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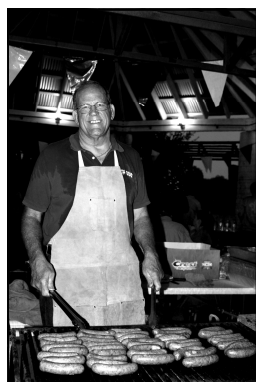


Join your Wells Branch neighbors for our night out against crime, Tuesday, October 1, from 6-8pm at the gazebo in Katherine Fleischer Park. The WBNA will be serving up **FREE** hotdogs, sausage wraps, fruit & veggies, sodas and chips, and don't forget the door prizes! The Friends of the Library will be on hand passing out FREE Culver's frozen custard.

Distinguished guests from the Travis County Sheriff's Office, ESD No. 2 Fire Dept. and Precinct 2 Constable's Office will be on hand to visit with residents and answer questions. Both children and adults will have the opportunity to talk with first responders, receive information on Neighborhood Watch and other programs available to residents, and tour the fire safety house that ESD No. 2 will have onsite. Plus, we'll have folks on hand to register voters.

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

National Night Out's purpose is to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, build neighborhood spirit and strengthen our law enforcement-community partnership. Help send the message to criminals that Wells Branch is organized and fighting back.



Guest Grillmaster,
Chris Carby from Branch BBQ

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!

Special THANKS to Pct. 2 Travis County Commissioner Brigid Shea and Staff

Their willingness to listen and assist our residents in acquisition of No Parking signs along Long Vista is greatly appreciated.

The signage has improved the visibility and safety of the intersection and parking lot exits along Long Vista.

Thank you, Bob and Darlene Bauhs, Barbara Romero, and Frank Darr for your persistence in achieving this goal.

You **ALL** make Wells Branch a better place to live and raise our families!



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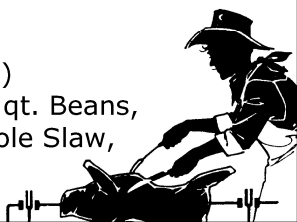
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Wells Branch Crime Initiative

by Craig Smith, Major
Law Enforcement Bureau

During the months of June and July of this year, TCSO noticed an increase in burglary and theft in the Wells Branch area. This was determined by using data collected monthly and prepared by an analyst. This type of analysis helps us pinpoint where crime is increasing, as well as help us proactively work to prevent crime. Captain Poole, who oversees our East Area Command, worked with his staff to come up with a crime initiative targeting burglary and theft in the Wells Branch area. The initiative was four weeks in length, using various units such as, Auto Theft, Criminal Investigations, Traffic, and the Special Response Team. Teams of deputies and detectives conducted surveillance, utilized bait vehicles and packages, and increased traffic enforcement.

The four week initiative was very successful, resulting in the following:

- 3 recovered stolen vehicles, valued at \$48,913.00
- 1228 traffic citations issued
- 27 persons arrested
 - 14 Felony Charges
 - 14 Misdemeanor Charges
 - 4 Felony Arrest Warrants
 - 17 Misdemeanor Arrest Warrants
 - 8 DWI Arrests
- Stolen property recovered, valued at \$8,700.00

I am very pleased with the work done by everyone involved. I am confident this will impact the crime in Wells Branch and help make the community a safer place. The holiday season has started and we will continue to monitor crime statistics so that we can immediately address areas of concern.

A video of the presentation by Captain Poole is available on the WBNA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WBNA.WellsBranchNeighborhoodAssociation/videos/2690101737688542/>

Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez, Flynn Lee and Nelson Linder address the residents of Wells Branch during the TCSO Townhall on September 7 at the WB Rec. Center.



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Your parents' generation had 17 minutes to escape a house fire. But these days, you may only have about 3 minutes. The reason? Newer homes, and almost everything inside them, burn quicker than ever before.

Many modern houses have a popular "open concept" design, often with ceilings that soar high up to the 2nd floor. Unfortunately, open concept and loft layouts allow fire and deadly smoke to grow and move much faster than traditional homes, which were designed with many more doors and separations. In fact, doors are a great way to slow the spread of fire and smoke, and the Pflugerville Fire Department strongly encourages everyone to always sleep with their bedroom doors closed.

But it's not just the design of your home that gives you less time to escape a fire these days. It's your home itself. Houses used to be built with thick, solid lumber that was held together with steel hardware. Most builders now use light-weight construction materials to construct houses and apartment complexes. During a fire, these smaller lumber and press-board materials burn faster and can quickly collapse.

Another concern about modern homes is their furnishings. In the past, most furniture was made from natural materials that burned much more slowly, such as wool, cotton, and solid wood. These days, your carpet, pillows, mattress, curtains, and even your tables and chairs are probably made from synthetic (man-made) materials. Plastics have also become a big part of daily life and are now found in almost every corner of the home, from toy boxes to storage bins. While these furnishings and household items are safe under normal conditions, they are fire hazards. Similar to gasoline, man-made furnishings catch fire easily and burn quickly. And when these synthetic materials burn, they release toxic gases. This means that a house fire can quickly disorient and suffocate you, while also scorching your lungs and melting clothes to your skin.

To better picture these risks, watch this powerful video to see just how fast a fire moves through modern vs. traditional furnishings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDNPhq5ggoE>. When watching this short video, think about how important your smoke alarms would be in that situation. If your smoke alarms aren't working at home, would your family have enough time to escape and survive a fire?

The bottom line is that fire moves FAST. You and your loved ones have far less time to escape a house fire than you used to. In just 3 minutes, you could lose your life. **So when you think of fire safety, remember the number 3!**

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Mr. PC's Computer Corner by Dave DeVore

You have seen ads on TV for various VPNs and wondered what is a VPN and why might you want one? In short, to keep your Internet traffic anonymous to help foil hackers and to cut down on the tracking that big tech companies perform in order to monetize everything about you. For all the wonderful, free conveniences the Big Four (Amazon, Apple, Google and Facebook) provide for us, it is easy to lose sight of the fact that none of this comes without a price, the highest being our loss of privacy. You can fight back by installing a VPN on your Internet connected devices. A VPN works by encrypting your online traffic and sending it through private servers worldwide to mask your IP address (your unique identifier on the Internet) and your location. More robust VPN services let you select a country and servers there will route your transmissions. If a web site or video is only available in Hungary, no problem, you can appear to be in Budapest.

A recent survey revealed that 85% of tech savvy users don't use a VPN and of those that do have VPNs, they only use them about 25% of the time, such as when using a phone, laptop or tablet at an airport or hotel where security is a bigger concern. The hackers know this and are incessantly working to breach your network using automated bots in their attacks, endlessly trying to steal your identity or infect your devices.

