

Roll out the RED, WHITE, and BLUE! 4thFest is HERE!

WBNA 4thFest Silent Auction

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

WB Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

The WBNA will host our annual "live" silent auction during WB FourthFest. Proceeds benefit the entire community. Monies raised help to fund the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out and Pumpkin Patch/Painting along with our participation in Halloween Trunk or Treat and crafts at Luminary Fest. We also host several educational and safety seminars throughout the year. Check out the wonderful selection of gift baskets, gift certificates, goods and services donated by WB friends, neighbors and businesses! Online bidding began June 23 and ends on July 2 at 2:00pm at



<https://www.32auctions.com/>

WBNA4thFest2023. In person bidding will be from 9:00am to 2:00pm, July 4th. 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. Please see the sign-up link on page 2.

We can ALWAYS use a hand!

WB MUD 4thFest

30th Anniversary Parade!

Tuesday, 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 their 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.

Be sure to watch for the WBNA parade float! We will be hosting Andy the Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse!

2023 Parade Route (Departs at 10:00am)

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



4thFest Festivities

Tuesday, July 4 | 10:30am - 5:00pm

After the parade, snag some FREE watermelon and explore all that the WB MUD Parks & Rec Department has to offer with their flurry of **FREE FourthFest activities**, including Ms. Jellybean Balloon Twister, an underwater photo booth at KF Pool from 2:00-5:00pm, a 360 photo booth, a dunk tank, an inflatable bounce house/slide, and Pool Games at KF Pool from 1:00-4:00pm. Cool off inside the air-conditioned Community Center for the annual WBNA Silent Auction along with the Friends of the Library temporary tattoos and a voter registration booth hosted by Wells Branch Dems. Purchase a tasty lunch from local vendors and enjoy a variety of choices, including Ruby Pearl BBQ, So Good Brazilian Eatery, Hands Off My Funnel Cake, Kona Ice Sno Cones, Roasted Corn, Drinks, Chips, and Hotdogs.

All of this and more can be enjoyed to the sounds of *Dysfunkshun Junkshun* and a DJ from Powell Party! See page 10 for the WB MUD Cornhole Tournament & Fireworks info.

There is something for everyone at FourthFest, and there's no better place to be on the Fourth of July!

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Silent Auction Volunteers Needed!

Are you ready to help?



We are hosting an electronic sign page for event volunteers. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/Auction-vols> to sign up.

Here's an insider's tip. If you volunteer to help during the 4thFest Silent Auction you'll get a sneak preview of this year's auction goodies, while helping to stage the auction items. Or how about a ride on the WBNA parade float? If you help decorate it, you can ride it—it's worth an early start! Want to experience the excitement of the closing bids? Volunteer to be a closer and get ready to move quickly. Whatever you choose to do—we can promise that you will have fun at the 2023 4thFest Silent Auction. Plus, there's air conditioning inside!

Opportunities Include:

- **Monday, July 3rd:** Staging, Set up, Signage 10:00am – 4:00pm (several time slots available)
- **Tuesday, July 4th:** Float Prep, 8:30am – Parade is at 10:00am
- **Tuesday, July 4th:** Silent Auction, many openings are available, bidder registration, runners, pick up window, closers

Remember, it's the volunteers that really help make things happen. Please consider joining our volunteer team, even if you can only give an hour or two for a single event or help out behind the scenes—your contribution helps the entire community succeed. Watch the WBNA.US website, follow us on Facebook and please consider volunteering at the 2023 4thFest!

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 Margaret Sufke at info@wbna.us for more information. Deadline for the September 9 newsletter is Friday, August 25.

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Fireworks Safety Pflugerville Fire / Travis Co ESD No.2

Every year around July 4th and New Year's Eve, we often receive the question, "Are fireworks legal around here?" The answer depends on where you are located! Within the City of Pflugerville boundaries, all fireworks (including sparklers) are **ILLEGAL** year round to possess or use. Local police enforce this law; you can report concerns any time of day to their non-emergency number at (512) 990-6700.

In unincorporated Travis County outside of city limits, fireworks generally are legal but **THERE ARE SEVERAL LIMITATIONS**, some of which are listed below. Call the Sheriff's dispatch number (512) 974-0845 then press **OPTION 3** for fireworks issues in unincorporated Travis County.

- Fireworks cannot be used on public roadways.
- Fireworks cannot be used on school district property.
- Fireworks cannot be used within 600 feet of any church, a licensed child-care center, a hospital, or a public or private school or higher-education facility unless the person received written permission from that organization.
- Fireworks are illegal in Travis County parks.
- Fireworks are illegal to use on Wells Branch Municipal Utility District (MUD) property, which includes all MUD facilities, parks, trails, greenbelts, the Pond, drainage detention areas, the veloway, and the grassy area located at Robert I. Walker and Charla Circle.
- For all other properties, you must get written permission from the property owner to light any personal fireworks – even if it's a commercial property not in use at nighttime.

