



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch
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2023 Silent Auction Donations Request

WOW! It's already time to start thinking about the WBNA Silent Auction. The annual auction is our BIG fundraiser for the year and takes place during the WB MUD 4th Fest celebration. Funds raised help to pay for all the WBNA community events: the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, Pumpkin Painting and our participation in WB MUD Halloween Trunk or Treat, and the crafts at Luminary Fest as well as on-going town hall meetings, candidate forums and safety awareness sessions throughout the year.

We are excited to be hosting the auction during the WB MUD Independence Day celebration. Our hybrid format of an online auction followed by a "live" event for the final bids on July the 4th has been so successful—we are gearing up again for 2023. 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 WBNA Facebook page for updates. A link will also be included in our Summer Issue of the Neighborhood News.

Friday, June 23: The Silent Auction site goes live!

Friday, July 2: The Silent Auction site closes and we transition all active bids to the live event.

Monday, July 4: The LIVE auction opens at 9:00am and closes at 2:00pm. Payments and Pick Up will be from 12:00 - 5:00pm.

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 Facebook page. The online auction has a rotating featured section along item details and links to your site. **If you have items or services to donate please email us at silentauction@wbna.us.**

Along with support from our local businesses, services, and Austin area attractions, **we would LOVE donations from the community.** We will begin accepting donations May 15. Donations to be included in the online auction must be received by June 18. 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, 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 the event volunteer site.

Thank YOU for supporting the Wells Branch Community!

WBNA Spring Traffic Safety Meeting

Saturday, May 20 | 11am-2 pm

WB Community Garden Parking Lot

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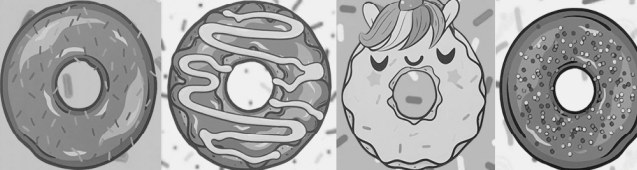
Get ready for safe travels this spring! Please join us in the Wells Branch Community Garden parking lot. WBNA is hosting an exciting educational traffic safety meeting with State Farm and TxDOT. There will be an interactive demonstration of a DDI (diverging diamond interchange). A representative from TxDOT will also be on hand to answer questions about the upcoming I35 North construction project. *("I35" continued on page 2)*

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There will also be information from the Get Ready Central Texas program available, including a sample “Emergency Readiness Backpack” on display. A deputy voter registrar will be on site and ready to help folks register to vote. St. Andrew’s will also be there with a team ready to collect donations for the food bank, please bring a donation.

There will be an extra special kid’s activity! Kids, young (and not so young), bring your RC cars to test drive on the DDI training track! And who knows, there may be some sweet treats on offer. Ice cream anyone?

For more information: visit wbna.us.

NEW WBNA EVENT — Save the Date: “The Arts at the Library”

Saturday, September 23 | 10am-3pm

WB Community Library | 15001 Wells Port Drive

Community members asked and the WBNA delivered! The WBNA board approached the WB Community Library board late last year and was given permission to host a “Community Arts Festival”. We are excited to launch the NEW “Arts at the Library” event.

Calling all Wells Branch and local area artisans! This event will target hand-crafted goods and artwork. Think “farmer’s market” format for crafters. Want to sell your hand crafted products? Do you make jewelry or work in wood, glass, clay, textiles or resin? How about painting, photography, or home goods. Do you craft personal care products like soaps, honey or natural beauty products? Do you bake, write or create music?

Basically, if you hand craft something wonderful and you want to sell it—and you want to grow your business in the Wells Branch area, this event is for YOU and the Wells Branch community. All of the “arts” are included in this event. We are looking to host a wide variety of hand-crafted goods, original artwork, photography, literature, music and culinary creations.

The WBNA will organize and host the event in the parking lot of the Wells Branch Community Library. We will provide a parking space and a table. We are selling spaces for \$25.00. The fees collected will serve as an additional fund raising opportunity for the WBNA. The WBNA will host a table, selling our calendars and note cards. and also accept donated goods for sale.

Interested? Look for an upcoming announcement and sign-up sheet for this program in the next few weeks. Questions? Contact Margaret Sufke: info@wbna.us or call 512-341-0824.

