



# Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.  
Vol 19, Issue 4, September 2010

## National Night Out, ESD Open House, Safety Seminars....see page 12 for calendar

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** Tuesday, October 5, 6:30-9pm, Gazebo at KF Park

Yes, it's that time of year again. School is back in session, fall has arrived and the holidays are just around the corner. October brings National Night Out, a tradition in Wells Branch for many years.

Join us in our night out against crime, Tuesday, October 5, from 6:30-9pm at the gazebo at Katherine Fleischer Park (Alpha Collier/Klattenhoff). The WBNA will be serving up free hotdogs, sausage wraps, sodas, chips, door prizes and a wealth of information.

We'll have distinguished guests on hand from the Travis County Sheriff's Office, ESD #2 Fire Department, and the Wells Branch MUD. Both children and adults will have the opportunity to visit with first responders, receive information on Neighborhood Watch and other programs available to residents, and tour the fire safety house and fire truck that ESD #2 will have on hand. Come find out what's going on in our community and visit with local law enforcement officers about what you can do to help prevent crime in Wells Branch.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, and to

strengthen neighborhood spirit and law enforcement-community partnership. But, its primary goal is to send a strong message to criminals to let them know the Wells Branch neighborhood is organized and fighting back.

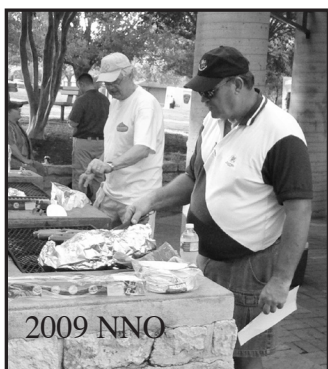
Take a stand against crime. Turn on your porch light and come join your friends and neighbors at the park for food and fellowship. If you have a Neighborhood Watch group on your block (or even if you don't) we'd like to encourage you to come eat dinner with us, listen to the speakers, and then return home to your street and gather with your neighbors over dessert to discuss how you can make your homes and our community safer.

We hope to see you there!



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# CLASSIFIED ADS

**HANNAH'S PETSITTING:** \$11/day for 1 pet, to water, walk, feed & play with your pet twice a day. References available. Call 922-3853.

## WBNA FALL MEETING TOPICS

### Don't Become a Victim

**October 21, 7-9pm, Community Center**

This two-hour seminar will discuss the mind-set of a perpetrator as well as the psychology behind a victim's reaction. Attendees will learn about common weapons used for self-defense and the limitations of their effectiveness. Finally, the presentation will explain how an investigation is conducted and what helps and/or hurts the investigators ability to solve the case. Join us to learn how not to become a victim...Taught by Travis County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Craig Smith.

### Teens and Moms Safety Seminar

**November 13, 9am-1pm, Community Center**

This is a special invitation for mothers and daughters to spend a Saturday morning together learning how to protect themselves. We'll open with donuts and close with a pizza party. This four-hour seminar will discuss a perpetrator's way of thinking and the psychology behind a victim's reaction. Attendees will see first hand the effectiveness, or lack there of, in using some commonly accepted weapons. We will discuss cellular phones and their capabilities when calling 911, social networking sites, and the importance of child/parent communication. Finally, we will learn how investigators follow-up on these cases and what you can do to help. Join us for a mother/daughter event and learn together how not to become a victim. Taught by Travis County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Craig Smith and Deputy Kim Orts. For questions call or e-mail or Debby: 656-0654 or [deborah\\_thompson@earthlink.net](mailto:deborah_thompson@earthlink.net) or.

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## Fire Station 2 Open House

**Tuesday, October 12, 6pm-8pm**

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## Sheriff's Extravaganza

**Saturday, October 9, 11am-4pm**

The Travis County Sheriff's Office will host its 8th Annual Community Extravaganza at the Wells Branch MUD Recreation Center, located at 3000 Shoreline Drive. This will be the 4th year the MUD has supported this affair by providing Travis County with the facilities. There will be FREE food, entertainment, raffle tickets, prizes and Child ID, as well as demonstrations and presentations from safety and law enforcement groups. Come join the fun!

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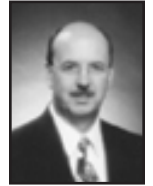
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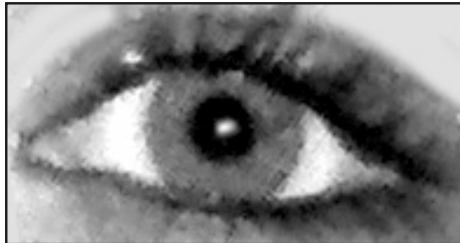
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## STOP THE IRRITATION!