Even where fireworks are legal, they are risky to use and cause many fires and injuries around the U.S.! The safest legal way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a professional fireworks show, such as the Pfirecracker Pfestival in Pflugerville or the 4th Fest in Wells Branch. Here are a few other fireworks safety tips:

Make Fireworks a Family Activity

- Before the holiday, make a point to discuss fireworks safety with everyone in your family to decrease the chance of someone getting hurt.
- Never let children purchase fireworks without parents there – even older kids.
- Insist on adult supervision whenever fireworks are being lit – even for older kids. Children age 10 to 14 years old actually get the second-most number of fireworks burns and injuries, right behind preschoolers and toddlers!

Kids who are younger than kindergarten-age should never be allowed to hold any fireworks on their own, including sparklers. Sparklers reach temperatures hot enough to melt metal. Give little kids glow-sticks instead! Pass the sparklers to much older kids and adults to carefully light **ONE at a time – ideally wearing gloves. Check out this PSA from the Texas State Fire Marshal: <https://bit.ly/SparklersScary>**



Respect Vets, Pets, and Neighbors

- Keep in mind that the sound of fireworks can be very stressful for some veterans and others who experience Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). It also scares many dogs and other pets.
- When a holiday falls on a weeknight, remember that most people will be getting up early the next day and go to work. Please respect your neighbors' work schedule.
- Fireworks are poisonous to pets. Be sure not to leave behind any used fireworks where pets (yours or someone else's) spend time.

You must get written permission from the property owner to light any personal fireworks there – even if the property is currently vacant.

Preparing to Light Fireworks

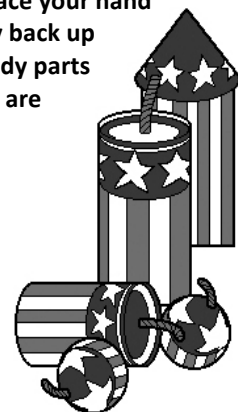
- Only light fireworks OUTSIDE on a flat surface that's far from any homes or buildings. Don't light fireworks near dry grass or leaves – you can catch them on fire.
- Before you light a firework, take a good look around to be sure there aren't any people or pets in range of possibly getting hurt.

Don't lean over firework devices or place your hand over them when lighting. Immediately back up as far as you can after lighting! The body parts that suffer the most fireworks injuries are fingers, hands, eyes, face, and ears.

Safely Disposing of Fireworks

- Don't try to re-light fireworks that didn't work on the first try!

Thoroughly soak all fireworks, even the ones that did not work, in a bucket of water or with a hose before putting in the trash.



Heat Stroke: Know the Signs Pflugerville Fire / Travis Co ESD No.2

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			CALL 9-1-1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives	

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July 4th Holiday Hours

WB MUD Recreation Center & District Administrative Office

The recreation center and District Office will remain closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, July 5.

Curbside Waste Collection & Recycling Services

There will be no change to the curbside trash and recycling.

Holiday Pool Hours

Free Entry & Open Swim

KF Pool Hours

Tuesday, July 4 | Noon-8:00pm / Pool Games 1:00-4:00pm

Willow Bend Pool Hours

Tuesday, July 4 | 1:00-7:00pm | Open Swim ONLY



REMINDER: PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PET'S MICROCHIP INFO and MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THEIR COLLAR & TAGS!

Every year we see an increase in lost pets around the 4th of July, as they try to escape the noise and confusion of fireworks.

IF YOU FIND A LOST PET please call or text the Wells Branch microchip scanner volunteer at (512) 270-1026 for a free scan, or take the pet to your nearest fire station, vet office, or pet supply store such as Petsmart or Petco to have them scanned.

Please post on the Wells Branch Lost and Found Pets page on Facebook, Austin Lost & Found Pets, Pflugerville Lost & Found Pets, Nextdoor, and the Wells Branch Google Group.



Safety on the Trails: Better Safe Than Sorry by Margaret Sufke

Recent events raised by several concerned community members prompted this safety refresher article. After speaking with TCSO Deputy Robert Phillips, he confirmed once again, **when in doubt better to "shout out" and call 911.**

Our parks system is what makes Wells Branch one of the best communities in North Austin. The WB MUD Parks and Recreation department, working with TexaScapes, does an amazing job of keeping the parks and trail system in great shape.

Having such a wonderful public space, means of course that folks use the parks and trails. Normally, these areas are a safe place to relax, bike, dog walk, fish and exercise. That said, folks should always be aware of their surroundings. Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind in the public areas of Wells Branch.