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2024 Wells Branch Community Calendar Photo Contest

Give us your BEST shot! The annual WBNA Community Calendar Photo Contest is coming up. Our 2023 calendar was a huge success and the images are amazing. As a reminder, anyone who lives Wells Branch can submit a photo (or up to six photos). The image format **MUST** be an 8x10 landscape for the calendar. The only real “rules” are that images must be taken within Wells Branch by Wells Branch residents.

The 2024 theme is “Window into Wells Branch”. This year’s contest will take place both live at the WB MUD Recreation Center as well as online via the WBNA Facebook gallery for viewing and voting. The WB MUD Rec Center main lobby will host the contest gallery and “live” votes will be collected in a drop box.

Important Dates to Remember:

May 15: Start date! Use the online form and drop photo entry at the WB MUD Rec Center

Sept. 2: Contest closes and voting ends

Sept. 4: Winners announced

Sept. 23: Early sales begin at the WBNA *Arts at the Library* event

Oct. 3: The new 2024 Calendars will be available at National Night Out

Voting will take place online via the WBNA Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/WBNA.WellsBranchNeighborhoodAssociation/>

Photos will be featured for voting in the “2024 Calendar Contest” facebook album and onsite at the Rec Center Gallery. **NOTE:** Please plan to provide a printed image for display at the Rec Center.

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.



Wells Branch Photo Club

**WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Dr. Rm 100
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month | 6:30-8:00pm**

Meetings are a drop-in format and everyone is welcome. The club includes members of all skill levels from those just starting to enjoy the photographic hobby to semi-professional enthusiasts. The group shares tips, tricks and offers to help to those new to the hobby.

We are planning several photo shoot sessions, after receiving several great suggestions. Some folks noted that San Antonio might be a bit far, even for a special weekend shoot, so we are going to start closer to home.

May 9 | 6:30pm | Club meet-up in the WB Butterfly Garden
May 20 | 9:00am | WB Garden Guild Garden Tour | details to follow

May 27 | 10:00 am | Club meet-up at WB Wells Branch Rec Center – the location is TBD, thinking of going to the gardens in Georgetown.

Watch for updates via the WB Google Group, WBNA Facebook Page, WB Photo Club Facebook Page, and wbna.us. Questions? Contact Margaret Sufke at mmsufke@gmail.com

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Kudos to Extreme Clean volunteers!

Each Extreme Clean event is so important to the community. We always receive many “thank you” messages and positive comments during the event. The donation vendors are also grateful for our efforts. What may go unnoticed, is just how hard the folks who volunteer work. In addition, just how it is difficult to get volunteers interested in signing up. Not surprisingly, no one really relishes the idea of spending 4 to 6 hours in the WB MUD Parks & Facilities Yard, delightful though it is (in good weather anyway).

That said, here is a **HUGE KUDOS message** for the recent Spring event volunteers: Nadia Bernard and her mother, Heather Briggs, Susan Gezana, Donna Lyons, Siv Manda, Angela and Ray Lee, Margaret and Mark Sufke, and Juli Thatcher.

Last, but in no way least, a **very special SHOUT OUT** to Angela and Ray Lee who stepped up at the last minute and worked to transport the pet/animal supplies to the “All Things Wild” rescue group in Georgetown.

We will see everyone again in October, so feel free to start saving up all those wonderful recyclables! We all can work together to keep Wells Branch eco-friendly.



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Volunteer Kudos at the WBNA Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza!

The 2023 Egg Hunt was truly an “Egg-travaganza”! Folks always love the numbers: Over 10,000 stuffed eggs, using over 35 bags of treats, transported in 40+ plus paper boxes with the help of 62 volunteers! Not to mention over 400 photos with the Easter Bunny, a mountain of craft supplies, and over three dozen prizes! Phew!

What is even more amazing, is just how blindingly FAST all those cute little community bunnies can clear the entire WB Homestead Park area of every single egg! We started right at 10:30 am and the last group cleared their section by 11:21 am! Less than an hour—WOW!

It’s the army of dedicated volunteers that work so hard to make this happen. Without their efforts, this event simply wouldn’t happen. **Here’s an “egg-tra” special KUDO to all our volunteers:**