Submitted by Derek Hamilton, OD, Therapeutic Optometrist

Central Texas is known for its beauty AND for allergies. The fall allergy season is in full swing -- and for chronic sufferers, this means itchy, red eyes! Seasonal allergies are nothing new to those of us who live in Austin, and often our eyes are affected.



In the eye care industry, this is referred to as allergic conjunctivitis and is characterized by tearing, redness, runny nose, and almost always itching. So is there any hope for the seasonal allergy down-trodden? Yes! Consider the following tips to get you through this itchy time of the year.

The first and simplest method of dealing with eye allergies is to dilute the allergen. Allergens are bits of organic matter that float in the air and cause the body to respond with inflammation. These allergens are typically small particles like dust and pollen. The best way to dilute an allergen in the eye is with an artificial tear. I recommend that allergy sufferers start with an artificial tear three or four times per day. These drops can be purchased at any drug store and contain no medicine. They simply lubricate the eye's surface and help to wash out the allergens. Some of my favorite brands are Blink, Systane and Optive.

Another simple and natural way to find relief is with cold compresses. Many people find that when eye allergies get really inflamed -- the best way to put the fire out is with cold. I tell my patients to fill a zip top bag with ice cubes, wrap the bag in a damp washcloth and hold it over the eyelids for about two minutes each. This is an easy and effective way to relieve really inflamed eyes. In addition, there are a number of new pharmaceutical therapies for the treatment of allergic conjunctivitis. Zaditor (ketotifen fumarate) is an over

the counter eye drop that I often recommend to my patients. The drug in Zaditor has two methods of action. It blocks histamines and it stops mast cells - one of the main cell types responsible for allergic reactions. This drug is used twice a day and has an immediate response.

I generally recommend that my patients use this drug for a couple of weeks when they are having problems. As with any medication, if you choose to use Zaditor remember to closely follow the instructions on the label. Stronger drugs are available by prescription. If you feel that you need something more potent, I recommend that you visit your eye doctor. Remember that many other serious eye problems cause red eyes. Whenever you have a red, irritated eye, you should be seen by your eye doctor to be evaluated and treated. If you are one of the many suffering from allergic conjunctivitis, consider trying some of the suggestions above. The bottom line is that there are many therapies to deal with allergic eyes. You don't need to live in agony!