- **Do not hesitate to call 911** – safety first, officers would rather respond to a possible concern and be proactive in preventing an issue
- If something or someone seems out of place or suspicious, **get to a safe place and call 911** right away, try to note any identifiable features, clothes, cars, etc.
- Always carry a phone and a light during dawn, dusk and evening hours
- Let others know when you head out and when you plan to return
- Walk or ride with others whenever possible, or follow along where others are using the system

- Do not wander too far off trails, move into the wooded areas or walk into the underpasses if a stranger seems to linger or stare
- **If you become uncomfortable or feel threatened, move towards a group, a building close by or return to your car, lock the doors and call 911**
- If you drive away or are followed **do NOT drive home.** Drive to a well lit area, an open WB MUD facility building, the local fire station or a busy shopping center parking lot—and again call 911
- **NEVER** follow or directly challenge a stranger who is acting suspiciously, **simply move to a safe area and call 911**

Be aware that calling 311 for a "non-threatening" issue, actually confounds the reporting process, as all those calls are first directed to APD, which does not serve the Wells Branch EJ area, and your call is routed back into the main incident responders. **Calling 911 is your best defense.** Speaking with a trained incident responder will help to quell your concerns. If the issue is wildlife or animal related call 311 or 512-974-2000. 311 does not work on all carriers in the ETJ. Lately they have been extremely busy, but they will offer suggestions and advice and if the animal is in distress or is in true danger they will respond.

If there is a physical problem along the trail system or the pond area, please call the WB MUD office as soon as you can. Consider saving their number in your phone: 512-251-9814.

FUN IN THE SUN with Fido

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.

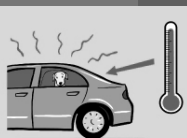
HEATSTROKE OCCURS WHEN PETS...



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.



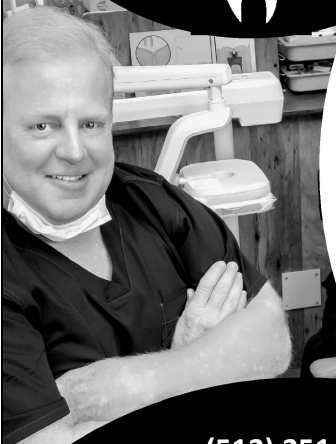
TO HELP PETS COOL OFF, freeze water bottles or fill resealable bags with ice and water. Wrap them in towels for your pets to lay on.



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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Wells Branch Armada Swim Team News

by Emily Childs, Secretary, WBA

As the 2023 season quickly comes to an end, the Armada congratulates all our swimmers for their progress and accomplishments this summer. Armada sends a big thank you to its parent volunteers and sponsors; the team couldn't make it through a meet, let alone the season, without them.

The last home meet is Saturday, July 8, when we host the divisional meet that includes three other area teams. This is your last chance until next season to enjoy our concession crew's famous burgers, hot dogs, and wraps.

While 2023 is in the books, the 2024 season is not nearly as far off as it seems. Anyone with kids who have shown an interest in swimming but have not had the chance to participate yet, please consider joining the team next year. The season has so much to offer kids of any age! As next spring approaches, more information about the 2024 season will be posted at www.wellsbranch.swimtopia.com.

The WBA is always accepting new sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring the team, or donating in some other way, please visit our website. The WBA is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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Venturing is a youth-led program for youth between the ages of 14 and 20.

Venturing Crew 1409 is a diverse group of youth and adult advisors who enjoy all things outdoors. Our group does everything from casual weekend camping to week-long trips that include canoeing and backcountry backpacking. We do at least one outdoor trek every month and go on week-long adventures during Spring Break and Summer. A multitude of topics are discussed during our weekly meetings, including planning for upcoming trips, discussing service opportunities, and skills training.

Whether you're seeking adventure, looking to make new friends, or simply wanting to enjoy the outdoors, Venturing is for you.

Weekly meetings on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 PM
WB MUD Admin. Office @ 14611 Wells Port Dr.

Crew 1409 continues to provide bulk trash pickup every month as a fundraiser for a minimum requested donation of \$20. Please note that we are unable to take any items that the MUD does not accept. This means that we are only able to pick up household chemicals, including paint, in October for Extreme Clean. Also note that this service is provided only for household bulk items. We are not able to pick up contractor debris from home improvement projects. Service is for In-District households only. Please text Daniel White at 512-413-0097 to schedule pick up by the Friday before each second Saturday Bulk Trash collection.

<http://www.crew1409.com> to learn more.
info@crew1409.com for more information.

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, GIVE WHAT YOU CAN!

by Amelia Evans, 5th grade Girl Scout

Did you know that 13.7% of family households in the state of Texas endure food insecurity? That means they cannot provide sufficient food for their family. **BUT YOU CAN HELP!**

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, located at 14311 Wells Port Dr, **Girl Scout Troop 45805** has constructed a **Little FREE Food Pantry**, a resource for the homeless and people without (much or no) food. Through this project, the girls learned leadership skills, how they can be an agent of change in their community, and earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award.

You can assist the girls by donating food to fill the pantry! Food needed includes boxed and canned food, **NON-PERISHABLE, PLEASE!** The Girl Scouts and St. Andrew's will **GREATLY** appreciate any donations, so please remember to **TAKE WHAT YOU NEED AND GIVE WHAT YOU CAN** at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church!



