



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch.
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National Night Out

Free Food • Great Company • Door Prizes!

Join your Wells Branch neighbors for our night out against crime, Tuesday, October 7, from 6-9pm at the gazebo at Katherine Fleischer Park. The WBNA will be serving up FREE hotdogs, sausage wraps, sodas, chips and door prizes. For dessert we have Culver's Restaurant & the Friends of the Library serving delicious frozen custard (while supplies last).

We'll have distinguished guests on hand from the Travis County Sheriff's Office, ESD No. Fire Dept., Precinct 2 Constable's Office and our House Dist. 50 Representative, Celia Israel to mention a few. 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 No.2 will have on hand. As a special treat this year, we'll have the Pflugerville Firefighters on site teaching **'Take 10 for Life!'** Take just 10 minutes to learn ways to prevent and prepare for emergencies.

Come find out what's going on in our community and visit with local law enforcement officers and politicians about what you can do to help reduce the opportunities for crimes to occur in our neighborhood.

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. Help send the message to criminals that Wells Branch 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!



2013 NNO Grillmasters, Chris Carby, Tom Cheshire and Chuck Walters



REGISTER
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**Wells Branch
VOTES!**

Election Day is November 4. Early voting begins October 20. Elected Officials need to know that Wells Branch is a Voting Community. Not only is it your RIGHT, it is your RESPONSIBILITY. Arm yourself with knowledge. Get informed, then VOTE!

If you're not registered yet, look inside. We'll help you get registered. You must register by October 6 in order to vote in the November 4 election. Watch our website for links to voting guides and polling locations. If you need a ride, we'll help you get there. If you have questions, we'll help you find the answers. Email VOTE@wbna.us.

Don't forget! This election cycle includes some local elections that aren't partisan. If you vote a straight party ticket, make sure you scroll all the way to the end of the ballot and vote in the races that aren't party affiliated (WB MUD Board & RRISD Board elections). Who you elect at the local level can have a much greater impact on your everyday life than state or national elections.

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Fire Safety News! National Fire Prevention Week - October 5-11

Help us sound the alarm that working smoke alarms save lives. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.

Did you know that many people don't test their smoke alarms as often as they should? When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. You need

working smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Test yours every month!

Almost two-thirds (62%) of reported home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection,

both types of alarms or a combination alarm (photoelectric and ionization) should be installed in homes.

Smoke rises; install smoke alarms following manufacturer's instructions high on a wall or on a ceiling. Save manufacturer's instructions for testing and maintenance.

Test alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button.

Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least once a year. If an alarm "chirps", warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away. Daylight Savings Time provides a convenient reminder to change the batteries when you set your clocks back.

Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly.

Source: www.nfpa.org



Time to "Fall Back"

Daylight Savings Time comes to a close on Sunday, November 2 at 2am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before bed on the Saturday night!



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Neighborhood Watch is a non-confrontational crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of neighborhood residents in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in their community.

It is neighbors getting to know each other and taking the time to care about each other. It is a program of mutual assistance and security.

It is neighbors trained to recognize and report suspicious activities in their neighborhood and report that activity to local law enforcement.

The Neighborhood Watch program employs the best crime fighting tool ever invented – a watchful neighbor.

Duties of Neighborhood Watch Volunteers

Duties of Block Leader:

- Meet all residents on your block
- Explain the purpose of the Neighborhood Watch Program
- Enlist block residents to participate in the program to be aware of happenings on their block
- Explain procedures for reporting any suspicious person or activity to law enforcement
- Assist neighbors in identification of security needs
- Be aware of special needs of neighbors
- Be aware of and report neighborhood maintenance needs (i.e. street light outages)
- Organize block activities to support Neighborhood Watch and neighborhood interaction

Duties of a Neighborhood Watch participant:

- Get to know your neighbors.
- Exchange telephone numbers and emergency contact information.
- Be alert to activity on your street. Know when something is suspicious.
- Learn when and how to contact Travis County Sheriff's Office to make a report.

Remember that Neighborhood Watch participants serve as eyes and ears only. They DO NOT attempt to apprehend. That is the responsibility of law enforcement.

Interested in learning more? Contact Tom Cheshire, MUD Safety Committee Chair at 512-913-3144 or tcheshire@wells-branchmud.com or Debby Thompson, Block Captain Coordinator at 512-656-0654 and we'll get you set up!

Arbor Day Event

Sunday, November 9 • 3-5pm • WB Rec. Center on Shoreline

What is Arbor Day? Arbor Day is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care. Planting trees is an act of kindness and optimism; a gift for our future generations. Help 'Keep Wells Branch Beautiful' celebrate on Sunday, November 9 from 3-5pm at the WB MUD Recreation Center located at 3000 Shoreline Drive. There'll be activities for children, a demonstration on how to plant a tree, and handouts. The first fifty participants will receive a free tree sapling.

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Special Programs for Kids

Tiny Tails to You: October 10th at 11am:
Don't be late- space is limited for this travelling
miniature petting zoo. All ages.

Trick or Treat at the Library: October 31st 4-5:30pm:
Make the library your first stop while trick-or-treating. We will
have spooky storytelling, face painting and treats for kids of all
ages to enjoy.

Mr Taps: November 8th at 11am:
Enjoy a fun tap dance show for the whole
family. Space is limited, free for all ages, no registration.



Bow Wow Reading Dogs: Saturdays 12-1pm
Kids can register for one-on-one reading practice with therapy
dogs at <http://wblibrary.eventbrite.com>.

***NEW* Martian Math** (Grades 3-6)- Wednesdays at 4:30pm
Math enrichment program. Registration required. Contact
Emily Berver berver@austin.rr.com for more information.

***NEW* Make-It** (Ages 5+ only) - Mondays at 3:30pm
Create, build, invent and design in this fun after-
school program.



Arts & Crafts – Wednesdays at 6pm
Ages 8+ or with an adult. Space is limited; free tickets available
at 5:30pm at the children's desk.

Storytimes

Mondays- Baby Storytime, 10:30 (0-18m) & 11:15 (12-24m)
Tuesdays- Storytime and Craft, 6pm & 7pm (all ages)
Fridays- Storytimes, 10:30 (toddler) & 11:15 (preschool)
Saturdays- Family Storytime, 11am (all ages)

NEW- Starting October 11th- Vietnamese Storytime- 2nd and
4th Saturdays of the month at 11am. Songs and stories in
English and Vietnamese. (all ages)



Book Clubs

The library hosts 3 book clubs each
month. Newcomers are always
welcome. Check the library's website
or calendar to see what we're reading.

Steamy Reads: 1st Wednesday at 6pm
10/1 *Darkness Embraced* by Winter Pennington
Wine, Women and Words: 1st Thursday at 7pm
10/2 *Reconstructing Amelia* by Kimberly McCreight
Clueless Mysteries: 3rd Sunday at 3pm
10/19 *3rd Degree* by James Patterson

Local Writers' Guild: 1st Wednesday of each
month at 6:30pm: Connect with other authors
and get feedback on your original work.



Morning Yoga for Adults: Thursdays until 10/16 at
10:30am: Relax and unwind with our free yoga
classes for any level. Drop-ins welcome.

Adult Computer Classes- FREE! Take charge of the digital
domain with our knowledgeable instructors! *Registration
required – Call or visit the library to sign up!*

Email Basics: 9/21 @ 3pm
Excel Basics: 10/12 @ 3pm & 11/01 @ 10:30am
Word Basics: 10/26 @ 3pm
Word Intermediate: 10/11 @ 10:30am & 11/02 @ 3pm
Computer Basics: 11/16 @ 3pm

English Conversation Group: 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each
month at 10:30am: 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: 3rd Thursday of each month 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!