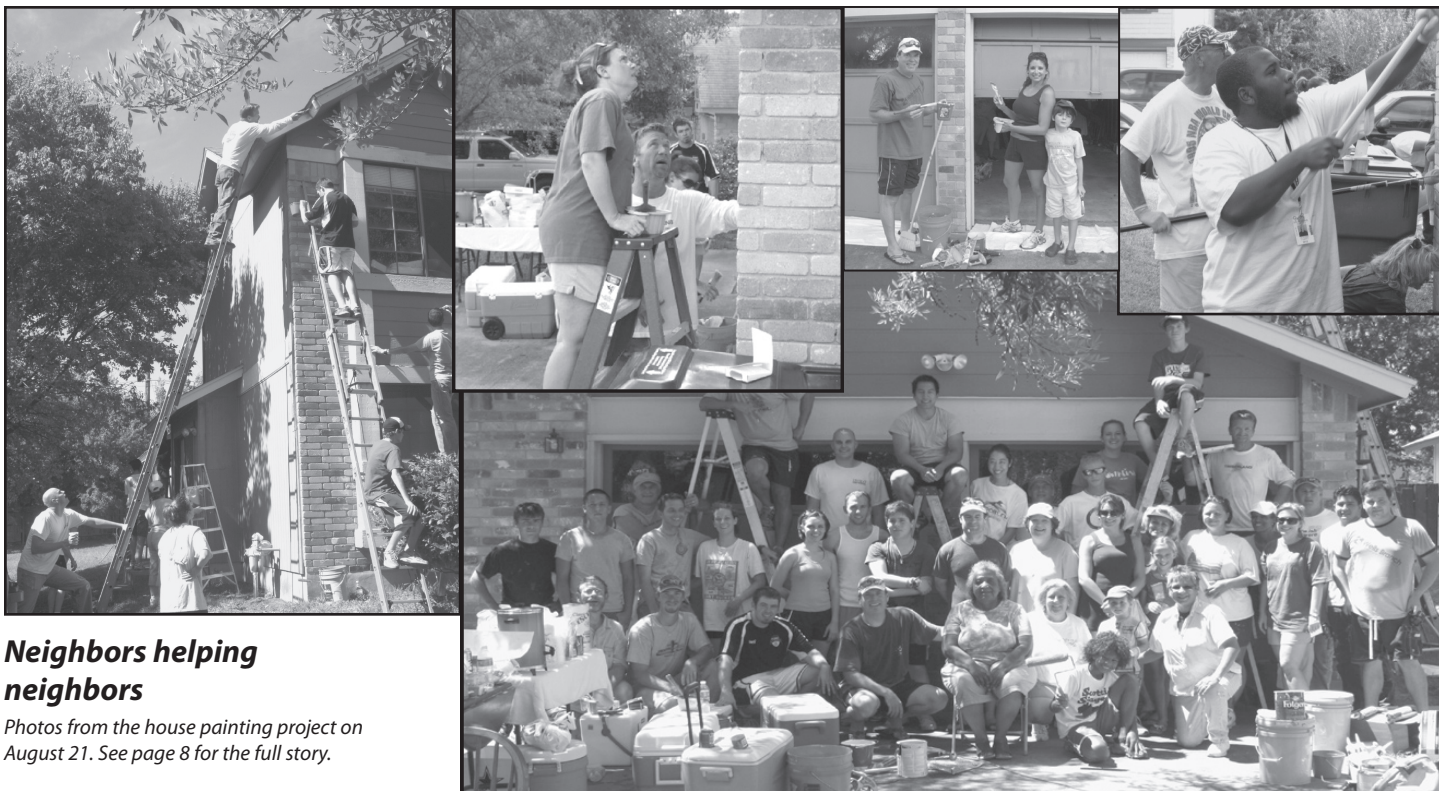
## ADVERTISING AND ARTICLE SUBMISSION

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 [wbnanews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wbnanews@sbcglobal.net) for other information. Publication is not guaranteed, and all article submissions are subject to editing. All ads must be pre-paid. Please note that it is the policy of the WBNA not to publish political ads of any kind.

The Holiday issue deadline to receive ad payments, ad materials and article submissions is October 22.

Ad rates may be found at [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us).





## Neighbors helping neighbors

Photos from the house painting project on August 21. See page 8 for the full story.

## FALL GARDENING REMINDERS Submitted by Dianne Koehler



It's finally cooling down a bit and we'll be able to get out in our yards and gardens again to take care of things before winter. All the rain we received at the beginning of September was a blessing. Let's just hope it continues. After a hot dry summer, our grass, trees and shrubs need the rain to better tolerate the winter cold.

I have been consulting the Central Texas Gardener's website (<http://www.klru.org/ctg/>) and a number of other websites for lists of "what to do this month." I also browsed the catalog at the library for books to help keep the yard and garden in order so here goes.

September / October is the time to:

**Divide & Transplant:** Amaryllises, Callas, Cannas, Daylilies, Irises, Liriope, Wood Ferns, and crowded perennials. Dig and store caladium bulbs. Dust with fungicide.

**Add to** your compost pile with fall leaves and yard debris; shred well with lawnmower. Replenish mulch in beds. Prepare and plant fall vegetable beds. Seed some wildflowers and perennials.

**Plant Vegetables:** Beans, Peas (English & edible pod), Summer Squash, Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Chinese Cabbage, Collards, Garlic, beets, carrots, and radishes. 1<sup>st</sup> frost date is mid November. All the kale

family will do well far into the winter with a bit of protection. Keep an eye out for cabbage looppers/ treat with Bt.

**Watch for** brown patch in St. Augustine turf as temperatures cool. Treat late in September and again in 3 weeks with Terraclor or Daconil.

**Watch for** blackspot and mildew on roses and treat. **Control** fall webworms on trees with *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt).

**Remove** dead and damaged wood from shrubs and trees.

**Trick Poinsettias into holiday bloom:** Beginning on the fall equinox (September 21/22) they need about 14 hours of dark per day through Thanksgiving to bloom for the holidays. Consult the experts for the whole process.

**Check out books from the library:** Neil Sperry's Complete Guide to Texas Gardening, Month-By-Month Gardening in Texas, Gardening with Nature in Texas, Native Texas gardens: Maximum Beauty, Minimum Upkeep



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## **Summer Success!** By Debby Thompson

Donations from residents allowed "Give a Kid a Summer" to buy five one-year recreation passes for neighborhood kids. You know me; I would think it was a huge success even if we had only helped one kid. Thank you so much for your contributions: Mike & Donna Howe, Tammy Le, Dennis Coleman, William & Jacque Longino, and my husband, Gus Kohn, who supports all of my "causes".

