



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch
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2022 Silent Auction Donations Request

Each year the WBNA hosts a Silent Auction during the annual 4thFest celebration. This auction is our BIG fundraiser for the year. Funds raised help to pay for all the WBNA community events: the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, our participation in Halloween Trunk or Treat, crafts at Luminary Fest as well as the town hall meetings, candidate forums and safety awareness sessions throughout the year. We are excited to be hosting the auction once again during the WBMUD Independence Day celebration.

Last year we introduced a hybrid format of an online auction and a "live" event for the final bids on July the 4th. The live event will be in our traditional venue at the WB Community Center from 9:00am - 2:00pm, July 4th. The online auction will go live the week before. Watch the WB Google Group, our website, and the Facebook page for updates. A link will also be included in our Summer Issue of the Neighborhood News.

Friday, June 24: The Silent Auction site goes live!

Saturday, July 2: The Silent Auction site closes and we transition all active bids and make arrangements for all "Buy It Now" items.

Monday, July 4: The live auction opens at 9:00am and closes at 2:00pm. Payments and Pick Up will be from 3:00 - 5:00pm. Buy It Now items made be purchased throughout the auction.

In addition to giving back to our community, donating to the WBNA Silent Auction is a GREAT way to promote your business! We are seeking donations of merchandise, gift cards/certificates, theme baskets, and services to auction. In return, you will receive exposure for your business at the live auction and on the auction website. There will also be a special "Thank You" section in the September issue of the WBNA Neighborhood News and on our website and Facebook page with links to your site. If you have items or services to donate please email us at silentauction@wbna.us.

Along with our local businesses, services, and Austin area attractions, we would LOVE donations from the community. We will begin accepting donations May 28. Donations to be included in the online auction must be received by June 20. Live auction donations will be gratefully accepted through June 30. We would also like to welcome the return of baked goods donations, please contact Margaret Sufke, 512-341-0428, for details.

We are actively seeking event volunteers to help solicit items, help prepare the baskets and/or work the auction. If you have any empty baskets leftover from last year, we'd love to have them! Please email us at silentauction@wbna.us and watch for our new social media volunteer site.

Thank YOU for supporting the Wells Branch Community!

2023 Wells Branch Community Calendar Photo Contest

Ready, set, snap! Yes, it's time once again for the WBNA Community Calendar Photo Contest. Our current 2022 calendar was a huge success and each year the images just get better and better. Remember anyone who lives Wells Branch can submit a photo (or up to six photos). The image format is 8x10 landscape for the calendar. The only real "rules" are that images must be taken within Wells Branch by Wells Branch residents.

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and then RECYCLE ME!

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The 2023 theme is “Visions of Wells Branch”. This year’s contest will return to the traditional format as well as Facebook gallery viewing and voting we used last year. The WB Rec Center is now open to the public, so the contest gallery will be on display in the main lobby.

Important Dates to Remember

May 28: Start date! Use the online form and drop photo entry at the Rec Center

Sept. 3: Contest closes and voting ends

Voting will take place online via the WBNA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WBNA.WellsBranchNeighborhoodAssociation/>. Photos will be featured for voting in the “2023 Calendar Contest” album and onsite at the Rec Center Gallery

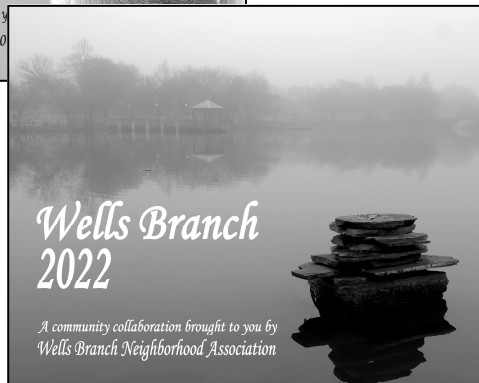
Sept. 10: Winners announced

Oct. 4: The new 2023 Calendars will go on sale at National Night Out

Please visit wbna.us/community/calendar-contest/ for rules and entry information. Questions? Contact Margaret Sufke, Calendar Contest Coordinator, at mmsufke@gmail.com or 512-341-0428.



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Mr. PC's Computer Corner by Dave DeVore
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Windows 11. Upgrade your computer or not? I get this question daily, since computers with Windows 10 relentlessly prompt you to try it out. There are improvements in security, due in large part to Windows 11 being designed to only run only in SecureBoot mode, something only recent systems are capable of. My own computers don't meet the upgrade requirements yet. Microsoft tests computer models constantly, so look at the Upgrade page regularly to see if your computer will work. What about my computers? They are happily running Windows 10 and I'm doing all security updates. Microsoft won't drop Windows 10 until 2025, so I'll get another three years out of them. By then, they will need replacing anyway.

