town Hall meeting to review and receive input from the community on our planned development of a replacement Office facility and possible additions to the recreation center. We have recently found that there are both structural and roof problems with the existing Office and to repair these issues would be near the cost of developing a new facility.

Please join us at the WB Community Center on March 9 at 6:30pm to share your ideas and concerns (if any) with the Board of Directors, our Architect and staff.

We hope to see you there.

Chuck Walters, President
WB MUD Board of Directors

Neighborhood Watch in your area, contact Debby Thompson at 990-3693, 656-0654 or deborah_thompson@earthlink.net or Tom Cheshire at 913-3144, tcheshire@wellsbranchmud.com.

Deputy Kitchens is also available for detailed security inspections of your home. He may be reached at 854-8413 or james.kitchens@co.travis.tx.us. Watch for upcoming safety seminars by the Travis County Sheriff's Office hosted by the Wells Branch MUD. Updates under special events at www.wellsbranchmud.com.

Next Issue: **Making it Tough for the Burglar**

EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER BUNNY TO MAKE APPEARANCE

Toddlers through 5th grade are invited to the WBNA Easter Egg Hunt. This annual event will once again take place in the KF Park area in front of the old Homestead Cabin. Be sure to bring your camera, as this event is always a great photo opportunity!



The hunt begins at 10:30a.m. The Homestead cabin is located between the basketball courts and the swimming pool west of the community center on Klattenhoff.

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WHAT YOU MISSED AT THE WBNA MEETING

WBNA Meeting Update & News: Thank you to everyone who came out to the WBNA meeting in January. The weather was nasty, but you braved it! It was great to see old friends and meet new ones. Officers were elected for 2010 and residents were given helpful information to keep themselves and their homes safe. While Wells Branch is NOT a haven for crime, there has been an increase in burglaries in the last few months. As a result, you will see a series of articles regarding safety in subsequent issues, provided by the Travis County Sherriff's Department.

Our next WBNA meeting is Thursday, April 22, 7pm, at the Community Center. We're planning a garden-ing workshop/question and answer session for that meeting and hope to sponsor a candidate forum sometime in September. Check out our next news- letter for more meeting details and to be sure you don't miss it, sign up to deliver!

The WBNA board wants to hear from residents regarding meeting and newsletter topics. E-mail your suggestions for meetings to deborah_thompson@earthlink.net and ideas or suggestions for the news- letter, to Pam at wbnews@sbcglobal.net.

*1-TCSO Detective Virgil Villarreal informs residents about recent break-ins.
2-Deputy James Kitchens provides information to residents about keeping their property safe. 3-Residents listen to the presentations by TCSO residents.
4-Deputy Derrick Hill who regularly patrols our community, stopped by to meet residents.*



"Healthy" from page 1

your bones, joints and muscles strong, including your heart and lungs. Also adding some slow stretching and working on your balance will help to improve the coordination between your brain and body to prevent falls and injuries, especially as you age. The most important thing to remember is don't over exercise when you are either beginning a new type of exercise or it has been a while since the last time you worked out. This is when most people get hurt or begin to train muscles improperly, and it can adversely affect spinal health and posture. Also choose an exercise program you enjoy and try to exercise with someone else. It will help you to stick with your exercise program.

If you're taking care of your health inside it will be reflected on the outside. A healthy diet can help to make your skin and hair healthier. A nutritious diet, adequate sleep and exercise are three steps toward a more positive and motivated person. Have a healthy and happy 2010.

ADVERTISING AND ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Do you have a business or service you would like to advertise? Have an article of interest to other WB residents? If so, please contact Pam at wbnews@sbcglobal.net for other information. Publication is not guaranteed, and all article sub- missions are subject to editing. All ads must be pre-paid.

The April/May issue deadline to receive ad pay- ments, ad materials and article submission is March 26.

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The Silver Branchers began in 1988 as a group of seniors interested in meeting for fun and fellowship. The current group has continued this tradition and would like to extend an invitation to any and everyone who might be interested in making new friends.

