



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.
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Annual WBNA Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 10:30am

Homestead at KF Park

Join your friends, neighbors and The Easter Bunny, himself, as Wells Branch welcomes Spring with the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Homestead. "Hunts" will be by age group and begin at 10:30am. Come early and visit with the Easter Bunny or have fun at our craft table. Bring your basket - We hope to see you there!



Food Bank Collection

As always, admission to the Easter Egg Hunt is completely **FREE**. However, the WBNA will have collection bins available for donations to the St. Andrews Food Pantry if you'd like to bring a canned good to share. We know it will be appreciated!

Art at Bratton's Edge - Community Meeting

By Debby Thompson, WBNA President

The WBNA received notice February 18 of intent to build a small affordable housing complex on the five acre lot at the corner of Long Vista and Bratton Lane (across from Willow Bend Pool).

Everything is tentative at this point as they will not receive notice of approval or denial on funding before the end of July. Sale of the property is contingent upon approval. The developers have expressed a desire to work with the community and have requested a neighborhood meeting so that they may answer any questions you may have. This meeting has been scheduled for March 27, 7pm, at the Community Center.

I hope that each of you will bring your questions to the meeting along with a measure of restraint. Please remember that it only takes one *NIMBYist comment to discredit our entire neighborhood. If approved, this development, its owners, and its residents will all be our neighbors. Bridges burned now, may be very difficult to repair down the road.

You may download the developer's information packet at: <http://wbna.us/community/art-at-brattons-edge-affordable-housing-development/>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have prior to the meeting. I can be reached at 512-656-0654 or deborah_thompson@earthlink.net.

***NIMBY-Not in My Back Yard**

Easter Egg Hunt RULES:

Those of you who've attended our hunts in the past know we have very few rules, but we do ask parents to follow those rules and be courteous and respectful of your neighbors and our volunteers so that all of our children enjoy the hunt.

Age Groups:

0-3 yrs

- *Only 1 parent per child in egg hunting area
- *Watch out for potential choking hazards

4-6 yrs • 7-9 yrs • 10-12 yrs

- * No parents allowed in egg hunting area

BE ON TIME (early is better) AS EGGS GO QUICKLY.

WE WILL HAVE EGGS FOR EVERYONE.

Check all eggs for prizes.

Eggs can be recycled with the WBNA.

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SEE INSERT FOR DETAILS ON:

- WB Water Conservation Event - March 22 & 23
- WB MUD Parks Master Plan Meeting - April 1
- Extreme Clean - Hazardous Waste & Recycling April 12
- Keep WB Beautiful - Texas Trash Off - April 12



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Voting in the PISD and RRISD Bond Elections on May 10:

You must be registered to vote in order to be eligible to vote in this election. If you are not yet registered, you must do

so by April 10. Wells Branch Community Library has Voter Registration Forms available. WBNA will have a Voter Registration Table at the Water Why\$ in Wells Branch event at the Rec. Center on March 22 from 11am-3pm and at the Friends of the Library Garage Sale on March 29 from 7am-noon if you need to register or file an address or name change before the election.

Early voting for this election is April 28 – May 6 and election day will occur on Saturday, May 10, 2014, where you will have the opportunity to vote from 7 am to 7 pm. As of press time, polling locations had not yet been published. Watch wbn.us for updates.

Pflugerville ISD Board of Trustees calls for May bond election

Source: pflugervilleisd.net

Proposition addresses safety, growth, technology, aging facilities and more

The Pflugerville ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to accept the Citizens Facility Advisory Committee's recommendation to call for a \$287 million bond package addressing district growth, safety and security, and campus parity across the district. The bond election will be funded within the district's existing tax rate and will create no change to the existing tax rate. Election day is May 10, 2014.

To learn more about the bond, visit www.pfisdbond.net or call 512-594-BOND.

<http://www.pfisdbond.net/quick-facts.html>

PISD residents: School Bond Forum

**April 14 • 7pm • Pflugerville Justice Center
1611 Pfennig Lane (South of Wal-Mart)**

Pflugerville Council of Neighborhood Associations (PfCONA) will be hosting a meeting titled, "Why Voters Should Pass the May School Bonds" Come listen to speakers who favor passing the new PISD school bonds. PfCONA is a forum for civic discussion and does not take a position for or against school bond passage. Vote Your Opinion!

Spring Soccer Season Kick-Off

By Nick Marquez, WBSA President

The Wells Branch Soccer Association kicked off games on March 1st. We welcomed countless new families this spring and the club is stronger than ever. Thanks to the continued support of our MUD and the entire WB community, we are celebrating the following successes...

- Staggering YOY registration growth (42%)
- Record number of teams (41) and players (325) representing ages U4-U13
- Substantial investments benefiting every family (innovative practice uniforms for every player, \$150 equipment allocation for every volunteer coach, lights for advanced teams, certification courses for youth refs in the neighborhood, etc.)
- Successful Parent Orientation and Coaches Orientation meetings at the WB Rec Center

To learn more about soccer in our neighborhood (or learn about how to attend a free practice) reach out online via wellsbranchsoccer.com or [facebook.com/wellsbranchsoccer](https://www.facebook.com/wellsbranchsoccer).

Thank you to the WB community and our selfless volunteers for making this season a reality!



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RRISD Bond Election 2014

Source: www.roundrockisd.org/about_rrisd/bond_programs/2014_bond_program/

On Tuesday, February 25, the Round Rock ISD Board of Trustees unanimously called for a bond election to be held May 10, 2014. Voters will be asked to consider a bond package totaling \$299 million that addresses growth, health/safety, technology, and capital renewal and replacement projects.

Three propositions will appear on the ballot:

Proposition 1 - \$234.2 million to address growth, health/safety, capital renewal and replacement, and technology refresh

Proposition 2 - \$25.9 million to expand technology access and additional capital renewal and replacement

Proposition 3 - \$38.9 million to build two fine arts venues

The district's debt tax rate has fluctuated between \$0.296 and \$0.3722 over the past 10 years, with the current tax rate of \$0.3275 per \$100 in assessed value home. The projected tax rate for the 2014-2015 tax year is approximately \$0.3487. A home valued at \$100,000 after homestead exemption will see an annual increase of around \$21.30 or \$1.78 per month and a home valued at \$200,000, \$3.55 per month or \$42.66 annually.

Round Rock ISD will host five public forums in April to give community members an opportunity to learn about the propositions and currently proposed projects of the 2014 Bond.

Meetings will be held each Tuesday at 7pm. The dates and locations are:

April 1, Cedar Ridge High School Cafeteria, 2801 Gattis School Road, Round Rock .

April 8, Round Rock High School 700 Building Cafeteria, 300 Lake Creek Drive, Round Rock

April 15, Westwood High School Cafeteria, 12400 Mellow Meadow Drive, Austin

April 22, McNeil High School Cafeteria, 5720 McNeil Road, Austin

April 29, Stony Point High School Lecture Hall, 1801 Tiger Trail, Round Rock

**Please visit the site referenced above for a detailed breakdown of each proposition. Proposition 1 includes the building of Elementary School #34 to be built in Wells Branch.*

WBNA Officer Elections

Annual WBNA officer elections were held on February 27 as well. The following Wells Branch neighbors were re-elected: Debby Thompson, President; Chuck Walters, Vice President; Lara Bennett, Treasurer; Tom Cheshire, Community Liaison; Linda Baird, Secretary; Donna Malone, Member-at-Large; Pam Wachholz, Editor (non-voting). Thanks again to the Nominating Committee: Salvador Aguirre, Madonna Johnson and Tom Cheshire.