The benefits of Windows 11 include a slicker user interface and the security enhancements mentioned above. The Start menu and pinned taskbar apps have been moved to the center of the screen, giving it a Mac-like appearance. Menus in your apps look like an Apple also. This is nothing new, an Apple redesign years ago looked more like Windows. There are new accessibility tools for the visually and hearing impaired. Widgets are back, hovering over the lower left corner of the screen makes a panel pop out with live information about news, traffic, weather and things of interest to you. The new Windows Store has Xbox and Android apps that are available for Windows 10 users too. Microsoft Teams, think Zoom on steroids, can now connect you to friends and family using Android or Apple systems.

Downsides? If you upgrade and don't like it, you can undo it. Wait more than a week and you're stuck. Some older apps may not work or you'll need to upgrade them. On a new computer, you must use a Microsoft account, not required before. Edge, their new Internet browser, is a licensed version of Chrome from Google. It's difficult to make another browser your default. If you're a creature of habit and the new features don't appeal to you, hold off, there is nothing life changing here. Your next computer will come with a newer Windows version.

On a personal note, when you read this I'll be in Kenya leading a vision clinic in the slums of Nairobi, providing free eye care including distance and reading glasses, cataract surgeries and medications to those in need. We hope to see as many as 5,000 patients. You can follow our progress at my blog at <https://notesfromthemissionfield.blogspot.com>.

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Heat Stroke: Know the Signs

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During hot and humid weather, your body has a harder time cooling. When the body heats up too quickly to properly cool itself – or when too much fluid/salt is lost through sweating or dehydration – the victim may suffer heat exhaustion or heat stroke which is very serious. Below are tips on preventing heat stroke, recognizing its symptoms, and first aid. And remember: never leave kids, pets, or disabled adults alone in parked cars ... not even for a few minutes! Have a safe and enjoyable summer everybody.

PREVENTING HEAT STROKE

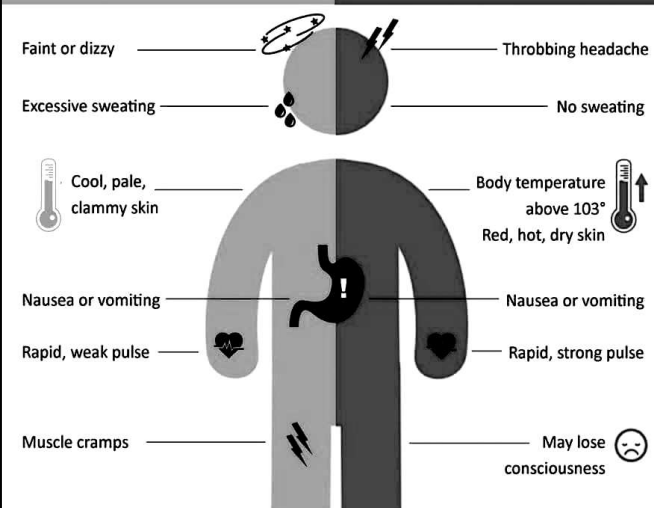
- Slow down! Reduce, cancel or reschedule strenuous activities until the coolest time of the day
- Even if you don't feel thirsty, proactively bring and drink plenty of water (not very cold) or other non-alcoholic, decaffeinated fluids
- Prevent sunburn through sunscreen, sunhats, and minimizing direct exposure to the sun; a sunburn reduces your body's ability to cool down
- Dress in lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing to reflect heat and sunlight
- Eat light, cool, easy-to-digest foods such as fruit or salad
- Take a cool bath or shower
- Spend time in air-conditioned locations
- When the room temperature is hotter than 90°, don't direct the flow of portable electric fans toward you because the dry, blowing air may further dehydrate you

HEAT STROKE SYMPTOMS

- Altered mental state or confusion
- Hot, red, dry, or moist skin
- One or more of these symptoms: dizziness, throbbing headache, nausea, shallow breathing
- Rapid and strong pulse
- Fainting or loss of consciousness
- Body temperature 103°F or greater

FIRST AID FOR HEAT STROKE

- Heat stroke is a severe medical emergency! Call 9-1-1 or get the victim to a hospital immediately
- Get to a cooler setting, preferably air-conditioned
- Do not give fluids
- Reduce body temperature with cool cloths or a bath
- Use a fan only IF the heat index is BELOW the high-90s

HEAT EXHAUSTION		OR	HEAT STROKE	
Faint or dizzy			Throbbing headache	
Excessive sweating			No sweating	
Cool, pale, clammy skin			Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin	
Nausea or vomiting			Nausea or vomiting	
Rapid, weak pulse			Rapid, strong pulse	
Muscle cramps			May lose consciousness	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to a cooler, air conditioned place • Drink water if fully conscious • Take a cool shower or use cold compresses 		<p>CALL 9-1-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives 		

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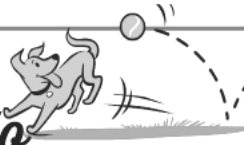
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What is HEATSTROKE? Heatstroke occurs when normal body mechanisms can't keep the body's temperature in a safe range. Animals don't have efficient cooling systems like humans (who sweat) and can get overheated easily.

HEATSTROKE OCCURS WHEN PETS...



HAVE NO ACCESS TO SHADE OR WATER...



ARE EXERCISED...



