

WBNA Pumpkin Patch / Pumpkin Painting & WB MUD Homestead Open House Saturday, October 21 | 10am - 1pm Chuck Walters Pavilion, KF Park 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

You're invited to the annual WBNA Pumpkin Patch! This year's fall festival will also include an open house at the Wells Branch Homestead, hosted by Homestead Curator, Gwendolyn Johnson.

There will be pumpkins galore! Remember to come early and select your perfect pumpkin! We will have a photo area set up for festive autumn family photos and pets are welcome! The painting station will be set up in the gazebo. While you are waiting for your pumpkin to dry, be sure to stop by the open house at the Homestead—there are new exhibits and an exciting creative activity is planned.

- **Pumpkin Patch**, grab a FREE pumpkin and a family snap (limit 1 pumpkin per child)
- **Pumpkin Painting in the Park**, supplies provided
- Tour the **WB Gault Homestead Open House**, seasonal craft included
- Explore the **NEW 8-week programs** offered at **Austin Community College**, this year's Pumpkin Patch sponsor
- **Donate**: Remember to bring a dry or canned good or \$1 donation for the St. Andrew's food pantry

A special thank you to this year's event sponsor, ACC, Austin Community College! Be sure to stop by their information booth.



Wells Branch is NO Place for Hate

On October 5, several streets in our neighborhood found plastic bags with anti-Semitic fliers in their driveways. The streets that reported were Weldon, Jennave and Warfield. Wells Branch MUD and the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association condemn this. Our neighborhood is NO place for Hate. We encourage residents to report any act of vandalism or littering of propaganda. A security camera captured a dark grey or black Ford F-150 late model with an extended cab. We encourage all neighbors to report any activity to the police and the Wells Branch MUD.

Plumbing Alert! by David Massad, DPM Plumbing

Neighbors, following the most recent hail storm and many residents having new roofs installed, I came across three scenarios where the vent for gas water heaters was dislodged from the top of the heater.

The roofers remove the roof jacks to install new shingles and in the process, when the vent is NOT secured to the diverter which sits atop of the heater, both the vent and the diverter are disconnected. This poses a great threat of CO, carbon monoxide build up in the WH closet, attic, or the garage,,, AND into the home.

If you've had recent roofing repair, please check the connection of the vent sitting atop of the water heater and make sure it is venting the gases to the atmosphere!

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Announcing the 2024 Wells Branch Community Calendar Photo Contest Winners!

We would like to recognize this year's winners! This year's images are exceptional and this local calendar may be the best yet. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the contest. We had nearly 70 entries and over 600 votes, both online and at the photo gallery in the WB Rec Center. This year's calendar is a great mix of local area shots, fantastic local wildlife images and wonderful seasonal views and very special aerial shot is featured on the cover. It is truly labor of love to select the final 16 images to provide a "Window into Wells Branch".

As we close out this year's contest we would like to thank the WB MUD Parks and Recreation team for providing the gallery space. And a **very special thank you** to Debby Thompson for her talent and dedication which serve to produce this amazing community calendar each year.

2024 "Window into Wells Branch" Community Calendar, the winners are:

Cover	Dave DeVore, <i>Sunrise over Mills Pond</i>
Oct 2023	Sharee Darcé, <i>Autumn Leaves</i>
Nov 2023	Jack Halmon, <i>Serene Sky</i>
Dec 2023	Arlie Pfeifer, <i>Fantasmic Holiday</i>
Jan 2024	Roberto White, <i>We got snow!</i>
Feb 2024	Sharee Darcé, <i>Love Birds</i>
Mar 2024	Roberto White, <i>Butterfly on Blue</i>
Apr 2024	Arlie Pfeifer, <i>Homestead Blacksmith</i>
May 2024	Sandra Chavez, <i>My home in a silver vase</i>
Jun 2024	Ty Lehman, <i>Spring has Sprung</i>
Jul 2024	Sharee Darcé, <i>Yellow Crowned Night Heron</i>
Aug 2024	Arlie Pfeifer, <i>Indian Blankets</i>
Sep 2024	Jennie Lopez, <i>Sunrise at Wells Branch Skatepark</i>
Oct 2024	Debby Thompson, <i>Happy Fall, Y'all!</i>
Nov 2024	Nancy Hermes, <i>Fall Colors at Mills Pond</i>
Dec 2024	Arlie Pfeifer, <i>Frozen in Time</i>