The WBNA welcomes input and involvement from everyone. Special thanks to those who joined or renewed their memberships last month. We're so glad to have you!

If you haven't joined yet, there's a membership form on the back page. We **want** to hear from **you**. Tell us what you'd like to see in the way of meetings and events and how we can help you become more involved in your community. Contact us at: info@wbna.us

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WB Disc Golf News By Brian Litke

The Waterloo Disc Golf Club, in partnership with the Wells Branch Disc Golf Club, held the Waterloo 14th Annual Ice Bowl at the WB Disc Golf Course February 1, 2014. Ice Bowl events are held across the US each winter with a mission of raising funds to fight hunger. The Austin-area Ice Bowl is typically held at Zilker Park, but that course was under renovation and unavailable. 122 players came to play the Ice Bowl at WB, and the event raised a record \$1,375 plus 437 pounds of food for the Capital Area Food Bank! These are the best figures for Waterloo's Ice Bowl ever in both cash and amount of food.

I feel honored that Waterloo DGC asked Wells Branch to play host to the Ice Bowl this year, and I thank the Wells Branch MUD for their assistance with tent and table setup. I look forward to playing a remodeled Zilker course for next year's 15th Annual Waterloo Ice Bowl!



It's My Park Day - March 1, 2014

29 volunteers helped out at "It's My Park Day 2014" at Wells Branch Disc Golf Park, including a group of 5 Girl Scouts and their two leaders who were, of course, the hardest workers. Thank you to everyone who helped out,

including WB MUD staff Brandon and Braxton!

The volunteers planted 4 trees, including a 10-year old Live Oak and several smaller trees: a Chinkapin Oak, a Mexican Plum, and a Texas Redbud. Volunteers picked up 12 trash bags of litter, most of it from the undeveloped lot across from the course, spread lots of mulch to protect tree roots from soil compaction and drought, added topsoil and mulch to an area scoured root-bare by the recent floods, and added trunk protection sleeves to several young trees. The hard workers were treated to a free Austin Parks Foundation T-shirt, KIND bars, apples from Wheatsville Co-op, Chipotle coupons, and free wildflower seeds.

Beyond the trees and mulch, the real impact of "It's My Park Day" is that it gives citizens a feeling of pride and ownership of their park that makes them feel protective and supportive of the greenbelt. For instance, they'll be less likely to tolerate litter or others who litter. When we all lend a hand, even just one hand at a time, we can make great things happen in our community.



Silent Auction Items needed

Each year, the WBNA hosts a Silent Auction during the FourthFest celebration on July 4th. This is our BIG fundraiser for the year - how we pay for the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, our participation at

Halloween and Luminary Fest as well as the meetings, candidate forums and safety demonstrations we host throughout the year.

We are seeking donations of merchandise, gift cards/certificates, theme baskets, services.... to auction. In return, you receive exposure for your business at the auction, through flyers, a special "Thank You" section in the September issue of the WBNA Neighborhood News and on our website with links to your site.

If you have items or services to donate OR if you would like to help solicit items, please e-mail us at info@wbna.us. Thank you in advance for helping to make (and keep) Wells Branch GREAT!

Art Enrichment Summer Mini-Camp

The PERFECT Summer Camp, Summer Art Mini-Camps led by Dianne Koehler are half a day/three days a week and leave plenty of time for other activities while giving your kids experience with all kinds of art projects. We offer five camps for beginners and nine for elementary age children with lots of drawing and painting, an entire camp using clay, a week of science art and a week of foodie art. Sign up for sessions early as they fill up fast and are not limited to WB residents. Each camp is \$40. Registration begins in mid-March at the MUD Rec. Center on Shoreline. All summer camp sessions will be held at the MUD annex at 14611 Wells Port Drive. 40% of the fee is dedicated to programs in WB.

Detailed course information is available at wellsbranchmud.com or <https://sites.google.com/site/woodenitbewonderful/art-mini-camp-2013-1>

Beginning Artist Sessions (ages 4 1/2 to 7 going into Kindergarten/1st grade) 9-11:30am T/W/Th, Limit 16

6/10-12: Painting and Drawing

6/17-19: Make it with Clay

7/8-10: Wild & Wacky Art of Science

7/15-17: Seuss is back at camp!

8/5-7: Sharks and Creatures of the Deep

Junior Artists (ages 7 1/2 to 12, completed 1st grade) 12-3:30 pm T/W/Th, Limit 26

Learn a bit of history and do the projects in depth.

6/10-12: All About Birds - Painting and Drawing I

6/17-19: Make it with Clay

6/24-26: 3D Art/Mixed Media/Murals

7/1-3: Stars 'n Stripes

7/8-10: Wild & Wacky Science Art

7/15-17: In the Wild--Painting & Drawing II

7/22-24: Make It by Hand--Mosaics, Weaving, Sewing/Quilting, & Paper Mache

7/29-31: Food Art from color to style (special time - 9am-12:30pm) *Not for kids with allergies

8/5-7: Sharks and Creatures of the Deep

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For more information or for volunteer opportunities please contact Dr. Nikki Williams (Director, Effie Center Austin) at Nikki@EffieCenterAustin.org or (512) 565-0387. All volunteers are required to have a thorough background check.

HUGE Community Garage Sale!

March 29 • 7am-noon

WB Library • 15001 Wells Port

What kinds of treasure does Wells Branch have to offer? Come see! Enjoy a visit with your neighbors and a hot cup of coffee as you peruse their offerings. 100 booths with over 60 vendors will be gathered for the annual FOL Garage Sale. Everyone will be there! Concessions available for purchase courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Proceeds from concession sales benefit summer library programs.



Garden Guild

By Dianne Koehler



WB Garden Guild meets at the MUD Recreation Center at 3000 Shoreline on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 11:00am-Noon. Come early at 10:30 for plant trades, sampling of garden produce, garden/yard item sharing and just general meet and greet. The meetings are open to anyone with an interest in gardening.

April 19 - Harvesting & Saving Seeds from our Plants including suitable

plants for seed saving, methods of saving the seeds and how to store for future use.

May 17 - WB Home Garden Tour - Join us for our popular trip to local gardens in Wells Branch. Get a peak behind the fences of your neighbors to see what is growing and how others are greening their properties. See great examples of shade gardens, flower gardens, vegetables, and maybe even get a peak at the school garden at WB Elementary. Meet at the parking lot for the community gardens to get the list of gardens and begin the tour. Start time TBD.

Garden Guild meetings are posted on the WBNA website at www.wbna.us under Upcoming Events. Find a variety of helpful articles on gardening that we've put together under the tabs Community => Gardening in Wells Branch or visit my garden blog: <http://dianne-gardening-in-wells-branch.blogspot.com/> for more information.