ARE LEFT IN CARS (EVEN ON A 70° DAY)...

IN HOT OR HUMID WEATHER.

SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE

IN DOGS

- rapid breathing
- weakness
- bright red tongue
- dizziness
- red or pale gums
- vomiting
- thick, sticky saliva
- diarrhea
- depression
- shock/coma



IN CATS

- rapid breathing
- restlessness
- redness in mouth
- drooling
- sweaty feet
- vomiting
- stumble/stagger
- lethargy
- excess grooming
- panting

HOW TO PREVENT HEATSTROKE



KEEP PETS COOL in the shade, especially if they have certain predisposing conditions like older age, obesity, heart disease or breathing issues.



PROVIDE ACCESS to fresh water at all times and make sure outside pets have access to shaded areas.



ON A HOT DAY, restrict exercise and avoid places like the beach and concrete or asphalt areas. Do not muzzle your dog on hot and humid days.



WET YOUR DOG DOWN with cool (NOT ICE) water, or allow him/her to swim.



TO HELP PETS COOL OFF, freeze water bottles or fill resealable bags with ice and water. Wrap them in towels for your pets to lay on.



DO NOT leave your pet in a hot car, even if parked in the shade or gone for a short time.

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- Let a neighbor and/or block captain know you'll be out of town and when you'll return. They should have the following: your emergency contact information; contact information for anyone with access to your house (pet sitter, etc.); when they should be expected; what they look like and a description of their vehicle(s).
- Let only those who **NEED** to know, know when you are going out of town.
- **Don't share vacation plans OR photos on social media.**
- Arrange to have your lawn cared for if you are going to be away.
- Don't hide keys under doormats, flowerpots or in similar places.
- Put your lights, stereo and/or TV on timers.
- Leave a car in the driveway or ask a neighbor to park in it.
- Don't cancel your paper or mail deliveries; ask that your neighbor pick them up every day.
- Leave a key with a friend or neighbor; ask that the house be checked at regular intervals.
- Keep your house well lit at night (backyard included) with a motion sensor or photocell activated light.
- Store all your valuables.
- Consider asking friends or relatives to live in your home while you are away.
- Ask your neighbor to put trash in your trashcan and to put it out for collection and away when they put theirs away.

File a Close Patrol Request. The filing of this form alerts patrolling officers so that they may pay close attention to one's residence. To do so: Contact the Travis County Sheriff's Office at 512-854-9721. Ask to make a Close Patrol Request. You will be asked for information on those caring for your home while you're away: make and model of their vehicles, name, description and times they should be at your home.



Register for Central Texas Emergency Warnings

Register your cell phone, phone landline or email address to receive emergency alerts for your specific neighborhood at WarnCentralTexas.org. Contact information, including phone numbers and email addresses, is only used for emergency and major incident notification. WarnCentralTexas.org serves Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties. A nice feature of the emergency notification system, **WarnCentralTexas.org**, is that people can register several addresses for warnings, so if you have loved ones at a location separate from your home, you can also receive emergency notification for their location.



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Keepin' it Chill at the Grill

Whether during Memorial Day weekend or the high heat of summer, grilling is a popular way to celebrate the season in Central Texas. But before you light it up, be sure you know how to keep your family and guests safe around a grill!



ALL AROUND SAFETY — Follow these basics for all gas, charcoal, and wood-burning grills:

Never grill under a covered patio, pavilion, tent, or inside a garage.

Keep your grill clean. Remove grease or fat drippings from the grate and the trays below.

Only use grills at least 10 feet from anything that can burn, including deck railing, fences, tree branches, bushes, homes, and eaves.

Don't leave a grill unattended. Set a timer so you don't forget the grill is lit. If you ever have to briefly walk away, take something with you like a spatula as a reminder to return quickly.

Keep any children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill. Restrict any horseplay.

Always keep all types of lighter fluid well out of reach of children and away from heat sources.

If you live in an apartment complex in the Travis County ESD #2 community including Wells Branch, open-flame grills are strictly forbidden in and around the units; they cannot be stored or used within 10 feet of any apartment building.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

If you use a starter fluid, only use CHARCOAL starter fluid. Once the fire is going, never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquid to the fire.

When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before removing them or throwing them away.

They must cool in a metal container.

GAS GRILLS

Make sure the lid is open before lighting a gas grill, to prevent gas buildup.

If the flame goes out while cooking, turn the grill and the gas off. Wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.

If it's been a few months since you used your grill, check the gas tank hose for leaks. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose; a propane leak will release bubbles. If you find a leak either by a smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional. If the leak doesn't stop, call 9-1-1. If you smell gas while cooking with a grill, immediately get away from the grill, and call 9-1-1.

Do not try to move the grill.

Article courtesy of Travis County ESD #2
www.PflugervilleFire.org



Keep your kids safe - Don't wait until summer to start swim lessons!