There are many free VPN services to choose from, but they are limited in the number of servers you can connect to and the speed of their networks. Free services need to be paid for somehow and experts are leery that your information might be the payment. Some free services are scams. Your privacy is worth something. The paid solutions from big companies range in price from about \$3/month with specials on 3-year plans to about \$10/month everyday pricing and allow at least 5 devices to use the account. PC Magazine's most recent review gave the Nord, Private Internet Access and Tunnelbear VPNs their Editor's Choice endorsement. Each is targeted at a different type of computer user ranging from novices to power users. My personal choice is PureVPN. I have been using it for 5 years with good results.

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Birding in Wells Branch

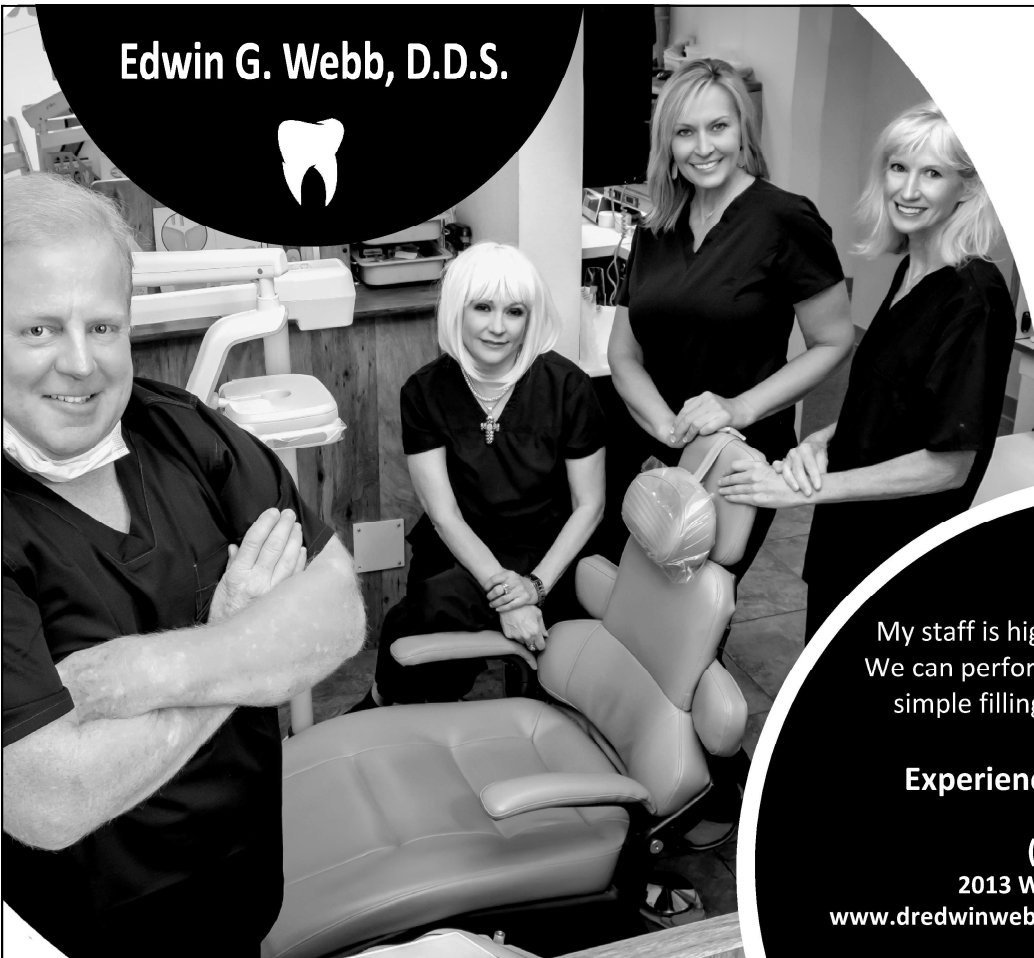
by Sharon Richardson

The Wells Branch birders meet every second Monday at 8:00am at Mills Pond pavilion. Watch the WBNA Facebook page for photos of our walks or join us for a stroll around the pond. Happy birding, Wells Branch!



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Soccer News by Steve Wilson, President, WBSA

The 2019-2020 Fall soccer season is up and running after a hugely successful kickoff party celebrating the 25th year of Wells Branch Soccer Association. We are proud to announce that WBSA has hit the 600 player mark for the first time ever!! You could not be able to do this without all the great volunteer coaches, parents, and the valued partnership with the WB MUD. With the success of our SoccerKidz program that caters to 2-4 yr olds and the integration of our year-round models (WBSA Fierce United and WBSA Soccer Hub Elite) to our Rec and Select teams, we can truly offer soccer to all skill levels while maintaining the

best value in the area. We welcome all the new families that have joined our club this season and look forward to seeing them every weekend at the games.

Dates to remember:

October 1: No practice/fields closed to allow all of our families to support National Night Out at KF Park Pavilion

October 19-20: Pink out the Pitch where numerous teams will wear pink uniforms to highlight cancer awareness month.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer a few hours, please email: prez@wellsbranchsoccer.com or visit our website at www.wellsbranchsoccer.com.



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Wells Branch Cadette, Sarah Berver, Earns Girl Scout Silver Award by Emily Berver

Sarah Berver, a resident of Wells Branch and a member of Girl Scout Troop 1880, recently earned her Girl Scout Silver Award, which is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette (6th-8th grade) can earn, through service to the Wells Branch Community Library. Sarah has been a big fan of the game Dungeons and Dragons and really enjoyed playing it with her older brother and his friends. With her older brother growing up and moving on, she found trying to get her own peers interested in the game to be a challenge. When reaching out to the Wells Branch Community Library, she learned that the Dungeons and Dragons Player Handbook was the most frequently checked out young adult nonfiction book and the librarians also recognized that there was a significant challenge for those who were interested in learning this particular hobby.

For her Silver Award Project, Sarah tackled how to lower the barriers of entry for learning how to play Dungeons & Dragons. She solicited donations to put together 3 Starter Kits that can be checked out at the library and through a lot of play testing, refined the kits so that it would be easy for a new player to jump in and play. Her project resulted in the WBCL receiving donations from all over the country in support of it. These kits are available for check out at the WBCL and also as a result, there are adult volunteers to run Dungeons & Dragons campaigns at the WBCL Inclusive Board Game Group. Sarah would like to thank PE Structural Consultants, Rouges Gallery, and her Girl Scout Cookie sale customers for making this project financially possible.