Rose Baugbog, Cecil Baugbog, Kristen Baugbog, Kevan Beeler, Nadia Bernard, Cathy Beyer, Elizabeth Burger, Tiffany Cadenhead, Sloan Carreon, Hallie Cooper, Christina Cox, Hudson Engstrom, Marion Frazer (photographer), Rachel Griggs, Carla Gordon, Carol Hickey, Robbie Hearn, Travers Hough (EB), Caroline Hoy, Donna Johnston, Monica Koenig, Gus Kohn, Katherine LaPierre, Josh Leisure, Sara Leisure, Caroline Love, Siv Manda, Carolyn Mangold, Darci Marter, Conner McGuire, Michelle McGuire, Terra Moses, Lutrecia Osholco, David Osholco, Cheryl Paul, Sophia Perez-Rae, Mauricio Ramos, Regina Raudabaugh, Violet Raudabaugh, Davika Reid, Carlos Revilla, Ruby Rhodes, Evan Rhodes, Barbara Romero, Tania Rosales, Lily Ruiz, Tim & Sonya Shaffer and the Shaffer Family, Hayley and Sophia Su, Mark and Margaret Sufke, DeLane Spriggs, Sharon Sproat, Juli Thatcher, Penny Thomas, Debby Thompson, Isabella Valdez, Bekah Wachholz (emcee), Dan & Sherry White

Special thanks to Kevan Beeler and his team from the LifeChurch group and Marion Frazer, a Wells Branch Photo Club member. And to Mr. “EB” who had a brand new suit donated this year. We have tried to recognize everyone, if we accidentally missed anyone, please let us know. Thank you to all the community members who helped out.

We are looking forward to next year! We will stay on the hop to make the Wells Branch community so “egg”ceptional! Visit our Facebook page for the Easter Bunny Pics!

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Disc Nation – The North “Clubhouse” Location 3407 Wells Branch Parkway, Suite 725

Please welcome **Disc Nation**, which opened in March of 2023, to Wells Branch! Both Disc Nation locations are well stocked with a large variety of discs, bags, merchandise, baskets, and much more. Disc Nation is dedicated to growing the sport and spreading the love of Disc Golf through volunteerism, sponsorship, supporting local events and clubs, and encourages community involvement. Keep an eye out as they have many new events of their own coming up!

Disc Nation is a woman-owned and operated disc golf retail business that first was established in 2008 when owner Shannon Mullan made the move from trailer to storefront with the original Disc Nation flagship location on Slaughter Lane in South Austin. Shannon has recently opened a second location, **The Clubhouse**, in North Austin at the corner of MoPac and Wells Branch Parkway which is managed by Samantha Drapela. Samantha is a very dedicated local disc golf community leader, the founder of the ATX Queens of Disc, and owner/operator of ATX Disc or Dye. Follow on Facebook and Instagram for upcoming events and specials.

The North “Clubhouse” Location*

Open Monday – Saturday 10am-6pm | Sunday 10am-4pm

*The Clubhouse location is closed daily from 2-2:30pm for lunch

Disc Nation – The South “OG” Location

2110 West Slaughter Lane, Suite 174 | Austin, TX | 78748

Open Monday – Saturday 10am-6pm | Sunday 10am-4pm

See Ad on Page 4.

Wells Branch Library Summer Fun is Always Free at the Library!

Every summer, the Wells Branch Community Library has special programming and reading incentives in addition to all of our regular storytimes, activities, and services. Summer Reading runs from June 1 to July 31 this year. Ages 0-110 can track their reading (on paper or digitally at wblibrary.beanstack.com) for prizes.

We also will have Family Game Nights every Tuesday at 6pm for any age and skill level to play together. This is not the same as our ongoing Monday evening Open Table D&D.

Special programs for ages 8-12 this summer include Adventure Club on Mondays at 4pm and Big Kid Crafts on Fridays at 2pm. We are offering two STEAM building groups on Tuesday afternoons, Block Party at 4pm for ages 5-10 and STEAM Lab at 5pm for ages 8-12.

LAB Rats is a first experience in our (usually adults only) crafting space. Participants must be 10-17 years old to register and attend. Make a messenger bag with sewing machines, use the Cricut to design an iron-on that can be put on that bag or something else, learn to make jewelry with Viking Wire Weaving, and decorate wood with stencils and pyrography. These programs will include all supplies and instruction.

There is no cost or residency requirement to get a library card at Wells Branch Community Library or to attend any of our programs. See our page in the newsletter (page 7) for regular and special program information. Space at programs is often limited, so check our website and Eventbrite for registration information.



What Should I Read Next?

At Friends of the Library, we have one mission: to spread the word to the Wells Branch community about our local library and its fantastic programming and resources! One of the best ways we know how to do this is to simply share what wonderful books we're reading (and encourage you to head to the library to check them out!).