Meetings are held the first three Thursdays of each month from 1-3pm in Room 4 of the Wells Branch Recreation Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive. There are no age requirements; everyone is welcome. Both individuals and couples are invited and membership is free. For more information, call the MUD office at 251-9814 or just stop by.

Clockwise from left front:
Marilyn Wilson,
Carolyn Beard,
Darlene Bauhs,
Dolores Miner,
Ruby Lythgoe,
and Glenn Del Jones



PERSONAL SAFETY: QUICK TIPS

Avoid distractions. Minimize cell phone usage and using headphones when out alone and in potentially vulnerable areas. Avoid overloading with packages and have your keys ready.

Have a survivor's attitude. Be prepared to fight for your life. Do not show weakness.

Listen to your inner voice. The same instinct that tells you not to touch something hot, may warn you of an attack.

Have a plan and play the "what if" game to keep your skills sharp. Know your exits. Know how you're going to call for help. Be able to tell someone where you are if you need to call for help. Mental preparedness will help you avoid freezing up during an emergency. If you are followed, do not go home. Go to a trusted or well-populated place. Call police if you are able. Never open the door to a stranger or allow them in your home for any reason.

If you choose to have a weapon, know how to use it and practice how you would use it in an emergency.

Do not give out personal information in the presence of strangers. Avoid making your routines or vacation plans known (ie: Facebook).

Practice strength in numbers. Avoid areas of vulnerability on your own. Keep friends informed of your whereabouts.

SAVE THE DATE, PLAN TO ATTEND THESE SPECIAL EVENTS

Wells Branch's Got Talent • March 20

It's time to see what Wells Branch has for talent! We invite any age amateur performer to participate in the 1st annual talent show for Wells Branch residents Saturday, March 20th from 4-7pm inside the Recreation Center Gym (Shoreline Drive).

This competition is for amateur Wells Branch residents – NO PROFESSIONALS PLEASE. Awards and prizes will be given for several categories including Best Individual Performance, Best Group Collaboration, Judge's Pick and Audience Favorite. There is a \$5 registration fee for participants, and the show itself is free to spectators. There are only 20 available spots for performers so register inside the recreation center soon. The registration deadline is March 12th. Performance times for each act will be posted on March 16th. Please contact the recreation center at 251-9814 for any questions.

Dog Fair • April 10

Calling all dogs! Wells Branch MUD features its annual Dog Fair Saturday, April 10 from 10a.m. to 1p.m. The event is free to all. Come and visit the many booths occupied by local veterinarians and other pet-oriented companies. Enroll your pooch to win prizes in one of the many free and fun competitions including Best Trick, Fastest Dog, Best Dressed, Dog & Owner Look-A-like, and our prestigious Wells Branch King and Queen contest. All dogs must be on a leash and under owner's control at all times. All dogs attending the event must be current on their vaccinations. No aggressive dogs please.

Look for details in the April/May issue of the Neighborhood News for the following:

Pioneer Festival, April 24

Spring Youth Fishing Tournament, May 8

Concert & Casino Night, May 29



NEW EXPLORER POST STARTED IN WELLS BRANCH

Constable Sgt. Kevin Ward, along with Travis County Pct. 2 Constable Adan Ballesteros, have formed a Law Enforcement Explorer Post in our area. Post 711 provides the opportunity for young people between the age of 14 (who have com-

pleted the 8th grade) and 20 to decide, through actual experience, if they would like a career in Law Enforcement. The program provides young men and women the chance for community involvement and hands on practical training to develop a greater understanding of Criminal Justice and the role played by the Constable's Office.

Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences that help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. As an Explorer, teens acquire leadership skills, learn to make ethical choices and be a productive member of society. The program encourages the skill and desire to help others and to gain a keen respect for the basic rights of others. One develops physical and mental fitness and experiences positive social inter-

action. Relationships built through Exploring develop potential contacts that may broaden employment opportunities. Skills learned boost self-confidence and increase success at school and work. And BEST OF ALL, they get to have fun while doing it!