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The 2020 Wells Branch Community Calendar is headed your way! by Margaret Sufke

Get ready! The 2020 Wells Branch Community Calendar will go on sale at the WBNA National Night Out event on Tuesday night, October 1. As in years past, the 2020 "Nature of Wells Branch" calendar offers a truly awe-inspiring collection of images. There are sixteen awesome photographs in the 15-month calendar plus the cover image. This is the fourth annual Wells Branch calendar.

Focusing on the community, all images are taken within the Wells Branch area by local area photographers. You may be interested to learn that most of the photographers who participated are either enthusiastic hobbyists or relatively new to photography. The contest winners are now showcased at the Rec Center on Shoreline. After NNO the exhibit will move to Malone's Coffee Roastery and the 2020 "Nature of Wells Branch" calendars will be available for \$10 each.

The WBNA partners with the Wells Branch Photo Club to host the annual photo contest. This year's contest set some new records. There were 82 entries, up from 60-or so last year. The public choice votes totaled 128. There were approximately 30 top photos that stood out by public choice. The final selections were judged by a panel of WBNA board members and two representatives from the WB MUD Rec Center staff. The only real challenge was to make the final selections; it was tough.

The sale price for the calendar will be an affordable \$10.00 again this year with sales starting in early October so you can plan ahead for the holidays. This year we are offering a new WBNA membership incentive. If you renew your WBNA membership between October 1 and January 31, 2020 you will receive one free calendar.

The calendars are produced in a limited production run, so plan to get your calendars early!



YOUR WBNA Membership COUNTS!

WBNA is literally a labor of love. It was created by and is run by VOLUNTEERS. All of our activities are funded through membership, advertising in the newsletter and the 4th Fest Silent Auction. While you receive all the benefits of having an active neighborhood association for free, your \$20 annual membership really does make a difference in what we can provide. There's a membership form on the back page of every newsletter and a printable version on the website. Please join! We depend on you!





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Wells Branch Volunteer, An Insider's View by Margaret Sufke, WBNA & FOL Board Member

While attending any amazing Wells Branch community event, have you ever wondered how it all comes together? The answer is simple: volunteers. The folks who volunteer share their talent and time to make these events so successful. In short, a relatively small group of people work very hard to promote a strong community spirit.

For those who are curious, here are few "insider's insights" that might inspire you into volunteering your time and talents at an upcoming event.

- The Wells Branch MUD board, while generous in many ways, does not fully fund all the community events. Main MUD contributions to "non MUD sponsored" events include the use of the facility or grounds and staff members' hours for general tasks at each event.
- Wells Branch community groups such as the WBNA (the Neighborhood Assoc.) and the FOL (Friends of the Community Library) donate hundreds of volunteer hours to work the events and help to raise funds which are returned into the community in the form all the "extras" that make each event so special.
- Other community groups that contribute time and effort include the WB youth sports clubs (WBSA & Armada), WB Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venture Crew and finally community clubs, such as the Disc Golf Club, the Photo Club and the Silver Branchers help out as well.
- The Annual "Egg Hunt": Hosted by the WBNA, "stuffs" nearly 10,000 plastic eggs each year. Efforts also include maintaining/replacing the eggs, buying the candy and prizes, laying out the eggs the morning of the event, and clean up. It takes roughly 20 folks 2 ½ hours to stage on the morning the event. That's 50 volunteer hours, plus the "stuff" time—and it takes the kids less than 25 minutes to clear the field.
- The Wells Branch Community Garage Sale requires a huge number of man hours to plan, stage, collect, sort and price items. Spaces are also sold to raise money to help fund many of the special library programs, such as the reading programs, First Friday programs, Pajamaroma, etc. The weekend of the event about 12 folks, plus a small group of Scouts stage the event over a 3 day period. That's 384 event hours and does not include the planning time.
- Extreme Clean wouldn't be possible without all the volunteers.
- Special programs like the Eco Fair or the Cultural Diversity Fair require even more community involvement. Without folks offering to host a booth or organizing the entertainment there would not be an event. Event planning starts months in advance, and is usually managed by a small group of volunteers (2-3 folks lead this effort.) Staging and prep start 4 hours before the event with as many 20-30 event workers, working flat out until the doors open and then host the event. On average that's 200 man hours on the day of, plus the time each booth sponsor works on the event presentation (baking, crafting, building presentations, etc.)
- Other examples include the WBNA's 4th Fest Silent Auction fundraiser. This is literally their only source of income for WBNA event funding. A handful of volunteers spend dozens of hours (each) soliciting donations, planning the activities, gathering supplies and staging the events. Staging and prep for the Silent Auction actually starts months in advance, then the day before about 10 folks spend 10-12 hours preparing the donations. On the day of, the WBNA team does the final staging and hosts the event for 8-10 hours. Post event clean up takes place the following day and 8 hours is spent by the team. What's a whopping 2400 volunteer hours to raise funds for more events!
- Preparation for WBNA hosted National Night Out is huge. Planning, shopping, food prep, prizes, guests, volunteers, the event itself and then clean up.
- Participation at MUD sponsored Pioneer Fest, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and Luminary Fest also take a tremendous amounts of volunteer hours by many different community service groups.
- This wouldn't be complete without mentioning all those who give freely of their time to support our schools and youth groups. Be sure and thank them when you see their groups at events. They're raising our future.

Bottom line: It's all down to a handful people that donate their time and talent. Over the next few months The WBNA and the FOL will asking everyone in the community to become a member of either these organizations for a nominal fee. The money also helps fund these programs. Whether you choose to contribute to these organizations or not, please consider becoming an active volunteer. You will be amazed, you might have an even better time at these great community events.



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Habit 6 – Synergize: Together is Better

Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw: Balance Feels Best

Northwest Leadership Academy PTSO: The Leadership Academy at Northwest Elementary (LA@NWES) recently held its first PTO meeting. Come join us and find ways you can support your child's school. A new exciting detail is that we will be incorporating student leaders into the PTO board. We know that we have so much potential in our student body we are excited to tap into their great ideas.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 4 – School Pictures
- Oct. 11 – Parent conferences
- Oct. 11 & 14 – Student Holiday/No school
- Oct. 14 – Columbus Day
- Oct. 17 – Report Cards go home
- Oct. 22 – Student Leadership Workshop hosted at LA@NWES
- Oct. 22 – Literacy Night 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 – Fall Fest 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 28 & 29 – St. David's Dental Screening
- Oct. 31 – Halloween (please do not send treats & no costumes)
- Nov. 3 – Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 7 – Thanksgiving Meal during lunch times
- Nov. 8 – Picture Retakes
- Nov. 11 – Veterans' Day
- Nov. 14 – Veterans' Day Program – 3rd Grade 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 25-29 – School Holiday
- Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day



Come Meet 'Dem Neighbors!