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The library will be closed on Thursday, April 24th for Inventory.

Storytimes

Mondays at 10:30am: Baby Storytime (0-18 months)
Mondays at 11:15am: Toddler Storytime (18-36 months)
Tuesdays at 6pm & 7pm: Storytime & craft (all ages)
Fridays at 10:30am: Toddler Storytime (18-36 months)
Fridays at 11:15am: Preschool Storytime (3-6 yrs)
Saturdays at 11am: Storytime (all ages)



April 11th: D.E.A.R. Day

Drop Everything and Read! We will have drop-in storytimes all day for all ages. Public computers will not be available on DEAR Day.

Special Storytimes for all ages

April 18th at 11:00am: *Tiny Tails to You* Storytime-space is limited for this travelling petting zoo.

March 21st at 10:30am & 11:15am: Musical, bilingual storytime with *Semillitas de Espanol*.



Book Clubs

The library hosts 5 book clubs each month. Newcomers are always welcome, whether you've read the book or not.

Steamy Reads: 6pm on the first Wednesday of each month.
April 2nd: *In Dreams Begin* by Skyler White (**Don't miss this one- the author will be attending the meeting!**)

Clueless Mysteries: 3pm on the third Sunday of each month.
April 20th: *Alex* by Pierre Lamaitre

Wine, Women and Words: 7pm on the first Thursday of the month. April 3rd: *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham

Fantastic Fantasy: 7pm on the second Thursday of each month. April 10th: *The Book of Lost Things* by John Connolly
***NEW* Graphic Novel Book Club:** Ages 14 & up only. 5pm on the second Saturday of each month. April 12th: Book TBA

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Downton Abbey Tea Time:

This popular program is back for ages 14+. Enjoy tea and cookies while watching Season 2 of this hit BBC drama, set during WWI. Sundays, April 6th, 13th and 27th and May 4th at 1:30pm.

Wells Branch Bird Watching Series

Make the most of the beautiful weather by learning how to find & attract local bird species. *Presented by the Travis Audubon Society.* Free & open to all ages! Thursdays at 6pm
March 27th: Care & Feeding of Backyard Birds
April 10th: Birds Matter: 5 Actions for Bird Conservation



Adult Computer Classes- FREE!

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Registration required – Call or visit the library to sign up!

Wednesday, March 19th, 6pm – Excel Intermediate
Saturday, March 22nd, 10:30am – Word Intermediate
Wednesday, April 2nd, 6pm – Computer Basics
Saturday, April 12th, 10:30am – Excel Basics
Wednesday, April 23rd, 6pm – Internet Basics
Saturday, May 3rd, 10:30am – Excel Intermediate

English Conversation Group:

 Saturdays at 10:30am

April 5th & 19th, May 3rd: Build your English skills in a relaxed, comfortable environment! Discussions are led by a native English speaker, and all skill levels are welcome!

Knitting Group:

 Thursdays Mar 20th & April

17th at 6:30pm: Whether you're just learning the basics or refining your skills, our instructor can help you. We provide the needles and yarn!



Career Workshops: Tailor your resume to a specific job opening to catch the eye of an employer (Bring a paper copy of your resume and a job posting to the class). Then master the job interview with hands-on assistance from a professional job coach! *Registration required.*

Saturday, April 19th at 10:30am – Resume Workshop
Saturday, April 19th at 12:30pm – Job Interview Workshop
Saturday, May 3rd at 12:30pm – Job Interview Workshop



Water on the Homefront

Sunday, March 23rd starting at 2pm

Discover how xeriscaping can save you water & money. Presentation starts at 2pm, followed by a tour of local gardens. Then meet back at the library for a tour of our garden and light refreshments! Sponsored by the Clean Water Fund, as part of *Water Why\$ in Wells Branch*.

Marionette and Music Show

April 26th at 11:00am:

Free fun for the whole family. Space is limited.

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





St. Patrick's Day Bagpipe Concert in the Park

Monday, March 17 • 7pm
KF Park • 2106 Klattenhoff

Wear your green and come experience Celtic heritage as WB MUD hosts their annual St. Pat's Day celebration. March behind the Silver Thistle Pipes and Drums as they lead a parade through WB Katherine Fleischer Park. The parade will end at the WB Community Center where guests will continue to be entertained by the band. Free face painting will be provided by volunteers from WB Community Church.

Dog Fair

Saturday, April 5, 10am-1pm • KF Park

Calling all dogs! Wells Branch MUD will hold its annual Dog Fair the first Saturday in April and you're invited! Come and visit the many booths occupied by local veterinarians and other pet-oriented companies.

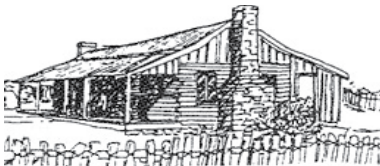


Enroll your pooch to win prizes in one of the many free and fun competitions including Best Trick, Fastest Dog, Best Dressed, Dog & Owner Look-A-Like and our prestigious Wells Branch King and Queen contest. All dogs must be on a leash and under owner's control at all times and must be current on their vaccinations. No aggressive dogs please.

Pioneer Festival

Saturday, April 26, Noon-5pm • WB Homestead

One of our WB traditions, the annual Pioneer Festival celebrates Texas history by offering a window to our past. Pioneer Fest is centered around the historic WB Homestead, the 1850s-era cabin in Katherine Fleischer Park and features fun, educational activities throughout the day so each of us may experience the history of 19th Century Texas. Demonstrations include rope making, corn husk doll making, syrup making and butter churning, just to name a few. If you would like to volunteer or have a craft or activity from that period for demonstration, call the MUD office at 251-9814. This event is hosted by the MUD with just about every single community service group participating - a TRUE community event!



Spring Youth Fishing Tournament

Saturday, May 3, 9am-Noon • Mills Pond



Wells Branch hosts its spring youth fishing tournament for ages 17 and under from 9 a.m. to noon at Mills Pond. Enrollment into the tournament is free for all youth, with trophies and prizes being awarded at the end. A rod and reel will be provided for those anglers who would like to borrow one. All state fishing regulations apply.



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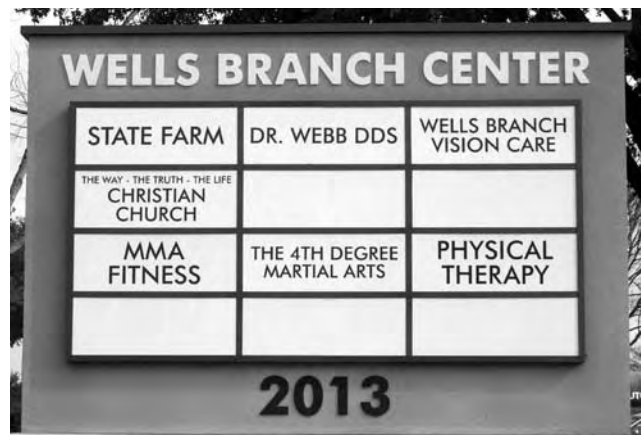
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WB Business Spotlight - Wells Branch Market Center – By Gus Kohn



This is the fourth in the series of articles about the various shopping areas in our neighborhood. Remember that sales tax paid within Wells Branch benefits both the Library and the Fire Department (ESD#2). When we "Shop WB" we all benefit.