The training includes patrol techniques, accident investigation, building searches, firearms safety, first aid, crime scene investigation and many other interesting topics and activities. Members who have completed a short training course and are 16 years of age or older may be eligible to ride out with patrol deputies.

Meetings are held each Wednesday, from 6:30-8:30pm at 10409 Burnet Rd. Ste.150. If necessary, arrangements may be made for transportation.

If you know of a young adult that may be interested, please contact Sgt. Ward for additional information at stoneridgecrimewatch@yahoo.com, kevin.ward@co.travis.tx.us or 512-854-6383.



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How to GET RID OF FIRE ANTS

by: The Green Gardener, Richard Fadal, Founder & President of TexaScapes, Inc.

I personally use the Texas Two-Step Method for imported fire ant control at my home, as well as for all my commercial grounds maintenance. It is the best balance between being "green" – "cost effective" – and "reasonable control".

The first step should be taken twice a year.

Fire ant activity is at its highest point each Spring and each Fall as the temperatures begin to moderate to a point where people want to be outdoors and we start getting some rainfall.

Begin by looking for fire ant activity during the mornings and evenings. Watch for fire ants running along sidewalks, curb lines, or other similar transitions, or by monitoring a sampling of peanut butter placed within the landscape.

When Fire Ant activity is noted, broadcast a fire ant bait such as Logic or Award in strict accordance with the label. This bait targets fire ants and is a soybean granule treated with a product that acts as birth control to the queen fire ant.

The workers collect the bait and feed it to the queen who begins to produce sterile offspring queens. The mound begins to die from attrition, as the queen(s) are not producing any new ones.

Within two weeks the Fire Ants will notice the declining population of their mound, and enter a paranoid panic that you will see by their attempt to spread out and start new small mounds. It's at this time they become more aggressive. Fortunately these new mounds have sterile queens and their population continues to die off.

The second step should be performed in high pedestrian areas within five to seven days of the bait application, and continued on an "as need" basis

when new mounds are seen.

Treat each mound with a contact insecticide that is labeled

for fire ants. This will kill most of the ants and cause the survivors to move on. To stay as "green" as possible, you should use products with an active ingredient of Pyrethrum, available from many manufacturers. Although Pyrethrum is a botanical insecticide active ingredient, made from Chrysanthemum cinerariaefolium flowers, it is powerful and should be used by strictly adhering to the directions on the label.

Fire ants are definitely here to stay, but I typically obtain an estimated 80 percent to 90 percent control by using the Texas Two-Step Method of fire ant control.



The WBNA is:

A volunteer run organization that promotes a neighborly atmosphere and activities that encourage our residents to get together and get to know one another.

The WBNA is NOT:

Law enforcement or covenant enforcement. If you have a question about covenant violations, call the MUD office at 251-9814. If you have a question about a neighbor's barking dog or burning trash in their backyard, call the MUD or the Sheriff's Department.

“KEEP WELLS BRANCH BEAUTIFUL” JOIN THE DON’T MESS WITH TEXAS TRASH OFF

Mark your calendars for April 10th and join us for the 2010 Don’t Mess with Texas Trash-Off. The Trash-Off is the single largest one day cleanup event in the state and serves as Texas’ signature event for the Great American Cleanup, the nation’s largest community improvement program. Part of TxDOT’s litter prevention program, which includes Don’t Mess with Texas, Adopt-a-Highway, the Trash-Off is also a grass-roots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful.

Join us and be part of this great event to help make Wells Branch more beautiful. Remember, that the smallest efforts really do make the biggest difference.

Come out to the baseball fields at Katherine Fleischer Park on April 10th from 10am – 5pm, grab a trash bag along with some gloves and help us clean our pathways!

The Wells Branch Annual Dog Fair will also take place that day from 10am – 1pm so bring your pooch along to join in our first event with Keep Texas Beautiful.