Wells Branch Democrats meets regularly in our neighborhood to educate, connect, empower and organize democrats in Wells Branch so that our voices are heard in local, state and federal politics. Please join us!

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/wbdems>

Our next monthly is Oct 5, 10am, at the Rec Center on Shoreline. We will discuss the upcoming November constitutional election and the new voting process with our Travis County Clerk, Dana DeBeauvoir. All are welcome!

Monthly Membership Meeting first Saturday of each month. Watch our Facebook page for updates on locations and times.

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The Wells Branch Neighborhood Association would like to thank our neighbors for coming out and supporting our organization through the Silent Auction. We had a good turnout and truly appreciate your support once again in our efforts to fund our neighborhood activities over the next year.

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, Crafts at Luminary Fest in December and to help with our educational/safety programs and candidate forums. 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!

When you see the neighbors listed below, please thank them for supporting our community. In addition, we hope you'll patronize these businesses and join us on October 1 for Wells Branch's National Night Out Against Crime.

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We also thank our many
donors who wish to remain
anonymous.

Last, but not least, the WBNA would like to thank all of our Silent Auction volunteers (in no particular order).

You ALL Make
Wells Branch GREAT!

Chuck Walters | Gus Kohn | Janet Maxey | Donna Lyons Steve Lyons Mark Sufke | Margaret Sufke | Arlie Pfeifer | Debbie Brown | Ralph Simon Tracy Simon | Pamela Woodward Bre'Anna Woodward Mehri Hasibi Pam Wachholz | Madonna Johnson

And a very special Thank You to **Kevin Ward** for the use of his trailer for the WBNA parade float.

You all were fabulous! 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!!!**

Buy an HEB Gift Card and Help Support the McNeil Maverick Band!

HEB Unlike other fundraising programs where the band asks you for direct donations, HEB will do the donating for you! **If you buy a gift card valued at \$50 or \$100** from your Wells Branch gift card coordinator, **you get the full face value of the card**, and HEB gives 5% of the card value to the band. Since so many of us shop regularly at our neighborhood HEB stores, this is a great way to give to the band while spending no extra money of your own. And, HEB cards make great gifts with the holiday season just around the corner!

If you are interested in taking part in this program, please email Sonya Shaffer at shaffer.s@austin.rr.com and we can arrange for you to come by our house on Spring Wagon Lane (near Wells Branch Elementary) to pick up your \$50 or \$100 card. Checks and cash only, please. Also, cards that donate to the band are not available at HEB stores.

**Thanks for your support,
and Go Mavericks**



Jewelry Making Workshop

October 14 • 1:00-3:30pm • Ages 9-15years

\$15—All supplies and tools included.

WB Rec. Center • 3000 Shoreline Drive

School is out so~~Join us for an afternoon creating bead jewelry making,bracelets, earrings, necklaces.

Advance registration encouraged. Limited spaces available.
wellsbranchmud.com • 512-251-9814



McNeil Project Grad Fall Craft Show

Saturday, October 19 • 10am - 3pm

McNeil High School Cafeteria & Halls

**Crafts • Jewelry • Makeup • Treats • Clothing
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

*If you would like to be a vendor, view Project Grad's website
mcneilprojectgrad.ch2v.com or contact harrisonmhnp2020@gmail.com.*

MAVS MOTOR MANIA

McNeil HS Football Booster Club Fundraiser

CARS FOOD AND FUN!!

Sunday, October 27, 2019 2 - 5 pm

**Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex
Round Rock, TX**

If you would like to show your vehicle see
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mavs-motor-mania-2019-tickets-62896560305?aff=eac2>

'RRISD Voices' Group Advocates for Environmental Sustainability in Wells Branch Schools

by Jeaneane McNulty

RRISD Voices for a Sustainable Future ('RRISD Voices' for short) is the brain child of a RRISD teacher and a Wells Branch parent. They, along with the group's 240+ members are frustrated with the ongoing use of single-use polystyrene (brand name 'Styrofoam') trays in RRISD cafeterias, and want to do something about it! "Every day when I take the kids to lunch and see those trash containers filled to the brim with single use toxic Styrofoam and plastics, it kills me a little bit" wrote the teacher. Their frustration is not without cause: over the years, various school-by-school efforts across the district to get rid of the Styrofoam trays (led by parents, staff, and volunteers) have been unsuccessful. Other sustainability best practices such as composting, improved recycling, and solar PV installations have also been cancelled or unsupported by the District. As one of the top 25 largest school districts in Texas, serving approximately 50,000 students, it seems high time for RRISD to step up and adopt a systematic approach to environmental sustainability, as other large districts in the state have done. Thus, RRISD Voices was formed to promote and hasten the implementation of modern, district-wide sustainability policies and practices throughout RRISD. Broadly implemented programs such as waste-reduction, solar PV systems, and rainwater harvesting clearly ensure the future health of students and communities. And they are fiscally responsible - capable of significantly REDUCING the monthly cost of solid waste disposal, water/waste-water and electricity for schools over the long term. School districts with robust sustainability programs also provide valuable, unique educational opportunities for students, who will graduate into a world ever more urgently focused on sustainability. For these reasons, RRISD Voices members agree that environmental sustainability ought to become a priority for RRISD, and are working on an organized approach to bringing that message to the RRISD Board of Trustees over the 2019/2020 school year.

To learn more about RRISD Voices for a Sustainable Future; it's priorities, goals and strategy or to JOIN, visit the group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rrisdvoices/about>

Yoga is BACK at the Rec. Center!

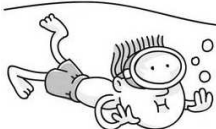
Wells Branch Recreation Center is happy to announce that yoga is back! We are excited to bring Jeaneane, a Wells Branch resident, to our team of instructors.

In this complete 75-minute yoga class, Jeaneane guides students via the breath, healthy alignment, and mindful exploration of movement to find the yoga that best supports them at this moment. Whether you are new to yoga or have an established practice, Jeaneane holds an inclusive, welcoming space for you. Benefits of practicing yoga include increased strength and flexibility as well as improved balance, focus, and emotional regulation. Classes are held Tuesdays at 10:30am and Thursdays at 8:30am.

See you at Yoga!

WB MUD Swim Across Texas Program

by Katie Hutcheson, WB MUD Aquatics Supervisor



We will collect lap swim mileage from November 1, 2019 to February 28, 2020. Together we'll calculate and track your mileage. For example: Wells Branch

to Wimberley is 55 miles, Wells Branch to Fredericksburg is 67 miles or Wells Branch to College Station is 88 miles. You can pick a city of your choice to swim to if you have another destination in mind. The top three swimmers with the most mileage on February 28 will receive an individual Recreation Tag for the following year.