The Wells Branch Market Center at 2013 Wells Branch Pkwy. has a wide variety of businesses, many of which have undergone some recent changes.

Edwin G. Webb, DDS has been in the WB Market Center for 22 years. He specializes in family dentistry, oftentimes caring for the entire family. Early and late appointments are available to accommodate your schedule. They welcome new patients, accept insurance and have payment plan options. Dr. Webb and his staff have a variety of alternatives for folks with dental phobias as well. For a close and convenient dentist, give Dr. Webb a call at 512-251-1274 or online at www.dredwinwebb.com.

WB Visioncare has been in Wells Branch for 22 years. Dr. Derek Hamilton, O.D. has owned the practice for the past 5 years; Dr. Lacey Smith has been with the practice for about three years. They offer comprehensive eye exams, medical eye care, contact lens evaluations, diabetic eye care, LASIK management, and retail optical sales. While they do a little bit of everything, WB Visioncare is primarily family eye care. Their doctors enjoy seeing whole families and meeting the needs of all ages. Call for an appointment at 512-251-4040. They may also be reached at www.wbvision.com, on Facebook or via their twitter handle WBVC. Wells Branch Visioncare is in the neighborhood and they care about Wells Branch. See their ad on page 2.

Community Health & Rehab Center – For 8 years Dr. Mark Lesko has practiced comprehensive chiropractic care here; he treats neck and back pain, headaches, pinched nerves and more. He has a licensed Physical Therapist and a licensed Massage Therapist on staff and there is no doctor visit required for just a massage. If you need Physical Therapy after surgery or accident, they are here to help you heal. Diane Lesko coaches the homeopathic HCG Weight Loss Program with patient oversight from Dr. Lesko and says the program is safe, fast and affordable. Call 512-835-6077 for an appointment today!

See Market Center on page 9

9th Annual

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Silver Branchers By Darlene Bauhs & Ron Robinder

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 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.

March 27 the Silver Branchers are taking a day trip to Wimberley. Contact Matt Fuller at mfuller@wellsbranchmud.com for details or to reserve your spot on the van. Check the calendar at WBNA.us for upcoming events.

Tinka's Dance Studio, under new ownership since 2012 has been renamed Spectrum Dance Studio although they haven't changed their sign yet. Owner Melissa Harvey provides dance education in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Contemporary. They also offer Ballet and Tap classes for tiny dancers as well as Zumba for adults. Summer classes and summer dance camps will be posted after Spring Break at www.spectrumdancestudio.com. Call 512-251-9161 for a fun environment where dancers can develop their technical, aesthetic, and creative potential.

Crawfish Shack & Oyster Bar has been in Wells Branch for 7 years and specializes in crawfish and raw oysters. They have many menu offerings including live crawfish year round, poboys, platters and a host of appetizers. See their website at <http://crawfishshacktx.com>. Dine in or call 512-252-7556 to place your take-out order for lunch or dinner.

Lee Cramer State Farm Insurance has been in this center serving Wells Branch since 1984. Lee has been an agent for 33 years. He offers Home, Auto, Life and Renters insurance. Lee is dependable, experienced, reliable and honest. Visit Lee and his top staff for all your insurance needs. See their ad on page 2.

Fantastic Cuts was unavailable for comment. They may be contacted at 512-252-1000.

Asian Bistro, located in the Northwest corner space, vacated the premises at the end of 2013. This space is now empty – but hopefully not for long.

Carolyn's Hair Design has been in this center for 13 years. They have three stylists and specialize in Cuts, Relaxers & Weaves for ethnic and bi-racial hair. Providing healthy hair growth including hair extension, color & helping maintain biracial kids' hair are their specialties. They offer product education and at home maintenance of hair styles. With their 45 years of combined experience Carolyn's Design can help you have beautiful hair. Open Tues-Sat 10am-6pm by appointment, call Carolyn at 512-917-8541 or Laura at 512-797-4501.

Wells Branch Medical Center is a Family Practice clinic with Drs. Paul Bristol, Kevin Carlson and Lorraine Schroeder and Physician's Assistant Linda Moser to take care of all your medical needs. They have been serving Wells Branch neighbors since the early 90's. They have a dedicated ancillary staff who've been with them for many years. This longevity has allowed the staff to maintain lasting patient relationships with many Wells Branch residents. They accept most forms of insurance (call to verify) and welcome new patients by appointment. They are family oriented and see patients age 12 and older. Please call 512-251-2828 for an appointment.

Clinical Pathology Laboratory has been in this center since September 2013 offering neighborhood access to laboratory services and blood testing. If your doctor orders lab tests you may come here for convenient testing; just have them fax the order to 512-990-2270. Terrica, their very pleasant customer service person, says they provide results within 24 to 48 hours. CPL does not provide drug testing or x-rays, only labs, but they do provide service with a smile.

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Ultimate MMA Fitness was unavailable for comment. They may be reached at 512-992-5262 or online at www.mmafit.com.

The Way, The Truth And The Life Christian Church in the back left corner of the center offers Sunday service at 10:30am

Tae Kwon Do Kicks North provides Tae Kwon Do instruction to "Little Dragons", Juniors & Adults. They may be reached at 512-771-7623.

APS Adult & Pediatric Specialists specialize in respiratory and enteric services and equipment from 8-5 M-F. Their four Registered Respiratory Therapists on staff will assist you with your Oxygen, CPAP, Nebulizer, Tracheostomy, Ventilator or Feeding Pump needs. Please call center manager Jennifer at 512-989-3464 for more information; she offers helpful and compassionate assistance.

New Life Prosthetics and Orthotics has been in this center for 10 years and assists patients by appointment with prosthetics and limb bracing. They are the only prosthetic provider in North Austin and offer personalized service; their priority is customer satisfaction and they're proud to serve many veterans in need of their services. They may be reached at 512-252-7177.

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to seeing everyone! Online registration will be available as well. For more info, see <https://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com/>. Swim Fast - Go Armada!

***PLEASE NOTE that in-person registration will be held at a new location this year: the Wells Branch Community Center at 2106 Klattenhoff Drive (by KF Pool).**

Open Ears Concerts

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 14311 Wells Port Drive
Open Ears Concerts, hosted by St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, is a monthly series that presents established and emerging artists, mainly in acoustic genres such as folk, bluegrass, world, and jazz. Bring a snack to share and enjoy free fair trade coffee. **Doors open and Potluck begins at 6pm, show starts at 7.** While there is a suggested donation of \$15, no one will be turned away.

Saturday, April 5, 6pm: Ken Gaines

Saturday, May 3, 6 PM: John Prine Hoot Night

For more info, please visit openearsconcerts.com

Aquathon By Katie Hutcheson

Join us at the 3rd Annual WB MUD Aquathon, a community event that encourages fitness, family and friendly competition! The event is set for Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 8am.

An aquathon is similar to a triathlon with no bike portion, just a swim and a run. Ages 6 – 16 will swim at Willow Bend Pool and then jump into their run gear and run the Wells Branch MUD hike and bike trail. Ages 6 -10 will swim 100 yards and run 1K. Ages 11-16 will swim 200 yards and run 2K. There is also a relay option, which includes one adult (16 or older) and one youth (ages 6-16), where one team member is the swimmer and the other team member is the runner.

