



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch
Vol. 33, Issue 2, Spring 2025

WBNA Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza!

Saturday, April 19 | 10:30am | Come Early!

The Homestead at KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Hop on in! Spring has sprung! Join your friends, neighbors and The Easter Bunny himself at the annual Wells Branch Easter Egg Hunt. The "Hunts" will be by age group and **begin at 10:30am SHARP!** Plan to come early and visit with the Easter Bunny. This is a community event and ALL Wells Branch residents and their invited guests are welcome. We are asking that parents help set the example of behavior during this event. Please read and go over the rules with your hunters!

ONE parent will be allowed inside the hunting area to help with the youngest age groups (0-18 mos. and 19-36 mos.) We ask that you respect this restriction. Children in all other age groups must hunt on their own. There will be 7 minutes between each of the age groups to allow parents with multiple children to navigate to the next area. Please ensure that your children hunt with their respective age group only. If for some reason, your child ends up with only a few eggs, please approach any of our WBNA volunteers in bunny ears, they will have extra goodies to share. In recent years we have made an extra effort to include children with special needs. Please send a private message to info@wbna.us with your request so that we may coordinate with you and plan ahead.

Last, but not least, please remember that this event is put on by **volunteers**. We spend weeks getting ready and usually stuff 10,000 to 12,000 eggs (if you are wondering, yes we recycle those eggs each year.) It's no small feat. So, if a volunteer asks something of you, please be respectful of their requests. We love our neighbors and our community. We're asking for everyone's help in advance in creating an enjoyable experience for all involved. **Please help us and remember to recycle your eggs before you leave.** We always need extra volunteers to help things run more smoothly. Anyone whose kids have aged out of the hunt, community service groups, or older teens who need service hours, we would be so appreciative of your time! Please contact us for more information: info@wbna.us or text 208-869-5224. To sign up to volunteer, scan the first QR code for egg stuffing and the second one for activities the day of

the event or visit these websites: early egg stuffing at tinyurl.com/2025-EEH-VOL or volunteering the day of the event at tinyurl.com/2025-EEH-EVENT

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Easter Egg Hunt Rules:

Those of you who've attended our hunts in the past know we have very few rules, but we do ask parents to follow those rules and be courteous and respectful of your neighbors so that all of our children may safely enjoy the hunt.

BE ON TIME (early is better) AS THE "HUNTS" GO QUICKLY

- Wait until your age group is called
- Check all eggs for prize slips
- Let a volunteer know if there's an issue
- **Recycle your eggs with the WBNA**
- For everyone's safety, please consider leaving your fur babies at home
- **MOST of ALL, Have FUN!**

AGE GROUPS:

0-18 mos. • 19-36 mos.

- *Only 1 parent per child in egg hunting area
- *Watch out for potential choking hazards

4-6yrs • 7-9yrs • 10-12yrs

- * No parents or siblings allowed in egg hunting area



The Easter Bunny will be available for photos beginning at 10:00am and will stay until everyone has had a chance to talk to him. Photos will be posted to an album on the WBNA Facebook page or you're welcome to use your own camera.

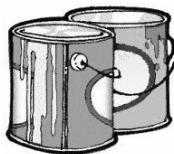
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Extreme Clean Spring!

Saturday, April 12, 2024 | 8am-2pm
WB MUD Facilities Yard | 13905 Thermal Dr.



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

WB Venture Crew 1409 will be offering trailer transportation of larger items to the Extreme Clean event for a minimum donation of \$20. Please tip accordingly. All monies received will be used for future Venturing endeavors. Transportation is limited to In-District residents only. **Please schedule your pick up by Friday, April 11, by texting your name and address to 512-413-0097.**

Bulk Trash

Trash or bulky items too large that cannot be placed in your trash bin • Wood pallets (broken-down) • Old fencing (broken-down) • Mattresses & box springs • TIRES ARE NOT ACCEPTED

Metal Recycling

Lawn mowers (oil & gas emptied) • Metal tools, sheets, rods and framing • All appliances (Freon must be removed) • Water heaters • Aluminum

Household Waste & E-Cycling

Household batteries include alkaline batteries - A, AA, C, D, 9V, 6V (all types-heavy duty), phone batteries, rechargeable batteries, computer and small appliance batteries and motorcycle batteries • Antifreeze in clearly labeled and closed container • Latex / water based paints in original sealed and non-leaking container

NOT ACCEPTED: oil based paints, stains, thinners, motor and cooking oil, gasoline, chemicals/pesticides, or car batteries

Electronics and Appliance Recycling

Computers, laptops and monitors • Tablets, cell phones and chargers • Wire (extension cords, Xmas lights, computer cables) • CDs, DVDs and floppy discs • Routers, DVRs and cable boxes • Lamps • All TVs, VCRs and DVD players • Printers, copiers, scanners and fax machines • Radios, stereos and speakers • Small kitchen appliances (microwaves, coffee makers, toasters, etc.)