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**Step 2-Volunteer to deliver this
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*Delivered both issues

If you delivered and your name has been left off, please let me know so that we can recognize you in the next issue.

Through the years, all of those who've delivered have done so in all sorts of weather and juggling time constraints - kids soccer games, swim meets, school functions, job demands, etc. And so to all of you, too - **THANK YOU!**

If you've never done this before, it takes about 45 minutes to an hour. You get a map of the delivery area, and we do our best to give you the area where you live. Of course, if you'd like to see other parts of Wells Branch, that can be arranged!

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Thank you again to everyone who has ever delivered the Neighborhood News-you are part of what makes Wells Branch great!

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501(c)3 EXPERTISE NEEDED

The Wells Branch Neighborhood Association needs a volunteer to help the association file and obtain 501(c)3 status.

The WBNA is a not-for-profit organization. The board is comprised of volunteers who plan the meetings, coordinate the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, Silent Auction during FourthFest and other events but we need additional volunteers to help in other areas.

If you are able to help, please contact Debby at deborah_thompson@earthlink.net.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

The WBNA will be hosting the Silent Auction during the annual FourthFest on July 4th. We are seeking donations of merchandise, gift cards/certificate's, theme baskets, services.... to auction. Some ideas are: Gift certificates for movie and dinner for 2; body care products; unique candles or household items; sports memorabilia; gift certificate for babysitting....use your imagination! If you have items or services to donate OR if you would like to help solicit items, please email Pam, dragonmomof3@gmail.com.





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Ages 7+: Wacky Science - Wednesdays, 5pm

Ages 3-6: A to Zs - Tuesdays, 5:30pm

Arts & Crafts - Wednesdays, 6pm

*Please remember that children under the age of 8 MUST have an adult with them at ALL times in the library and during library programs.

Sign Language Storytime

Saturdays, March 6th & 20th and April 3rd & 17th: 1pm

All ages are invited to learn new signs, songs, and stories.



Spanish Storytimes

Saturdays, March 13th & 27th and April 10th & 24th: 1pm

We will read bilingual books, sing songs, and do crafts. This is for all ages wanting to learn Spanish or English, or just enjoy a good story time.

Conversational English

Saturdays, March 6th & 20th and April 3rd & 17th: 4pm

Practice speaking English in a relaxed environment. Discussions will be in small groups and will focus on topics important to you and daily life such as going to the bank, talking about sports, and visiting the doctor.

Computer Classes for Adults

Saturday Mornings: Free!

Advance registration required

March 6th: 10:30am Searching the Web

March 20th: 9am Email Basics

March 20th: 10:30am Applying for Jobs Online

April 3rd: 10:30am Computer Basics

April 17th: 10am Jobview and Resume Maker

Classes are hands-on. You'll get personal attention from the instructor while performing the skills.

Painting and Drawing for Adults and Teens

1st Sunday of the month: 1:30pm

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March 7th Paint a bunny on a heart box

April 4th Wildflowers on a garden pot (\$3)

May 2nd A bouquet of tulips (\$4)



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Tuesdays, March 2nd and April 6th: 5pm

Bring your friends and learn from a master, or challenge someone!

The library has 3 book clubs!

Fantasy Book Club (age 7-12) Tuesdays, March 9th and April 13th: 6:30pm Open to readers of fantasy and science fiction books, starting with *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan.

Mother-Daughter Book Club (age 7-12) Tuesdays, March 30th and April 27th :6:30pm Mothers and daughters read the book, then join us for discussion, crafts and activities.

Wine, Women and Words Book Club Mondays, March 15th and April 19th: 7pm Join the group that's been reading together for over a decade. Newcomers are always welcome.

March: Read any book by Louisa May Alcott. We'll be watching the new PBS special about her life.

April: Say you're one of them by Uwem Akpan

Fire Department Pajamarama

Tuesday, March 23rd: 6pm

Come to the library in your pajamas as the Pflugerville Fire Department reads stories, discusses their jobs, answers questions, then lets us learn about and see a real fire truck.