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WBNA 2024 Community Calendar Sales

The WBNA 2024 "Window into Wells Branch" Community Calendar will be for sale VERY soon! There are several ways to purchase your new calendar. You can order online or buy one in person (we would love to visit with you) at any of our "Pop-up Sales" locations:

Malone Coffee | 14735 Bratton Lane | Most Saturdays & Sundays | 9am-Noon

Wells Branch MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive | Thursdays | 4-7pm

WB Soccer Assoc. | Selected games | WB Soccer Complex

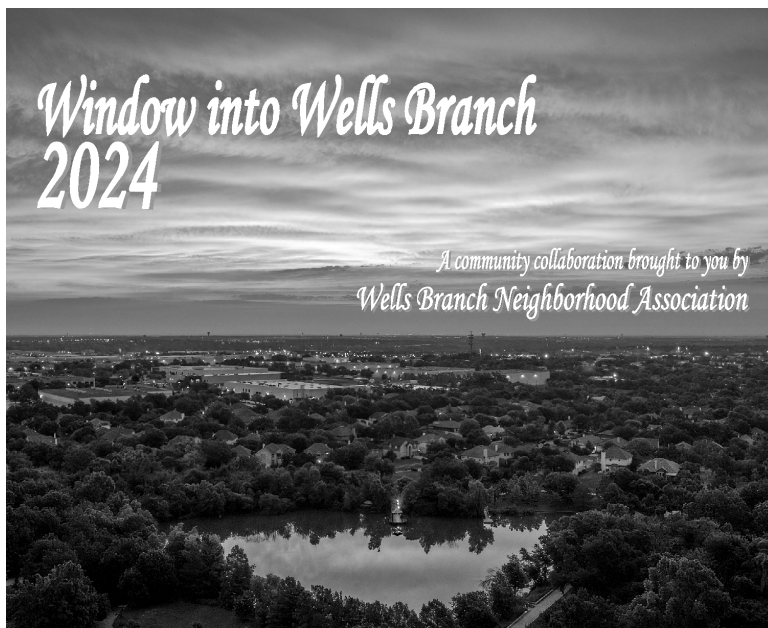
Watch our website wbna.us and the WBNA Facebook page for additional community events! <https://www.facebook.com/WBNA.WellsBranchNeighborhoodAssociation> or monitor

the WB Google Group for upcoming location announcements.

Order here for local delivery! <https://tinyurl.com/WB2024Calendar>

Thanks to a very generous sponsorship from Lifetime Quality Roofing, the calendars will sell for \$10 this year—this is a fantastic bargain! The additional funding also allows us to offer one (1) free calendar for every paid membership in 2024. **Plan to get yours early!** Please remember the calendar is produced as a limited edition and when they are gone, they are **GONE!**

Congratulations to this year's winners! Please take a moment to review the list on page 2. We would like to thank each of the contest participants. A huge thank you to the community members who generously submitted so many amazing images. Congratulations one and all! The biggest winner is the Wells Branch community. Thank your for your support.



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Fall Extreme Clean

Saturday, October 14 | 8am-2pm

WB MUD P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal Drive

It's that time of year again! We are proud to partner with the Wells Branch MUD to provide neighbors an opportunity to re-purpose gently used goods which are in turn donated, recycled or properly disposed of at the event. Gates open at 8am and will **close promptly at 2pm**.

WBNA Donations Tent: Working with local area service groups, we provide a central collection point for neighborhood donations. These groups work in turn work to service the needs of the community. **Please sort and bag your donations.** Please be mindful that volunteers will have limited resources to sort all the goods donated.

Austin Creative Reuse: arts/craft supplies, puzzles, playing cards, and acrylic/craft paint, and blue painters' tape. **No** building supplies.

NEW: All Things Wild: Food is critical: unexpired/unopened dry and wet food, mixed wild bird or black-oil sunflower seeds, hand feeding formula, Pedialyte or generic equivalent, rabbit and duck pellets, Fine Premium Pine Animal Shavings, baby shampoo. **Please NO** crates, bedding, blankets or towels.