Styrofoam

Clean egg cartons, food packaging, meat trays, to-go containers, disposable plates and coffee cups, large packing pieces and foam ice chests **NOT ACCEPTED:** packing peanuts, and Styrofoam attached or glued to other materials, like cardboard or plastic film

Regular Bulk Recycling

Cardboard boxes – all sizes; large appliance boxes should be broken down & FREE from Styrofoam and/or other packing material • Plastics (#1-7)

Drug Take-Back - Pill Form ONLY. Creams, liquids, ointments and pet medication will NOT be accepted. Please remove labels with personal information prior to drop-off.

On-Site Shredding

Carbon paper, colored paper, computer paper, fax paper, transparencies, post-it notes, window envelopes, glossy paper, invoice paper, laser print-outs, ledger paper, letterhead, stationary, NCR paper

Community Donations / Re-Purpose & Re-Use Items

(ALL Donated items MUST be dropped off pre-sorted and labeled as volunteers will NOT be able to sort, post pandemic safety requirement).

SPECIAL DONATION REQUEST: Northwest Elementary School is collecting for a clothing and school supplies. Please bag this donation separately. Childrens underwear and socks must be new. For questions, contact jayla.rose@pfisd.net or 512-594-4426

Animal Shelter / Rescue

New or gently used crates, clean bedding, bowls, like-new toys and unexpired/unopened food and unopened/unexpired pet meds

Austin Creative Re-Use

Arts and crafts supplies • Fabric, yarn and knitting supplies • Puzzles, game pieces and playing cards • Acrylic and craft paint • Blue painters tape • Wine & champagne corks • Fully functional sewing machines, crafting tools and machines

St. Andrew's Food Bank / Unsheltered Donations

Backpacks • School supplies • Basic clothing needs (new) socks, (new) underwear, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. • Basic hygiene products (diapers, feminine hygiene, soap, toothpaste, etc. • Gift cards for food • Canned goods, dry goods, pantry items, bottled water

Salvation Army—Local Area Office

Gently used clothing & shoes (all ages & sizes; nothing soiled, stained, torn or too worn) • linens & household items • bikes gently used baby/toddler items



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Wells Branch by the Numbers - Stats & Tips...

Market Stats for 78728*

Feb '24:	Jan '25:	Feb '25:	
\$444,500	\$437,000	\$400,000	Median Price
4	6	2	Closed Homes
14	17	22	Active Homes
1.3	1.7	2.3	Months Inventory
\$233.30	\$225.18	\$219.02	Closed Median PPSF**
1886	1777	1848	Median SF
127	56	127	Avg. Days on Market
92.2%	94.8%	85.9%	Avg. % Sold vs. List Price

*SOURCE: TX REALTORS MarketViewer, most recent, based on single-family resale homes. Text Pam for source reports! **price per Sq Ft

What's going on in our market? While home prices are rebounding in many northern states, the Austin market is shifting at a different pace, which makes sense considering the massive increase in prices that occurred in such a short time in '21-'22. Overall, Texas is seeing increased inventory and more new construction, giving buyers more options—but also leading to slower price growth and longer time on market for sellers. This change can be great news for buyers, but sellers need a smart strategy to stand out, and proper pricing is KEY! And that's where working with a knowledgeable, local REALTOR® makes all the difference. As always, I am here to help, whether you are buying or selling.

It's Appraisal Notice Time! Your property appraisal notice should be hitting your mailbox in the next week or two. When you receive it, first, verify that you are receiving the Homestead Exemption (if this is your primary residence) and remember that this is just an estimate of what your county CAD (Central Appraisal District) thinks your property is worth. While the CAD's are determining values, the taxing entities are working on their budgets, and ultimately the rate per \$100/value to charge property owners. In Wells Branch, there are several entities, including the WBMUD, RRISD or PISD, Healthcare District, etc... and as a property owner & taxpayer, you have the right to make your voice heard as each entity holds their budget meetings finalizes their tax rate.