Resume Workshops: Tailor yours to catch the employer's
eye. *Registration required.*

-Saturday, September 27th at 10:30am
-Saturday, October 18th at 10:30am

Car Care 101: November 15th at 10:30am:
Let a mechanic from Rose Automotive
show you basic maintenance to be safe on the road.



Managing Money Workshops: Simple tips to take control of
your finances- perfect for teens or adults.

\$ Budgeting Basics: 9/25 @ 6pm
\$ Understanding your Credit: 10/16 @ 6pm
\$ Budgeting for the Holidays: 11/06 @ 6pm



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Upcoming Candidate Forums

The WBNA will be hosting Candidate Forums for the following races. Please join us in learning what these candidates have to offer our community. These forums will feature an introduction by each candidate, formal questions submitted by residents, and closing statements. Enjoy light snacks and a meet & greet afterwards where you'll have the opportunity to visit with each of the candidates one-on-one. Please submit question entries to VOTE@wbna.us.

State Rep. Dist. 50 Candidate Forum County Judge Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 16, 7pm

WB Community Library, 15001 Wells Port

Wells Branch MUD Board Candidate Forum

Sunday, October 19, 4pm

WB Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive

RRISD Trustee Candidate Forum*

Tuesday, October 21, 7pm

WB Community Library, 15001 Wells Port

**WBNA would like to invite our RRISD parents and taxpayers to the RRISD Trustee candidate forum. This meeting is important whether you have children or not. Our neighborhood continues to expand. WB Elementary is overcrowded, we've added one new charter school to the area and the District will be building a second elementary in WB to be completed by Fall 2016. This will mean boundary changes of some sort once again. WB needs our parents to be strong and engaged with the School Board. Trustees are responsible not only for our precious children's education, but for managing the largest portion of property taxes we pay. If you live on the RRISD side of Wells Branch, you need to attend this meeting.*

26 New Deputy Voter Registrars in WB!

On September 5, Travis County Tax Assessor/Collector Bruce Elfant trained 26 Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrars from Wells Branch! The last day to register to vote in the November 4 election is October 6. Just moved? Name change? Not sure if you're registered? 26 of your favorite neighbors can help you with that now. All you have to do is ask. Call (512) 656-0654 or email VOTE@wbna.us and we'll make arrangements to get you registered.

The WBNA would like to thank Travis County Tax Assessor/Collector and Voter Registrar, Bruce Elfant for giving up his Friday night to come out and train us.

Special thanks to each and every one of our neighbors who volunteered their time to get trained and help get Wells Branch registered to VOTE! New WB VDRs (in alphabetical order): Linda Baird, Jimmie Bolton, Leah Brown, Tom Cheshire, Chris Connell, David Gezana, Susan Gezana, Howard Hagemann, Betsey Harper, Dianne Koehler, Gus Kohn, Brian Litke, Jennifer Litke-Jones, Shelley Palmer, Jyoti Manda, Jane Marawar, Janet Maxey, Dave Mead, Joan Mead, Karen Meschke, Peggy Rackley, Yvette Shelton, Margaret Suftke, Debby Thompson, Chuck Walters, and Amy Weaver. This is what community is all about!!





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ESD No. 2 Living Safe & Well Expo

Saturday, October 25, 2014, 1:00 to 5:00 pm

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Pfluger Hall, 201 E. Pecan Street, Pflugerville, TX 78660

Fun Run Begins at High Noon!

Are you interested in living safe and well?

I want to personally invite you and your neighbors to join us at the District's 3rd Annual Living Safe and Well Expo Saturday, October 25 from 1-5pm. With our mission to serve the community's public safety needs, we believe that community education, prevention, safety and wellness are essential to the services we provide our citizens. We welcome you to come and learn how you can integrate small changes and reap big rewards! – *Chief Ron Moellenberg*

Travis County ESD No. 2 / Pflugerville Fire Department has a great responsibility in providing fire suppression, fire prevention, and first response emergency medical care covering 100 square miles with personnel and equipment working out of four fire stations ready 24 hours a day to serve 100,000 citizens of the District.

This fun and engaging family-oriented, community-based event is part of our Prevention and Public Education initiative. Please join us for our 3rd Annual Living Safe and Well Expo that encourages healthy lifestyles and helps you prepare for and prevent the risk of adverse situations. **The theme throughout our Expo is Take 10 for Life! Take just 10 minutes to learn ways to prevent and prepare for emergencies.** Among the activities, we will have a variety of free health screenings, cooking demonstrations, healthy food sampling, Live Music by **The Josh Tiemann Band**, the Firefighter Pfit 5K Fun Run, the Kid Pfitness Fun Zone for the Junior Firefighter Challenge, a rock climbing wall, a petting zoo and more!

The Josh Tiemann Band performs from 1:00 to 5:00. The band is based out of La Grange, TX specializing in country and rock music. Josh has written ten original tunes and recently released his first EP album. Josh and his drummer, Denver Bierstedt, are also first responders with Travis County ESD 2.

Register Now—Firefighter Pfit 5K Fun Run

Saturday, October 25th, 2014 – Noon-2pm – Pfluger Hall

Join the Firefighters and support a community living safe and well. All levels of runners and walkers are welcome. The Firefighter Pfit 5K Fun Run begins and ends at Pfluger Hall.

Registration is \$35.00 per participant. Form a group with your neighbors, colleagues, school, etc.. or represent a group such as Alzheimer's Walk or Breast Cancer Awareness and receive a group discount of \$10.00 for each participant; please email EventCoordinator@pflugervillefire.org with the name of your group and the individual names of each participant for instructions. Register online by October 9 at: <https://firefighterpfit5k.webconnex.com/register>

To help you get conditioned for the 5K, your registration includes a Firefighter Pfit Camp with the firefighters led by Balcones Crossfit at Pfluger Hall on Saturday, October 11 and Saturday, October 18 at 8am. Register by October 9 to receive a Firefighter Pfit 5K Fun Run t-shirt.



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The Effie Center Austin provides a safe, drug free place for students to meet friends, connect, learn, and build relationships after school. We offer free indoor and outdoor activities, snacks, mentoring, college prep assistance, growth seminars, help with finding volunteer and job opportunities, and a friendly place to relax. The center exists to be a welcoming place where students get support and encouragement from the surrounding community. The Effie Center Austin is working to impact young lives through community support.

Location and Hours:

The Live for More Center

14735 Bratton Lane, Suite 125, Austin, TX 78728

4:30-6:00pm, Mondays – Fridays*

*The Effie Center follows the Round Rock ISD School Calendar and is closed for holidays.

Adult Volunteers Needed-There are four core types of adult volunteers needed to help out each day after school:

Listen and Care – do you love to listen and offer guidance?

Active Participant – do you love to interact and play games?

Authority Figure – do you have a respectable presence?

Academic Encourager – do you love to engage students intellectually?

The commitment is a minimum of 1 day each week.

Seminars

If you are passionate about your career, hobby, or have knowledge that is potentially useful to teenagers, we are looking for driven adults to offer 20-minute seminars once a week. We would love to learn from your experience and find ways to connect teens to opportunities within the community!