Easter Seals: clean and gently used clothing & shoes (all ages & sizes), linens and household items. Pet crates can be donated here.

St. Andrews Shelter: hygiene & toiletries (soap, shampoo, lotion, tooth paste, tooth brushes deodorant) disposable razors, insect repellent, sunscreen, bottled water, new-packaged underwear & socks. Hats, gloves, coats. Unexpired canned and dry goods will also be accepted.

Household Waste: latex/water-based paint and primer, batteries and antifreeze in sealed and labeled container. No oil based products.

Drug Take-Back: pill form only (creams, liquids, ointments and pet meds will not be accepted).

On-Site Shredding: all types of paper accepted for on-site service.

Electronic Recycling: TVs (no CRTs), DVD players, DVRs, cable boxes, routers, lamps, small kitchen appliances, computers, laptops, monitors (no CRTs), printers, tablets, cell phones, etc.

Styrofoam: egg cartons, food packaging, meat trays, to-go containers, disposable plates and coffee cups, large packing pieces and foam ice chests. **Styrofoam must be CLEAN** and free of food, tape, glue, paper and cardboard. **Packing peanuts and soft cell packing inserts are NOT accepted.**

The usual WB MUD bulk trash services will be available: **Metal:** lawn mowers (oil and gas emptied), large appliances (freon must be removed); tools, water heaters, and aluminum. **Cardboard:** cardboard must be broken down and flattened, and free of tape, paper, plastic and Styrofoam. **Bulk Trash:** items that are too large and bulky to fit in your trash bin for example: wood pallets, old fencing, mattresses, etc. **(yard waste/brush, rock, and bricks are not accepted).**

Please visit wellsbranchmud.com for a complete list of acceptable items.

Need help transporting your Trash & Recyclables to Extreme Clean and/or Bulk Trash?

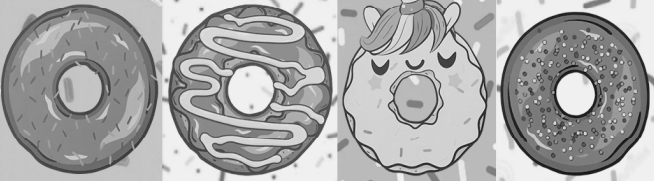
Scouts BSA Crew 1409 is here to help!

The young men and women of the Crew will be organizing transportation of larger items to the **Extreme Clean Fall** event on **October 14** as well as **Bulk Trash** on **November 11** and **December 9** for a minimum donation of \$20. Please tip accordingly. All monies received will be used for future Crew endeavors.

Transportation is limited to **In-District residents only**. Please schedule your pick up with Daniel White by 7pm, the preceding Friday. Text your name, address, and phone number to 512-413-0097. Thank you for your support!

Venturing is a youth development program of Scouts BSA for young men and women who are 14 – 20 years of age. Contact Jill Douglass (512-293-9022) for questions about the Crew. Visit <http://www.crew1409.com/> to learn more!

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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 November 11 newsletter is Friday, October 27.

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OEP.... AEP.... what does this mean? by Sherri Arrington, Licensed Insurance Agent

Well it's that time of year again! In the insurance world the fall season means open enrollment time. We are ready to help our neighbors with their health insurance needs!

OEP is Open Enrollment Period: is between November 1 and January 15th. Update or enroll in a health insurance program for anyone under 65 with no need for a special election. We can also review dental, vision and life insurance plans.

AEP is Annual Enrollment Period: is between October 15th and December 7th. Enroll or update your current Medicare plan. **New Medicare plans get rolled out each year, so schedule a review of your policy starting October 1.** We will work hard to compare your current plan to the new plans for January 2024. We will ensure that the plan you choose will best fit your healthcare needs. If a change is required, we will help you through the update process.

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WBNA & WB MUD Extreme Clean Fall

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WB MUD P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal

For details, please see page 4.

Live Music in the Park

Friday, October 20 | 6-8pm

KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr

Sit back and relax for WB MUD's incredible October Music in the Park! While the weather cools down, listen to the brilliant sounds of "Mopac Traffic Jams" as you lounge back with your loved ones of all ages, all for free! This event will be held in the Community Center in the case of inclement weather. Sponsored by WB MUD Parks & Rec Dept.