UFOs at the Library

You know they exist- Un-Finished Objects. It's that project you started before the baby was born. It's all the yarn you bought to make an afghan, then didn't. It's that costume you started to sew where the seams just didn't work out the way you wanted. Whether you need to talk it through, a table to lay it upon, or just a space that is ADULTS ONLY to think and work, we can help. What Un-Finished Objects are hovering in your crafts? Bring them over to the library during our Craft Drop-In hours. We have lots of tech that library card holders can use, and a craft-dedicated atmosphere! Sundays and Wednesdays from 2pm-5pm, no appointments needed.

Summer is here and it's time to READ!

For Summer Reading 2023 we are reading **All Together Now!** Through July 31, log books and win prizes. We have a Summer Reading Challenge for every age. Stop by the library to pick up your summer reading log or register at wblibrary.beanstack.com.

After reading 3, 5, 10, and 15 books, kids can choose a prize from the treasure chest. After 20 books, they get a free book and stuffed animal for completion. After every Activity Badge earned on Beanstack, they can choose a coupon.

After reading 5 books, teens can choose from their prize box. After 10 books, they get a free book and stuffed animal from their prize stash. After every Activity Badge earned on Beanstack, they can also choose a coupon.

Adults earn a lunchtime cutlery set after reading 2 books and writing 2 reviews, and a lunch bag/drink cooler after reading 4 books and writing 4 reviews. Come join us for a summer full of events, programs, fun, and prizes!

It's a Birthday Party, and EVERYONE is invited!

All of our friends and neighbors are invited to the Wells Branch Community Library's Birthday Party! The Library is celebrating our 25th birthday on Sunday, August 6th with a Field Day & Artisan Faire at 2pm. We will have outdoor games for the kids, demonstrations from Wells Branch clubs, and (of course) birthday cake. Meet your local blacksmith, focus on your photography, or learn about lace with people from the neighborhood as we enjoy 25 years of library services and programs in Wells Branch.

Pioneer Pals (Pre-schoolers)

The Homestead in KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.

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

Meetings resume in September!

Follow Wells Branch Homestead on Facebook for updates.



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 recommend ***Punderworld*** by Linda Sejic. It is a very sweet, funny and beautifully drawn retelling of the myth of Hades and Persephone. The art is gorgeous and the characters are fun and relatable.

— Kaitlyn, Wells Branch Community Library Youth Services Assistant Manager

I read ***Demon Copperhead*** last month and it is one of those books that lingers long after you read it. It provides a much-needed first hand perspective of the opioid crisis, and gave me a deeper understanding of institutional poverty in rural Appalachia. I highly recommend it!

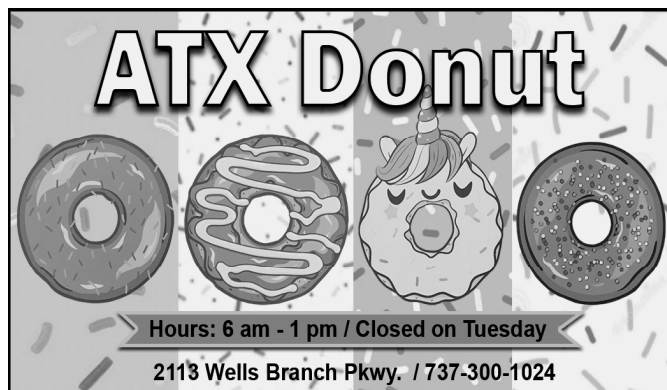
— Morgan Simon Friends of the Library Board Vice President

I recommend ***Bird Hugs*** by Ged Adamson. This [children's] book is about finding self-worth in places other than the one it's expected from us. Explained sweetly by the story of a little bird different from any other.

— Karina, Wells Branch Community Library Youth Services Assistant Manager Library Assistant

I recommend ***The Love Hypothesis*** by Ali Hazelwood. Was this book full of tropes? Yes. Was it predictable? Also yes. Did I love it anyway? Absolutely. Perfect if you love the following: grumpy hero, sunshine heroine, fake dating, and academia.

— Michelle, Wells Branch Community Library Volunteer Services Assistant Manager





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10am-8pm Mon-Thurs,

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

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

JULY WEEKLY KIDS PROGRAMS

Story Time: TEN programs each week including Spanish, ASL sign language and crafts. See our website for information.

****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!

Family Game Night: Tuesdays @ 6pm

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

TEENS & TWEENS (ages 10-17) ONLY

****Hands On Crafting: Mon @ 5pm– 7/3 Iron On Vinyl;**

7/17 Viking Wire Weaving; 7/31 Woodburning

All supplies and instructions are provided.

****MarioKart Challenge Sat 7/22 @ 2pm–** Play the classic video

game and challenge your friends.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

****First Friday: Shrinky Dinks 7/7 @ 6pm**

Everyone loves this craft; it's great for all ages!

****Austin Reptile Show: Thu 7/6 @ 11:30am**

See reptiles in person and learn about them

****Lucas Miller Concert: Sat 7/15 @ 10:30am**

Learn and laugh with our favorite singing zoologist.

****Chemistry Roadshow: Wed 7/19 @ 4pm**

Fun, MESSY show for all ages. Prepare to learn.