You also have the right to protest the assessed value on your property. *Learn more about the process*, why you should protest every year, the pros & cons of signing up with a service and the steps to take to get the protest filed on **Thursday, April 24 at 7:00pm at the WB Community Center on Klattenhoff**. PRO TIP: Do not file your protest of value until closer to the May 15th deadline!



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Get Your Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Free April 26-28

Natural disasters will continue to happen and they come with little notice. Prepare yourself, your family and your pets, stock or re-stock during the 2025 Sales Tax Holiday just for these supplies. There is no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase.

This year's holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 28. These emergency preparation supplies qualify for tax exemption:

Less than \$3000

- Portable generators

Less than \$300

- Emergency ladders
- Hurricane shutters

Less than \$75

- Axes and/or Hatchets
- Batteries, (AAA, AA, C, D, 6 or 9 volt)
- Can openers – non-electric
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Coolers and ice chests for food storage – non-electric
- Fire extinguishers
- First aid kits
- Fuel containers
- Ground anchor systems and tie-down kits
- Ice products - reusable and artificial

- Light sources - portable self-powered (including battery operated). Examples of items include: candles, flashlights and lanterns
- Mobile telephone batteries and mobile telephone chargers
- Radios - portable self-powered (including battery operated) - includes two-way and weather band radios
- Smoke detectors
- Tarps and other plastic sheeting

For a comprehensive list of items not covered, information on online purchases and telephone orders, additional charges that affect the sales price, and sales tax refund requests, please visit: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/publications/98-1017.php>

Need help or more information putting together? Visit <https://www.austintexas.gov/readycentraltx>

Prepare for Emergencies!

WB Pack 728 News by Lee Logan



The cubs of Wells Branch Pack 728 are rocking and rolling this Spring! Many of our scouts recently went on a campout at Bastrop State Park, where we took several hikes among the "Lost Pines," did some fishing, and enjoyed a campfire with s'mores.

This time of year, our scouts are busy finishing up their advancement requirements to complete their next badge of rank by May. This includes learning new outdoor skills, as well as good citizenship, personal fitness, and more! We also have a group of scouts who are about to earn their Arrow of Light award and join a Scouts BSA troop.

Our pack is planning to participate in the Pioneer Festival later this month – we'll see you there!

Elementary school kids can join Pack 728 all year round, and new scouts can immediately start participating in activities through the rest of the school year, while also enjoying a handful of great summer events.

Who: Girls and Boys in Kindergarten through 5th Grade

When: Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. We follow the RRISD school calendar plus a few summer activities

Where: Most meetings are at the Wells Branch MUD Annex, 14611 Wells Port Dr., Austin, TX 78728

For more information, contact WBPack728@gmail.com or check us out at wbpack728.com



Lead the Adventure!

www.crew1409.com or email info@crew1409.com.

Crew 1409 is a diverse group of youth and adult advisors who enjoy all things outdoors. We have outings every month and go on week-long adventures during Spring Break and Summer. We are a high-adventure group that enjoys backpacking, canoeing, and alpine snowshoeing. We just returned from snowshoeing in Colorado for Spring Break and we will be spending a week canoeing and camping along the Buffalo River in Arkansas for our Summer Trip in June.

We still have plenty of spots available on our Summer Trip. Please contact us if you are interested in joining us. Whether you're seeking adventure, looking to make new friends, or simply wanting to enjoy the outdoors, Venturing is for you.



WB Armada Swim Team News

by Juli Thatcher, Volunteer Coordinator, WBA

Joining the Wells Branch Armada (WBA) is a great way to help your kids get some exercise, make friends, and have fun this summer! Registration for the 2025 season is underway for new and returning swimmers. Information can be found on our website: <https://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com>. Evening practices begin Monday, April 28th at the Willow Bend Pool; practices shift to mornings once school is out. Our home meets are also at the Willow Bend Pool. If you see a big crowd and lots of tents out at the pool early on a Saturday morning, feel free to stop by to cheer on your neighbors and enjoy some delicious concessions. We are currently seeking sponsors for the 2025 season. If interested in sponsoring the team, or donating in some other way, please visit our website. The Wells Branch Armada would like to thank the WB MUD for its continued support. If you have any questions about WBA, send an email to: volunteers@wbarmada.org



Wells Branch Soccer Assn: Mid-Season Momentum and What's Ahead!

by Gabriela Hinojosa

We are halfway through the Spring 2025 season at WBSA, and it's been a great ride so far! From first-time players to seasoned teams, everyone's bringing energy, skill, and heart to the field.