There's no initiation fee; just email Katie at khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com and let her know you are interested. After you finish your daily lap swim at Willow Bend, let the guards know your daily total. On March 1, 2020, the top three swimmers who have swum to the farthest city from Wells Branch (most miles) will win! There will be a map on the bulletin board at Willow Bend Pool with posted results updated weekly.

You can enter anytime but the earlier the better! Any questions, please contact Katie at 512-251-9814 ext 111 or khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.



WB Walking Club

by Katie Hutcheson, WB MUD Aquatics Supervisor

Come enjoy these glorious fall mornings with us! The trails are beautiful and the wildlife abundant. WB Walking Club meets in front of KF Pool at 7:30am **AND** 8:30am on Tuesdays & Thursdays and utilizes the Wells Branch MUD trails. The 7:30am group walks at a faster pace and for longer distances while the 8:30am group is best for beginners or those who'd like to take it a little more slowly and enjoy the scenery.

For more info, contact Katie Hutcheson at 512-516-2621 or khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.

WB Running Club

by Kara Myers

The Wells Branch Running Club is a completely free and fun group of community members who meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:45am at the Gazebo in KF Park. Workouts are tailored to meet the needs of every individual with members running at all different paces. We also do weekend runs, usually on Saturday mornings. If you have a particular event that you're training for, let us know and we can be sure to help you meet your goals. Come join the fun!

We're on Twitter @wellsbranch_run and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wellsbranchrunclub/>. Call, Text, or E-mail : karamyers@austin.rr.com | (512) 470-9782

European Dance Guild

by Daniel White

Come learn something NEW (or OLD, as the case may be). The European Dance Guild meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, from 6 to 8pm in Room 104 of the Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more info, call 512-413-0097.

Aquafit Classes

by Katie Hutcheson, WB MUD Aquatics Supervisor

WB MUD offers Aqua-fit classes year-round each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-2pm at Willow Bend Pool. This class requires the MUD Multi-class card.

Please wear swim attire, bring a water bottle and towel. If it is raining or below 55° we will not meet. Otherwise, we are there year-round. See you at the pool! For more information, contact Katie Hutcheson at 512-516-2621 or khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.

Keep WB Beautiful Volunteer Events

by Katie Hutcheson, WB MUD Aquatics Supervisor

KWBB is a volunteer program dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for Wells Branch MUD residents through green initiatives and beautification projects. Since its inception in 2009, this program has grown to include community volunteer clean up events and education sessions. KWBB is always looking for enthusiastic community members to help with volunteer projects. Please contact Katie at khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com for more information.

It's My Park Day

This fall's semi-annual It's My Park Day will be held on Saturday, November 2, from 9:00am to Noon. Details on the event will be available as the event draws near. Visit wellsbranchmud.com/impd for more information.

Calling all Seniors! Retired? Bored?

Ready to meet some new friends?

Join the Silver Branchers!

by Glen Garey

The Silver Branchers began in 1988 as a group of seniors interested in meeting for fun and fellowship. The current group has continued this tradition and would like to extend an invitation to any and everyone who might be interested in making new friends. Meetings are held Thursdays from 1-3pm at the Wells Branch Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive to visit and play games. We also have socials and take day trips to local places of interest from time-to-time. Membership is free. There are no age requirements; everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, October 16 – Vanishing Texas River Cruise

<http://www.vtrc.com/scenic-wilderness-cruises/>. 11:00am cruise. We will leave the Rec. Center at 9:15am and return following the cruise. Please make your reservation directly with the cruise operator (512) 756-6986 as early as possible since these cruises sell out in advance. Cost is \$22.50. Remember to sign up with the staff at the Rec. Center as well; that cut off date is October 9.

You may sign up for events with the Wells Branch MUD's customer service at 512-251-9814 or at the customer service desk at the Wells Branch Recreation Center. Please note that if we are not collecting fees in advance of an event, you will be responsible for making reservations if needed and paying any fees. Transportation may be limited, so please insure that you have secured a ride as we are not responsible for forfeited event fees. If private cars are used for transportation, you may be asked to contribute for the driver's expenses. For more information, call Glen at 512-461-1665 or see our information on the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association website: <http://wbna.us/community/silver-branchers/>

Appliances and Children's Deaths compiled by Kelly Page

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has received reports of numerous suffocation deaths involving children who crawled inside latch type freezers, clothes dryers, combination washer/dryer units, picnic coolers, ice boxes in campers, and old-style latch type refrigerators. Most of the victims were four to seven years old. In all cases, the doors could not be easily pushed open from the inside. In some of the incidents associated with clothes dryers, the appliance was accidentally turned on while the child was inside. The Federal Refrigerator Safety Act requires that refrigerators be capable of being opened from the inside. However, there may still be some appliances in the home that do not have these safety features. In January 2019, three children ages one, four, and six died after getting trapped inside a freezer while playing in a Florida yard. The CPSC recommends ways to identify items in homes, garages, or vehicles that could present an entrapment hazard.

The Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 343. ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES, Subchapter B. Public Nuisance Prohibited, Sec. 343.011. cites that in the unincorporated area of a county, a person may not cause, permit, or allow a public nuisance under this section; citing that a public nuisance is: (1) keeping, storing, or accumulating refuse on premises in a neighborhood unless the refuse is entirely contained in a closed receptacle; (2) keeping, storing, or accumulating rubbish, including newspapers, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators, stoves, furniture, tires, and cans, on premises in a neighborhood or within 300' of a public street for 10 days or more, unless the rubbish or object is completely enclosed in a building or is not visible from a public street. Moreover, there can be a criminal penalty if the nuisance remains unabated after the 30th day after the date on which the person receives notice from a county official, agent, or employee to abate the nuisance.

To report abatement of public nuisances call 1-877-NO-DUMPS, this hotline allows citizens to report public nuisances and illegal dumping in their area. Information is shared with the proper member of the Regional Environmental Task Force, a network of law and code enforcement officers who collaborate to combat illegal dumping and other environment crimes in Central Texas. For questions regarding public nuisances email Dennis Rudder, Sergeant Investigator with the Travis County Attorney's Office, Environmental Crimes Unit at dennis.rudder@traviscountytx.gov.



Keeping children safe is paramount; to learn more about safety hazards and the abatement of public nuisances I encourage everyone to read the various CPSC Safety Alerts and the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 343. The CPSC page provides a wealth of information regarding numerous product safety alerts and Chapter 343. addresses several other public nuisances ranging from rubbish, maintaining property, weeds, discarding refuse and swimming pool protection.