Enter: *What Should I Read Next?* This ongoing feature will share reading recommendations from librarians, Friends of the Library board members, and the Wells Branch community. You can find more of this series and other information about the library on our blog: <http://wbfriends.org>

I recently finished ***The Marriage Portrait*** by Maggie O'Farrell and haven't been able to stop thinking about it! Set in Florence, Italy in the 1550s, this novel follows the duchess Lucrezia de' Medici from birth through adolescence. Filled with plot twists, historical details, and emotion this is the perfect read for anyone who loves historical fiction, Italian history, or simply a strong, fearless female lead character. — *Morgan Simon, Friends of the Library Board Vice President*

I recommend ***Kingdom of the Wicked*** series by Kerri Maniscalco for romance and fantasy lovers, with a lot of mythology. In 19th century Italy, Emilia is a witch living in Sicily and working at her family's restaurant. When her twin sister is brutally murdered, Emilia tries to summon a demon to help her get revenge. Instead, she ends up accidentally summoning the Prince of Wrath. These longtime mortal enemies team up to solve the murder. Very satisfying enemies to lovers arc. — *Kaitlyn, Youth Services Assistant Manager*

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, tells the story of a Russian Count in the 1920's who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside the world renowned Metropol Hotel in Moscow instead of being shot! He manages to live a life of purpose while all the while being charming and a true gentleman to all. There are also a few surprising twists that keep things interesting. I read the book, and liked it so much, I also listened to it, which I would recommend, because his charm is even more evident. Those of you who have already read ***A Gentleman in Moscow***, might want to give it another read, because it is soon to be a Showtime series starring Ewan McGregor as the Count. — *Joan Mead, Friends of the Library Board Member*

I recommend ***A Deadly Education*** by Naomi Novik. Outside the Scholomance is even more dangerous for the young wizards. El is trapped inside the school with her classmates where only some of the ravenous monsters can get at them, and only some of the other students are trying to drain each other for power. It's nice and horrible in the skyless void. All El has to do is not die and not destroy the world. — *Julia, Library Assistant*

For the **Wine, Women and Words Book Club***, I recently read ***The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue*** by V.E.Schwab. A young woman in medieval times inadvertently calls an old god of the night instead of the day to save her from an unwanted marriage. As often happens, the wish granted is really a curse - to never be remembered after other people look away, and to live forever, until she is willing to give her soul to the god. It alternates between 2014 and the preceding centuries, and is a very interesting read. — *Nancy Loomis, Friends of the Library Board Secretary*

***Wine, Women and Words Book Club** is a book club offered through the Wells Branch Community Library, find out more details at <https://www.wblibrary.org/news-events/lib-cal>



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10am-8pm Mon-Thurs,

10am-6pm Fri & Sat; 1pm-6pm Sun

To see everything happening at the library, including our regular story time and LAB schedules, check out our website at **WBLIBRARY.ORG**.

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

All Together Now– Summer Reading June 1– July 30

This year's theme is about coming together. We invite everyone to track their reading, either on paper or online at wblibrary.beanstack.com, to earn special prizes.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

****Adventure Club: Mondays at 4pm, ages 8-12**

Work as a group to Choose Your Own Adventure

Block Party: Tuesdays at 4pm, ages 5+

Free play and building challenges with STEAM tools.

****STEAM Lab: Tuesdays at 5pm, ages 8+**

Have fun with STEAM and robotics every Tuesday.

****Big Kid Art: Fridays at 2pm, ages 8-12**

Come do a new craft or art project every week!

TEENS & TWEENS (ages 10-17) ONLY

****LAB Rats: Mon 6/5 @ 5pm–** Make a messenger bag with one of our sewing machines.

****Octopus Games Sat 6/10 @ 2pm–** Traditional (nonviolent) field games in the yard based on the Netflix series

****Manga Drawing Class Thurs 6/22 @ 2pm–** Come learn to draw Manga with Mr. Pitts

Fan Art Showcase: June 1-30– Share your love for a favorite book or character with fan art. Submissions must be display appropriate and accompanied by the library form.

SPECIAL KIDS PROGRAMS

****First Friday: Balloon Twist Art 6/2 @ 6:30pm**

Interactive storytime with a twist– balloon art.

****Cowboy Ken in Concert: Wed 6/7 @ 1pm**

Songs, stories, ropes and puppetry for all ages to enjoy.

****Mr. Will in Concert: Fri 6/16 @ 12pm**

Everybody loves to sing along with Mr. Will.

****Joe McDermott Concert: Sat 6/24 @ 10:30am**

Come see a favorite performer and enjoy the show.

****Young Rembrandts: Mon 6/26 @ 6pm**

Ages 5+ can create a masterpiece in an hour.