Pflugerville Fire Dept./Travis County ESD No. 2



While swimming is one of the greatest things about summer in Central Texas, water also presents one of the most dangerous settings for kids. Drowning is the #1

accidental killer of infants and toddlers, and for older kids it's the second leading cause, so take action NOW to keep your kids and neighbors safe! Please follow these important yet simple steps from Travis County ESD #2 to help protect Wells Branch children around water:

TEACH KIDS TO SWIM. Swimming is not only fun, it is literally a life-saving skill. While we recommend starting swim lessons at a young age, it is never too late to enroll your kids, or yourself, in swim lessons. **Don't wait until summer to start swim lessons!** ENROLL TODAY and be ready to swim when summer hits. There are many low-cost options available in the area.

WATCH THE WATER. If you can't swim or your kids can't swim, stay away from the water! Every time kids are around pools – or hot tubs, lakes, creeks, rivers, or the ocean – at least one adult who is a strong swimmer should be designated as the official "Water Watcher." This person has a very important job! The Water Watcher is responsible for staying focused on the kids the whole time. Do not become distracted by texts, phone calls, earphones/music, reading, or napping. If you use babysitters, confirm that they are strong swimmers, and insist that they closely supervise your kids every moment.

LEARN CPR. Travis County ESD #2 (the Pflugerville Fire Department) provides free, compression-only CPR training to groups age 13 and older. Call ESD#2 at (512) 251-2801 and ask for the Risk Reduction Division to learn more about basic CPR. Remember the 3 C's: CHECK for signs of life. CALL 9-1-1 for help. COMPRESS the center of the chest hard and fast until help arrives.

FENCE ALL POOLS. Many of the nearly 300 kids under 5 years old who drown each year in backyard pools in the U.S. could be SAVED if homeowners completely fenced in pools. It's also very important to install self-closing, self-latching devices on gates. Anyone who has cared for young kids knows how fast they can move, so install pool and gate alarms to alert you when kids go near the water.

STAY AWAY FROM DRAINS. Ensure all pools and spas – both on your property and any public or hotel pool you may visit – have compliant drain covers. By law, all public pools and spas must have drain grates/covers that meet safety standards to avoid fatal accidents. Teach kids to avoid drains. Powerful suction from a pool or spa drain can even trap an adult.

How can I make Wells Branch an even BETTER place to live and raise my family, you ask?

Wells Branch is pretty perfect just like it is, but if you'd like to make a difference, pick out one or two things you don't normally do and START! It's easy!



Volunteer • Help out a neighbor • Don't litter • VOTE! • Conserve water • Have a block party • Drive carefully • Organize a Neighborhood Watch Program • Join WBNA • Keep your home in good repair • Recycle • Plant flowers • Donate to local charities • Keep your yard mowed and trimmed • Attend a neighborhood meeting • Take walks around the neighborhood • Pick up litter along our trails and in our parks • Help keep our streets and sidewalks clean • Pick up after your pets • Spay or neuter your pets • Help someone "Just Because" • Organize a safe house network along routes to schools • Observe the speed limit • Stay in contact with your elderly neighbors • Park in your driveway • Watchout for children • Keep bicycle lanes open • Meet somebody new • Get to know your neighbors • Listen to a child • Put up your trash cans promptly • Mow a neighbor's lawn • Smile • Take a day off from work to spend with your family
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Wells Branch Garden Guild

We're all about gardening in the Wells Branch neighborhood and surrounding areas! Our meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday morning of the month at the WB MUD Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive. We meet at 10:30am for a plant/seed swap and then at 11:00am, for the presentation. Follow our Facebook page for meeting announcements as the season progresses!

NEXT: Saturday, June 18 | Composting with Yvette Shelton

Thanks to the gardeners who invited us into their yards last Saturday. The return of the annual Wells Branch Garden Tour was a huge success! Each garden was beautiful and unique! It was a fun morning and the tour provided a lot of ideas and inspiration for all of us. Thank you Susie Gillespie for planning and organizing it!

We hope you enjoy these photos from the tour.



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WB Business Update: State Farm Insurance is back in Wells Branch!

A note from Marijane Billington —

I am a proud to be a native Texan! I moved from Houston to attend the University of Texas in Austin. Like so many other students, I fell in love with the city and stayed. I then joined an established State Farm agent's office working almost 10 years before opening my own office. The Wells Branch area is so special to me because of the community involvement. My family and I love the outdoors! The parks, pond, and neighborhood events make it such a special place to raise a family. As an agent living and working in Wells Branch, I am committed being a good neighbor, protecting others from the hazards and risks of everyday life, while striving to enrich our community by helping local businesses.

I am passionate about helping families, knowing the struggles that we all face today. Between caring for our aging parents, planning for our young children, while trying to balance life's challenges and retire happy. Managing today's financial considerations and choosing how we spend our money will ultimately impact how we live today, while being able to enjoy our lives in the future. My team and I will do everything we can to help you meet your financial goals.

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Marijane Billington

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WBNA Volunteers, acknowledgement, praise and a new program!

2022 has seen many of our events return in a BIG way! The WBNA team is always happy to host annual events that bring the community together! Because these events cannot happen without help from within the community, we wanted to take a minute and acknowledge the efforts of the folks who have helped out recently.