WBNA Pumpkin Patch

& Pumpkin Painting in the Park

Saturday, October 21 (Rain Date—October 28)

Pumpkin Patch! Pick your pumpkin! FREE!

10am-Noon in front of the Chuck Walters Pavilion at KF Park on Alpha Collier

Pumpkin Painting in the Park

10am-1pm inside the Chuck Walters Pavilion at KF Park
(enter from Alpha Collier)

Admission: 1 canned good or \$1 donation to St. Andrew's Food Pantry

Pumpkin Painting has been a WB tradition for more than a decade with real pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. It's always a lot of fun and you get to take home a pumpkin to decorate for Fall!



WB Homestead Open House

Saturday, October 21 | 10am-2pm

WB Homestead at KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr

Welcome neighbors! Have you seen the little cabin at KF Park and wondered who lived there? Have you peeked through its windows and wished you could look inside? Now is your chance! You are invited to visit the Wells Branch Homestead on Oct. 21 from 10am-2pm. The cabin will be open for you to wander through at your leisure. There will be walking tour brochures available to help you explore the grounds. Gwendolyn Johnson, the Homestead Curator, will be on hand to answer all your questions. We will also have a children's activity set up on the porch. You are welcome to come and go anytime during this free event. Bring your friends and spend some time with us learning about this unique part of our neighborhood.

Wells Branch Wild: Turning Backyards into Habitat for Native Species

Thursday, October 26 | 7pm

WB Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff

David Hillis from the College of Natural Sciences at the University of Texas School of Natural Sciences speaks on the topic "Turning Backyards into Habitat for Native Species." Hillis is the author of "Armadillos to Ziziphus - A Naturalist in the Texas Hill Country." He will be available to sign copies of his book.

WBNA Halloween Costume Contest

Tuesday, October 31 • 6pm

WB Community Center Parking Lot

2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Calling all princesses, monsters, super-heroes and other-worldly beasts! We'll be holding our annual costume contest on the Community Center steps beginning at 6pm sharp! Check WBNA.us for updates.

Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 31 | 6-8pm

WB Community Center Parking Lot

2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Experience a display unlike any other at the most spooktacular event in the neighborhood! Come out to our free Halloween Trunk-or-Treat for a night of contained and controlled trick-or-treating hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Rec Dept. Parents and children alike are invited to see the unique decorations of each trunk, fill your bags with candy and treats, and show off those one-of-a-kind costumes. Don't miss the MUD's own display, made from entirely recycled, reused and repurposed items.

Would you like to decorate your own trunk? WB MUD is looking for people to participate in trunk-or-treat! Two bags of 450 count candy will be provided to all participating trunks. All vehicles participating must pre-register for this event prior to Oct. 25. Visit wellsbranchmud.com to sign up!

It's My Park Day: WB Disc Golf Course Tree Planting & Mulching

Saturday, November 4 | 9am-Noon

WB Disc Golf Course on Owen Tech

This Wells Branch project will focus on Keeping Wells Branch Beautiful by tending to the trees in the greenbelt. Volunteers will spread mulch around trees in the greenbelt to help them retain water and resist drought and soil compaction, plant several drought-tolerant trees purchased by the WB Disc Golf Club, and pick up litter.

Volunteers receive a free It's My Park Day t-shirt. Register here: <https://austinparks.givepulse.com/event/398185-Wells-Branch-Disc-Golf-Course-Tree-planting-and-mulching>

KWBB It's My Park Day: Tree Walk

Saturday, November 4 | 10-Noon

WB MUD District Office | 14611 Wells Port

Volunteers will collaborate with a certified arborist and District staff to assess the health of trees and identify signs of damage along our trails. Our local arborist will provide diagnoses and recommendations for necessary improvements, which District staff will use to enhance the areas. Additionally, volunteers will have the unique opportunity to receive guidance from our arborist on maintaining their own trees in the face of prolonged droughts and extreme weather conditions. Volunteers will receive a free It's My Park Day t-shirt. Register here: <https://austinparks.givepulse.com/event/393819-Tree-Walk-at-Wells-Branch-MUD>

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10am-8pm Mon-Thurs,

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

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**

****First Friday: Birds of Prey:** Oct 6th, 6:30pm

Learn all about birds of prey and get to see several of them up close! Registration required.