Kids NEED a place to "be" anytime – not just summertime. We have wonderful facilities available in Wells Branch: two pools and a recreation center – safe, clean environments with adult supervision. I know for a fact the kids we bought passes for used these facilities every single day. I'd like to thank D.J. at the Rec. Center for providing leadership and an adult male role model. You've made a difference in these teens' lives.

Thank you, everyone, for taking this opportunity to help these kids enjoy their summer vacation safely.



## **Community Corner**

**GARDENING GROUP:** Meet with other WB residents interested in gardening to share thoughts and ideas about gardening. The first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2pm at the library. Watch for updates at <http://dianne-gardening-in-wells-branch.blogspot.com/>

**JUST A MOTOR COP:** Wells Branch resident and Travis County Sheriff's Deputy Deke Pierce has started a new FREE website that offers answers to your traffic related questions.

"I do this because I enjoy what I do, I'd like to pass on some of my knowledge and I thought this would be a good way to reach more people. It feels good to be a part of something that helps others, as well as being a positive influence within my community and with my co-workers," said Pierce.

For more information, check out his website: [www.justamotorcop.com](http://www.justamotorcop.com)



## BACKPACK GIVE AWAY HELPS KIDS

### Wells Branch Community Church Donates 500 Backpacks to Neighborhood Children

As the children in our neighborhood were getting ready to go back to school, members of the Wells Branch Community Church were busy raising funds to support these families by providing backpacks. 275 kids at Wells Branch Elementary and 225 kids at Northwest Elementary received brand new backpacks at their "Meet the Teacher" nights.

Pastor Todd Wortham expressed the feelings of the church members, "We figured if they didn't have to spend \$20 on a backpack their families could use that money for food, clothing, or other needed supplies. It was an amazing thing to see these beautiful kids pick up their backpacks and the relief the parents felt knowing it was one less burden they would have to worry about."

Thank you for all you contribute to our community.



## Fall Events in WB

### Halloween Haunted House and Kiddy Korner

October 31, 2010 • Sunday, 6-9 pm

You never know what might be around the corner when you visit the WBMUD's Haunted House on Halloween night at the Wells Branch Annex, 14611 Wells Port Dr. All ages are invited to experience the fear and terror of dark hallways, scary characters, and spooky music. For the younger set or faint of heart, the Community Center will simultaneously host the Kiddy Korner. Kiddy Korner is a controlled environment for our younger guests not quite ready for a scare, or even us big kids that don't like to be scared! Expect to experience silly characters, games, prizes, and candy.



### Dedication Grove Ceremony and annual Thanksgiving Potluck

November 20, 2010 • Saturday, 4:30-7 pm

Join the Wells Branch MUD Staff at 4:30pm around the dedication grove to recognize new pavers added in memory and achievement. Contact the MUD office for information on purchasing a paver, 251-9814.

Directly following the dedication at 5pm, all Wells Branch neighbors are invited to come

together for the annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner to be held in the recreation center this year. Everyone should bring a dish to serve 10. The turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, bread, and beverages will be provided and served by MUD staff.



### Youth Fowl Shot Contest

November 23, 2010 • Tuesday, 5-8 pm

Wells Branch youth ages 8-17 are invited to test their basketball skills and try to win a Thanksgiving turkey in the Wells Branch MUD Recreation Center.

Participants must have a valid recreation tag to enter the gym and compete in the contest. Registration is free and will begin early November at the Rec. center.

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## SCHOOL IS BACK IN

Please **slow down**, be aware of **children** and their **parents walking** and **biking** to and from school.

Be especially vigilant at **intersections** and **crosswalks**.



# KUDOS

We had a special treat with the June issue. Many of us got a vacation from our usual delivery duties. We were crunched for time and I was leaving on vacation when out of the blue, appeared a teenager on my doorstep who needed community service hours! And, he brought friends!!! Together, they delivered more than 1,200 of the 3,350 newsletters that went out. Thank you so much EVERYONE for all your hard work and thanks to all of those who offered to deliver in June. We will definitely take you up on it in the future!

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## HOMESTEAD COOKBOOK

### *Recipe deadline Oct. 4*

The Wells Branch Homestead is a piece of Wells Branch history, open to share with all. Share *your* history with your neighbors and your community. The Homestead is compiling a Wells Branch Cookbook and your help is still needed.