****Mad Science: Wed 6/28 @ 4:30pm**

Science comes alive before your eyes at the library.

Story Time: We have TEN story time programs each week for kids 0-6, including programs with Sign Language, Spanish, and crafts. See our website for the full schedule and information.

PLAY TOGETHER

Family Game Night: Tuesdays in June & July @ 6pm

The library has over 50 games to check-out; try one together.

Open Table D&D– Mon 6/12 & 6/26 @ 5pm (ages 10+)

Enjoy a one-day story with new and different players each time. No experience necessary. Ages 10-99 can play.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

****Try It! Farmer Market Produce Bag: Sat 6/3 @ 4pm**

All supplies are provided for you to relax and create.

Traveling Tea Book Club: Thu 6/1 @ 6pm

Meet up, talk about books, and drink some tea together.

Spice of the Month Club: Sat 6/10 @ 4pm

Pick up a spice packet, give it a try, and share.

****Bad Art Night: Sat 6/17 @ 4pm**

Join your friends & neighbors to create a disaster-piece.

****All of Your Beeswax: Sat 6/24 @ 4pm**

Learn about bees, taste honey, make lip balm & roll a candle.

****The Scream Art Class: Thu 6/29 @ 5:30pm**

Learn how to recreate Munch's *The Scream* in pastels.

Adult Wellness

- ****Yoga: 6/22 @ 6:45pm**
- ****Meditation & Stretching: 6/3 @ 10am & 6/8 @ 6pm**

Computers and Technology:

Assistance is available all day, every day. Library staff are here to help you use the digital library, databases, etc.

- ****Résumé Workshop Sat 6/10 @ 10am**
- ****Create with Canva Sat 6/17 @ 10am**

Classes in the LAB: Wed @ 6:00pm (age 18+)

- ****6/7: Embroidery**
- **6/14: Knit and Crochet (ages 10+, no registration)**
- ****6/21: Cross Stitch Bookmarks**
- ****6/28: Needlepoint**

Writer's Guild– Sun 6/4 & 6/18 @ 2pm.

Share and edit work together Open to all writers ages 13+.

Memorial Day Casino Night

Saturday, May 27 | 6-9pm

WB Recreation Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Roll the dice at the Memorial Day Casino Night hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation! Rain or shine, adults 21 and older can place your bets and spend your chips with a varying number of casino games. There's a range of prizes and refreshments at this free event, so there's no losing! This event is for residents 21+ and IDs will be checked at the door.

Splash Day!

Sunday, May 28 | 2-5pm

KF Pool | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Jump into the coolest event of the summer at our annual Splash Day! Enjoy a day filled with fun for the family where our aquatics team will lead games, safety instructions, swimming and more. Giveaways will be available for the kiddos. This event will be canceled in case of inclement weather. Normal pool rules and fees apply. Hosted by WB MUD Parks & Recreation!

Dive-In Movies: *Dolphin Tale*

Friday, June 2 | 8pm

KF Pool | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Float on by to our Dive-in Movie event hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation! Cool off in the pool or relax poolside as we show *Dolphin Tale*. Regular pool rules and fees apply, with no registration required. This leisurely entertainment experience has a maximum capacity of 80, and in the case of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.

Movies in the Park: *Strange World*

Friday, June 16 | 8:30pm

KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Grab a spot at our June Movies in the Park hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation! Roll out the picnic blankets and gather the family to enjoy a night of the most entertaining hit movies with your neighbors. This month we'll be showing Disney's *Strange World*. The movie will start around sunset and is completely free to watch! Check wellsbranchmud.com for information on inclement weather closer to time of event.

Juneteenth Celebration: Music on the Green

Monday, June 19 | 6-8pm

KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Juneteenth commemorates the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas. Grab a lawn chair or picnic blanket and join Wells Branch MUD Recreation as we host our annual Juneteenth Celebration! The concert will be held at the Community Center Courtyard (formerly held in front of the Homestead) from 6-8pm. This is a free family event and will be held inside the Community Center in the case of inclement weather.



Wells Branch Armada

Swim Team News

by Emily Childs, Secretary, WBA

The Wells Branch Armada kicked off another great season with afternoon practices starting on May 1. We will switch to morning practices on Wednesday, May 31, after school is out for the year.

Our home meets are on May 20, May 27, June 3, June 17, and July 8 at the Willow Bend Pool. Whether you have kids on the team or not, feel free to stop by to cheer on your neighbors. While you're there, have some of the delicious food provided by our concessions team made up of an amazing group of volunteers with a reputation for providing quality food at a low price. All concessions proceeds benefit the WBA.