Bernadette Nason Concert: Oct 21st, 10:30 am

All ages can enjoy songs and stories with Bernadette.

Seed Swap: Oct 28th, 1-4pm Ask questions and talk with Travis County Master Gardeners. You can bring your extra seeds and swap them with other local gardeners.

****Hands on Crafting** for ages 10-18

Last Sunday of the month, 2-5pm. Registration required.

- Sep 24 Wire-wrapped pendants
- Oct 29 Para cord bracelets

****Crafting Workshops** for ages 18+

Wed @ 6:00pm. Registration required

9/27 Calligraphy 10/4 Sewing Machine Basics

10/18 Basic Quilt Block 10/25 How to read a sewing pattern

11/1 Sew a Circle Skirt

****World of Stories** for ages 8-12

Mon @ 4pm. Registration required.

Read a story from another country and do a craft! We will be focusing on fairy tales up through the first half of November.

Open Table D&D for ages 10+

Select Mondays @ 5pm

Drop-in fun for new and experienced gamers! Every week is a new game. We'll be meeting on Sep 25th, Oct 23rd, and Nov 13th and 27th, then we'll pick up in the new year.

November is National Novel Writing Month! The library will be hosting two NaNaWriMo Write-in events in November. Enjoy a quiet place to make your word count.

Looking for a new hobby? The library hosts a free Knit, Crochet, & Crafts night on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 6-8pm. No age requirements or registration required. Bring a craft you're doing or come ready to learn.

****Teen Pumpkin Painting** for ages 10-18

Oct 14th @ 2pm. Registration required.

Paint a plastic pumpkin to take home and enjoy.

Medicare 101: Nov 4th 10am Will you or someone you care for soon be eligible for Medicare or have Medicare and would like to learn more about it? In this presentation the Medicare specialist will provide an overview of Medicare and will answer questions, including: How do I sign up for Medicare? What does it cost? What are Parts A, B, C, and D of the federal Medicare program? What's the difference between a Medicare supplement and a Medicare Advantage plan? This free class is taught by a licensed insurance agent who specializes in helping Medicare beneficiaries navigate their coverage options. All are welcome to this no-cost program!

Traveling Tea Book Club (Adult Program): Oct 5th & Nov 2nd, 6pm. (Every 1st Thursday) Come talk about books we are reading and drink some tea together.

Spice of the Month Club (Adult Program): Oct 14th, 4pm (Every 2nd Saturday) Pick up your spice kit at the front desk any time and cook with the spice before the meeting, then share with friends old and new.

Google App (Google Suite) Oct 21st, 10am Create your own goggle account and learn all the essential programs that come with it. We will be going over a basic understanding of calendar, docs, forms, and drive.

Resume Workshop: Oct 14th, 10am (Every 2nd Saturday) Get help editing & tailoring your résumé to the job you want. This is a group workshop is designed to help you make your basic résumé ready for an employer.

****Arts and Crafts (ages 18+)** Registration required.

- Oct 7th, 4pm **Try It! Fall/ Halloween Door Signs** Make a beautiful piece of art and relax.
- Oct 21st, 4pm **Paint and Pour** Come paint ceramic leaves and pumpkins while we drink tea and relax.

****Adult Wellness**

- Yoga: Sept 28 and Oct 26 6:45pm
- Meditation: Oct 7th, 10am and Oct 12th, 6pm

Drop In Crafts & Tech Help (Adults): Sun & Wed 2-5pm.

Having trouble getting a hem straight or downloading books to your kindle? Need to use the cricut or a sewing machine? We're here to help.



Thank you to the entire Wells Branch Community for your support. The 2023 July 4th Silent Auction was a huge success, thanks to all the participants!

The Wells Branch Neighborhood Association would like to thank our community members and vendors for supporting our organization during this year's Silent Auction. Whether you donated an item, participated online, worked the event or visited the live auction, each valuable contribution made a difference. YOU are appreciated!

We exceeded our goal and raised just over \$7000.00! Here are a few "stats" for those interested: 30 community volunteers and 88 vendors hosted 236 items during the online and live auction events. The percentage of return on the items donated was 35%--this was an excellent result, given that we received several very generous high-end donations! Regardless of price, every item was a true treasure. The quality of the artwork and handcrafted items was outstanding!