Looking ahead, we will cap off the Spring season with our End-of-Season Party — a fun celebration for players, families, and coaches. Stay tuned for details via email, our website, and Facebook page.

Fall 2025 registration opens in May! Whether you are returning or new to the game, fall is a perfect time to keep playing and improving. We plan on hosting observation sessions and tryouts in May for our competitive WBSA UNITED teams. These teams offer a higher level of play in divisions like WDDOA, CAYSA D2, and CAYSA Academy. Visit wellsbranchsoccer.com along with our Facebook page or email info@wellsbranchsoccer.com for updates. Thanks for being part of the WBSA family — let's finish the season strong!

Wells Branch Photo Club

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month | 6:30-8:00pm

WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline, Rm 100

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

Watch for updates including upcoming outdoor photo walks and community event photo ops via the WB Google Group, WBNA Facebook Page, WB Photo Club Facebook Page, and wbna.us. Questions? Contact Margaret Sufke at mmsufke@gmail.com.

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Closed	M-F	Closed
Open Swim	Sa	10am-7pm
Open Swim	Su	1-7pm
<i>No Lap Lanes will be available at KF Pool, please use the Willow Bend Pool. KF Pool will close at 8pm on Friday, May 2, for Dive -In Movie event.</i>		

Willow Bend Pool
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Open Swim	M, W, F	1-4pm
Lap Swim Only	Tu, Th	6-8:30am 1-4pm 8-9pm
Open Swim	Sa, Su	12-8pm
<i>Saturdays May 10, 17, 24 the Pool will open late due to Armada Swim Meets. Monday, May 26, both pools will be open for open swim from 10am-8pm. 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 at BOTH WB & KF Pools.</i>		



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Parking Safety Reminders for School Zones

We've recently experienced issues with the areas surrounding **Wells Branch Elementary** (Town Hill/Merrilltown, Town Hill/Donald and Town Hill/Robert I. Walker) and **Joe Lee Johnson Elementary** (Sauls/Crissom, Crissom/Kissman)

Even if there isn't a sign for it, please use common sense and courtesy when parking close to intersections or crosswalks. Thank you for helping keep our kids safe!

- Do not park within 30 ft of a stop sign.
- Do not park within 20 ft of the designated crosswalks.
- Do not park right up to the edge of an intersection as this prevents emerging traffic from having clear vision and safe entry into the intersection.
- **Do not block the driveways of residents even if only for a moment.**
- Do not leave cars running unattended. Park your car. Turn it off. Set the brake. Lock it and take the keys with you.

Please remember that everything we ask of you is for the safety of our children and their families.

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10am-8pm Mon-Thurs,

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

To see everything happening at the library, check out our website at WBLIBRARY.ORG.

Programs are always free. Programs with **require advance registration at wblibrary.eventbrite.com

Adult Programs:

Meditation & Stretching: April 10 and May 8 at 6pm
An hour of mindfulness and relaxation with simple yoga and some deep breathwork incorporated.

Spice of the Month Club: April 12 and May 10 at 4pm
Get a kit at the front desk, cook at home, and then share.

Résumé Workshop: April 19 and May 24 at 10am
Adults can get help customizing their résumé to stand out.

****Paint and Pour:** April 19 at 4pm
Paint and enjoy tea with friends and neighbors.

****Pastels Art Class:** April 26 at 4pm
Instructor will teach you to illustrate Cezanne's Fruit & Picture

Traveling Tea Book Club: May 1 at 6pm
Talk about books we are reading and drink some tea together.