The WBA is a great way to get word out about your business. We have registered more than 200 swimmers from over 100 families in Wells Branch and surrounding areas. If you are interested in sponsoring the team, or donating in some other way, please visit our website at <https://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com>. The WBA is a 501(c)(3) organization.



WB Soccer Association Update

by Steve Wilson, President

Another successful soccer season has come to an end at Wells Branch. Wells Branch Soccer Association wants to thank all the players, the families of the players, the volunteers, the referees and our partners at the MUD for being part of the most value-priced and family friendly soccer club in the area. We continue to provide the best soccer experience in Central Texas. The volunteer coaches continue to excel teaching the game to the players and the players continue to improve year after year as evident by a 3rd place showing for the U11 Boys in the 2023 South Texas Cup and the U15 boys winning the D2 Championship as well as finishing 2nd in their state tournament. Look for the registration link to sign up for the fall season and join our amazing program!!!



Venturing Crew 1409

Meets every Monday from 7:00-8:00pm

WB MUD Admin. Office | 14611 Wells Port

Venturing Crew 1409 is a diverse group of neighbors who enjoy all things outdoors. Our group does everything from weekend, casual camping to week-long trips that include backcountry backpacking. We do at least one outdoor outing every month and perform our bigger adventures during Spring Break and Summer. There are a multitude of topics discussed during meetings, however a few constants are planning for camping trips, discussing service opportunities, and training. This is also a good program if you want to improve your outdoor camping skills, experience high adventure, or are a scout that wants to join an active Crew.

Ages 14 to 20 are welcome as youth and 21 and up as adults! Whether you enjoy the outdoors, are looking to make friends, or are simply looking for your next adventure, Venturing is for you.

For more information, contact Steve at sdzurenko@gmail.com

Possums: Friend or Foe?

Maybe you find them lovable, or maybe their pointy ears and toothy smirks churn your stomach. Either way, you'll never need to worry about possums attacking your pets, digging in your garden or threatening your children—these small, nomadic marsupials are perfectly innocuous. Possums are an integral part of the parkland system.

Here are a few points on possums:

- Call 311 if you have concern about an injured or sick animal. The wildlife rescue team will not accept, rescue or relocate a healthy animal.
- Possums are considered a "friend" and help with pest control, feeding on insects, ticks, snakes and small vermin.
- Possums very rarely get rabies, due to a low body temperature.
- This marsupial is not likely to prey on cats, dogs or other furry friends.

If threatened, a possum may hiss, drool, bare its teeth and play dead; none of this is a sign of rabies, it just ruse to avoid predators.

To close, having a possum wander through your yard or the park system is considered a "good friend" within the Wells Branch urban eco system.

If you would like more information, please check the safety section of the wbna.us web site. wbna.us/safety/possums

Community Wildlife Habitat - Coming Soon!

Rapid and large-scale changes to our lands and waters mean wildlife are losing the habitats they once knew. More than half of America's wetlands that support waterfowl and wildlife have been drained and/or plowed. Habitat fragmentation reduces biodiversity by 13 to 75%. To combat fragmentation, Wells Branch is partnering with the National Wildlife Federation to become a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat. Every habitat garden is a step toward replenishing resources for wildlife such as bees, butterflies, birds, and amphibians—both locally and along migratory corridors. To secure certification, Wells Branch would need at least 175 homes with the Wildlife Habitat certification. The basic requirements for the certification are to provide food, water, cover, and a place for wildlife to raise young, and to engage in sustainable gardening and landscaping practices. Examples of food are as simple as having a bird feeder and plants that provide pollen and nectar. Similarly, a bird-bath, roosting box, and a rock pile are sufficient to meet the water and cover requirements. Mature trees and host plants for caterpillars meet the places to raise young requirements. The use of compost and native plants in your landscape fulfills the sustainable practices requirement. If you are interested in this program, I will be presenting at the July meeting of the Wells Branch Garden Guild (Saturday, July 15, 10am at the Recreation Center on Shoreline Drive). You can also visit <https://nwf.org/CERTIFY> to learn more about the program. Feel free to reach out to me directly at jdzurenko@gmail.com.

Wells Branch Garden Guild

WB MUD Rec. Center • 3000 Shoreline Dr.

Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:00-11:00am in Meeting Room 100 / 101

The Garden Guild is a friendly group of neighbors who meet once a month to discuss all things gardening. Topics will vary each month. All are welcome!