Please submit your recipes to [wbreipes@gmail.com](mailto:wbreipes@gmail.com) or drop them by the MUD Office on Shoreline **by October 4**. Recipes should include your name and how long you've lived in Wells Branch as well as any interesting facts or stories surrounding the recipe, such as where it came from, special occasions you might use it for or family traditions associated with it.

ONLY with YOUR HELP will cookbooks will be available for purchase for the holidays.



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

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

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## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

(Just one more thing that makes WB GREAT!)

We had an amazing event in Wells Branch on Saturday, August 21. Over forty neighbors gathered to help a resident out by painting her house. Most were members of Wells Branch Community Church; others were not. What's important here is that they all came together to help someone in need.

Several months ago, the Wells Branch Community Church started "Neighbors in Need", an effort, as their Pastor said, they "just stepped in to see what might happen and how they could help others." They've had a tremendous response.

Their program offers assistance to the elderly, disabled, ill or anyone facing special circumstances who needs help with minor home repairs or yard work. Projects are coordinated by Jeff Knight, a local contractor and church member.

They've received numerous calls so far and projects will be taken care of as they have the time and ability. See page 7 for contact information.

MUD Board Director Bob Bauhs had this to say, "We are really fortunate to have a group like the Wells Branch Community Church just doing things to help their neighbors. I was there and helped a little, but that group was the driving force. Thanks to Todd Wortham and his gang of volunteers."

## NEW WB LISTSERV

Submitted By George Holcombe

This past May a group of neighbors got together to share ideas and find additional methods to allow Wells Branch residents to stay informed. Starting a listserv was the answer! It's all about sharing information, interests, concerns, ideas and advice with each other.

You will find citizen's notes from MUD board meetings; discussions about anything from greenbelt maintenance, ducks, crime watch, gardening and even the history of Wells Branch among some of the current topics.

New topics are always welcome. Just jump on in! This is for owners and renters alike - anyone that lives in Wells Branch.

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## HOME SECURITY INSPECTIONS

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One of the most effective ways to protect your property is to arrange for a detailed security inspection of your home. Your crime prevention officer can assist you in the effort and can provide Neighborhood Watch members with home security inspection checklists so that homeowners or block captains can conduct preliminary surveys. Successful completion of a home security inspection may qualify you for a discount on your homeowner's insurance.

### Home Security Measures

You must be aware of the potential risk of crime in your home in order to prevent it. First...Remember that the key factor in most crimes is OPPORTUNITY. IF THEY CAN'T GET AT IT, THEY CAN'T TAKE IT! Then...follow a regular plan of home security to deter the potential burglar or other intruder.

- Use a timer or photo electric cell that automatically turns a living room light on at dusk, particularly if you are going to be away at that time.
- Leave a radio on with the volume turned low when leaving home, even for short periods
- Always close and lock garage door, including the inside door!
- Secure automatic garage door opener in the glove compartment of your car when leaving car parked outside of the garage (out of plain sight!)
- Secure all obvious (and look for the not so obvious) points of entry to your home. Pretend you are the burglar...stand outside your home and plan how you would get in; then install secure locks on all doors and windows
- Lock up all ladders, ropes, or tools that could help a burglar gain entry
- Keep all shrubbery trimmed near your doors and windows – don't provide concealment or climbing platforms for the burglar
- Brightly illuminate all entrances, preferably with vandal-proof fixtures



- Keep your grass cut, your leaves raked, etc., to indicate a well cared for and occupied home
- Empty your mailbox or arrange to have it emptied as soon as mail is delivered
- Install new locks when moving into an apartment or previously owned home

- Keep extra keys out of sight and in a safe place; never hide a key outside-most hiding places are obvious to burglars
- Avoid displaying valuable items near windows with open drapes or shades
- Never leave a note on the door explaining why you are not at home
- Never leave doors or windows unlocked
- Display only your last name on your nameplate or mailbox
- Start a "buddy system" with your neighbors in order to watch each other's homes
- Watch for "movers" or "repair people" at a house where no one is home

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 Neighborhood Watch in your area, contact Debby Thompson at 990-3693, 656-0654 or [deborah\\_thompson@earthlink.net](mailto:deborah_thompson@earthlink.net) or Tom Cheshire at [tcheshire@wellsbranchmud.com](mailto:tcheshire@wellsbranchmud.com) or 913-3144. 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](mailto:james.kitchens@co.travis.tx.us). Watch for upcoming safety seminars by the Travis County Sheriff's Office hosted by the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association. Check our website for updates: [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us)

Next Issue: Home Security & Travel



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Wells Branch loves to read! How do we know?