****Young Rembrandts: Mon 7/24 & 8/28 @ 6pm**

Ages 5+ can create a masterpiece in an hour.

****LEGO Movie Making: Fri 7/28 @ 1pm**

Ages 8+ can make stop-motion movies with LEGO.

****Mark Shelton Concert: Sat 7/29 @ 10:30am**

Concert introducing his 'arsenal of percussive paraphernalia.'

Open Table D&D– Mon 7/10, 7/24, 8/14 & 8/28 @ 5pm

No experience necessary. Ages 10-99 can play.

Bike Clinic– Sun 7/30 @ 2pm. Intro to safety & maintenance.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

****Hello Summer Signs: Sat 7/1 @ 4pm**

Make a pretty sign to hang on your door for summer.

Traveling Tea Book Club: Thu 7/6 & 8/3 @ 6pm

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

Spice of the Month Club: Sat 7/8 & 8/12 @ 4pm

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

****Paint & Pour (Lemonade Ed.): Sat 7/15 @ 4pm**

Paint a ceramic owl or vase while we relax with cool lemonade.

****Japanese Calligraphy: Sat 7/22 @ 4pm**

Learn & practice Zen words with brush and ink.

****Macramé Flower Pot Holder: Sat 8/5 @ 4pm**

Make beautiful and functional art with friends.

****Nail Stamping: Sat 8/19 @ 4pm**

Learn the basics and give it a try.

****Trivia– I Love the 2000s: Sat 8/26 @ 4pm**

Test your knowledge of 2000-2009 and compete for prizes.

****Monet's Regatta Art Class: Thu 8/31 @ 5:30pm**

Learn how to recreate a masterpiece in pastels.

Wine, Women & Words Book Club: Thurs @ 6:30pm

- 7/20 *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig
- 8/17 *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

Adult Wellness

- **Yoga: 7/27 & 8/24 @ 6:45pm
- **Meditation & Stretching: Sat mornings 7/1 & 8/5 @ 10am and Thu evenings 7/13 & 8/10 @ 6pm

Computers and Technology:

- **Résumé Workshop Sat 7/8 & 8/12 @ 10am
- **Computer Basics Sat 8/18 @ 10am

Crafting Workshops: Wed @ 6:00pm (age 18+)

- **7/5 Pincushions
- 7/12: Knit and Crochet (ages 10+, no registration)
- **7/19 Sew an Origami Bag
- **7/26 Mending and Darning
- **8/2 Needle-felting Gnomes
- 8/9 Knit and Crochet (ages 10+, no registration)
- **8/16 Wet Felting– Dryer Balls
- **8/23 Basic Crochet Lace
- **8/30 Woodburning

FourthFest Parade & Activities

Tuesday, July 4 | 10:00am

KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff

Line the streets and wave your flags at the FourthFest parade! Cheer on the cars and displays that travel through the streets of Wells Branch and show off your most patriotic pride. After the parade, explore all that we have to offer with our flurry of free FourthFest activities. Purchase a tasty lunch from local vendors, play one of our games with you and your loved ones, and cool down while enjoying live music. Place your bids at the annual WBNA Silent Auction at the Community Center. There is something for everyone at FourthFest, and there's no other place to be on the 4th of July! *Hosted by WB MUD Parks & Rec Department.*

FourthFest Cornhole Tournament

Tuesday, July 4 | 11:00am

WB Homestead | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

If you're driven to compete, try your hand at our cornhole tournament! Get your partner and test your skill in a face off with your fellow cornhole-playing neighbors. Pre-registration is required (FREE) and spots go fast, so make sure to grab your place as soon as you can for a chance to take home the coveted first place spot!

Registration is available for up to 36 2-person teams. You must be a minimum of 13 years old to register. At least one teammate must be an adult. Registrants must meet in front of the Wells Branch Homestead, 2106 Klattenhoff Drive, between 10:30 and 11:00am.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/WBMUDCornholeReg>



*Only one person from each team is required to register.

Prizes: First place: \$50 gift card per person

Second place: \$25 gift card per person

Third place: \$10 gift card per person

Hosted by the WB MUD Parks & Rec Department

FourthFest Fireworks

Tuesday, July 4 | 9:00pm

WB Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Close out Independence Day with a bang, right here in the District! Launching from the Recreation Center, witness the beauty of our dazzling firework show. Fireworks of varying styles and sizes will light up the sky and leave you in awe. No public parking will be available at the Recreation Center and no personal fireworks are allowed on District Property. *Hosted by the WB MUD Parks & Rec Department.*

Dive In Movies: League of Super Pets

Friday, July 7 | 8:00pm

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 DC's League of Super-Pets. 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:

Puss in Boots - The Last Wish

Friday, July 21 | 8:30pm

KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Grab a spot at our July 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 Puss in Boots: The Last Wish. 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.