We closed 2021 with Luminary Fest crafts, calendar sales and newsletter delivery. 2022 kicked off with newsletter delivery, followed by the WB MUD Eco Fair, April Extreme Clean, and the WBNA Easter Egg Hunt. We also hosted two town hall sessions for community awareness. So many wonderful folks helped out, too many to list here, but we wanted to acknowledge everyone's efforts. We are so grateful. Moving forward, we are going to establish a "Volunteer Hall of Fame" on the website, wbna.us

Here's a HUGE thank you to everyone who volunteered, your contribution made a difference! Whether you delivered newsletters, hosted a booth, helped with crafts, stuffed eggs, saved boxes, or donated time at Extreme Clean, your efforts helped to make each event a success!

We are also working to develop an online system to help folks register as a WBNA volunteer. As we expand the base of volunteers, when an event gets close or the next newsletter comes out, we will reach out to the volunteer team for support. We are hoping to streamline the process and give more community members a chance to get involved.

Remember, it's all about the team effort and it's the volunteers that make it happen. Please consider joining our volunteer team, even if you can only give a couple of hours for a single event or help out behind the scenes—your contribution helps the entire community succeed. Watch for announcements coming soon and please think about volunteering at the 2022 4th Fest!

Thank you, one and all!

The WBNA Team

Building Community Together

Please JOIN or RENEW YOUR Membership TODAY!
WBNA Membership Form on Page 16 or join online at wbna.us/membership/



THE BUNNY IS BACK!

2022 WBNA
Easter Egg Hunt
For more photos,
visit the WBNA
Facebook Page.

SUMMER READING for ALL AGES- OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES: June 1 to July 31, 2022

Track your reading to collect prizes and be entered in weekly raffle drawings.

Fri 6/3 @ 5pm- Kickoff Party- Kona Ice, Balloon Art, and a Steel Drum concert for all ages.

Fri 6/24 @ 6pm- Undersea Pajama Party- Stories, crafts and a photo booth for families.

Fri 7/2 @ 6:30pm- Ukulele Concert (Did you know we have ukuleles you can borrow?)

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

Bike Clinic: Sun 6/5 @ 3:30pm– FREE expert workshop basic repair and maintenance.
Register directly with 100 bikes for kids. tinyurl.com/4chb5shh



SPECIAL ADULT PROGRAMS:

NEW! Silent Book Club: Thu 6/2 & 7/7 @ 6pm

Read quietly together with optional socializing at the end.
It's the fun of a book club without assigned reading.

Paint Pour Ocean Bookmarks: Sat 6/4 @ 4pm

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Resume Workshops: Sat 6/11 & 7/9 @ 10am

Edit your resume to stand out for the job you want.

Harry Potter Trivia : Sat 6/11 @ 4pm

Impress your friends and test your knowledge.

Intermediate Excel: Sat 6/18 @ 10am

Go beyond the basics in a small-group setting.

**** Oil Pastel Class: Thu 6/23 @ 5:30pm**

Learn to draw and illustrate a fun scene with a teacher.

Hummingbirds of Austin: Sat 6/25 @ 4pm

Learn about the different species that summer (and winter)
in Austin and how you can help them to thrive.

Book Page Wreaths: Sat 7/2 @ 4pm

Decorate your door from an old book page.

ADULT WELLNESS

- Yoga: 5/26 & 6/30 @ 6:45pm
- Meditation & Stretching: 6/9 & 7/14 @ 6pm

Craft LAB: Wed @ 6:00pm (age 18+)

- **6/1 Basic Embroidery
- 6/8 Knit and Crochet
- **6/15 Cross Stitch Bookmarks
- **6/22 Mending and Repair
- **6/29 Tapestry Embroidery

Adults can request a time to come in for 1 on 1 tool training or to use our craft lab equipment.

SPECIAL KIDS PROGRAMS:

Chemistry Roadshow: Mon 6/6 @ 2pm

Dr Pennington demonstrates exciting experiments.

Austin Zoo Animal Shows: Thu 6/16 @ 10:30 & 11am

**** Young Rembrandts Oil Pastel Workshop (Ages 8+)**

Thu 6/23 @ 3:30pm

****Young Rembrandts Drawing Class (ages 5+)**

Mon 6/27 @ 6pm

Sue Young Concert: Tue 6/28 @ 10:30am

Bilingual concert for kids and their families.

WEEKLY KIDS PROGRAMS

- Mon @ 10:30am: Baby Signs
- Mon @ 11am: Storytime
- Mon @ 4pm: **NEW **Wacky Science** (age 5+)
- Tues @ 10:30am: Bilingual Storytime
- Tues @ 11am: Spanish Circle Time
- Tues @ 3:15 & 4:15pm: **** LEGO Lab** (age 5+)
- Wed @ 10:30am: Circle Time
- Thu @ 10:30am & 11am: Storytime
- Thu @ 5pm: Storytime and Craft

OCTOPUS GAMES: Sat June 25 @ 2pm,

The Teen Library Council hosts nonviolent games and challenges as seen on Squid Games for ages 12-18.