****Jewelry Making:** May 3 at 4pm
Make a beaded bracelet and/or a book page pendant.

****Nail Stamping:** May 17 at 4pm.
Learn the basics and give it a try.

****Meditation and Journaling:** May 22 at 6pm
Relax with mindfulness and self expression.

****Paint Vinyl Records:** May 24 at 4pm
Create a work of art with acrylic paint on old records.

****RPG Miniature Painting:** May 29 at 6pm
Use tiny brushes to decorate the pieces used in games like D&D.

****Ducks and Wading Birds Talk:** May 31 at 4pm
Learn to identify and distinguish local species.

****Adult Craft Classes:** Wednesdays at 6pm
Projects for any skill level. Supplies provided; space is limited.
4/16 Watercolor 4/23 Needle Felting 4/30 Travel Journals
5/7 Amigurumi 5/21 Glass Mosaic 5/28 Sewing 101

****First Friday– Sitar Concert:** May 2 at 6:30pm. Relax to the musical talent of Indrajot Banjerjee.

****Star Wars Party:** May 3 at 10:30am. Enjoy games, activities and a story based in a galaxy far, far away.

****Dungeons & Dragons (ages 10+):** Mondays at 5pm. Every week is a new game. New or seasoned players welcome.

Puzzle Swap: First Sunday of each month at 4pm. Bring a puzzle to exchange or come work on one with other puzzle fans.

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.

Sunday Crafternoon: 2-3:30pm (ages 14+) Casual crafting with sewing machines, woodburning, Cricut, Sissex, and more! The library's equipment will be available for trained patrons to use with consumable supplies from home.

Coming Soon– Renovation at the Library! We are very excited to be planning an expansion and remodel of our space over the next two years. See some preliminary plans on our website and join the conversation by sending a note to director@wblibrary.org.

Weekly Programs for 0-5:

Mon. 10:30am Baby Sign Storytime: for ages 6-36 months

Mon. 11:15am Wiggle Worms: ~20 minutes for ages 1-4

Tues. 10:30am Spanish Circle Time: ~20 minutes for ages 1-4

Tues. 11:15am Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish together

Wed. 10:30am Circle Time: ~20 minutes for ages 1-4

Wed. 11:15am Storytime: songs and stories for ages 2-5

Thurs. 10:30am Storytime: songs and stories for ages 2-5

Thurs. 5pm Paw Print ST & Craft: animal activities for ages 2-5

Fri. 10:30am Alphabuddies: focused on letter learning

Fri. 11:15am Wiggle Worms: ages 1-4

Sat. 10:30am Storytime & Craft: ~35 minute for ages 3-7

1st & 3rd Sat. 11:30am Read to a Therapy Dog

After School Programs:

****Time Travelers Club: (for ages 8-12)** Mondays at 4pm.

Explore a new era each week with related reading, crafts and activities.

Kids' Krafternoon: (for ages 5-10) Tuesdays at 5pm.

Come enjoy various activities ranging from arts and crafts to games, building, science experiments, and more.

Teen Programs (Ages 10-17)

****Jewelry Making:** April 12 at 2pm

Create a beaded personal masterpiece to complete your look.

****Tie Dye:** May 10 at 2pm

Bring a shirt (or other item), we provide the supplies.

Teen Library Council: 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month at 2pm. Plan events, make displays, and more.



WHAT SHOULD I READ NEXT?

As ambassadors of the Wells

Branch Community Library, our mission is to spread the word about all that our local library offers and encourage reading. One of the best ways we know to do this is to simply share what wonderful books are being read in Wells Branch and encourage everyone to head to the library to check them out!

This ongoing feature will share reading recommendations from librarians, FOL members, and the Wells Branch Community. If you would like to contribute a short recommendation (200 words or less) of a book you've enjoyed, just e-mail your entry to FriendsofWellsBranchLibrary@gmail.com. If you'd like to become a member e-mail us your name, address, phone number and we will keep you updated about our activities.

FOL Treasurer, David Mead writes: I'm reading *The Way of All Fish* by Martha Grimes (2014), a comic novel about the murderously competitive publishing business in NYC. It's the sequel to *Foul Matter*, also a comic novel about good, bad, and would-be authors, literary agents, editors, and publishers. And their hit-men. Both novels are well worth reading -- full of wry comedy, light satire, and amusing characters -- mostly (like Grimes herself) from Pittsburgh. Grimes is best known as the author of the very popular Superintendent Richard Jury mystery novels.