Early event registration ends Friday, May 2. Fees are \$35/individual and \$45/relay. Late registration runs May 3rd – May 9th and costs \$40/individual and \$50/relay. USAT members receive a \$12 discount. Each participant receives a t-shirt and goodie bag. Packet pickup is Friday, May 16th, 5 – 7pm at Willow Bend Pool. *There will be no registration at packet pickup or the day of the race.*

To register online please visit our website at www.wellsbranchmud.com/Aquathon or you can register in person at the Wells Branch MUD Recreation Center.

FREE Badminton Anyone? By Katie Hutcheson

Never played before? That's okay, we take all levels! Badminton is a fun way to get in some exercise and get to know other players. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am – 11:30am at Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive.



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Goosed! *(A brief update on the relocated Mills Pond geese)*

By Betsey Harper

No one tells you that the scariest part of your day is going to be sneaking into an unlit chicken house in the dark at 5 in the morning and having a handful of geese attack your hind quarters as you close the door! Yup, I've been "Goosed"! Welcome to springtime on my fowl ranch!



Everything changes with the seasons, including our feathered friends. My little ladies dig everywhere and are all busy looking for the perfect nesting area to hide their eggs. The boys act brave, curious, and domineering to impress their lady friends. There are social groups; a new pecking order taking place, conversations get a little loud, and even a new "turkey gang" has transformed. That's what my son calls the three huge tom turkeys that follow him around. In the spring, the fowl personalities are the strongest and it's really fun to see how their personalities change and grow! For example, I was lying on my stomach in part of the fowl enclosure working on repairing my food storage trailer last

week and Baby G, his parents and GG, decided to visit. He first came around with his new girlfriend, GG (aka G's Girl), to take a look, sticking out his long neck within an inch of my face. The next thing I knew, he jumped up on my back and walked up me until he was perched on my shoulders like a very big, heavy, clumsy parrot. He then proceeded to look over my shoulder to get a better idea of what I was working on. It must have bored him, and with a head bowing honk, Baby G was off to dig in the spare mulch pile.

A few minutes later, I'm on my back, head under the trailer, I felt two feet climb up onto my legs, and then two more feet on my stomach. Not wanting to scare them away, I slowly lifted my head and reached down to stroke Baby G's head and received the loving purr of a goose. This made my week! Why? Because every little step tamer, is a huge celebration for me: they are my sweet little angels.



Not sure what to do with the kids this summer?

Wells Branch MUD offers a wide variety of Summer Camps. Visit their website at wellsbranchmud.com to learn more about: Stuff-2-Do Summer Day Camp, Volleyball Clinics, Basketball Clinics, and Swim Lessons. Don't wait! Registration starts early and fills fast!

Running/Walking Club

Come out and meet others for a walk or run. Train for an event or just enjoy a walk. Tuesdays/Thursdays and Sundays at 6am AND Tuesdays/Thursdays at 9am. We'll meet at Katherine Fleischer Park and utilize the Wells Branch MUD trails.



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E-cycling Available in WB!

Global Environmental Services (GES) is proud to partner with the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association to manage electronic waste during the Keep Wells Branch Beautiful Trash Off. Electronics collection will be at the MUD maintenance yard on Thermal from 8am-5pm on Saturday, April 12.

Since 2008, GES has been a leader in electronic asset and parts recovery, electronics recycling, secure data destruction and managed technology services. All equipment is responsibly processed in their 56,000 sf warehouse at the corner of Bratton Lane and Long Vista, ensuring zero waste recycling.

The process begins by having each item categorized according to the particular requirements needed to follow. The first goal is to reuse a whole unit as long as the customers allow it. If the item can be resold, GES may prepare the piece of equipment to ensure any existing data is destroyed. GES does offer programs for Return on Investment to share revenue on some items and their exact methodology provides accurate and precise reporting, as well as verification certifications.

If the equipment cannot be salvaged in whole, it may be de-manufactured, using a process of manual dismantling. Individual parts will be tested and may be resold BAN E-Stewards approved downstream diligence.

GES has the "Gold Standard" in electronic recycling because it has invested in being certified to the strictest of standards in this industry (BAN e-Stewards, R2, ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001); all verified by 3rd party auditors. Holding these certifications ensures a fully transparent and compliant vertically integrated supply chain.

GES's mission statement: "Where State of the Art Quality, Commitment, and Concern for our Planet come together to reuse our resources and redirect existing products to help save our earth" says it all.

For additional information or to find out if a product is acceptable, please call Sandy Schutze at 512-545-0207.

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Spring Cleaning: Clear your clutter and re-energize your life

Submitted by Tara Fisher-Munoz



It's that time of year – Spring cleaning! Spring is the season of renewal, manifestation, celebration and love. There are many books available on the subject of clearing your clutter and getting more organization in your life. From my personal experience, I can attest to how

much better I feel once our home is organized and our unwanted, unused items are donated and no longer cluttering our home and my mind. It brings a sense of freedom and pure joy!

According to Karen Kingston in "Clear Your Clutter with Feng Shui," there are four categories of clutter:

- Things you do not use or love
- Things that are untidy or disorganized
- Too many things in too small a space
- Anything unfinished

You are connected to everything you own by fine strands of energy. When your home is filled with things that you love or use well it becomes an incredible source of support and nourishment for you. Clutter on the other hand, drags your energy down, and the longer you keep it, the more it will affect you. When you get rid of everything that has no real meaning or significance, you literally feel lighter in body, mind and spirit.

With clutter of the just-too-much-for-the-amount-of-space variety, your home starts to feel as if it can't breathe, your own breathing will actually become tighter and shallower, and you will feel constricted in what you can do in your life.

When going through your items, you can utilize a list of questions and decide which items to keep, donate or throw away based on your answers. Do you really love it? Do you need it now? Can you imagine yourself or anyone in your family ever

See Spring Cleaning on page 14

What is your water IQ?

Researched and submitted by Barry Samsel

March has been dedicated to water conservation in Wells Branch. Being mindful of our water use will become more relevant sooner than we think. With our primary sources of water distribution limited and overburdened, we will be forced into being innovative with capturing all water resources, and in our consumption. Here are some tips for the kitchen from the Austin Water website. Please join us on March 22 & 23 to learn more about water conservation (see insert).

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- Install a low-flow aerator on your kitchen faucet. **Free aerators are available to all Austin Water customers.** For more info, visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/free-showerheads-faucet-aerators>
- When washing dishes by hand, don't leave the water running. Fill one sink or basin with wash water and another with rinse water.
- Scrape food from plates instead of rinsing them before washing. Newer dishwashers and detergents get dishes clean without needing to pre-rinse.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a bowl or basin using a vegetable brush instead of letting the water run. Then use the wash water to water your plants.
- Don't use running water to thaw frozen foods. Thaw them overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave instead.
- Chill drinking water in the refrigerator instead of running the faucet until the water gets cold.
- Cook food in as little water as possible and put a lid on the pot. This will also help food retain more nutrients. Use water left over from cooking foods like pasta and vegetables to water plants.
- Start a compost pile or scrape food into the trash instead of running your garbage disposal. If you must use your disposal, save food scraps and only run it once a day to reduce water use.
- If you have a dishwasher, use it rather than washing dishes by hand. Efficient dishwashers use as little as four gallons per cycle.
- Run only full loads in your dishwasher.
- Use one glass for drinking water each day or refill a water bottle to cut down on the number of glasses that need to be washed.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run over them while you scrape.
- If you drop ice cubes from the freezer or have cubes left over after finishing your drink, don't throw them in the sink. Put them in a plant instead.