Dive In Movies: Top Gun Maverick

Friday, August 4 | 8pm

KF Pool | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Drift on by to our last Dive-in Movie event of the season hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation! Cool off in the pool or relax poolside as we show Top Gun: Maverick. 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 canceled.

Please note this movie is rated PG-13.

Movies in the Park:

Minions - The Rise of Gru

Friday, August 18 | 8:30pm

KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Snag a spot at our last Movies in the Park of the season 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 Minions: The Rise of Gru. 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.

Labor Day Casino Night

Saturday, September 2 | 6:00-9:00pm

WB Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Place your bets at the Labor Day Casino Night hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation! Rain or shine, adults 21 and older can roll the dice 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.

Live Music in the Park

Friday, September 15 | 6:00-8:00pm

KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Sit back and relax for our incredible September Music in the Park! Listen to the brilliant sounds of our live performers as you lounge back with your loved ones of all ages amongst the changing of the seasons, all for free! This event will be held in the Community Center in the case of inclement weather.

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.

WB MUD Bulk Trash Days

Saturday, July 8 | 8am-12pm
Saturday, August 12 | 8am-12pm
Saturday, September 9 | 8am-12pm
P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal

For more info on accepted items, visit: <http://wellsbranchmud.com/bulk-items/bulk-trash-household-waste>

To schedule bulk trash pick up, please see Venturing Crew 1409 article on page 5.



Aquafit Classes

Willow Bend Pool | 2801 Sauls
Meets every Tuesday & Thursday
from Noon-1:00pm

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

WB MUD offers 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.



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 khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com.

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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.*

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

Willow Bend Pool

2801 Sauls • 512-310-1833

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

M-W-F	12-9pm	Lap Lane Reservations Only
T-Th	1-9pm	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 July 8 due to Armada home swim meet*

Blood Drive!

We are Blood's
Bloodmobile will be
at
KF Park on
Sunday, July 23
from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Walk-ins WELCOME!



WBNA Arts at the Library

Saturday, September 23 | 10:00am - 3:00pm

WB Community Library Parking Lot

15001 Wells Port Drive

We are excited to launch the NEW **Arts at the Library** event. This event will target hand-crafted goods, services and art-work. We are offering a "farmer's market" format for local artisans and crafters. Vendors are encouraged to showcase their niche market hand crafted products and personalized services. We will also host a small area for "Kiddo crafts" for young entrepreneurs looking to learn how to market their work.

Variety is the spice of life! 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, candles or natural beauty products? Do you bake, cook, write or create music? We are ready to help showcase your talents.

If you hand craft something wonderfully unique 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.

WBNA is organizing this event for the community to help promote the wide variety of locally hand-crafted goods, original artwork, photography, literature, music and culinary creations. Fees collected for the stall space will serve as a donation to the WBNA organization, which in turn benefits the entire WB neighborhood.

Format: Open air parking lot with assigned spaces, Canopies recommended (10x10')

Reserve a 10 x 10' space for \$25
6' tables available for \$10 (*limited supply*)
Reserve a double space for \$40
Small 4x6' open table space in the breezeway only \$20
(good spot for "Kiddo Crafts")

There will be an open stage area available for live performances, such as music, readings or story telling. Call to schedule a slot.

Sign up today:

<https://tinyurl.com/Artsatlibrary>

Questions? Contact Margaret Sufke:

info@wbna.us or call 512-341-0824 (msg).



The WBNA 2024 Community Calendar: Photo Contest Update

WB Photographers we want your best shots! Please submit your favorite images of Wells Branch and open up the hidden vistas of our amazing community.

Our 2024 theme is "Window into Wells Branch". This year's contest will include the traditional gallery format at the Rec Center with a ballot box as well as the WBNA Facebook gallery which offers online voting. The WB Rec Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive, is open to the public, so look for entries to posted starting June 1.

Drop off your **printed photo** entries at the Rec Center, just stop by the front desk. Remember anyone who lives in Wells Branch can submit up to six photos. The **image format is 8x10 landscape** for the calendar layout and the only real "rule" is that images must be taken within the boundaries of Wells Branch. Don't forget to email a high-resolution (1284x1024) to Margaret, so your entry can be uploaded to the WBNA facebook page for voting.

Watch the WBNA.US website and follow us on Facebook. Be sure to vote for your favorite images! Voting will take place onsite at the Rec Center Gallery and online via the WBNA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WBNA.WellsBranchNeighborhoodAssociation/>

Important Dates to Remember:

Enter as of June 1, 2023: Use the online form available at <http://wbna.us/community/calendar-contest/>

and drop your printed photo entries at the Rec Center

Sept. 2, 2023: Contest closes and voting Ends

Sept. 15, 2023: Winners Announced

Sept 23, 2023: Early calendar sales at the new "Arts at the Library" event

Oct. 3, 2023: The new 2024 Calendars will be sale at National Night Out!

Complete Rules, Entry Form, and Pre-Order are available online at <http://wbna.us/community/calendar-contest/>.

Questions? Contact Margaret Sufke, Calendar Contest Coordinator, email: mmsufke@gmail.com or 512-341-0428 (msg).