Food

We have found that the cafeteria lunch given at school is often the only meal a high school student will eat in a given day. Proper nutrition is key to a student's academic success, so snacks are a very important part of the Effie Center. We are looking for people who are willing to donate light snacks for the students once a month, or have connections to local food chains that may be interesting in making a reoccurring donation.

Spread the Word, All high school students are welcome, and the more the merrier!

For questions about the Center and volunteer opportunities, contact Ben Dion, Effie Center Director at 512-769-9151 or benjdion@gmail.com. You can also find us online at www.effiecenteraustin.org or Facebook.com/EffieCenterAustin



Questions about Wells Branch?
Send them to info@wbna.us

We'll do our best to get answers for you. Questions that may be of interest to multiple residents will be published in upcoming newsletters and on our website.

Affordable Housing Update

Art at Bratton's Edge received an award for 9% Housing Tax Credits after competing in the 2014 application cycle through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs on Thursday July 31, 2014. The 5.05 acre site proposed for Art at Bratton's Edge is located on the southeast corner of Long Vista Drive and Bratton Lane.

Art at Bratton's Edge will consist of 76 units of which, 68 are targeted as affordable at 30-60% AMI and 8 units for market rate housing. The current development plan includes two and three-story buildings and a two story clubhouse/amenities center with units above. The property will have a mix of one, two and three bedroom units.

Art at Bratton's Edge is set to close on the property by the end of the year now that a commitment of funds has been awarded. The project will break ground in the second quarter of 2015, will begin leasing activities the following fall and will be open by second quarter of 2016.

For more information and site plan, please visit WBNA.US under the "Community" tab.

Update on New RRISD Elementary at Sauls/Bratton

by Debby Thompson, WBNA President

The preliminary site plan is ready! RRISD plans to break ground in March or April of 2015 with a target completion date of May 2016, opening for classes that August.

Attendance boundaries won't be addressed until 2015 at the earliest. The two-story building includes 48 classrooms and should accommodate 960 students without the addition of portables. They have planned for portables if needed at a later date and the site will be prewired for such.

The engineers did stress that all drawings are preliminary and subject to change. These are "FIRST DRAFTS ONLY" and may not necessarily reflect the finished product accurately. Slides will be posted on the WBNA website with updates in the near future. Look for the page under "Community".

Regarding safety and traffic flow, the architects have included a long staging area down Sauls Drive with parking along the left-hand side of the drive. The "front" drive (as they refer to it) on Sauls has room for 53 cars to queue up for pick-up or drop-off with room for 14 more vehicles between the entrance to the drive and the Bratton Lane intersection. Bus access is planned for the Crissom entrance.

The section of Grand Avenue Pkwy yet to be built has been permitted by a developer who plans to build a subdivision north of the school campus. While there's no guarantee on timing, there is a possibility that the road extension will be in place by the time the school opens. Although this addition will increase traffic through existing residential areas, it will also provide an alternative entrance/exit for those in Willow Run.



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Earn achievement badges, activity belt loops; learn about courage and being healthy.

You will receive a free scout uniform which includes a scout shirt, neckerchief, neck slide, hat, belt and handbook.

Scouting is fun and can fulfill your child's dreams. Please join us! For more information, email info@pack140.org. We also offer financial assistance; for more information, contact scholarship@pack140.org.



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Venture Crew 1409

An open house was held on September 6 and 7 for co-ed youth between the ages of 14 and 20 for the new Venture Crew being formed in Wells Branch. Several young people signed up and the crew went on their first outing on September 13 to Lost Pines Scout Reservation for 'Venture is Happening'. This special event, geared towards older youth, features shooting sports like rifle, shotgun, black powder, and archery and teaches climbing and repelling as well. LPSR has the tallest tower in the state of Texas at 109 feet. Swimming and water sports were available so everyone had the chance to cool off.

Venture Crews are youth lead, adult advised adventure and community service groups. The Crew will be holding officer elections in late September to elect the team members that will lead the Crew in their program. Our Crew is co-ed and has both male and female advisors. If you are interested in finding out what Venturing is all about, contact Dan at 512-413-0097.

BSA Troop 1409

Troop 1409 has had a busy summer. Fifteen of the Scouts attended summer camp at Lost Pine Scout Reservation on the shores of Lake Bastrop. All of the young men worked on earning merit badges with nine of the new Scouts concentrating on rank advancement through the Eagle Quest program. On July 4th, Troop 1409 provided an honor guard for the Independence Day parade and sold soft drinks both as a community service and to raise money for their individual Scout accounts. They also provided drink sales for all three Movies in the Park and at Renaissance Day in the Park.

In July, the Scouts traveled to San Antonio and hiked the Mission Trail visiting all five of the missions and hiking over 10 miles. The month of August was very busy with the kick off of show and sell popcorn sales.

Beginning in September, the Troop will be using a new program guide where each month will focus on developing specific Scout Skills beginning with cooking and hiking during a backpacking trip to Colorado Bend State Park.

The Troop recently met with their State Representative, Celia Israel, to discuss transportation issues, answer Scouts' questions and get input. The Scouts asked many insightful questions and learned a lot. Troop 1409 is very honored and grateful that she took time to meet with them.



In October, the Troop will attend Webelos Wood where they will be working with the Cub Scouts on various Scout Skills. In November, the Scouts will be padding canoes along the El Camino Real Paddling Trail on Lake Bastrop. For more info on Troop 1409, please visit our website at <http://www.troop1409.com/>

Athlos Leadership Academy by Traci Synatschk



The expanded Athlos charter school has opened its doors to more than 800 students from Wells Branch and the surrounding areas, and we have room for a few more! We would like to thank all Wells Branch residents for their patience with the construction over the summer, and with the traffic in the mornings as we work out drop off and pick up schedules. We are excited to be a part of the Wells Branch Community and look forward to many years of serving residents with quality education in a tuition FREE environment. Visit www.athlosaustin.org to learn more about the school or apply to attend. To support our school, teachers, and students, we have several events planned to provide funds for items a new school needs. We invite everyone to come find out more about us at our Fall Festival on October 25th from 11:00am - 4:00pm. We will have carnival style games, bounce houses, and more! We also invite local businesses to sponsor activities at our event and visit with attendees! Visit bit.ly/AthlosSponsors to find out how you can help. Want to stay informed on what we have planned? We have an active Facebook page where you are welcome to join and keep up to date on activities and events at the school: www.facebook.com/AthlosAustinPTO.

Wells Branch Elementary PTA Update

by Todd Engstrom, PTA President



WBE PTA has a new website! You can check out the various programs, events and news at <http://wellsbranchpta.org>. We will update this site throughout the year to foster community discussion and facilitate awareness of the various things happening in Wells Branch.

Anyone in the community can become a member and get involved in PTA. Learn more online and please join! One of the most important ways that the PTA serves WBE is volunteering in the various programs we offer.

Give 3 for WBE! Can you imagine what we could do if every family volunteered – even just 3 hours during the year? Our goal is to get the word out and get more families volunteering than ever before. To find the different ways you can help out, login to our Volunteer Management website: <http://tinyurl.com/WBEGive3>; call our Volunteer Hotline at 512-428-3414 or email our Volunteer Chair, Jeaneane McNulty, volunteer@wellsbranchpta.org. All volunteers will need to complete a RRISD Volunteer Application.

We hope you'll help us get the word out and volunteer at Wells Branch Elementary! We look forward to serving our school and community this year!