Our meetings are the 3rd Saturday of the month usually from 10:00- 11:00am at the Rec Center. The meetings are posted a few weeks in advance on the Events page of the Wells Branch Garden Guild Facebook page.

Our annual WB Garden Tour is scheduled for May 20. It's not too late to have your yard featured on the tour. To do so, please contact Amy Weaver at Rusty4806@gmail.com. We'll meet in the Community Garden parking lot at the corner of Town Hill and Single Trace at 9am to carpool. Maps will be available to download via the WB Garden Guild Facebook page the morning of the tour. Be sure and bring a bottle of water!

Our June meeting is TBD. Watch for updates via the WB Google Group, WBNA Facebook Page, WB Garden Guild Facebook Page, and wbna.us. In July, Jill Douglass will discuss becoming a certified community wildlife habitat and August will feature a presentation from the Pflugerville Orchid Group. **We hope you'll join us!**



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Katherine Fleischer (KF) Pool

2106 Klattenhoff • 512-251-9932

May 2023 Pool Hours*

M-W-F	5-8pm	3 Lap Lanes Reservation Only
	8-9pm	6 Lap Lanes Reservation Only
T-TH	5-8pm	3 Lap Lanes No Reservations
	8-9pm	3 Lap Lanes No Reservations
Saturday	10am-7pm	Open Swim
Sunday	1-7pm	Open Swim

Summer 2023 (May 31 - August 11, 2023*)

Open Swim	M-Th, Sa	10am-9pm
	F	3-9pm
	Su	1-9pm

**The baby pool will be open for parents/supervisors and their children ages 5 (and under) or 48 inches (or below) in height during all pool hours.*

**KF Pool will be open for open swim 10am – 8pm on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29*

**Pool will close at 8pm on June 2, July 7 and August 4 for Dive-In Movies event*

Willow Bend Pool

2801 Sauls • 512-310-1833

May 2023 Pool Hours*

M-W-F	6-8:30am	Open Swim
	1-4pm	Lap Lane Reservations Only
T-Th	1-4pm	Open Swim
Saturday	1-6pm	Open Swim
Sunday	1-6pm	Lap Lane Reservations Only

Summer 2023 (May 31 - August 11, 2023*)

M-W-F	12-9pm	Lap Lane Reservations Only
T-Th	12-9pm	Open Swim
Saturday	10am-9pm	Open Swim*
Sunday	12-9pm	Lap Lane Reservations Only

**The baby pool will be open for parents/supervisors and their children ages 5 (and under) or 48 inches (or below) in height during all pool hours.*

**Saturday pool hours are TBD on June 3, June 17, and July 8 due to Armada home swim meets*

**WB Pool will be open for open swim 10am – 8pm on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29*

**WB Pool will close at 5pm on Tuesday, May 30 for Armada Swim-a-thon (Rain Date: June 6)*

Clip -n- Save Pool Hours

Please note: These are general guidelines. Hours are subject to change. Visit: wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/swimming-pools for current information, online registration tips, 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

Aquafit Classes

Willow Bend Pool | 2801 Sauls

Meets every Tuesday & Thursday from 1-2pm

Water aerobic workouts are a form of fitness training that can be beneficial for people at any fitness level. Fitness training with water aerobics can improve athletic performance, aid in rehabilitation and improve activities needed for daily living. Free with Pool Tag or All Facilities Rec Tag.

This is really a great way to get fit! The impact is minimal and we really do have fun! Please wear swim attire, bring a water bottle and towel. See you at the pool! For more information, contact Katie Hutcheson at 512-516-2621 or khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.

Swim Lessons

Information on WB MUD Swim Lessons may be found online at wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/swim-lessons

Private Swim Lessons

We offer private lessons for all ages at a cost of \$20 per 30-minute lesson. Lessons are scheduled based on instructor availability. For more information, please call 512-251-9814 or contact Katie at khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.

Pioneer Pals (Pre-schoolers)

The Homestead in KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.

Meets every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30am

Calling all pre-schoolers! Bring your caregiver and join us for weekly storytelling sessions, where your child will experience a fun-filled morning bursting with stories creatively read to the group, songs that will have them dancing the morning away, crafts inspiring thoughtful creativity and activities that can't be found anywhere else except the Wells Branch Homestead. Explore Texas Pioneer life, learn about nature and history, and make some new friends along the way. Pioneer Pals goes through May 31 and then breaks for the Summer. Meetings resume in September!

Silver Branchers

WB MUD Rec. Center • 3000 Shoreline Dr.