FOL Secretary, Nancy Loomis writes: Wine, Women, and Words meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm. Our February book was *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. It tells the story of the Price family, a group of American Baptist missionaries who move to the Belgian Congo in 1959, where they face cultural clashes and political turmoil as they attempt to convert the local villagers. It is told from the perspectives of the wife and her four daughters, each dealing with colonialism, faith, and family dynamics against the backdrop of the Congo's fight for independence. The book continues to follow their lives after the 17 months of living as missionaries ends.

Several members had read it when it was published in 1998, but the majority had not. Everyone felt it was a thought-provoking exploration of the issues of colonialism and freedom, and how different cultures and languages complicated Africa's working for freedom. We rate our books on a scale of 1 to 5, and we averaged around 4 for this book.



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WB MUD / WBNA Extreme Clean Spring

Saturday, April 12 | 8:00am-2:00pm

WB MUD P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal Drive

For more info on accepted items, see page 2 or visit <https://wellsbranchmud.com/bulk-items/bulk-trash-household-waste-2>

WB MUD Bulk Trash Day

Saturday, May 10 | 8am-12pm

WB MUD P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal

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

Info on pick-up / drop-off for both Extreme Clean and Bulk Trash via Venturing Crew 1409 fundraiser is available on page 2.



American Red Cross Blood Drives

Saturday, April 12 | 9:00am-3:00pm

Saturday, May 3 | 9:00am-3:00pm

WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Wells Branch MUD is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive at the Recreation Center. Donations are always in high demand, so save lives and consider donating!

To donate, visit the link below and enter the Recreation Center zip code (78728). Scroll to the option that says Wells Branch Recreation Center, and select your time to donate! [Link: wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events](https://wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events).

7th Annual Wells Branch

Youth Disc Golf Tournament

Sunday, April 13 | 1:00-5:30pm

Wells Branch Disc Golf Course on Owen Tech

The Wells Branch Recreation Department together with the Wells Branch Disc Golf Club present 7th annual Youth Disc Golf Tournament! Open to players 18 and under, this is a fun one-day event perfect for introducing new players to disc golf. Participants will receive a custom-stamped disc and enter for a chance to win one of our many door prizes. Players will be split into age divisions. The top scorers in each division will receive a trophy.

Participants must pre-register by Saturday, April 12.

Walk-up registration will not be available on the day of the event. Wells Branch Soccer Association will offer concessions as a fundraiser.

The course is located along Owen Tech Boulevard, south of Wells Branch Parkway. Street parking is available. If inclement weather occurs, we will reschedule for another date.

Age Divisions:

6 and under | 7-8 yrs | 9-10 yrs

11-12 yrs | 13-15 yrs | 16-18 yrs

To register, visit <https://wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events> or call 512-251-9814.

WBNA Meeting: Tax Appraisal Protest Info

Presented by Pam Wachholz, REALTOR®

Thursday, April 24 | 7:00-8:30pm

WB MUD Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff

You've Received Your Property Appraisal Notice, Now What?

Learn why it is so important to protest your appraised property value every year – yes, even if you've had the Homestead exemption for 20 years! We will talk briefly about the Homestead exemption; the differences between the CAD and the actual taxing entities – and how they affect your property tax bill; talk about the pro's & con's of hiring a service and finally, the steps to take if you decide to protest your appraisal!

Don't miss this jam-packed session that could save you money in the long run, if not this year!

WB MUD Pioneer Festival

Saturday, April 26 | Noon to 5:00pm

WB Homestead at KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff

Take a trip to the past and experience real frontier life at the beloved Pioneer Festival! Learn about life before modern conveniences and celebrate Texas culture. Walk the grounds of the Homestead and witness demonstrations that will transport you back into Texas history. Share in historic figures and nostalgic artifacts that will leave the whole family in awe, and take part in crafts and activities that are bound to create memorable experiences. Past demonstrations included butter churning, weaving, and log splitting, just to name a few.

This event is suitable for all ages, and will be cancelled in the case of inclement weather.

If you would like to volunteer or have a craft or activity from that period for demonstration, please contact Wells Branch MUD at 512-251-9814 or info@wellsbranchmud.com.

The WBNA Team will

be volunteering at

Elmo's house

(the buffalo house). Stop by for a visit!