Deadline to register to vote:

10-6-14

See WBNA.US for more info

Northwest Elementary News by Betsey Harper

We have the first month of school behind us and everyone is off to a great start! Thanks to all of those Northwest parents that dropped and picked up their kids carefully and patiently. Traffic in the mornings and afternoons can be frustrating but let's remember it's about kid safety. Please keep in mind that all people (parents and kids) must use the crosswalks and wait for the crossing guards.

This year's PTO consists of: Betsey Harper & Lisa Ward, co-presidents; Krista Owens, vice president; Julie Schwartz, treasurer; LaToya Finley, secretary; and, Sharla Wilkinson, parliamentarian. It is an absolute honor to serve as our PTO co-president for the 2014-2015 school year, and I am proud to continue working with Northwest's group of educators that are dedicated, passionate, and focused on each child's growth and learning. It is through relationships with our parents and kids, community, and our PTO, that we will continue make Northwest the best school possible.

Our NW PTO has many events planned this year. Our Fall Festival, the PTO's main fundraiser, will be on Saturday, October 25th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Fall Festival will have tons of games, entertainment, silent auction, arts & crafts, a haunted house, and much more. If you have a scary idea or game, love Halloween, have an ambition to design a haunted room, then share your ideas with us! We have many volunteer opportunities for both men & women. It costs nothing to join the PTO and you'll meet other parents, teachers, staff and kids that will make your family feel like part of our big family.

Movie nights will continue this year by grade level sponsorship. All volunteers will be requested from a grade level, with all money proceeds for field trips. The PTO will help coordinate with teachers on trip locations, transportation, and fees associated with the field trip.

We will again be participating in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program, Amazon Smiles, and Shaparoo. Classes can earn rewards and prizes on Box Tops every month to keep it fun and exciting. Look for information soon in your student's folders.

Please check the school calendar, the outside marquee, Facebook, and/or NW listserv emails for notices for times and information on all events.

'Water Safe WB' Donations a Success!

By Debby Thompson

Donations from neighbors allowed WBNA's "Water Safe WB" to pay for swim lessons for eight children and buy quarterly swim passes for two families (three children). We were able to pay for lessons for everyone who requested help and also purchase three one-year rec. tags for our last three teens in the 'Give a Kid a Summer' program.

Thank you so much for your generous contributions: Brad & Linda Caramagno, Candace Coffman & Jason Noble, Cyd & Steve Anderson, and Rob Gearhart. Each of you have impacted these children's lives - some of you for several years now. Thank you for taking this opportunity to help a child have a safer summer and learn skills they can use for the rest of their lives.

Wells Branch is AWESOME!!! Special THANKS to ALL who participated in our July 4th Silent Auction! Every year just keeps getting better and better!

by Debby Thompson, WBNA President
The Wells Branch Neighborhood Association would like to thank our community for coming out and supporting our organization. We had an incredible turnout and broke our record yet again in our efforts to fund our neighborhood activities over the next year. Our Fourth Fest Silent Auction brought in \$5,204.62 last year, up from \$2,781.00 the previous year (which was a record). This year, we raised \$5,424.58, an increase of \$219.96 over last year. Y'all ROCK!!!

As most of you know, this is our big fundraiser. Its purpose is to raise enough money to pay for National Night Out, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, participation in Halloween events, Friday night at Luminary Fest in December and to help with our educational/safety programs and candidate forums. We exceeded our goal thanks to all of YOU! Whether you were a donor, a buyer, a volunteer, or the WB MUD who so graciously allows us use of their facilities, you all made a tremendous difference and the WBNA is grateful!

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Last, but not least, the WBNA would like to thank all of our Silent Auction volunteers. Special thanks to our Silent Auction Chairs: Gus Kohn, Debbie Brown, and Pamela Woodward, our die-hard volunteers: Dianne Koehler, Joy Smith, Dianna Allison, Caroline Beard, Don Harrell, Donna Malone, Chuck Walters, Linda Baird, Katie Moore, Chad Cannedy, and our wonderful photographers: Madonna Johnson, Tom & Debbie Zimmer, Rob White, and Steve Hilchey.

You all were amazing! If I've left anyone out, please accept my sincere apology, let me know, and we'll get you properly recognized! Thanks so much EVERYONE for making it happen!!

Crosswalks and Common Sense

Recently the Wells Branch neighborhood has been blessed with additional crosswalks. In addition, MUD safety chair Tom Cheshire has requested a crosswalk for Bratton Lane/Brad to connect the pond and trails to the dog park.

Crosswalks and the safety issues surrounding them can be confusing for both pedestrians and drivers. Marked crosswalks may give a false sense of security to those on foot and on bikes. Courtesy and caution should always be exercised due to the disproportionate size of vehicles to people/people on bikes. While this may seem common-sense to many, just because a pedestrian or bicyclist is *able* to cross the street inside of a marked crosswalk doesn't mean the law says that same pedestrian/cyclist legally has the right-of-way. The driver of that much larger vehicle can easily hit the person/cyclist in or out of a marked crosswalk which is why it is so important that ALL parties pay attention!

We should teach our children not to ride their bikes across the road in crosswalks and to look carefully. We fully expect drivers to be alert, NOT be using their cell phones and to adjust their speed when coming down a hill, approaching an intersection (unmarked crossing areas) or the well marked crosswalks in the neighborhood. A pedestrian should never have to jump out of the way to avoid being hit. Remember drivers, it is hard for a pedestrian to judge your speed!

So what is the LAW? (paraphrased from much longer article) Vehicles are supposed to yield right of way to pedestrians at a marked crosswalk:

- If there is no traffic signal and the pedestrian is in the half of the roadway (or very closely approaching) where the vehicle is traveling then the vehicle is supposed to yield. NOTE: This does not give pedestrians the right to barge into the crosswalk without adequate distance for the vehicle to stop.
- Vehicles cannot pass a vehicle stopped to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk.
- Drivers are supposed to use proper precaution to avoid colliding with a pedestrian in a crosswalk and warn the pedestrian with a horn blast if needed.
- Pedestrians must yield the right of way to vehicles when there is no marked crosswalk and should use extreme care in crossing.

This is just a reminder that we all need to be more careful as we encourage the use of bike lanes and trails that place smaller, more vulnerable people in the roadways with vehicles. Becoming a hood ornament is not on my bucket list.

Finally, a crosswalk to cross the ever busy Wells Port! We have had too many close calls trying to cross the street here. Thanks to our MUD Safety Chair, Tom Cheshire, for requesting this much needed crosswalk and for Travis County installing it!



Maia and Matias Munoz try out the new crosswalk.

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Thanks to all of you who delivered our June/July issue. You were AMAZING! Summertime is always rough because so many of our "regulars" that we depend on are out of town, but we put the word out and y'all really stepped up and got the newsletter out. Many, many thanks to each and every one of you.

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Informed & Involved

by Debby Thompson, WBNA President

You've all heard my speech on community involvement - that you have the ability to shape your world by being informed, involved, and voting. That being said, I urge you **NOT** to vote for the first person who comes to your door, but rather to make the effort to find out all you can about **EACH** of the candidates before making your choices.

For state and county elections, the League of Women Voters has an excellent publication that will be available online at <http://lwvaustin.org/> after October 19. Inside this issue, we have bios of all the MUD Board candidates and will have information and links on our website for RRISD candidates. Read about them. Visit their websites and Facebook pages. They each have contact information available. Reach out and talk to them. Ask questions. Talk to your neighbors and most of all, attend the Candidate Forums hosted by the WBNA. (See page 5)

Last, but certainly not least, I ask that the candidates and those supporting them choose their words both wisely and kindly. Emphasize your candidate's attributes, not your opponent's shortcomings and PLEASE keep your campaigns positive. At the end of the day, we're ALL still going to be neighbors. We need to be able to continue working together for OUR community.