If you are shopping for a new dishwasher, purchase the most efficient model feasible. The Consortium for Energy Efficiency has developed a list of energy- and water-efficient dishwasher models. Visit their site at <http://www.cee1.org/content/frequently-asked-questions>



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by Margret Wingrove, Crossroads Utility Services

Irrigation System Maintenance

Irrigation systems need to be checked to make sure they are working properly and efficiently. Faulty systems can greatly increase your water bill and contribute to unhealthy lawns, plants and shrubs. Before the system is activated for the Spring and Summer seasons, here are some maintenance recommendations for checking your system.

Controller Box:

Clean out cobwebs and dirt

Check wiring for loose connections

Change batteries

Check time and date of watering cycle. Make sure that it is programmed to follow the District's voluntary watering schedule.

Odd Addresses = Saturday & Wednesday

Even Addresses = Sunday & Thursday

Automatic Irrigation Systems = Before 10 AM

Hose-end Sprinklers & Soakers = Before 10AM or after 7PM

Remember, the Spring months require less water than the hot Texas summer months.

Sprinkler System:

Before running the system, remove the last sprinkler head in each zone and run the water for a few minutes to flush out any dirt and debris. Replace the head.

Activate the system and check to make sure that all heads in each zone are spraying consistently. Low pressure could indicate a broken pipe as well as a zone not coming on or turning off prematurely. There should be an even flow of water from each head with no bubbling or spurting.

Check each head to make sure it is popping up correctly and that it is not leaking or covered with debris. Grass may need to be trimmed to allow the head to operate properly.

The head should be adjusted to spray on the landscaping, not the street, sidewalk or driveway.

A monthly check of each sprinkler head should be performed throughout the watering season.

Adjustments to the watering cycle should be based on changing rainfall and temperatures throughout the year.

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loving or needing it in the foreseeable future? If you can't answer yes to any one of these questions, sell it, donate it, or recycle it.

How do you decide what to throw out? Keep these three key guidelines in mind:

1. If it (the pair of shoes, the hat, the picture, the memory) weighs you down, clogs you up, or just plain makes you feel bad about yourself, throw it out, give it away, sell it, let it go, and move on.
2. If it just sits there, taking up room and contributing nothing positive to your life, let it go. If you're not moving forward, you're moving backward.
3. If you agonize over it for too long, throw it out. Don't make the decision to toss it or keep it a hard one.

Everything around you, especially your home environment, mirrors your inner self. So by changing your home you also change the possibilities in your own life. Removing obstacles that impede the flow of energy in your living environment creates more harmony in your life and also the space for wonderful new opportunities to come to you.

For a list of places to recycle, donate and sell in Austin, please visit our website at www.wbna.us => Community => Green Living and **REMEMBER: WBNA will be hosting the Extreme Clean event at the MUD Maintenance Yard, 13905 Thermal on Saturday, April 12. Check our insert for recycling/repurposing opportunities.**

Check out the WBNA Facebook page for photos of WB events, as well as event reminders & other timely news.

Birding in Wells Branch: The Sounds of Spring

By Sharon Richardson and Wanda Holcombe

There is nothing like seeing an early Bluebonnet or smelling the grape-like scent of a Mountain Laurel for your brain to let you know that it's spring. What about the sounds of spring? For me it's hearing the liquid, gurgling warble of Purple Martins. I close my eyes and I am transported to my childhood listening to the lovely sound of dozens of those sleek members of the swallow family occupying our neighbor's Martin houses.

The cacophony of Great-tailed Grackles always reminds me of my days at UT in the early 80's, where thousands of them ramped up their whistling and chuckling to a seriously loud level as spring rolled around. They were so loud that it scared me! Both of these birds are frequently seen around many areas of Wells Branch contributing to our springtime background sounds.

On our Wells Branch birding walks in February and March, there have been as many as 70 American Wigeons surveyed at Mills Pond making their "whew whew whew" whistle. By April they will have made their northward migration. Another sweet sound of spring is hearing a chipper chatter and looking up to see a "flying cigar" shape of the Chimney Swift.

Make some auditory memories of your own or join the Wells Branch birders on a springtime walk on Saturday, April 5th at 8:00am at the pond with Heather Johnson and Wanda Holcombe, and on Monday, April 21st with Sharon Richardson and Wanda Holcombe.

Keep in touch by leaving your comments when visiting the WBNA website for up-to-date reports, events and photos under the category, COMMUNITY/BIRDING: <http://wbna.us>

Central Texas Bird Watching Series at Wells Branch Community Library

By Brittany Hecker, WBCL Adult Program & Service Librarian

Spring is nearly here, and the perfect weather for bird watching is just around the corner! Wells Branch Community Library and the Travis Audubon Society are partnering to help you make the most of the season with a series of informative and entertaining presentations. Learn about the world of birds from expert bird watchers with years of experience! Admission is free and open to all ages. For more information, contact the library at 512-989-3188 or www.wblibrary.org

TOPICS:

Thursday, March 27th at 6pm: The Care and Feeding of Backyard Birds Presented, by Jane Tillman

This spring, make your backyard come alive with bird song and activity! Learn about Austin's backyard species and how to attract them using native plants, feeders, nest boxes and water features.

Thursday, April 10th at 6pm: Why Birds Matter—5 Actions for Bird Conservation, Presented by Jeff Mundy

Explore what the future holds for birds and what their fate means to us. Why do birds matter, and why protect migratory birds? Discover the simple things you can do to protect these beautiful creatures for future generations to enjoy.

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Wells Branch Elementary News

From the Principal by Belinda Cini, Principal



Spring State Assessments at WBE will be here soon. Please mark your calendars for the following important STAAR administration dates:

April 1 & 2 • 4th & 5th grade

April 22, 23, 24 • 3rd, 4th & 5th grade (24th)

May 13 & 14 • 5th grade

Please make sure students have a good night's sleep and eat a healthy protein-based breakfast to come to school ready for success! The campus is closed to all visitors on all state assessment days.

For test subject specifics and upcoming events, visit our RRISD school webpage at <http://wellsbranch.roundrockisd.org/>, our PTA webpage at <http://wellsbranchpta.org/>, or PTA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wellsbranchpta>

Farmer's Market

Wells Branch Elementary 5th graders sell fresh organic produce from the school garden each Wednesday from 2:40-3:10pm. Your purchase supports the school gardening program. Bring your dollars (veggies are packaged in whole dollar amounts) and reusable bags and look for the bright blue Farmer's Market stand near the bike racks at Merriltown/Town Hill.