Just a friendly reminder, all the funds raised directly benefit the neighborhood by helping to pay for the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, Pumpkin Patch, Pumpkin Painting events, and our participation in Trunk or Treat and Holiday Crafts at Luminary Fest, as well as the educational/safety programs and candidate forums.

A very special thank you to the WB MUD who graciously loaned us the facilities. This valuable contribution makes a tremendous difference and the WBNA is truly grateful!

When you visit the local area businesses or see your neighbors listed below, please thank them for supporting our community and remember, as you patronize these businesses, you continue to support Wells Branch.

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WBNA Open Board Position: Crafters Welcome

Do you love crafts? If you have attended any of our events you know we love crafts too! We suddenly have an open board position and we are seeking candidates.

First we would like to thank Darci Marter. She has been an amazing resource for the last two years. She has led the crafts at most events and brought many exciting new ideas to the programs. She and her family are moving to North Carolina this fall and she is stepping down mid-term. Her valued contributions will be missed.

If you are interested in volunteering in our wonderful community, please reach out. This is an important role within the group. If interested, contact Margaret Sufke at 208-869-5224 (cell).

Wells Branch Fall of 2023

Kicks Off the Season of Sharing & Caring

This year **GSA Troop 45805** and the **WBNA** are working to support the **St. Andrew's Food Pantry**. **Kathy Brown and Troop 45805** will host collections at the following events:

Oct 14 | 8am-2pm | WB MUD & WBNA Extreme Clean

Oct 21 | 10am-1pm | WBNA Pumpkin Patch

Watch Wells Branch social media groups for additional collection points.

Remember The St. Andrew's food pantry is looking for dry and canned goods, diapers, formula, and personal care items for the shelter. Please give what you can every donation makes a difference.

The St. Andrew's Food Pantry is offered from 9am-12Noon on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month, January through October, and on the 2nd Saturdays ONLY in November and December. St. Andrew's partners with Central Texas Food Bank and Austin Diaper Bank to assist community families facing food insecurity.

St. Andrew's is always grateful for the generous support from the Wells Branch community that continues from year to year.

Junior D&D Starter Kits now available for checkout at the Pflugerville Public Library

Wells Branch Girl Scout Sarah B was first introduced to the game Dungeons & Dragons by her older brother, and it introduced both a love for the game and a love for reading. Between developing a Dungeons & Dragon Starter Kit for the Wells Branch Community Library and serving as Dungeon Master for RRISD Early College High School D&D Club, she really enjoyed having the opportunity to introduce new players to the game.



For her Girl Scout Gold Award, which is the highest award a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout can earn, Sarah developed Junior D&D Starter Kits aimed for kids ages 8-12 that can be used by a teen or adult with little to no familiarity with the game. The kits feature an Ogre and His Cake along with material developed by Sarah and her Gold Award team. In addition to the kits, the project also includes a series of tutorial videos on the Pflugerville Public Library YouTube channel and instructions to run a Junior D&D workshop.

Sarah would like to thank Dungeon Scouts, Rogues Gallery, Pfirefly SU, H&H, and her Girl Scout Cookie Customers for supporting this project.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXa7YeYfUzU&list=PL9SPSiD0dPABQwggOnWgK5CPJhJNgCL1g>

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NotaryDash ATX is not your typical notary institution. Society understands that life doesn't always conform to schedules. No longer do you need to adhere to rigid hours or battle traffic to reach a notary. Instead, a friendly and experienced notary arrives at your location, saving you time and hassle. Shonté recognized the deeper need for compassion, especially when families couldn't take their ailing loved ones to an institution for notarization due to hospitalizations or hospice care. A notary at your doorstep guarantees that important documents are notarized wherever you may be.

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Hi! My name is Stephanie and I'm an ASHA certified Bilingual Spanish/English Speech Language Pathologist. I've lived in Wells Branch for about 3 years and am excited to open my own speech therapy practice in this wonderful community. During my early adult years, volunteer experiences with the Special Olympics and a nonprofit organization in Guatemala propelled me into this rewarding profession. I graduated with my Master's in Speech Language Pathology from Marquette University. I have 5+ years of experience working with young children and their families.

Approaches:

Natural Environment - I believe that naturally occurring opportunities for language are the best moments to build upon. For that reason, I offer visits in the home and community settings (parks, libraries, etc.).