In Memory of Bill Ouellette

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of our beloved community member, Bill Ouellette. As many of you know, Bill would always dress up as Uncle Sam and bring joy to our Fourth of July parade. He was an integral part of our celebrations for years, and his absence this year will be deeply felt. Let's take a moment to reflect on the happiness and patriotism he brought to our community, and let's keep his family in our thoughts during this difficult time. Your well wishes and support would mean the world to them as they navigate this loss. We are grateful for the wonderful memories Bill has given us and will cherish them always. Rest in peace, Bill.



Photo Courtesy of Tom Zimmer

Honoring Bill's wishes, his family is not planning a funeral or memorial service.

In Bill's memory, the Silver Branchers have set up a charitable contribution to the Autism Society of America, through their Facebook Page. If you are a Facebook user, you can go to the Wells Branch Silver Branchers' Group Page, and hit the donate button for The Autism Society. (You can use the Facebook magnifying glass button to Search for Wells Branch Silver Branchers). If you are not on Facebook, and wish to donate, you may do so at AutismSociety.org.

Thank you message: May Traffic Safety Meeting

Saturday, May 20th was a very busy day in the WB community. More than 20 folks stopped by to take part in the I35 North Traffic Safety meeting.

Shout out to Marijane Billington and her State Farm team! They did an amazing job laying out the new intersection with chalk lines and safety signals. Several folks brought out their RC cars to practice on the track.

Kudos to Mr. Nicholas Barbera from the Mobility I35 team, representing TxDOT. He and his team brought a large scale map and some toy cars and walked folks through how the new DDI intersection will work. Conversations focused on the details of the I35 north project. The pre-construction work which includes marshalling work space and materials in several areas has already begun.

Don't worry if you missed the event. The WBNA website will be hosting a special resource page at wbna.us/community/i35-ddi and Nicholas and his team will be back with updates and more information at National Night Out. Need more info? Contact Margaret Sufke, email: mmsufke@gmail.com or 512-341-0428 (msg)

Vacation Safety Tips

- 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, landline phone 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.



Garden Guild News by Susan Gillespie

Our May Garden Tour was a great success! Thanks to Amy Weaver for organizing it, Angie Moore for planning the route and creating the map and flyer, Joan Mead for publicity and all the gardeners who invited us into their beautiful gardens.

The tour featured eight gardens this year. We visited the St. Andrews garden and Tilelli's garden which included vegetables, herbs and flowers. Shonna and the Wells Branch Demonstration Garden had wildflowers and natives. Micki's yard had a variety of plants, shade structures and featured a fairy garden. Marlene's garden was rustic and had lots of interesting yard art. Laurie's yard featured stone raised beds and walkways with flowers and pollinators. Avni CH had beautiful flower gardens in containers and raised beds that surrounded her back yard. All of the gardens on the tour were unique and interesting, and the owners were so generous with their time to show their gardens and answer questions.

Our July 15 meeting will feature a presentation by Jill Douglass about Wells Branch becoming a Community Wildlife Habitat in partnership with the National Wildlife Federation. She will discuss the effects of lost habitats due to rapid development in the central Texas area and steps we can all take to support wildlife. Please see related article below.

The August 19 meeting will be all about orchids. Pat Pingleton of the Pflugerville Orchid Group will do a presentation and answer questions about orchid growing.

Our September 16 meeting will be about fall and winter gardening in our area. Dianne Koehler will share her knowledge and experience with us.

Garden Guild meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00am at the Rec Center on Shoreline unless otherwise noted. Meetings are open to anyone interested in gardening.

Wells Branch Community Wildlife Habitat

by Jill Douglass

The Wells Branch MUD has officially recognized the community wildlife habitat program as an integral part of its Urban Forest Management Plan. A community wildlife habitat includes not only private yards, but our local parks, businesses, schools, libraries, and places to worship. These entities can also certify as wildlife habitats.

If your property meets the requirements, certification is quite easy. You just fill out a form at <https://nwf.org/CERTIFY> and pay \$20. Your certification is valid for 10 years. Any property registered with the 78728 zip code automatically gets counted as part of the community wildlife habitat.

If you would like to know more about the certification requirements, Shelley Palmer and I will be presenting on the wildlife habitat program at the July 15 Garden Guild meeting at 10:00am in the Wells Branch Recreation Center.

Habitat Fact of the Day:

Tropical Milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) when planted outside its native habitat causes harm to monarch butterflies because it hosts a protozoan parasite *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha*. **Support our pollinators by planting NATIVE MILKWEEDS instead.** (e.g. *Asclepias viridis*, *Asclepias oenotheroides*). If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at jdzurenko@gmail.com.

Invasion of the Dodder Weed by Shelley Palmer

The field by St. Andrew's church was *invaded* by a parasitic plant, Dodder *Cuscuta*, early this spring. This affected about half of the field from Wells Port east to the tree line and many of the affected hosts plants were dead or very close to it. The WB MUD contacted Texas A&M Agrilife and others in an attempt to understand the damage that this plant might cause and what our best steps might be to thwart it. We seem to be one of the very few that have reported this plants growth here in Central Texas - any others have been agriculture and the solution there is to change crops.