WB MUD May Dive In Movie

Friday, May 2 | 8:00pm

KF Pool | 2106 Klattenhoff

Float on by to our May Dive-in Movie event hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation! Cool off in the pool or relax poolside as we show a movie for the whole family. 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.

More movie information will be available closer to day of event. *Sponsored by WB MUD Parks & Rec. Dept.*

WB MUD Youth Fishing Tournament

Saturday, May 3 | 9:00am-Noon

Mills Pond Park | 15108 Wells Port

Wrangle up the kiddos and come out to our Spring Youth Fishing Tournament hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation! Kids 17 or under are invited to participate in this free outdoorsy tradition no matter their skill level, with prizes awarded for various age groups and categories such as biggest caught, smallest caught, and most caught. We will have a limited supply of poles, hooks, and bait for those anglers who don't have one. Rain or shine, cast those lines! No registration is required. *Hosted by WB MUD Parks & Rec. Dept.*

Annual Disc Golf Tournament

May 17 | 9:00am-12:30pm

Wells Branch Disc Golf Course on Owen Tech

Join the Annual Disc Golf Tournament hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation in partnership with the Wells Branch Disc Golf Club! Play with the best of the best and compete for one of the incredible prizes against disc golfers of all ages. Each player will receive a custom artwork disc golf disc as part of their registration. All participants will be entered in to win an amazing door prize, and winners from each division will receive an award. A ring of fire putting competition with prizes will be held after the round. This event will be rescheduled in the case of inclement weather. Wells Branch Soccer Association will offer concessions as a fundraiser. The course is located along Owen Tech Boulevard, south of Wells Branch Parkway. Street parking is available.

Youth Age Divisions:

6 and under | 7-8yrs | 9-10yrs | 11-12yrs | 13-15yrs | 16-19yrs

Adult Age Divisions:

20-29yrs | 30-39yrs | 40-49yrs | 50-59yrs | 60-69yrs | 70+ yrs

There is a \$20 registration fee for this event. Pre-registration is required. Walk up registration will NOT be available. The link can be found on the Wells Branch MUD website under Special Events closer to the event.

Wells Branch Garden Guild

Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month | 10:00am

WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline

(unless otherwise noted)

Save the Dates! April 19 & May 17

April 19, we plan on touring the WB Community Gardens at the corner of Town Hill and Single Trace. May 17, we'll host our annual neighborhood garden tour. Join our Facebook page (listed below), watch the Google Group, or check the WBNA.us website or Facebook page for upcoming details on these events and the opportunity to enter your home garden in the tour.

Meetings are open to anyone interested in gardening. If you are new to the area or interested in joining our group please visit our Facebook page to request access at facebook.com/groups/WBGardenGuild

Silver Branchers

Meets every Monday (except in Summer)

-AND- Thursday (all year) of the month | 1:00-3:00pm

WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline

Open to active adults, the Silver Branchers bring neighbors together for camaraderie and fun. Join this welcoming group for social activities, board games, cards, dominoes, and great company from 1:00 to 3:00pm on **Mondays and Thursdays**. *Monday games will not be played during the Summer months.*

We have an early Summer trip planned for June 12 to Salado. Watch the WB Google Group, the Melting Pot on Facebook, and the WBNA website (wbna.us) and WBNA Facebook page for details as they become available.

On day trips, you are responsible for paying your entrance fees and meals. We'll arrange to car pool when we gather at the Rec Center before heading out. Please RSVP by calling Wells Branch MUD customer service at 512-251-9814 or in person at the Wells Branch Recreation Center before the cut off date.

For more info or to join the email list, call Glen at 512-461-1665

WB Drop-In Mahjongg Club

Meets every Wednesday | 6:30pm

WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline, Rm 101

We have grown, please join us! The WB Drop-In Mahjongg club is a very active group. We typically have 3-4 tables going and play 3-4 games at each session. It's a great way to learn the game and there is always someone ready to share the secrets with the newer players. We now have two club sets, but an extra set is welcome, so please consider bringing a set if you have one.

The club is open to all members of the WB Community. Beginners and seasoned players are welcome. We play the American four player version and try to balance folks between skill levels and games so that new players may learn in a comfortable environment.

UPDATE: Several members have chosen to play using the NMJL cards rather the club training card, which is great. Just a friendly reminder the new 2025 cards will start shipping in April. We will continue to play with the 2024 NMJL and training cards until all members have received their new cards.