Resources:

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.343.htm> • <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.343.htm>
<http://www.cpcog.org/divisions/regional-services/regional-environmental-task-force/> • <http://www.cpsc.gov>

Help Keep Pharmaceuticals Out of Drinking Water and Help Prevent their Abuse by Donna Howe, RPh.

The 14th Wells Branch Drug Take Back will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 8am until 2pm. This event is being held during the Quarterly Extreme Clean at the Wells Branch MUD Maintenance office at 13905 Thermal Drive. Volunteer students from UT's College of Pharmacy, will be there along with Wells Branch resident and Pharmacist, Donna Howe, RPh., and an officer from the Travis County Sheriff's Office.

All old, expired, or unwanted medicines are accepted. There is also a shredding event happening at the same time so all containers can be disposed of with complete confidentiality. **We cannot take back syringes and sharps, liquids, creams and ointments, aerosols, hydrogen peroxide, thermometers, or medical waste from business.** If there are any questions, please PM for clarification. I can be reached at donna.margo.howe@gmail.com.

The DEA will also sponsor a Drug Take Back Event later in the month on Oct. 26, 2019, from 10am until 2pm. A link to locations can be found by looking up DEA 2019 Drug Take Back information.

There are also kiosks located in the Walgreens at 2021 Pecan Street in Pflugerville, 11724 Research Blvd, and the store in Cedar Park on North Bell. These sites are able to handle creams and ointments. Please call the stores before going, as the kiosks are sometimes full.



Raccoons & 'Possums & Rats, Oh My! Fall Clean-Up Time is Here

by Debby Thompson

Fall is the time when varmints start looking for a nice winter home. Old appliances, stacks of lumber, uncut brush and grass, old decking and hot tubs, etc. provide the perfect winter shelter. Now that the weather is starting to cool off, take a weekend to make sure your home and yard are protected.

If you have a neighbor who needs a little help getting his yard in shape, offer to lend a hand. Or better yet, organize a block clean-up party for one weekend. It's an opportunity to bring everyone together and the whole neighborhood benefits from a pest-free environment.

The best form of control for any of these critters is an integrated plan that removes access to shelter, food and water. **Every resident** in Wells Branch can take steps to minimize appeal to these animals and rodent control is MOST EFFECTIVE when EVERYONE PARTICIPATES.

- Do NOT leave food outside for your pets. If your animals eat outside, give them a chance to eat and then bring the food and water bowls inside.
- Secure all doggie-doors at night.
- If you have a bird or squirrel feeder, bring it in at night. Empty the birdbaths as well.
- Seal all openings into your home and any outdoor storage units using hardware cloth and steel wool. Mice can squeeze into a ¼" opening and it only takes ½" for a rat to gain access.
- Clean out any debris that might provide refuge for these animals.

Travis County discourages the trapping and relocation of healthy raccoons and possums. They recommend the aforementioned preventive measures instead. They will, however, come out if you have an animal "trapped" inside a living area. Should this happen, call 311 and ask for Travis County Animal Control.

Wells Branch Garden Guild

by Dianne Koehler

In August we met to discuss plans for the upcoming year. Our September meeting was an inspirational field trip downtown to visit the Tillery Street Plant Company. For our **October 19** meeting, we hope to plan a trip to one of the local pumpkin patches (hopefully, one with a maze.) Look for more information on meeting to carpool on our Facebook page as it gets a little closer to the 19th.

On **November 16**, at 11am, join the Garden Guild in making garden toys from odd items around the house. Bring your old shovel or fork, large jars, broken large plates, flowerpots and more for an interactive session on how to make some of those super crafty things for your yard or gifts.

Wells Branch Garden Guild is a friendly group who meets once a month to discuss gardening! We normally meet every third Saturday of the month at 10:30am for a plant/seed swap and then at 11:00am for the presentation. All are welcome!

Climate in Crisis—Local Action Starting in Your Neighborhood

by Joe Linsalata

St. Andrews Presbyterian, 14311 Wells Port Drive, will host a moderator led panel discussion at on Sunday, October 20, 2019 from 2:00-3:30 PM. The panelists, Brigid Shea and Brandi Clark Burton, will discuss the City of Austin and Travis County's Climate Crisis Resolutions. Audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions.

Admittance is free and all are welcome.

Wells Branch Photo Club

by Margaret Sufke

Over the summer months we got into the field, literally. Several core members really worked hard on capturing neighborhood images. Many of those images found their way into the 2020 Wells Branch Community Calendar Contest: The Nature of Wells Branch.

We also held a few technique and critique sessions. These sessions offered great insight into what works well and what could work better. In September, we reviewed some great vacation shots. During the last session, the topic of what makes a "good" composition "great" came up. This sparked an idea for a class in November. We also had a new member, Alex Porter, join the club.

During the **October** the meeting (likely to be our last outdoor session this year) we are going to try to capture colorful autumn sunsets in the homestead area. There'll be great opportunities for capturing evening colors, magic hour lighting and shadows. In **November** Steve Hilchey has graciously volunteered to reprise his composition class—and we are going to add a new twist. We will run the presentation on the large screen and Steve will have an editing PC hooked up and we will do "instant" composition makeovers. Plan to bring a photo or two to the class.

Lastly, we have an early "shout out" for at least 6 club members for having their images chosen for the Wells Branch 2020 Calendar. At the time of this writing the final winners haven't been announced yet—but the votes are in and the calendar will be amazing this year. We'll keep posting updates on the WB Google Group and the WBNA website. Calendars will be available at National Night Out on Oct. 1.

WB Photo Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive. Remember, everyone is welcome and you do not need expensive equipment, any camera will do—even cell phones. It's all about the practice, while learning and sharing the hobby.

Our group has also been requested to help out by photographing several of the upcoming community events, which include: First Fridays at the WB Library, local soccer games and swim meets. Upcoming events include National Night Out, Pumpkin Painting, Trunk or Treat and of course Luminary Fest. Many of these events will offer great practice for special photographic techniques.



All programs are free and open to the public.

Programs with ** require advance registration at wblibrary.eventbrite.com.

HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY

High School Math Tutoring

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Get help with geometry, algebra, and pre-calculus at weekly free tutoring sessions. No registration.

Free Notary Services

First Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Walk-ins only, no appointments accepted. Visit wblibrary.org for more information.

Learn Public Speaking through Improv!**

Thursday, September 26 at 6 p.m.

Learn how to manage your fear of public speaking through fun improv games!

Smart Money: Budgeting Workshop**

Saturday, October 19 at 2 p.m.

Upgrade your budgeting skills to help pay down debts and increase monthly savings!