Scrapbooking for Adults

Saturday, March 27th: 2pm

Learn how to get started with traditional scrapbooking, and make your own scrapbook page! Bring photos to use. All other supplies will be provided.

Louisa May Alcott Tea Party

Sunday, March 28th: 1:30pm

Advance registration required

Celebrate National Women's History Month with a Louisa May Alcott tea party! Little women, women, mothers, and grandmothers are all welcome to learn about life in the 19th century through discussion, games, and activities.



Joe McDermott in Concert

Saturday, April 10th: 1:30pm

Advance registration required

Join us for a free family concert that is sure to get your toes tapping and your kids moving!



Special Earth Day Programs

Recycled Jewelry Workshop Wednesday, April 21st: 5-7pm (ages 7+) Re-use everyday items to make beautiful jewelry and other treasures!

Compost Workshop Thursday, April 22nd: 6:30pm Get ready for spring at a free workshop led by an experienced composting instructor.



CEDAR RIDGE HS NEWS

More than 40 parents and students came out on a dreary Wednesday night to meet the leadership team for the new RRISD Cedar Ridge High School. Pricipal Dr. Daniel Presley, introduced everyone to Dr. Susanne Warren, Associate Principal and Athletic Director Todd Ford. Many questions were asked and answered and everyone had an opportunity to speak to the CRHS staff individually.

Cedar Ridge HS is currently under construction at 2801 Gattis School Rd.

Many thanks to the WB MUD Rec Center staff for their flexibility with seating. It was standing room only, and they helped by bringing in more chairs!



LEFT: Dr. Daniel Presley, CRHS Principal, introduces himself and his leadership team.

RIGHT: Forty plus people in attendance listen as Dr. Presley, tells of his vision for the new high school.



LEFT: Dr. Presley, and Dr. Susanne Warren show the layout of the new school and answer questions from the audience.

CRHS PTSA ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Parents and current 8th & 9th students living W. of Bratton Lane who will be attending the new Cedar Ridge HS this fall are encouraged to get involved in the PTSA. The first organizational meeting was held on March 1. Nominations are being taken for those interested in serving on the Executive Board. Please call Pam, 310-2225, if you would like to be considered by the nominating committee. Elections will be held on March 22 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Stony Point 9th Grade Center Cafeteria. We need WB parents in attendance to properly represent our small area of the CRHS community.

To keep up with CRHS news, be sure to sign up on the blog page at <http://cedarridgehighschool.blogspot.com/>

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WB ELEMENTARY HOSTS SPRING FEST

Wells Branch Elementary (WBE) School will hold its 5th Annual Spring Festival, Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm on the WBE campus. Mark your calendar and plan on attending with your family, friends and neighbors. This will be a fun and memorable event to spend with your community while raising money for WBE! Tickets will go on sale the week of March 22nd at the school and will be available for purchase at the event. Some of the things you can expect are:

- Silent Auction
- Moonwalks
- Dunking Booth
- Face and hair painting
- Laser Tag
- Inflatable slide and obstacle course
- Class Participation Contests
- Live Music
- Cupcake walk
- Refreshments
- Helicopter
- Child safety (Ident-a-kid)

Many more exciting activity booths and games

For additional information, please send email to WBE Parent Teachers' Association at springfest@wellsbranchpta.org



Community Calendar

March 9, Town Hall Meeting*
March 17, St. Patty's Parade*

March 20, WB's Got Talent*

March 22, 7pm: CRHS PTSA elections

March 26, 5pm: WBNA Newsletter DEADLINE

March 27, WB Elem Spring Festival

April 3, 10:30am: Easter Egg Hunt

April 10, Dog Fair & Keep WB Beautiful clean up*

April 24, Pioneer Festival *

* Contact the MUD for more info, 251-9814

Have a free event to share with the neighborhood**? If so, send the editor the details, date, place and time via email: wbnanews@sbcglobal.net.

**Events put on by for-profit entities do not qualify for this space.



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March 2010

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