Caregiver Coaching - I'm passionate about empowering parents and caregivers with the tools to foster meaningful communication with their little ones. During sessions, I focus on training caregivers to use evidence-based strategies during everyday routines to support their child's learning and promote faster progress.

Person-Centered/Child-Centered - This approach means that we are targeting your priorities and that we follow the child's lead to incorporate engaging and motivating activities.

Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) - In collaboration with Pet Partners, I'm able to invite animal-assisted therapy teams to join speech therapy sessions. The presence of a therapy animal can reduce stress, boost mood, and be an excellent motivator. (AAT is limited to therapy team availability).

Contact me for a free consultation at 512-710-8665.




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Austin Community College: Northridge Campus

We would like to thank Austin Community College for becoming a gold level sponsor for the WBNA newsletter. The ACC program team at the Northridge Campus wanted to highlight their new 8-week accelerated learning program.

We are excited to partner with the ACC team. ACC representatives attended WBNA National Night Out and will be in attendance at the WBNA Pumpkin Patch. Please join us to meet the ACC Northridge team. <https://www.austincc.edu/campuses/northridge-campus>

Program Review: Austin Community College District (ACC) students can now earn an entire associate degree through 8-week courses.

Starting new this fall, ACC will launch an 8-week pathway for the Associate of Science in Business Administration degree (BUA). All

classes will be offered at Northridge Campus. Students earn the same amount of credit hours while taking fewer classes at one time.

The 8-week class format gives students more flexible options to fit classes into their schedules. Research shows students enrolled in 8-week courses tend to complete more semester credit hours on average. Data also indicates increased student persistence, retention, and completion rates when transitioning to 8-week teaching sessions.

In addition to the all-new associate degree pathway, ACC also will offer a full slate of 8-week course options in a variety of programs and degree tracks. While options will be available at multiple campuses and in online formats, the Northridge Campus will be home to 8-week options — featuring the most robust course offerings across all subjects. <https://sites.austincc.edu/newsroom/2023/06/06/acc-launches-new-program-to-allow-students-to-accelerate-their-degree/>

For more information on 8-week classes, visit <https://austincc.edu/8week>.

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Bingo Night

Wednesday, November 8 | 6:30-8:30pm

WB MUD Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Challenge the odds in a night full of entertainment and laughs at our November Bingo Night! Rain or shine, community members big and small are invited to play our eight rounds of bingo, all free and with varying play styles. Daubers and light refreshments are provided, all you need is luck on your side! Maximum capacity is 120. Want to increase your chances of winning? Bring a toy or non-perishable donation for our Brown Santa bins and get an extra play card. Sponsored by the WB MUD Parks & Rec Dept.

Silver Branchers

WB MUD Rec. Center • 3000 Shoreline Dr.

Meets every Thursday from 1:00-3:00pm

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.

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.

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Sat-Sun	1-6pm	Open Swim / Lap Swim No Reservations Needed

Garden Guild News by Susan Gillespie

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.

If you are new to the area and/or interested in joining our group please visit our Facebook page to request access. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WBGardenGuild>

Heading into Fall, our October program is yet to be determined. We're trying to set up a field trip into Georgetown, posting updates as they become available. The Guild will not be meeting in November or December, instead, taking a break for the holidays.

Our group is also actively supporting the Wells Branch Wild group, chaired by Jill Douglass. Please see her update below.

Wells Branch Wild -

A Community Wildlife Habitat by Jill Douglass

Wells Branch Wild is dedicated to connecting the human community to the natural world. We invite all residents to participate in this journey by creating personal wildlife habitats. One of the best changes we can make to support wildlife in our yards is to install native plants. This is because native insects cannot, or will not, eat alien plants. When native plants disappear, the insects disappear, greatly reducing the food source for birds, lizards, toads, and even larger animals like foxes. Foxes love to eat grasshoppers! Traditional gardening methods often encourage us to eliminate insects that eat our plants, so supporting wildlife gardening really turns things upside down because we actually are inviting all those insects to eat!