To see everything happening at the library, check out our website and event calendar at

[WBLIBRARY.ORG](https://wblibrary.org).

****Program registration: wblibrary.eventbrite.com**

Clip -n- Save Pool Hours

Katherine Fleischer (KF) Pool

2106 Klattenhoff • 512-251-9932

May 31 - August 16, 2022*

Open Swim	M-Th, Sa	10am-8pm
	F	3-8pm
	Su	1-8pm

**No Lap Lanes will be available at KF Pool, please use the Willow Bend Pool.*

**KF Pool will be open from 10am-7pm on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.*

Willow Bend Pool

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May 31 - August 16, 2022*

Lap Lane by reservation (baby pool open)	M-W-F	12-8pm
Open Swim with two lap lanes available. (baby pool open)	Tu-Th-Sa	12-8pm
Lap Lane by reservation (baby pool open)	Su	1-8pm

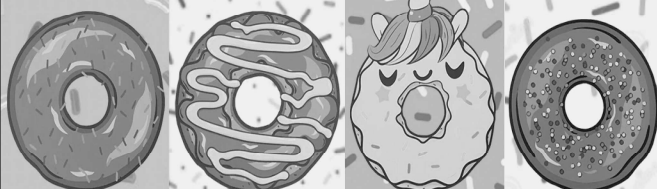
**WB Pool will be open for open/lap swim from 10am-8pm on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30*

WB Pool will close at 5pm on Tuesday, June 7 (Rain Date: June 21)

**WB Pool may open late on these dates due to Armada home swim meets: 6/11, 6/25*

Please note: These are general guidelines. Hours are subject to change. Visit: wellsbranchmud.com/pools for current information and specific exceptions. If you have any questions about pool operations, please feel free to contact the Aquatics Supervisor, Katie Hutcheson, at 512-251-9814 x111 or khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.

ATX Donut



Hours: 6 am - 1 pm / Closed on Tuesday

2113 Wells Branch Pkwy. / 737-300-1024

Online Pool Reservation Tips

WB MUD is currently limiting reservations to active Pool and All-Facility Recreation Tag holders. Reservations are opened at 8:00am the day before, we are now offering same-day reservations. If you need to miss your reservation time slot, please cancel it in ActiveNet so someone else can take the slot. Reservations may be made at https://apm.activecommunities.com/wellsbranchmud/Facility_Search



Reservations must be made by an adult (18+) active pool or all facility tag holder. Each adult is limited to one reservation per day. Any duplicate reservations may be canceled without notice by staff. If you have a multi-user membership with more than one adult (18+) member, they will each need a separate account before registering on-line. Contact the recreation staff for more information.

Up to one (1) household member between the ages of 11 - 17 may be included with an adult lane reservation. This swimmer must be actively swimming laps during the reservation and may be required to pass a swim test. An online reservation guide is available at: <http://wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/swimming-pools>

Your online account username is the email address you provided when you signed up for your Rec Tags. You can use the password reset tool to set your password if you do not know it.

When you are making your reservation it will ask for the number of guests. Enter 1 for just yourself, or 2 if there is a second swimmer from your household. Reservations are for a single swimmer (and second household member aged 11-17). Regular guests are not allowed to use the pool.

Community Game Night!

EVERY THURSDAY | 6:30pm-8:00pm

Whether you're looking to play beginner or advanced games, we hope you'll come out for a good time!



Save these Dates for Summer Fun!

Memorial Day Casino Night

Saturday, May 28 | 6:00pm - 9:00pm

WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Dr.

We have a winner! It's Wells Branch! The Wells Branch MUD Recreation Department presents an adults-only evening of gaming for residents on May 28. Join your neighbors as the Rec. Dept. transform the Recreation Center into a casino using professional tables and dealers. Will your lucky tickets win you one of the amazing prizes? Are you ready to tempt fate? Alcohol tickets, sodas, and snacks are free. *This event is for residents 21 and up only and IDs will be checked at the door.*

Splash Day!

Sunday, May 29 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Katherine Fleischer Pool | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.

Wells Branch is kicking off the summer with our second annual Splash Day at the KF Pool. Come out from 1pm to 4pm for swimming, pool games and water safety education. Admission is free and we will have giveaway items for children.

Summer Dive-In Movies: Save the Dates!

Friday, June 3 | 8:00pm | *Shark Tale*

Friday, July 1 | 8:00pm | *Soul*

Friday, August 5 | 8:00pm | *Spongebob on the Run*

Katherine Fleischer Pool | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.

Grab a spot at the coolest movie in town and join Wells Branch MUD Rec. Dept. for dive-in movies. Hosted on the first Friday between May-August at sunset, they'll be showing movies that everyone in the family can enjoy. Whether you're reclining poolside or relaxing in the water, there's no doubt that dive-in movies is the coolest place to be. Regular pool admission rules and fees apply. No floatation devices will be permitted. Capacity is limited, so pre-registration is recommended. Register here: https://apm.activecommunities.com/wellsbranchmud/Facility_Search. See wellsbranchmud.com for more information or call 512-251-9814.