NaNoWriMo Write-Ins

Saturdays in November from 2 to 5 p.m.

Meet your word count goals for National Novel Writing Month with dedicated writing space at the library.

KIDS & TEENS

Storytimes

Mondays at 10:30 (Baby) and 11:15 a.m. (Toddler)

*Thursdays at 10:30 (Toddler) and 11:15 a.m. (Preschool)

Enjoy fun stories and songs at the library! *New times.

LEGO Lab (Ages 5+)

Mondays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Robotics and free build. Robotics registration at 3:30.

Spanish Circle Time (Ages 0-3)

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Learn Spanish vocabulary and early concepts.

Circle Time (Ages 0-3)

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Learn basic concepts through songs and repetition.

STEAM Studio (Ages 4-12)

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Complete science-, technology-, engineering-, art-, and math-themed activities with a creative twist.

Baby Sign Storytime (All Ages)

New time - Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy stories and songs in American Sign Language!

Storytime & Craft (All Ages)

Saturdays at 11 a.m. | Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Hear stories and make a simple craft!

FIRST FRIDAYS

Austin Dance India: Krisna, the Indian Cowboy**

Friday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Austin Dance India presents "Krishna, the Indian Cowboy," an interactive dance performance weaving storytelling and traditional movement into an entertaining and cultural experience.

Choctaw Ghost Stories with Tim Tingle**

Friday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of stories with Tim Tingle, an award-winning Choctaw storyteller!

Birds of Prey**

Friday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn about owls and other birds of prey with a visit from Austin Area Wildlife Rehabilitation!

UPCOMING CLOSURES

Thursday, October 24

Library closed for inventory

Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29

Library closed for Thanksgiving

ADULTS

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By appointment Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays

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Spanish Conversation Group

First and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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Morning and Evening Yoga

First and third Thursdays of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Please bring your own yoga mat.

Knit & Crochet Group

Second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Knit and crochet items benefitting the Austin Scarf Project.

2019 Wells Branch Community Library Board of Trustees Candidate Biographies

Only people who live in the Library District can vote in this election. Voters may select up to two candidates of the three on the ballot. Trustees are not paid and serve 2 year terms. Learn more about the 2019 trustee candidates with these candidate-supplied biographies.

Christine Bloemsma

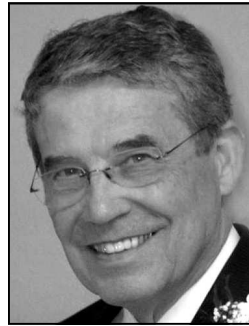


Christine is a 24-year Wells Branch resident. With a Bachelor's degree in English and Sociology from Austin College and Master's in English from Texas A&M University, Christine works at a hotel downtown and teaches at Austin Community College. She is the steward of the Single Trace Little Free Library.

Christine's connection to WBCL goes back to the early days of residents donating boxes of books to "seed" our future library. Her involvement in the library has evolved from committed donor and patron to a parent-consumer of all children's programs to book club participant and summer reading fanatic.

In more formal roles, Christine was involved with Wells Branch Community Library as Vice President of the Friends of the Library (FOL) group. Outside of the biennial Garage Sale, one of the larger initiatives while she was on the FOL Board was the Book Drive to re-stock the shelves of the Port Arthur Library after Hurricane Harvey. She remains a member of the FOL. Christine has served one term as a Trustee for Wells Branch Community Library and currently serves as Board Secretary. Christineb@wblibrary.org

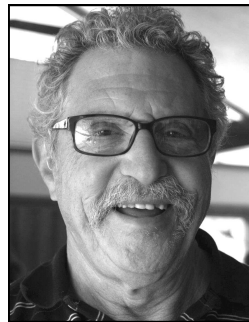
Jack Hendren



I am a five year resident of Wells Branch. My wife Mary and I contribute as library volunteers. Before retiring I pastored for twenty years serving in Texas, New England and Atlantic Canada. I previously worked in the computer industry for twenty-five years in several executive positions. I am a Vietnam veteran with seven years of active duty service. Since moving to Wells Branch I

have served as board member/treasurer of Care Communities, volunteer at Wells Branch Elementary and am currently president of Brattonwood Homeowners Association. If selected, I look forward to contributing as a library trustee. Jack.hendren@gmail.com

Ralph Simon



I am currently serving my second term on the Board of Trustees of the Wells Branch Community Library as Vice President. During my 20 plus years as a resident of the neighborhood I am also active as a volunteer in other community organizations such as the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association and the Friends of the Library. I will continue to use my 50

years of experience in the retail and investment industries to assist the Wells Branch Community Library as it continues its expansion to meet neighborhood needs. ralphs@wblibrary.org



FOL News by Tracy Simon, President

Come join the Friends of WB Community Library! Did you know your membership fee is tax deductible? Visit our website, wbfriends@wblibrary.org for more information and our membership fee scale.

FOL members are ambassadors for our Wells Branch Library. We participate in Pioneer Fest, 4th Fest, National Night Out, Trunk or Treat and Luminary Fest with the help of our volunteers.

Visit our booth at National Night Out for a free Culver's custard (while supplies last.) Special thanks to Culver's for their continued support of the FOL.

This year the FOL sponsored the Library's First Friday program and prizes for the Summer and Winter reading programs with the funds raised from our community garage sale and donations we receive.

Did you know???

- Contributions can be made to the Friends of the Library (FOL) every time you make a purchase using Amazon Smile! Just use smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2911870. The dollars collected by the FOL support library programs.
- Every time you make a purchase or eat at a Wells Branch business or restaurant you contribute directly to the library through sales taxes collected by that business.

Join us in contributing using these easy methods.

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Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter (@MHSMavs), and Instagram (mhsmavstagram) for all the latest in Maverick greatness (mcneil.roundrockisd.org/)

Festival of the Bands

On Monday, Sept. 30, the **20th Annual RRISD Festival of Bands** is being held at Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex starting at 7pm. Tickets are on sale for \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. The district's clear bag policy will be enforced. Visit <https://news.roundrockisd.org/2019/08/21/20th-annual-festival-of-bands-showcases-students-musical-achievements/> for more information!

Annual RRISD Underwear Drive

The annual underwear collection contest benefiting the RRISD Clothes Closet will begin this Monday, September 23. Donate a package of new underwear, boys and girls ages 4-18, to Suite 1, 2, or 3!

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Student Mental Health Centers Open at Round Rock ISD

Cedar Ridge and Round Rock high schools will house two new student mental health centers opening for the 2019-2020 school year. Centers are staffed by licensed mental health professionals from Bluebonnet Trails Community Services. Therapists will serve students, free of charge, at all schools; traveling to campuses to mitigate students missing valuable class time.