Green Team

Our Beautification day on March 1st was a huge success! Thank you to all the folks who volunteered their time and especially those who do so on a weekly basis. You continue to enrich the lives of our children. For more information on our efforts, visit gogreen.wellsbranchpta.org. WBE Green



Team is in need of t-shirt donations for a 5th grade project. Students will be making t-shirt bags to sell at the Farmer's Market. Please contact Tara at tfishermunoz@yahoo.com if you have any shirts you'd like to donate.

News from Northwest Elementary By Betsey Harper



If you haven't noticed, the NW PTO has been very busy this year introducing new fund raising campaigns for our kids. We are now ramping up for a spectacular second half of the year with even more very exciting events in the works! Here's just some of what's coming up:

- Music programs by grade level
- Standardized Testing - STAAR
- Popcorn Friday! – Last Friday of the month; 5th grade fundraiser - volunteers needed
- Movie Night without Parents – April 2; 6:30 -8:30pm
- PTO meetings – 6:30 pm; First Wednesday of the month; free child care
- 2014 student spirit t-shirt design contest
- Wild, Wild West Celebration – May 3; planning meetings starting soon
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon – Tuesday, May 6

The Northwest Elementary PTO is currently seeking individuals to become part of the PTO Executive Committee for the 2014-2015 school year. If you are interested in any of the positions, have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please stop by a PTO meeting or contact one of us. Contact information can be found on the school website (<http://cms.pflugervilleisd.net/Domain/24>) under About Us, and Parental Involvement.

As always, check for updated events on our school calendar, marquee, listserv, Facebook, and in your children's folders.



WB Leadership Academy Spring Bash

By Traci Synatschk , PTO President

WB Leadership Academy held their first annual Spring Bash March 1st and would like to thank the families and friends from both the school and the WB community who turned out to support the WBLA! The money raised helped to put projectors, screens and computers in all the classrooms, which will enhance learning for students for years to come. Over \$2,500 in raffle prizes from some amazing sponsors were given out and we officially rolled out open enrollment for the 2014-2015 year. WB Leadership Academy (Elementary) and Athlos Leadership Academy (Jr. High and High School) are now accepting applications at www.athlosaustin.org. Thank you, Wells Branch community for your support!

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Single Stream Update: 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 2012. 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 occurs every other week on regular trash pickup days. Clip and save this calendar or download the new calendar for 2014 from our website: wbna.us. Visit our Recycling page under "Community" for the calendar and list of materials accepted.

Recycling Calendar March 2014

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April 2014

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WBNA Travis County Candidate Meet and Greet

WBNA's February 27 meeting featured a Meet & Greet with candidates for County Judge (Sarah Eckhardt, Andy Brown, Mike McNamara), County Commissioner Pct 2 (Garry Brown, Brigid Shea, Richard Jung), Justice of the Peace Pct 2 (Randall Slagle), and County Court #3 (John Lipscombe). The WBNA would like to thank

each of these folks for taking time out of their busy schedules to come out and let us get to know them a little better. We look forward to hosting more pre-election events in October. Thanks to all our Wells Branch neighbors who joined us!



New WB Re-Sale Facebook Page



Looking to sell your baby and kid items? Please join the Wells Branch Baby/Kids Resale Shop on Facebook. It's free to post and neighbor to neighbor with everything from highchairs, water tables and swing sets to children's clothing (private school uniforms, too). Teen items and video games are welcome as well!

KUDOS!

All I can say is WOW! Y'all were incredible! So many of you stepped up and offered to split sections this time around. We had a record number of deliverers. Thank you ALL for taking time out of your weekend to volunteer! Your efforts are so very much appreciated!

Daniel Barnekow, Mike Barron, Emily Berver, Anne, Colton, Brady & Winston Bennett, Shannon & Durbin Black, Christine Bloemsma, Joy Hall Bryant, Garland Bullock, Helen Carley, Kimberly Clark, Miriam, Melissa & Briana Garate, Dave Gezana, Susie Gillespie, Karen Hall-Hagemann, Howard Hagemann, Cynthia Hannon, Katie & Brent Halling, George & Wanda Holcombe, Jennifer Jones, Travers Hough, Terri Johnson, Dianne Koehler, Dan, Kim, Brendan & Sarah Lanicek, Brian & Rachel LeBansky, Sherrie Lindig, Brian Litke, Erik Macdanz, Siv, Jyoti & Arjuna Manda, Dave & Joan Mead, Katie Moore, Sandy Olphie, Arlie Pfeifer, Sharon Richardson, Ron Robinder, Marisa, Mischa, & Tasha Sawatphadungkij, Julie Schwartz, Sonya Shaffer, Cristina Silingardi, Virgil Smith, Traci Synatschk, Debby Thompson, J.R. & Jill Traffanstedt, Donita Ward, Annemarie & Mike Weis, Steve Wilson, Cindy Zraik

Last, but not least, thank you to all who contribute articles and share information. Our newsletter continues to grow because of you. Keep the articles coming!

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.



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Recycle - Repurpose: It's Up to Every One of Us to Help! By Kay Peterson

As many of you know, the WB MUD hosts a Bulk Trash Day on the second Saturday of each month. In October of 2012, together with the WBNA and MUD, Ed and I started the Hazardous Waste/Habitat and Easter Seals Collection Day. In April 2013, the Drug Take-Back, Document Shredding, and Metal Resale programs were introduced. Next, Dianne Koehler came on board and offered repurposing of Fertilizers/Pesticides out of her home in conjunction with our quarterly efforts in October of 2013. On April 12, we'll be adding e-cycling to our event as well. This has been a huge community endeavor; we're very proud of how it continues to grow.

QUARTERLY (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct), you can drop off paint, paint thinner, oil, anti-freeze, batteries, paper, cardboard, reusable clothing and electronics, old TVs and broken electronics, metal, and even Styrofoam for recycling/repurposing. Twice a year (April/October), we feature drug take-back and document shredding.

Great progress has been made in reducing the amount of trash going into the landfill. Each quarter at least two 16-foot



trailers with hazardous waste are collected, one slide-off with metal and two filled-to-the-brim Easter Seals and Habitat for Humanity trucks. A LOT of people are doing a great job.

On the flipside however, there are usually three or four slide-off dumpsters that are filled just with trash at each monthly bulk trash disposal day. Many recyclable items such as shoes, clothes, paper, cardboard, Christmas trees, etc. are going into the dumpsters when they could be repurposed.

If we don't recycle and/or reduce the amount of waste we produce, our level of pollution will only continue to grow; we are going to pay for it one way or another.

If you currently recycle, WE THANK YOU for making the world a better place. If you don't, we ask you to reconsider and give it a shot. Use your blue recycle bin; take items to Goodwill, Easter Seals, or Habitat, save your items for the quarterly collection day. There's a place for almost everything you want to get rid of besides the dumpster. It's up to every one of us to help. Thank you!



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Door to Door, Telephone & Internet SOLICITATION By Sgt. Craig Smith #978 Travis County Sheriff's Office

Not long ago, door-to-door sales was a common practice. Vacuum cleaners, magazines, Tupperware and encyclopedias could all be purchased from your friendly door-to-door salesman. We saw it almost daily and it did not seem out of the ordinary.