Check out these summer reading statistics:

- 106 Adults read 543 books
- 46 teens read 267 books
- 400 kids read 13,000 hours



**Family Storytime:** Tuesdays at 5pm - A special evening storytime for families with kids of all ages to enjoy.



**Kinder Crafts:** Tuesdays at 6pm & Thursdays at 1pm for ages 3-6 - Process-oriented art projects for kids.

**Phonics Fun:** Wednesdays at 4pm for ages 4-7 - Learn the beginning steps of reading and writing through fun phonics activities.

**Wine, Women and Words Book Club:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm in the 'Quiet' Reading Room. Newcomers are always welcome.



**Bluebonnet Book Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month at 4pm for ages 7-12 - Read and discuss your choice of any of the 2010-2011 Bluebonnet Book Award nominees.

**Sign Language Storytime:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 11am October 2 & 16, November 6 & 20  
All ages are invited to learn new signs, songs, & stories.

**Bilingual Storytimes:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays at 11am  
October 9, November 13  
We will read bilingual books, sing songs, and do crafts. This is for all ages wanting to learn Spanish or English.

**Conversational English:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 4pm  
Sept 18, Oct 2, Oct 16, Nov 6, Nov 20  
Discussions will be in small groups and will focus on topics important to you and daily life.



**Wacky Science:** Wednesdays at 5pm for ages 8+: Hands-on science experiments!

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

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



**One Stroke Holiday Painting for Teens & Adults:** Oct 17 at 1:30pm - advance registration required

**Book BINGO:** Oct 21 and Nov 18 at 6pm

**Pumpkin Painting:** Oct 23 at 10am - \$2.50 per ticket/ pumpkin. Paint and decorate a pumpkin to take home.



**Spider Program:** Oct. 23 at 1:30pm - (ages 6+) Learn fun and scientific information about spiders and arachnids!

**Fall Festival:** Oct. 30 from 2-5pm - Join us for a spooky storytime, costume contest, crafts, games, prizes, and a viewing of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."



**First Annual Holiday Bizarre:** Nov 21 from noon-6pm  
Lots of great gift ideas from local vendors.

Vendors please call the library to reserve a table or email [natocha@wblibrary.org](mailto:natocha@wblibrary.org)

Fun loving volunteers are still needed to help with these exciting programs. Please visit our website or contact Beth Hyduk at [beth@wblibrary.org](mailto:beth@wblibrary.org) to volunteer for these or other opportunities as WBCL.

**Chess for Everyone:** Tuesdays, October 5 & November 2 at 5pm. Bring your friends and learn from a master, or challenge someone!



### Computer Classes for Adults:

9/25 @ 10:30am Apply for Scholarships Online

10/09 @ 10:30am: Excel Basics

10/14 @ 6pm: Excel Basics

10/23 @ 10:30am: PowerPoint Basics

11/11 @ 6pm: Excel Intermediate

11/13 @ 10:30am: PowerPoint Intermediate



### Storytimes:

0-18 months- Baby Bookworms: Fridays at 10

12-24 months- Monkey in the Middle: Mondays at 10:45

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

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

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## Community Calendar



- Oct 2, 9-noon: Kid Fish\*
- Oct 4: Recipe deadline for WB cookbook
- Oct 5, 6:30-9pm: National Night Out
- Oct 9, 11am-4pm: TCSO Extravaganza\*
- Oct 12, 6-8pm: Fire Station Open House
- Oct 21, 7-9pm: WBNA Mtng-Don't Be a Victim
- Oct 22, 5pm: WBNA Newsletter DEADLINE
- Oct 31, 6-9pm: Haunted House & Kiddy Korner\*
- Nov 13, 9am-1pm: Teens & Moms Safety Seminar
- Nov 20, 4:30pm: Dedication Grove ceremony\*
- Nov 20, 5-7pm: Bring a dish, neighborhood potluck\*
- Nov 23, 5-8pm: Youth Fowl Shot Contest\*

\* 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.

WBNA is online! Visit us at [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us)  
You'll find helpful information, links to the neighborhood listserv and a gardening blog, photos from community events, safety tips from the sheriff's office, and the latest issues of the Neighborhood News. We want you to share your thoughts and ideas. Let us know what you think and what you'd like to see. See contact info @ [www.wbna.us](http://www.wbna.us).

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\_\_\_\_\_ 4th of July \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Egg Hunt \_\_\_\_\_ Nat'l Night Out

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