Meets every Thursday from 1:00-4:00pm

in Meeting Room 100 / 101

Open to active adults, the Silver Branchers bring neighbors together for camaraderie and good laughter. Join this welcoming group for social activities, board games, and great company. Visit wbna.us/community/silver-branchers for the 2023 Day Trip schedule. For more information or to join the email list, call Glen at 512-461-1665.



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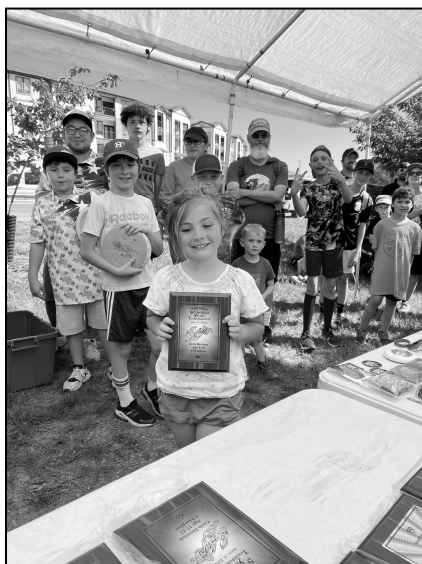
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WB Youth Disc Golf Tournament 2023 Results by Brian Litke



The Wells Branch MUD and the WB Disc Golf Club hosted the 5th annual Wells Branch Youth Disc Golf Tournament on April 13. An amazing 57 youth competed in boys and girls age-based divisions. Each player received two event discs with their entry fee, and trophy plaques were awarded to division winners. The Wells Branch Disc Golf Club sponsored a prize table with two portable disc golf baskets, disc carrying bags, discs, toys, and other items that kids could choose from as names were drawn until everyone had selected a prize. Players age 10 and under started each fairway from a shorter tee box about half the normal distance.

Many thanks to the Wells Branch Soccer Association for having food and drinks on hand to feed the hungry players and spectators. Thank you to the WB MUD for providing a well-maintained disc golf course amenity that is appropriate for families and players of all ages. Thank you to Bogey Free Club for providing custom trophies again this year, and the local disc golf community members who staffed the event. Event photos and final scores are available in the event media gallery on the Wells Branch Disc Golf Club page on Facebook or you may follow this link:

bit.ly/WBYouthDiscGolf2023



Congratulations to the WINNERS!

Zoe Anderson (Girls age 1-6) • **Abbey Moran** (Girls age 7-8) • **Natalie Howlett** (Girls age 9-10) • **Dot McColgin** (Girls Age 11-12)
Talullah McColgin (Girls age 13-15) • **Benny Markowski** (Boys age 1-6) • **Ryan Robinson** (Boys age 7-8) •
Timothy Webster (Boys age 9-10) • **Sean Rogers** (Boys age 11-12) • **Linken Most** (Boys age 13-15) • **Porter Best** (Boys age 16-18)

It's My Park Day is a day when community members volunteer to improve one of their local parks. Each March and November, over 70 projects take place around Austin, led by individual citizens who have an idea for a park improvement. Austin Parks Foundation provides mulch, tools, volunteer signup, and a free event t-shirt for volunteers. The project at the WB Disc Golf course included planting seven trees and spreading mulch around existing trees to mitigate the effects of drought and soil compaction. **Thank you to the Wells Branch Disc Golf Club for sponsoring the trees planted at the workday.**

On March 4, 2023, over 30 volunteers helped spread mulch and plant trees at the Wells Branch Disc Golf Course, including:

2 chinkapin oaks • 1 cedar elm • 1 live oak • 1 crepe myrtle • 2 pomegranates

Over the past 10 years, volunteers have planted over 130 trees during It's My Park Day events at the WB Disc Golf Course!

This is the 11th year I have led a park Improvement project in Wells Branch, and for me, this is my favorite event to coordinate. I like to see how energized people get when helping out, and I see a real change in volunteers who clean up litter at parks. By taking some ownership in the area, they are less likely to tolerate litter and will continue to pick it up in the future.

Each park work day, I get to work with at least one person who has never used a shovel before, never planted a tree, and never pounded in a T-post stake into the ground as a support for a tree. Over the past decade, I've been able to see the trees we've planted grow to over 25 foot tall, providing shade for the future. It's My Park Day is a lot of fun, and I hope you'll join us in November for our next event. -- Brian Litke, IMPD project leader

For photos of the event, follow this link: **bit.ly/IMPDSpring2023**



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