Today, the lower prices and convenience of large stores and the internet have put the majority of door-to-door salesman out of business. While most businesses rely on other ways to sell their product, there are a few that still utilize door-to-door sales. Landscaping and alarm sales seem to be the most common, followed by scouts and school children.

I encourage you to always be careful when dealing with a door-to-door salesman. They should be dressed professionally and have identification clearly displayed. They should never ask you to provide any personal information. It is always safe to accept literature that they provide, however, giving them any information is very risky. Any professional organization will understand and expect this. They will be willing to provide you with information and then allow you the opportunity to research their product and make an educated decision. It's your choice to even speak with a door-to-door salesman. You have the right to ask them to leave at any time. Once again, any professional organization will respect your request and move on. If you feel something does not seem right or if a salesman pushes you for any personal information, please close and lock the door and call the Sheriff's Office so that we can investigate.

Telephone solicitation has become a popular form of fraud. Have you ever received a telephone call and had a spokesman ask you to donate money to their organization? Most people simply laugh and hang up the phone, but believe it or not we work many cases where bank account numbers are given so that funds can be transferred. The spokesman promises that the money is for a donation or that you have received a prize, but you need to cover the shipping costs first. Once that account number has been given, it's too late. You have to think that if a person calls one hundred people in an hour, they only need a few "donations" to achieve a very good hourly rate! As before, I encourage you to never give any personal information over the phone. A professional organization will simply give you their information so that you can do the research and make that educated decision. The phone call that promises you a prize or money, and seems too good to be true, is too good to be true and is only a scam! Most of these scams prey on the elderly and ask for an account number to withdraw a small donation. Usually, after the account number is given, as much money as possible is withdrawn within minutes. Never, ever give personal information of any kind over the phone to someone that you do not know.

Cybercrime has become the most popular form of fraud. It is achieved by internet solicitation, credit card theft and identity theft. Unfortunately, there is a large amount of cybercrime that you cannot control. Target had a security breach in

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ACTIVE LISTINGS: 1

Average List Price: \$245,000

SALES PENDING: 7

Average Pending List Price: \$203,100

SOLD HOMES: 2

Average Sold List Price: \$233,450

Average Sold Price: \$233,450

February Sales Price was 100% of List Price


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December that leaked thousands of credit card numbers. This type of crime is far out of our hands. You can, however, take some steps to protect your assets. As with all other solicitation, never give any personal information over the computer unless you are dealing with a known source and you are on a secure connection. Emails are not typically secured so do not put account numbers and/or personal information in the text. Keep an eye on your credit score and watch for unauthorized accounts or loans. Keep your credit cards safe and watch your statements. Report any unauthorized transactions as quickly as possible to your bank and to the Sheriff's Office.

Stay Alert and Stay Safe!

Save the Date

2nd Annual WB Disc Golf Tournament May 17

By Brian Litke

The tournament will be held from 9am-4pm and will be appropriate for all ages and skill levels. Each player will receive a custom artwork disc golf disc and reusable water bottle as part of their registration. There will also be raffles, door prizes and awards for winners of each division. At the top of each hour, local disc golf players will hold short instructional sessions on disc golf rules and techniques for gripping the disc and throwing disc golf drives and putts. A course map and scorecard are available at wellsbranchmud.

Yard Waste Reminders

To participate in the curbside yard waste recycling, please place clippings in open containers (round black tubs) or the recyclable brown paper bags available for purchase at home stores. TexaScapes will not pick up grass cuttings or leaves in plastic bags. Branches should be cut in 6ft lengths and bundled together.

As the weather gets warmer, this type of recycling increases dramatically. Clippings should be placed curbside by 7am Monday morning. Some weeks, it may take TexaScapes two or three days to collect all the clippings throughout the neighborhood so please be patient.

Free Mulch

As a courtesy to residents, the WB MUD provides free mulch for pick-up at the Rec. Center on Shoreline. Please check in at the desk before loading your vehicle and limit yourself to four of the "Green Gold" containers (black tubs) so that all residents may have the opportunity to utilize this service.

Wells Branch has a dynamic Neighborhood Watch program. To find out more about how we do Neighborhood Watch in Wells Branch, visit our page at wbna.us under the Safety tab.



Community Calendar

- Mar. 17, 7pm: St. Patrick's Day Parade & Concert, KF Park*
- Mar. 22, 11am-3pm: Water Why\$ in WB, WBRC*
- Mar. 22, 2-4pm: WB Armada Registration, WBCC
- Mar. 23, 2-6pm: Water Why\$ Garden Tour, WBCL*
- Mar. 24, 8am: Birding in WB, Location TBD*
- Mar. 27, 6pm: Bird Watching Series, WBCL*
- Mar. 27: Silver Branchers Day Trip to Wimberley
- Mar. 27, 7pm: WBNA Meeting re: Affordable Housing Project, WBCC*
- Mar. 29, 7am-noon: FOL Garage Sale, WBCL*
- Apr. 3, 6-8pm: WB Armada Registration, WBCC
- Apr. 5, 8am: Birding in WB, Mills Pond*
- Apr. 5, 10am-1pm: Dog Fair, KF Park**
- Apr. 5, 6pm: Open Ears Concert, St. Andrews on Wells Port
- Apr. 10, 6pm: Bird Watching Series, WBCL*
- Apr. 12, 8am-Noon: Drug Take-Back, 13905 Thermal*
- Apr. 12, 8am-1pm: Free Shredding, 13905 Thermal*
- Apr. 12, 8am-1pm: Habitat for Humanity Collection*
- Apr. 12, 8am-4pm: Easter Seals Collection*
- Apr. 12, 8am-5pm: Hazardous Waste & Bulk Trash Collection, 13905 Thermal*
- Apr. 12, 8am-5pm: Electronics Recycling, 13905 Thermal*
- Apr. 19, 10:30am: WBNA Easter Egg Hunt, Homestead at KF Park*
- Apr. 19, Noon: Garden Guild - WBRC*
- Apr. 21, 8am: Birding in WB, Mills Pond*
- Apr. 26, 12-5pm: Pioneer Fest, Homestead at KF Park
- Apr. 28-May 6: Early Voting for Bond Elections*
- May 3, 9am-noon: Youth Fishing Tournament, Mills Pond
- May 3, 6pm: Open Ears Concert, St. Andrews on Wells Port
- May 10: PISD & RRISD Bond Elections*

RECURRING

- Farmers Market, Wednesday, 2:40-3:10pm WBE
- Silver Branchers, Thursday, 1-3pm, WBRC



Meets from 7-8pm on Tuesdays at the Library.

Beginning March 25, OA meetings move to the Live for More Center on Bratton Lane at 6pm, each Tuesday.

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Calendar Legend:

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: info@wbna.us.

PLEASE NOTE: Events put on by for-profit entities do not qualify for this space.

Support your Neighborhood Association

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

Here is my check (made out to WBNA) for \$20 annual dues for 2014

March 2014

I am: _____ renewing my membership _____ a new member

Name(s) _____ E-mail: _____

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_____ Easter Egg Hunt _____ Nat'l Night Out _____ Luminary Fest

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