The easiest way to welcome native plants into your yard is to identify "weeds" before you pull them. They may be native plants that have naturally sprouted in their home environment. Horseherb (*Calyptocarpus vialis*) is a common native groundcover that often volunteers in our lawns. Similarly, Prairie Tea (*Croton monanthogynus*), Pepper Grass (*Lepidium virginicum*), and Chili Pequin (*Capsicum annuum*) show up as volunteers in our flower beds. The seeds of these plants were deposited by the birds who ate them. Helpful phone apps such as iNaturalist can help you identify plants to determine if they are native or not.

As we come into the fall planting season, when purchasing new plants, buy native plants for your landscape. If you are not sure what to plant, the city of Austin has a great website to help, <https://www.austintexas.gov/department/grow-green>. Green 'n Growing, a local Pflugerville nursery, regularly stocks Texas native plants, as does Round Rock Gardens. Both are a short drive from Wells Branch. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in south Austin hosts a native plant sale every fall and spring. Check out their website for dates. In addition, Tree-Folks has regularly scheduled tree giveaways all year long.

By changing a few gardening habits over time, we can convert our yards from food deserts to a full buffet for our wildlife, and a healthier, beautiful environment for us.



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Wells Branch Photo Club

WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Dr. Rm 100

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month | 6:30pm

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.

On Tuesday, October 10, Dave DeVore will present a Software Review on Topaz Labs Plugins for Adobe Lightroom Classic. Bring a photo or two to edit during the demonstration.

Dave's program overview

While we all strive to take a perfect wow shot every time, it is not always possible. As a nature photographer, I often need to make the best of low light conditions at dawn and dusk, which can lead to digital noise, motion blur or out of focus conditions. Sometimes, you are lucky just to get a shot of an elusive subject at all. Fortunately, there are software solutions for each of these issues, some of the best being provided by Topaz Labs.

Besides making less than stellar pictures better and even improving on great shots, the workflow, and products I am going to show can make it possible to resurrect pictures from past years that were shot with lesser equipment and perhaps less skill on the part of the photographer.

Software packages and workflow to be demonstrated: Adobe Lightroom Classic using the following as plugins as first steps in the workflow.

- Topaz Denoise AI for superior noise reduction
- Topaz Sharpen AI for sharpening and removing motion blur or out of focus
- Topaz Gigapixel AI, for upsizing a low-resolution picture for printing

If you don't have the Adobe subscription, each of these products can also be used stand-alone and can be purchased as a bundle or ala carte. Finally, we can edit some pictures from the club and show how they can be quickly brought up to snuff with these powerful tools and techniques. RAW files are better for this purpose but JPGs will work as well.

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)

Wells Branch Old School Halloween

Throwback – Spooky Houses, Costumes & Trick or Treating! by Jon Klekman

This year let's reach back to the not so distant past and revisit some of the traditions that make Halloween so special in our neighborhood: 1.) creating spooky design flare on your home 2.) crafting and wearing costumes 3.) walking around with friends and family and discovering new parts of the neighborhood 4.) getting into fun conversations on the streets (while admiring said creative house flare and costumes) and demanding candy (politely of course) from your neighbors. Yes, I'm talking about full on Trick or Treating this year in Wells Branch on Halloween!

One the evening of Tuesday October 31, lets party like it's 2019 and go all out to make this a WB Halloween for the ages. Residents, prepare your candy coffers. Kids, get your costumes on and explore. Leave no candy un-wrapped and no door un-knocked. Some of the most memorable moments I have from childhood are of trick or treating, trying to hit as many houses as possible and then comparing my candy loot with friends and family later. The neighborhood transforms into a new world, new perspective, new adventure. Trick or Treating as both skill and sport and brings us together.

Residents- I know we have a creative bunch out there- I see you, we see you- lets have some fun with this. Picture this.... beautiful fall air at twilight- and families celebrating their creativity and spirit together. Halloween 2023.



McNeil High School Band Fundraiser

Support the McNeil High School Band and show your national pride! Sign up for our annual flag subscription and we will place a United States flag in your yard for five patriotic holidays below. Subscriptions are \$52 per year and are available to those within the McNeil HS attendance zone. Flags will be put up one day prior to the holiday and taken down the day after. Please visit <https://www.mcneilband.org/us-flags> to sign up.

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☐ Easter Egg Hunt ☐ Nat'l Night Out ☐ Pumpkin Patch ☐ Luminary Fest

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