Betsey Harper, MUD Board Candidate, Pl. 3



Growing up as a military kid allowed me a unique opportunity to live in many US towns, but none of these were the perfect place to settle down. That all changed when I visited Wells Branch in the mid-1990s.

After relocating, I quickly found the trails for my daily runs, joined the tennis club, played basketball, volleyball, and soccer. These days, I can still be found on these same fields coaching soccer teams with WBSA. During Armada swim season, I am one of the lead volunteers with the concessions team. For me, sports and volunteering have been a way to meet other residents and to be involved in our community.

Once my daughter entered Northwest Elementary, I volunteered in classrooms, the library, and joined the PTO. Soon after, I started writing the school news for WBNA and became the school's yearbook editor. Today, I am co-President of the NWE PTO as well as assisting Westview's PTO. When residents were concerned with Mills Pond's condition, I joined the parks committee on the pond restoration, and adopted many of the fowl, relocating them to my farm in Elgin.

Now in its second season, the WB Eastside Butterfly Garden is full of beautiful butterflies. As co-founder, I'd like to invite you to join us for the dedication scheduled for 11:30am, September 27.

I'm known in our neighborhood as the "Goose Whisperer", the family-bathroom lady, the NW PTO lady, the soccer coach, the AHG mom, and the "sweet treat" baker at WBCC. The truth is I am all of these and more. My professional background, experiences, and commitments to our community have prepared me to be a valuable member of the MUD board. I believe in my heart WB is a special place to live and I look forward serving our community into the future.

Brian Litke, MUD Board Candidate, Pl. 5



I'm Brian Litke, and I chose Wells Branch 12 years ago as the place to buy my first house. The park system attracted me, and I believe the greenbelt keeps WB great and property values high. My wife Jennifer teaches at ACC, and our daughter Rose works at Seattle Children's Hospital. We enjoy walking the WB trails with our dogs.

Employed 18 years at Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, I work as IT Manager, helping a staff of 100 to integrate technology into education. I have written successful grant applications, including a 10-year grant for free Google Fiber, and I'd like to find grants for WB that allow us to enhance amenities while saving money.

Over the past three years, I worked diligently with WB committees to relocate and expand the WB disc golf course. My ideas helped prevent creek erosion and transform unused parkland into an area where many families now play. This year I organized charity events at the course benefiting a veterans group, Capital Area Food Bank, and Ronald McDonald House. A hands-on environmentalist, I have led five greenbelt work days, planting 20 trees using dues from the nonprofit disc golf club I organized.

I stay abreast of happenings in WB by attending MUD Board meetings. As a board member, I will fight for all amenities, support expanded pool hours, and I will work to maintain low, fair water rates and taxes. I regularly volunteer for WB citizen committees, deliver the neighborhood newsletter, and coordinate monthly greenbelt litter pickups.

I love Wells Branch and our unique citizen government. As a good listener, I am able to represent the interests of all with civility and respect, and I ask that you vote for me. Please learn more about my ideas at <https://facebook.com/BrianLitke4WBMUD> or by contacting me at austin_brian@yahoo.com or by calling 512-771-1268.

Shaun Harris, MUD Board Candidate, Pl. 5

Born and raised in the Austin area, I have had the opportunity to live in dozens of neighborhoods in my life. Some good, some bad, and some ugly. Once I found Wells Branch, I knew I had found home!



I was living in the Onion Creek area of South Austin prior to the Halloween Floods, so that means I am a new resident. Probably newer than anyone else on this page. I think this will be my advantage since I have seen what both the older neighborhoods, and the brand new neighborhoods are currently doing for their residents.

My Background.

Born and raised in Georgetown Texas. I played, Soccer, Baseball, and Football in Georgetown.

I was recruited right out of college to work for the largest health club chain in the world, and I enjoyed working there for 6 years before deciding to venture out on my own as an entrepreneur. I am currently in the Event Production business. My background and passion for fitness, recreation, and event planning/production will be a great asset to the MUD as well as WB residents. I would like to help design new programs, leagues and events to provide more activities for the residents of WB, both adults and youth.

I have been running my own businesses for the better part of a decade, and that experience has allowed me to learn how to get more than expected out of a tight budget. I will never support any proposal to raise dues for Wells Branch Residents, and I will find ways to add to and not reduce the amount of social events, and activities provided.

Thank you for reading, if you have any questions please contact me at: ShaunHarrisPresents@yahoo.com

Shelly Palmer MUD Board Candidate, Pl. 5

I moved to Wells Branch with my family 5 years ago and my appreciation for our unique community has kept me involved in various local projects from the very beginning, these include:



- Founding member of "Trees for Trails"
- Administrator of the WB Neighbors Google Group
- Partner in building & maintaining the all-volunteer WB Eastside Butterfly Garden.

In my bid for Place 5 on the WB MUD board, I bring a varied set of traits and experiences.

- I'm a pragmatic, independent thinker with the tenacity to get things done.
- I was with Dell for 20 years in entrepreneurial roles where I proved myself to be skilled in creating cost and program efficiencies.
- I left Dell this year and now have my own business, using my passion for and knowledge of our local flora and fauna to create landscapes that are in tune with the larger ecosystem.

Some of my thoughts and initiatives for the future of Wells Branch are:

- Democracy is most vibrant when a community stays truly involved in the decision making process. I want to tap into the great ideas and skills of the community members through more direct involvement of "Community Action Teams".
- Advance our collective concern for our local environment by developing an environmental sustainability model that the MUD uses to guide their choices in any project.
- Enhancement of our parks and trails will always be top of mind for me. I will expand on what my predecessor has started and will work to make our trail systems the best in Texas!

I am endorsed by the Place 5 incumbent and I would appreciate your vote. Please find more details on <https://www.facebook.com/spalmer4MUD> or send me an email with any questions to spalmer4MUD@gmail.com.

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WB Disc Golf Supports Local Charities

by Brian Litke

Disc golf can benefit both player and community in several ways. For players, it takes a good attitude and character to maintain composure when things are not going as intended. Played without a referee, disc golf presents many opportunities for players to practice honesty, patience, perseverance, and humility. There are also the benefits of being physically active outdoors and developing mental skills such as confidence, concentration, problem solving, and decision-making.

Disc golf at Wells Branch also benefits the community by supporting local charities. On February 1, 2014, a benefit for the Capital Area Food Bank raised \$1,375 in monetary donations and 437 pounds of food. On July 13, the WB Disc Golf Club (WBDGC) hosted an event for Team Red, White, and Blue, a veterans group whose mission is to create a network between communities and veterans who are reintegrating into civilian life by using physical fitness and social events. On September 1, the WBDGC hosted a charity round of disc golf to raise \$250 to support the Ronald McDonald House.

In addition to the charity events, the WB Disc Golf Club gives back to the greenbelt by planting and mulching trees at the disc golf course twice a year. Sixty percent of club member dues are allocated towards tree planting, with five new trees each March and five more in September. The next course work day is scheduled for September 27. These work days improve both the character of the course and the mindset of the volunteers to feel protective of the greenbelt and to look for ways to keep the park looking its best.