Movies in the Park: Save the Dates!

Friday, June 17 | 8:30pm - 10:30pm | *Encanto*

Friday, July 15 | 8:30pm - 10:30pm | *Sing 2*

Friday, August 19 | 8:30pm - 10:30pm | *Cruella*

Katherine Fleischer Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.

Wells Branch MUD presents their Movies in the Park Summer Series at Katherine Fleischer Park! Bring your blankets, chairs, and bug repellent and enjoy a fun filled night with your family and neighbors. All movies will be rated PG with free admission, movie to start at twilight. See wellsbranchmud.com for more information or call 512-251-9814.

Juneteenth Celebration-Jazz on the Green

Sunday, June 19 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Wells Branch Homestead | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.

Juneteenth, a combination of June and Nineteenth, is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in Texas and is observed on June 19. Informally, Juneteenth has been celebrated annually since 1865. In 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas. Juneteenth is a day to celebrate freedom and cultural diversity. Please join us as we celebrate on the lawn of the Homestead at the KF Park. This is a free family event. Bring your lawn chairs and neighbors to mingle the evening away.



WBNA FourthFest Silent Auction

Monday, July 4 | 9:00am - 2:00pm

WB Community Center at KF Park

2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Each year, the WBNA hosts a silent auction during WB FourthFest. Proceeds benefit the WBNA. Money raised from this event funds the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, our participation in Halloween Trunk or Treat, crafts at Luminary Fest and all of the educational and safety seminars we put on throughout the year. Come check out all the wonderful gift baskets and gift certificates donated by WB friends, neighbors and businesses and start placing your bids as soon as the parade returns. Contact Margaret Sufke at 512-341-0428 or SilentAuction@wbna.us if you have an item or service you'd like to donate or if you'd like to volunteer. We can **ALWAYS** use a hand!



FourthFest Parade!

Monday, July 4 | 10:00am

Katherine Fleischer Park

2106 Klattenhoff Drive



The Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation Department is excited to once again celebrate the Fourth of July with one of our most beloved community traditions. The FourthFest parade will kick off at 10:00am from Katherine Fleischer Park. Guests are encouraged to line the streets and show off your patriotic pride in this long-time tradition! If you wish to include a float in this year's parade, please contact the WB MUD Program & Events Coordinator at 512-251-9814.

2022 Parade Route (Departs at 10am)

Facing west on Klattenhoff Dr. => Right on Alpha Collier
=> Right on Fronia Woodward => Right on Cervin Blvd.
=> Right on Wells Port Dr. => Right on Crystal Shore
=> Right on Klattenhoff Dr. => Return to KF Park

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FourthFest Cornhole Tournament

Monday, July 4 | 11:00am

Wells Branch Homestead | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.

Got a hankering for cornhole? This year FourthFest will offer 24 teams the chance to show off their skills in a single-elimination cornhole tournament! Games will begin after the parade at 11:00am in front of the Homestead.

Prizes

1st place: (2) \$50 Gift Cards (\$100 total)

2nd place: (2) \$25 Gift Cards (\$50 total)

3rd place: (2) \$10 Gift Cards (\$20 total)

Teams will compete in pairs of two in a single elimination tournament. Participants must be 13 years or older to compete. Registration opens June 1st and ends July 3rd. Contact WB MUD at 512-251-9814. Hosted by the WB MUD Recreation Department.

FourthFest Concert

Monday, July 4 | 6:00pm

Shoreline Soccer Complex | 3908 Shoreline Drive

The fun doesn't stop in the morning! Put on your favorite red, white, and blue outfit and join us as the FourthFest celebrations continue with a concert in the park! Bring the whole family for an exciting evening of live music at the Wells Branch Soccer Complex. Gates open at 5:30pm. Guests are welcome to bring their picnic blankets or lawn chairs and kick-back, relax, and enjoy the evening. Following the concert, you can stay in your seats and enjoy a spectacular Fourth of July Fireworks Show starting at 9:00pm. Hosted by the WB MUD Recreation Department.

FourthFest Fireworks!

Monday, July 4 | 9:30pm

WB MUD Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

To finish out the night, join us for WB MUD's dazzling Fourth of July fireworks show!

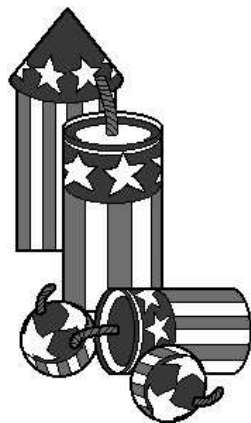
The annual Wells Branch MUD Fireworks Show will begin at 9:30pm at the Wells Branch Recreation Center. Prepare to be dazzled as they light up the night sky in celebration of the Fourth of July! There will not be any public parking available at the Recreation Center. Although parking is available along the street and in the Willow Bend Pool parking lot, the number of spaces are limited, so we encourage all that can, to walk or ride bikes.