The MUD searched for the safest and most effective way to treat the plant, looking at low mowing to the use of fire to herbicides. The most effective, least harmful herbicide was chosen and that was applied in early May. It seems to have killed the dodder and the hosts and now there are already new plants popping up in the field.

Currently, the plan is to seed the field with native short grasses in the fall as grasses are not favored hosts of the dodder plant. The WB MUD will be watching for the plants that dodder favored and will likely remove them if they come up. The plant that seemed most favored in the field is a tall plant with bunches of small white flowers, this was researched and the best educated guess is that it is Prairie Bishop (*Bifora Americana*).

The WB MUD will be monitoring the field and an area on the trail between Klattenhoff and Gaylord that also had some dodder patches. If you see this wicked plant anywhere, please call the WB MUD office at 512-251-9814 to report it.

Of Damaged Trees Sprouting by Shelley Palmer

You might be noticing new sprouts on the limbs of trees that took some damage this winter. "Sprouting is an attempt by the tree to replace the photosynthesis-generating foliage that was removed suddenly." It's important for the trees future to put some thought into how to deal with the sprouts and not just cut them all off.

Here are a couple of good links on the subject.

* <https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/storm-sprouting.shtml>
<https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/storms-detail.shtml>

If you wanted to make a plan for your tree's long term recovery after the ice storm, you might contact my favorite arborist, right here in Wells Branch, Rebecca Johnson <https://about.me/rebecca-johnson>



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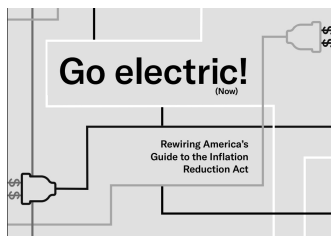
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**Want to save money
and help the planet?**

by Vicky Linsalata

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) signed into law in 2022 directs nearly \$400 billion in

federal funding to clean energy and conservation efforts for homes and businesses. When fully implemented, it will reduce greenhouse gas pollution and get us close to meeting the Paris Agreement target needed to avoid the worst effects of climate change.

Savings come in the form of tax credits and rebates for battery storage, energy efficient electric appliances, solar panels, home weatherization, new and used electric vehicles and many other items. Not only do you save money up front, but improved energy efficiency will lower your utility bills and the cost of operating your car or truck.

Tax credits and rebates will be available for a ten year period, so you don't have to do everything at once. You can begin planning now and electrify your home and transportation over time.

Tax credits: Tax credits reduce the amount of your tax payment (or increase the refund). They are available now and there is no income limit (except for electric vehicle tax credits), but credits are capped at \$2000 per year. Electric vehicles, solar and battery storage are some, but not all, of the items that qualify.

Rebates: Rebates are awaiting the writing of state rules, but are anticipated to be available by the end of 2023 or early 2024. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) rebates are tied to income levels with several tiers. Rebates up to \$1600 will be available for home weatherization such as air sealing, insulation, door and window upgrades - a great way to reduce the energy required to heat and cool your home. Many other items such as induction ovens, heat pump water heaters and clothes dryers will qualify.

Federal and state rebates and tax credits can be combined with rebates offered by your energy provider for even more savings. For more detail, check out: 1) rewiringamerica.org and their IRA Savings Calculator and 2) the Rebates page on your energy providers website for info regarding rebates for heat pump water heaters, pool pumps, AC, thermostats, solar screens, ebikes and more.

Back-to-School Already? Yes!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
14311 Wells Port Dr. | Austin, TX 78728

Believe it or not, the Mission Committee at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is already hard at work helping Food Pantry families ready their students for back-to-school this fall.

Sign-up sheets for Food Pantry students are distributed to their families at both Food Pantry Saturdays in June. Once returned to St. Andrew's, the Mission Committee tallies the number of students from applicant families, begins the donation drive to the congregation and donors within the Wells Branch community, then purchases HEB gift cards for each Food Pantry family with students.

Distribution Day for back-to-school gift cards is at the Food Pantry on Saturday, July 22. This allows each family to take advantage of the back-to-school specials offered by HEB plus the Texas Tax-Free Weekend in early August. Since each family has different school requirements, HEB gift cards allow families to choose what they need.

St. Andrew's assists Food Pantry families to give their students a good start to the 2023/2024 school year, so students are ready-to-go on the first day of school.

Interested in helping St. Andrew's with this year's Back-to-School Program for Food Pantry families? Please visit the St. Andrew's website at www.staopen.org to donate using PayPal. To make a check payment, please make check payable to: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and note on the memo line: School Supplies.

All donations are gratefully appreciated, including the ongoing food collections and other assistance from the Wells Branch area - a valued community partner.

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. We share tips, tricks and offers to help those new to the hobby.

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 or 512-341-0425 (msg)

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