Disc golf is a friendly social game regardless of playing for fun, charity, or competition. I hope you'll come by the WB course to give it a try. Bring a buddy or your family. You'll meet some nice people and perhaps find a new favorite sport. To visit the course, park along Owen Tech Blvd. behind Whataburger. If you're interested in joining the WB Disc Golf Club, you can find the club membership coordinator, Mike Shay, at the course each evening at 5 p.m. and on weekends at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Seniors – Join the Silver Branchers!

Seniors! Join the Silver Branchers! Each Thursday, the Silver Branchers meet from 1-3pm in Room 4 of the Wells Branch Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive to play dice games and card games. Membership is free. All residents 55 years and older are welcome. For more information, call 251-9814 or just stop by.

St. Andrew's News by Wendy Valdez

Food Pantry

For over two decades, St. Andrew's has provided a food assistance program for individuals and families in need. As of the past 2 to 3 years, we've seen the demand for assistance increase significantly. Trying to meet this growing need led us to look for new ways to cut costs and streamline our food pantry program. Over the past year, we have been in talks with Capital Area Food Bank to become a partner agency. We are proud to announce that in June that dream became a reality. This partnership with CAFB, along with the continued support of our congregation and the Wells Branch community, is allowing us to provide over 1 ton of food each month to families in need. In August alone, we provided assistance to close to 500 individuals.

If you would like to support our neighbors in need, please drop off non-perishable food donations or unopened travel-sized hygiene products during our office hours (Mon-Fri 9am-1pm). Or you can also make a monetary donation by mailing a check to the church (St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 14311 Wells Port Dr. Austin, TX 78728). Please make sure that "Food Pantry" is marked in the memo line.

To get more information about our food pantry program, visit our website at <http://www.staopen.org/our-ministries/come/>. Thank you for your continued generosity!

*******The WBNA will be accepting donations for St. Andrew's Food Pantry at each of our Fall/Winter events. Please give if you can.**

Back 2 School Supply Drive THANK YOU!

Each year St. Andrew's sponsors a Back 2 School Supply Drive for the children of our food pantry program. In 2013, we handed out 42 backpacks filled with supplies but this year we saw that number double. We had over 90 children apply to be part of the supply program and this caused us to put out a call for needed help from the community. And boy did we get that help!!! So many of our Wells Branch neighbors stopped by the church to sponsor a child. With your assistance, we were able to provide backpacks & supplies for all children enrolled in the Back 2 School program.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks our wonderful Wells Branch neighbors for helping us make this program a success. We couldn't have done it without you!



Dedication of WB Eastside Butterfly

Park September 27, 2014 • 11:30am

American Heritage Girls Troop 0240, Betsy & Steve Harper, Lisa & Kevin Ward and Capital Area Master Naturalist Shelley Palmer teamed up to create a butterfly garden on the far east end of the creek. The garden is built and maintained to support the complete life cycle of many of our Texas native butterflies and is a Way Station for the Monarchs. It is beautiful and full of monarch butterflies along with other pollinators as we write this at the end of August.

Part of the history of the garden is connected to the history of the American Heritage Girls Troop 0240, which is dedicated to the legacy of Travis County Constable Kevin Aigner. Cpl. Aigner was one of several Pct. 2 Constables who worked in our community. On September 10, 2011, he died in the line of duty assisting residents in the Steiner Ranch wildfire. At the time of his passing, he and another Constable were in the process of creating an AHG troop in Pflugerville. In his memory, Cpl. Aigner's badge number became the troop's number, 0240. Cpl. Aigner's character embraced Christian values, and encouraged family, community, and country involvement, just as AHG's mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.

There will be a short dedication, a little education, refreshments, face painting and take-aways for the kids. Find more information and let us know you're coming at www.facebook.com/events/1523742597856926/?ref_dashboard_

Monarchs, Milkweed, & Wells Branch

The plight of the Monarchs, milkweed, and how

we all can help by Betsey Harper and Shelley Palmer

Various environmental and scientific groups have requested that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service protect the Monarch butterfly and list it as a threatened species, pointing to a dramatic population decline over the last 20 years. These groups list milkweed habitat loss as a major reason for the decline in Monarch populations. Monarchs rely heavily on the milkweed as a host plant. Females lay eggs on the leaves of the plant, and the young caterpillars feed on it. The diet makes the caterpillars and the adults toxic and bitter tasting to predators such as birds.

How YOU can help - Milkweed is incredibly hard to grow from seed. We've had much better results with native milkweed "plugs" available through Monarch Watch <http://www.monarchwatch.org/>. Order now so they arrive as early in spring as possible. Order Green Milkweed (*Asclepias viridis*), the most common milkweed in Texas or Antelope Horns (*Asclepias asperula*) which gets its name from the seed pods that look similar to the horns of an antelope. If EACH of US



Photo by Rob White

plant some native milkweed in our gardens, we can help to ensure that the beautiful Monarchs continue their long trip through Texas every year.

Tom Cheshire MUD Candidate, Pl. 1



A resident of Wells Branch since 1988, my wife and I have loved raising our family here and feel connected to the neighborhood by our great amenities and our friendly and caring neighbors.

My background as a small business owner and prior law enforcement experience have been extremely beneficial in my position as MUD Director. As Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and with the support from the other Board Members, we have created a great working relationship with the Travis County Sheriff's Office and Pct. 2 Constable's Office. Wells Branch now has the best and most highly recognized Neighborhood Watch Program in Travis County according to the Sheriff's Office.

In addition to the MUD Board, I currently serve on the Pct. 2 Constable's Citizen Advisory Board and the Northwest Elementary Advisory Board. I am a father, a grandfather and a neighbor, and I share the same issues and concerns that face everyone in Wells Branch. I serve on the Board of Directors for one reason and one reason only....that is, to continue to help make Wells Branch the safest, most desirable and inviting neighborhood in which to live and raise a family. By maintaining our property values, our parks and recreation areas, and 'Keeping Wells Branch Safe' we have one of the best places to live in Travis County, and I am honored to be a part.

A graduate of UT, I've spent my life in law enforcement, held investigative positions in local and state agencies, held a Certified Fraud Examiner certification and P&C Insurance Adjuster License.

I currently chair the Public Safety Committee and serve on the Finance and Administrative Committees. I look forward to continuing to serve Wells Branch. Contact me at tcheshire@wellsbranchmud.com or 512-913-3144. I look forward to hearing from you.

Howard Hagemann, MUD Candidate, Pl. 1

My name is Howard Hagemann and I am committed to working hard for you. I want to play an active role in making our community a safer and better place to live, to run my business and to have a future with promise.



As a resident of Wells Branch for the past 16 years, my wife and I have enjoyed the many amenities available in Wells Branch. We look forward to the walks through the greenbelt and around Mills Pond. Many improvements over the past few years have added greatly to the areas.

Let me put my education and experience to work for you. I bring a varied set of qualifications:

- BBA in Accounting from University of North Texas
- MBA from St. Edward's University
- Currently a real estate broker with 10 years of experience.
- Budget reporting and forecasting using SAS for Texas Workforce Commission.
- Expert System development for Texas Workforce Commission. (System used nationwide).
- Natural Programmer and Informix Administrator for the office of the Attorney General.
- SAS programmer for quality control of the TAKS test for a consulting firm and The Texas Education Agency.

Board Experiences:

- Secretary of the Board of Elders at my church.
- President of the Professional Association at Work.
- Director of the Texas Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

As a MUD Board Director I will work to:

- Protect our property values.
- Find best alternatives for WB by working cooperatively with all directors.
- Manage our finances and budget.