All referrals are made by Round Rock ISD campus counselors. Counselors continue to support the personal, emotional, and social needs of all students. For information about the mental health centers please talk to your campus counselor or email Dr. Christina Wiswell, Christina_Wiswell@RoundRockISD.org Round Rock ISD director of counseling services.

Round Rock ISD Rolls Out New District App

Staying connected with your student(s) school is easier than ever. Round Rock ISD is introducing a mobile app. Available in the iTunes App and Google Play stores, the Round Rock ISD app features news, and access to District and campus online tools such as calendars, anonymous alerts, school lunch funds and menus, e-flyers, home access center, campus directory, social media channels, and more.

Families who download the Round Rock ISD app can also receive push notifications about closings, delays, events and news. After downloading the app, customize your news by selecting "Settings" and choose which school's notifications you would like to receive.

Round Rock ISD Parent Seminars Deliver Student Academic and Wellness Topics

Parent seminars provide families access to experts offering insight into academic and wellness needs affecting today's students. Seminars are free to attend with sessions occurring monthly through the school year.

Topics include academic planning in and after high school, transitioning from middle to high school, college admission test preparation, career exploration and planning, study and organization skills, stress, anxiety & depression management, financial literacy, healthy teen relationships, vaping and other drugs, and more.

Visit RoundRockISD.org for seminar schedule and locations.

Let's be Clear: Round Rock ISD Implements Clear Bag Policy

In an effort to improve safety and security, a Clear Bag Policy has been instituted at large scale events held at the Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex and Dragon Stadium.

Fans can plan ahead by being familiar with the clear bag policy and by purchasing tickets online prior to events. Planning ahead can help avoid box office lines, improve security and expedite venue entry.

Visit Round Rock ISD Athletics for more information about the Clear Bag Policy. (<https://athletics.roundrockisd.org/>)



SCOUT ME IN™

Is Your Child Ready for Adventure?

by Deanna Johnson, Cubmaster, Pack 728

Is your son or daughter in Kinder through fifth grade? If they are, they can join Cub Scout Pack 728 today and join us outside on adventures and get busy gaining new experiences.

While Cub Scouts are doing new things, they discover and master new skills, gain self-confidence, develop strong friendships, and give to the community thru service projects. Pack 728 upcoming events include a Rocket Launch this September, Camping this October, an overnight stay on the USS Lexington this November, hiking and more. They're also learning STEM skills and enjoying fun activities like Pine-wood Derby races, rain gutter regattas, skits and so much more. Visit a meeting and see how much fun your child can have in Scouts!

Who: Boys and Girls in Kindergarten through 5th Grade

When: Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 – Follows RRISD school year plus a few summer activities

Where: Wells Branch Community Church, 2113 Wells Branch Pkwy, Austin TX 78728

We are the official Cub Scout Pack for Joe Lee Johnson, Wells Branch AIA and Jubilee Academy, but we welcome kids from all communities. For more info, contact **Wells Branch Pack 728** at WBpack728@gmail.com, or check us out at www.facebook.com/WellsBranchPack728

Cub Scout Pack 140

by JayTrice Garrett, Cubmaster, Pack 140

Pack 140 is kicking off the year by learning how to tie the basic 7 knots all Scouts should know. Our Pack has grown a bit over the summer due to Scouts telling their friends how much fun they are having. We kicked off Popcorn Show-n-Sells this past weekend and even recruited another vendor to allow us to sell in front of their storefront. Pack 140 is getting ready for our upcoming recruiting nights at Parmer Lane & Northwest Elementary so stop by and see what all the hype is about. Our Scouts are really looking forward to the Wells Branch MUD Youth Fishing Tournament on October 5 after learning the prizes that are given out are based on your catch!

Meetings are Thursdays at 7pm at the MUD Annex, 14611 Wells Port Drive. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

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Cubmaster

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Tonya Riley

Committee Chair

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Venture Crew 1409

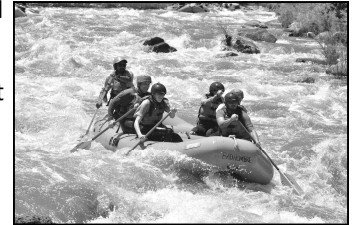
by Jill Douglass, Advisor

In July the crew headed to the cooler climate of Colorado at the Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base. The highlight of the trip was the white wa-

ter rafting, though the backpacking on the Colorado Trail was a close second. In August, the crew said a bittersweet goodbye to three of the founding crew members who headed off to three different universities in Texas. Nevertheless, the crew is moving forward and planning two ambitious trips - a West Texas road trip in March and two-week-long adventure to Glacier National Park in Montana in July. Between now and then, they'll be gaining new skills on shorter weekend trips nearby.

Venturing is a youth development program of Scouts BSA for young men and women who are 14 – 20 years of age. Contact Jill Douglass (512-293-9022/

jdouglass@crew1409.com) for questions about the Crew. Visit <http://www.crew1409.com/> to learn more!



Need help transporting your Trash & Recyclables to Extreme Clean? Venture Crew 1409 is here to help!

Each quarter, the WBNA has requests for help transporting items to Extreme Clean. It's been two years since the young men and women of our WB Venture Crew first stepped up and offered to organize trailer transportation of larger items to the Extreme Clean events. They truly are a valuable asset!

Once again, the Crew will be offering their services transporting bulk trash and recycling for a minimum donation of \$20. **We ask that you please tip accordingly.** All monies received will be used for future Venturing endeavors.

Our next Extreme Clean is scheduled for Saturday, October 12. Transportation is limited to In-District residents only. Please schedule your pick up with Daniel White by October 11. You may reach him at 512-413-0097 or danwhitewb@gmail.com.

Troop 1409 News by JayTrice Garrett

Troop 1409 is kicking off the school year with a back to school campout at Lake Somerville. They just wrapped up summer activities and held Troop officer elections. During their campout they will be working on Merit Badge requirements. This is also the first weekend of Show-n-Sell for popcorn sales. Two of our sellers have already picked up several online sales from their websites. The Troop will be volunteering at the upcoming Wells Branch MUD Youth Fishing Tournament on October 5. Come see us!

If your 11-18 year old boy is interested in finding out more about the Troop, visit our website at troop1409.com, find us on Facebook, or email info@troop1409.com.

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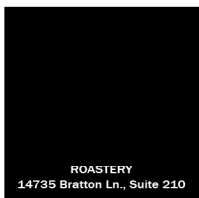
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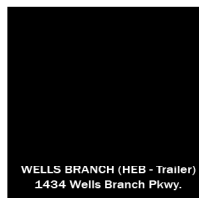
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