Please come early, bring your blankets, chairs, coolers and bug spray.

Don't forget to clear your area and pick up your trash when you leave. Thank you!

Questions? Call the WB MUD Rec Center at 512-251-9814.

****No personal fireworks are allowed on District Property.***



Wells Branch MUD is HIRING Seasonal Camp Counselors!

The Wells Branch MUD is currently hiring for the following positions:

- Summer Day Camp Counselor
- Summer Day Camp Lead Counselor

Please visit the District's employment page at <http://wellsbranchmud.com/services/human-resources> for details and for information on how to apply. For questions contact the MUD office at 512-251-9814.



Aquafit Classes

by Katie Hutcheson, WB MUD Aquatics Supervisor

WB MUD offers Aqua-fit classes year-round each Tuesday and Thursday from Noon-1pm at Willow Bend Pool. You must be a Rec Tag holder; for more information visit wellsbranchmud.com or call 512-251-9814.

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.

KWBB Trash Initiative: KWBB is offering free t-shirts, trash bags and pickers to help clean up our parks and trails! Stop by the Rec Center to grab a t-shirt, a trash bag and a picker — You can borrow or keep the pickers, and we ask that you dispose of the trash bags in a trash receptacle.

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

Wells Branch Neighbor Spotlight:

Jessica Cannon, Author

A Wells Branch community member since August 2007, Jessica Cannon is a Certified Public Accountant and Author of **The Proactive Caregiver: Stop Reacting to Life, Start Living Proactively**. The Cannon family includes her husband Scott, and sons Andrew and Corbin.

After spending over 20 years as an accountant, and after growing up in an emotionally dysfunctional home and learning only to avoid interactions with her Bipolar mother, as fate would have it, Jessica became her mother's full-time caregiver. After becoming a dementia caregiver, Jessica also became a Certified Dementia Practitioner and member of the National Speaker Association, Austin Chapter, to train others on becoming Proactive Caregivers.

Jessica says, "I began writing this book once my anger at stepping into Mom's world subsided, thanks to years of therapy, to help others stop reacting to life. Dementia is a silent killer of relationships as much as it deteriorates the brain. Caregivers carry the burden of providing care, and spiral into depression because none of this journey feels normal. The truth is, we are stubborn human beings, so denial plays a significant role. It is not until we are faced with making difficult decisions that we finally realize there could be and should be a better way, especially when caregivers often die before their loved ones from lack of self-care. By the time you acknowledge Dementia has touched your life, the damage is done; however, breaking the loop of reacting to behaviors, heartbreak, and diagnosis can be prevented."



Jessica not only makes sense of her dysfunctional past but shares her journey of healing to find peace in the present while preparing a future for her mother to live out her days safely with dignity. As the story unfolds, you will discover many tips on becoming a Proactive Caregiver too. From understanding the top 4 forms of Dementia to creating a cultural shift by breaking the cycle, protecting your future through proactive measures, Caregiver Compliance to Spousal Distress, and finding a new home for your loved one so you can mourn yet remain in the present moment.

Proactive Caregiver just launched a virtual REFUEL support group that meets once a month on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. It is free, but registration is required to ensure space. Registration is available at www.proactivecaregiver.com/refuel. The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2022 on Zoom at 7:00pm.

Jessica hosts a blog at: www.jessicalizelcannon.com and her book is available through the following sites: **Proactive Caregiver** <https://www.proactivecaregiver.com/books> **Amazon** https://www.amazon.com/Proactive-Caregiver-Reacting-Living-Proactively/dp/B09MYVVD7Y/ref=sr_1_1?crid=GUA3NJMU3KU7&keywords=proactive+caregiver&qid=1653269397&prefix=proactive+caregiver%2Caps%2C148&sr=8-1

Walmart <https://www.walmart.com/ip/The-Proactive-Caregiver-Hardcover/983414339?fulfillmentIntent=Shipping>

Jessica Lizel Cannon
The Proactive Caregiver
www.proactivecaregiver.com



The Proactive Caregiver book will inspire caregivers surrounded by the darkness of fear, anxiety, and overwhelm with the light of acceptance and empowerment. I will encourage you to be a healthier caregiver and teach you to appreciate the role model you have become as a caregiver for your children, causing a cultural shift.

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Silver Branchers

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 those who might be interested in making new friends. Meetings are held Thursdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Wells Branch Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive, to visit and play games. We also have socials and take day trips to places of interest from time-to-time. Membership is free. Anyone 50 or older is welcome.

For more information, call Glen at 512-461-1665 or visit our website at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/wellsbranchseniors/home>

Advertising & Article Submission

Do you have a business or service you would like to advertise? Have an article of interest to other WB residents? If the answer to either of these questions is yes, please visit wbna.us/newsletters for advertising rates or contact Donna Malone at info@wbna.us for other information.

The WBNA does not accept political advertising.

All article submissions are subject to editing.

All ads must be pre-paid.

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I/we want to help with: _____ Newsletter Delivery _____ Crime Watch _____ July 4th

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

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