Please visit my website at: www.howardhagemann.com for contact information.

State of the Library by Donita Ward, WBCL Director

The Wells Branch Community Library has been serving the neighborhood for over 15 years. There is NO CHARGE to get a library card, borrow materials, attend programs or use our computers. We are open every day and any Texas resident (age 5+) can get a card. If you've never been to the library, or it's been a while since you stopped in, come by and see us.

We currently have over 55,000 items to borrow, including
1275 Spanish Materials
1358 Audio Books on CD
4760 DVDs
1092 Beginning Readers
2182 Graphic Novels
5011 digital EBooks and 810 digital audiobooks to download

We also have public computers with high speed internet and free Wi-Fi throughout the facility.

17 public access computers available 7 days a week
Copier, scanner, & fax machine
Printing in black & white or color
Language learning database with 63 languages and movies
Research databases with everything from genealogy to auto repair

Last year, we delivered 584 programs to over 15,000 people. Regular programs include:

Story time 7 times each week
Afterschool programs for elementary ages
4 adult books clubs meet each month
Computer and employment workshops for adults
Special family programs and concerts
Summer Reading- 484 people logged over a million pages in 9 weeks!

The library is almost completely funded by local sales tax. Our operating expenses last year were \$578,199. What did Wells Branch get for the money?

132,899 books borrowed
33,969 dvds borrowed
4,683 audiobooks on CD borrowed
2,976 digital items downloaded
591 magazines borrowed
13,346 uses of the public computers
2,254 reference questions answered
15,082- attendance at programs

TOTAL VALUE OF SERVICES: \$2,500,686

Return on Investment (ROI): Value of services delivered compared to the total cost to operate the library. We spent \$578,199 to deliver products and services valued at \$2,500,686. That's \$4.32 of value for every dollar spent or a 432% return on investment.



Are you a compulsive eater? Do you worry about the way you eat? Overeaters Anonymous can help. No weigh-ins, dues or fees. Wells Branch neighborhood meeting every Tuesday, 6pm, St. Andrew's, 14311 Wells Port. For more information, call 512-791-5035.

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Saturday, October 11, 6 PM: Beaver Nelson • \$15*

Saturday, November 6, 6 PM: 2014 Kerrville/Grassy Hill
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*While there is a suggested donation, no one will be turned away



Project Graduation for WB

Seniors

By Pam Wachholz, WBNA Editor

Project Graduation is a nationally recognized alcohol and drug free party designed to give high school graduates a safe alternative for celebrating their special night. Statistics have

shown that students celebrating on the evening of graduation can experience one of the most dangerous nights of their young lives. We hope you will support these nonprofit parent-led groups who are working so hard for our Wells Branch seniors. All donations are tax-deductible!

Cedar Ridge High School • Project Graduation

We are planning many events to raise funds and invite the entire community to help us make our Project Graduation party a success.

Oct. 11 - Old Settlers Park-Outlaw 5k Run-Walk-Fun Run \$15 registration (online registration available, see our website)

We have monthly Dining for Dollars nights; golf tournament; fashion show; Barnes & Noble giftwrapping; Tx Roadhouse Dinner Roll sale and our Legacy Brick sale, please see our website: CRHSProjectGraduation.org.

Monetary donations may be mailed to CRHS Project Grad Class of 2015, PO Box 5622, Round Rock, TX 78683-5622 or may be made online (ABOVE). LIKE us and follow us on Facebook & Twitter. Thanks for supporting the Cedar Ridge Class of 2015!!

Connally High School • Cougar Celebration 2014

Connally High School Project Graduation (Cougar Celebration) is doing "Flock a Friend" as a fundraiser for their graduation celebration—a great fundraiser for an even greater cause! What could possibly bring more JOY than opening your door to a yard full of pink flamingos?!

Flocking is perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, game days or just for fun! Cost is only \$25. For more information or to "Flock a Friend", contact Mary Hale at mjhale@austin.rr.com or 512-789-3903.

We will once again be selling the 1200 Thread Count sheet sets that make **WONDERFUL** Christmas presents. Sets are \$45 no matter what size! To order, please send your name, address, cell number, with quantity, size and color to Debbie Brown at marketingimpress@austin.rr.com or call 512-422-2372. *Thanks for helping to keep our kids safe on graduation night!!*

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Check out the website for information on our AmazonSmile; Fun Pasta and Flocking fundraisers.

Thank you for supporting all Wells Branch seniors!



WB Garden Guild by Dianne Koehler

We had a great planning meeting in August and think we have a great set of ideas for the next year's meetings. We are planning a few speakers, a couple of hands-on demonstrations, a field trip or two, a tasting or two, and our annual garden tour. We meet at 11am the 3rd Saturday of most months at the Recreation center, 3000 Shoreline. We would love to have anyone who wants to garden, whether in pots, garden beds or dreams. Vegetable, fruit tree, and flower gardeners are all welcome.

October 18th the group is taking a trip out to Gabriel Valley Farms in Georgetown to see the operation and maybe acquire some plants to add to our yards/gardens. We will car-pool out and have more information closer to the date on departure time and return.

November 15th Dianne Koehler will lead the session on Winter prep including how to use hoop houses, frost blankets and other protections if we have another cold winter as is predicted.

There will be no December Meeting.



WB Solar Energy Fair October 18, 12-2pm WB Recreation Center

The sun delivers more energy to the earth in one hour than the world uses in one year...and it's free! Don't let a good thing go to

waste. Solar installation costs are lower than ever before, but the federal solar tax credit runs out at the end of 2016. If you've been thinking about installing solar panels on your home, but not sure if it's right for you or how to begin, come join your neighbors at the Wells Branch Solar Energy Fair and learn about clean solar energy.

Solar expert Kaiba White, president of the non-profit Solar Austin, will deliver a presentation on solar energy at 12:30 pm and then field questions.

Several solar vendors will be providing information on installation and payment options. Bring a printout of your last twelve months electricity usage so they can estimate what size system you need. They can also tell you about local rebates available through your energy provider.

Solar Pioneers, WB residents who have already installed panels on their homes, will be available to answer questions and share their solar experience and a representative from the Wells Branch Architectural Control Committee will be on hand to answer questions about HOA covenants and the process for getting approval from the ACC.

If you still have questions, we'll have a table set up with educational materials and a great video to watch. So come on out and see what solar energy is all about!

The WB soccer team will be selling refreshments, so if you're coming over after soccer practice, we have you covered.

WB Armada by Anne Bennett

The Wells Branch Armada (WBA) swim team completed its 25th season this past summer. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our sponsors, our parent-volunteers, our swimmers, coaches, and junior coach volunteers, and the people of Wells Branch that support the swim team in many and varied ways.

The WBA served approximately 225 swimmers from over 140 families this season; numbers have ranged from 200 to 250 swimmers in recent years. Our swimmers range from 5 to 17 years old. That's a lot of swimmers, and you all have had a part in their success and safety in the water.

We are already looking forward to a great 26th season! Please be on the lookout for communications regarding registration dates (once they are set) in the late winter/ early spring via school communications, this newsletter, and our website <https://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com/>.

WBA hopes to see you all at Trunk or Treat at Katherine Fleischer Park on Halloween Night! Please stop by and say hello!

Clip & Save Recycling Calendar

Monthly recycling numbers are posted each month on our website. WB continues to hover at around 60-62% participation. Please do your part.

Recycle and remind your neighbors!

Recycling pickup only occurs every other week on regular trash pickup days. For a complete list of recyclable items and a fresh 2014 calendar, please visit www.wbna.us=>community=>recycling.

Clip 'n Save Recycling Calendar October 2014

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A Wells Branch Photography Club?--Picture This!



Recently, the WB neighborhood blog hosted a question to raise interest for a local photography club. There was enough interest for the initial plan to form a group--a meeting will be planned soon.

We wanted to reach out to the entire community via the WBNA newsletter. To kick-start the group--here are some ideas to toss around:

- Members of all ages and technical levels would be welcome--the club intent would be to enjoy the hobby and share the knowledge
- All levels of cameras: DSLR, point and shoot, phones, video/still, etc.
- Meet once a month -- discuss a specific topic, technique or tool
- Partner with the WBNA, WB Library, etc. for photo and educational events
- Sponsor educational "how to" sessions (Photoshop, Lightroom, GIMP, etc.)
- Run a photo contest(s) as the program/group grows
- Develop a shared resource network for a special photo shoot session
- Plan photo sessions (e.g. field trips: sporting events, local area activities, etc)
- Host a resource site to share technical articles, FAQs, "how-to's", tips, etc.
- Sponsor an annual swap meet
- Find and work with local area vendor(s) to see if a group discount is available

Photography is a wide open hobby, digital vs. film, still vs. video, etc. we'd cover as many topics as the group could support. Given the response to other WB groups--a photography group stands a good chance of success.

Interested? CONTACT: Margaret Sufke, 512-341-0428 or mmsufke@gmail.com



WB Writers' Guild

By Brittany Hecker, WBCL Staff

Wells Branch Community Library is excited to announce our Local Writers' Guild, a new group for Wells Branch area authors! The Writers' Guild is an informal forum for writers

to meet and support each other while providing constructive feedback on each other's original work. Any genre is welcome, and there are no registration requirements or fees to attend.

The Guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the library's Board Room, and is facilitated by local author Doug Schwartz. Submissions of works for critiquing are accepted online -- please visit the Adult Services page of the library's website at www.wblibrary.org/adult for details.

If you have any questions about the Guild, please contact the library at 512-989-3188 or email Brittany, the Adult Services Librarian, at brittany@wblibrary.org.

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WB Running Club by Russell Jones

The Wells Branch Running Club is up early and running strong and we would love to have you join our wonderful group. The group has grown from its original three members to its thriving membership of around 20 (12 to 15 of which run regularly). We meet at the Gazebo in Katherine Fleischer Park - right next to the soccer field from 5:45-6:45am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We would love for you to come and see how the club might fit your fitness/running goals. The club focus is on shorter faster runs and we strive to improve every individual's running efficiency and speed.

The club is completely FREE and ABSOLUTELY FUN! Led by certified personal trainer/running coach Jeff Bates and co-founder Russell Jones (avid runner and involved community member) the club promises to be the best workout for free you can find anywhere.

Feel free to call, e-mail, or text me with questions anytime- (512) 825-2369 • wbrclub@gmail.com • wbrclub.com

Not an early riser? Wells Branch MUD also has an organized walking/running club that meets at 9:00am on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same location. For questions about this group, please contact Katie Hutcheson at khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com



WB Soccer

by Nick Marquez, WBSA President

We are ecstatic to announce that things are officially underway for our 2014 Fall Soccer Season. Despite initially forecasting an ambitious registration target of 150-175 for this season, we blew past those numbers with 235+ players by the first games. We could feasibly hit 240-250 by the time all is said and done thanks to an amazing leadership team and phenomenal community!

In addition to substantial growth, we are pleased to see that over 70% of our families are in-district (likely higher actually). This is a huge increase relative to recent seasons and is a number we anticipate will continue to grow thanks to such strong partnerships with WBE, NWE, and Athlos (talked to well over 1,000 families at Back to School Nights).

Additionally, we have managed to increase our female registration by 14 percentage points and provided just shy of \$1,000 in scholarships to help families in need. We also had an awesome Coaches Orientation, distributing over \$2,000 in donated equipment to our parents volunteering to coach and our Sept. 6 Kick-Off Party was a blast!

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!!

Follow us online at: www.wellsbranchsoccer.com www.facebook.com/wellsbranchsoccer

Are you registered to VOTE?

Birding in Wells Branch - Not too hot for the birds!

by Sharon Richardson

Even though the summer was too hot for the twice monthly bird walks in Wells Branch, it was not too hot for the birds! Several folks in the neighborhood got a chance to experience the summer Purple Martin spectacle at Highland Mall, viewing nearly a half a million birds swirling in to roost in 3 trees in mere minutes. Another "cool" summer bird event is the Chimney Swift count. The first weekend count was held on the weekend of August 8-10 and the second, the weekend of September 12-14 where teams of Swift counters gather at various roost sites (old brick chimneys) in the Austin area, counting from a dozen to several hundred Chimney Swifts dropping in for the night. Check out chimneyswifts.org for more information on this fun event.

Linda Bilstein shared these two links about birding that you might find interesting:

<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/08/16/what-the-sparrows-told-me/> -and-

<http://www.humansandnature.org/blog/etiquette-sound>

The wildlife viewing station continues in its progress but is ready for prime time viewing. This is located off the walking trail near the Mills Pond restrooms. Enter the viewing area quietly for the best chance to view woodland birds bathing or getting a drink. I've heard/seen Carolina Wrens, Yellow Warblers, Cardinals, Hummingbirds and Woodpeckers on one recent brief visit. Email us with your pictures or sightings and we will post them. Future additions to the viewing station will be native plantings, removal of poison ivy and invasive plants, as well as a dripper or similar feature to create movement of the water. Many thanks to Richard Fadal and the Wells Branch MUD board for making all of this possible.

Bird walks resumed in late September. Watch the WBNA website for scheduled dates each month. Bring binoculars or cameras to get good looks at the Fall migrant birds in our neighborhood. We will meet at the Kiosk/Pavilion area of Mills pond at 8AM. For more information, contact Wanda Holcombe (Wanda70@gmail.com), Sharon Richardson (srich816@austin.rr.com) or Heather Johnson (frioswimmer@gmail.com). See you on the trail!



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Subdivision	2013	2014
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Bratton Park:	\$100.15	\$122.15
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National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 27 • 9:00-11:30am • WB Disc Golf Park

Through a collaboration with the Austin Parks Foundation (APF) and in support of the Keep Wells Branch Beautiful initiative, WB Disc Golf Club, led by Brian Litke, will be hosting National Public Lands Day at the WB MUD Disc Golf Park on Owen Tech. Come out and help spread mulch to existing District trees to protect them from drought and soil compaction and help plant five new trees (donated by the WB Disc Golf Club), pick up litter, and spread wildflower seed! Meet at the WB MUD Disc Golf Park located off Owen Tech Dr. on Saturday, September 27 from 9:00-11:30am. Register online at <http://www.austinparks.org/npld.html>. You get a nifty T-shirt and an invitation to the volunteer appreciation party. After the project wraps up, head to Zilker Park for a free lunch and drinks from APF. Last year they entered volunteers into a drawing for prizes, including several pairs of tickets to ACL Fest, and one of the WB project volunteers won!

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

Fall 2014

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

I am: _____ renewing my membership _____ a new member

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MAIL TO: WBNA Membership, 2104 Klattenhoff, Austin, TX. 78728