A club brochure is available at the WB Rec Center or contact Margaret Sufke at mmsufke@gmail.com or 208-869-5224.

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 us at info@wbna.us for more information.

Deadline for the May 17 newsletter is Friday, May 2.

The WBNA does not accept political advertising.
All article submissions are subject to editing.



WELLS BRANCH HAND-CRAFTERS MARKETPLACE

community members. Many friends and neighbors stopped by the WBNA information booth to thank us for hosting a truly "community-based" pop-up marketplace. We are reaching out early so our vendors can plan ahead. Please email: info@wbna.us if you are interested in participating in the 2025 event or have any questions.

Nearly 40 vendors signed up last year, most living in Wells Branch! Each artist or crafter brought something unique to the market. Price points ranged from \$1 so even the youngest child could have the thrill of discovering a true treasure and up to \$100 or more for larger, beautiful hand crafted wooden or glass items. Pottery, jewelry, textiles, plant based products, and personal care items such as soaps and lotions were all on display. A truly an amazing range of unique creations!



SPECIAL EVENT NOTE: This annual event is typically held on the 4th Saturday in September. There are several reasons for this date including weather, run up to the holidays and limited outside event venues. So, we are looking at September 27, 2025. **HOWEVER**, there may be a conflict due to the upcoming construction project at the library.

We are seeking alternatives.

We are requesting that anyone interested in participating to please use the "Early Bird" sign up sheet to reserve a space. No money will be collected until we have finalized the venue.

SIGN UP: <https://tinyurl.com/2025-AATL-Market>

2025 will mark the 3rd annual WB Crafter's Marketplace. The WBNA team is currently working to finalize this year's venue. The WBNA team would like to sincerely thank Donita Ward, WB Library Director, the WB Library Board of Trustees and the library staff for allowing us to use their facilities in the past.

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Wells Branch Wild Conservancy Update
Wells Branch Wild Conservancy's mission is to lead, inspire, and engage our community in stewardship of a healthy and sustainable ecosystem. We accomplish this through educational programs, collaborative alliances, and advocacy. Our vision is to have diverse and vibrant natural spaces and living creatures in Wells Branch, now and for future generations.

Follow us on Instagram | Facebook | wellsbranchwild.org
Contact us at hello@wellsbranchwild.org

Wells Branch Wild Conservancy Meetings

Join us for the Wells Branch Wild Conservancy's monthly meetings to learn about important topics that impact our local habitats! Meetings are held at 9:00am on the second Saturday of each month in the WB MUD Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive

Here's what's coming up:

April 12 – Spring Bird Migration

Celebrate spring migration with our first Mills Pond Birding Mini-Conference. Partnering with Travis Audubon and TPWD for an early morning bird-ID walk, followed by presentations at the WB Community Center Saturday, April 12 from 7:15am to noon!

We hope to see you there! Register using the QR code to the right.



April 26 – Native Plant Sale at Pioneer Fest

Homestead at KF Park | Noon-5:00pm

May 10 – Monthly Meeting: Purple Martins Field Trip

Avian Flu Awareness and How You Can Help

On January 8th, the city of Austin shared a press release about the detection of avian flu in our area. As concerns grow about what this means for humans, pets, and wildlife, we've put together a few simple guidelines to help keep everyone safe:

- Avoid direct contact with sick or dead animals and their droppings, and please don't bring sick wild animals into your home.
- Keep your pets away from sick or dead animals and their waste.
- **For cat owners:**
 - Keep your cats indoors.
 - Remove shoes before entering the home if you've been walking in areas with bird activity. There have been reports of cats getting sick from the avian flu.
- Texas Parks and Wildlife, along with Travis Audubon, recommends taking down bird feeders and bird baths for now. These can encourage birds to gather, potentially spreading the disease. The virus can be passed through the saliva, mucus, and droppings of infected birds.

If you notice sick or dead poultry, please report it to the Texas Animal Health Commission anytime at 1-800-550-8242.

You can also help wildlife in a positive way! Consider planting native plants in your yard. These support local insects, which in turn provide food for birds, especially during migration and breeding season. During spring, when water is plentiful, keep bird baths dry. But when the dry season hits, cleaning your bird bath regularly will help stop the spread of disease.

Also, if you're interested in purchasing native plants for your yard, be sure to visit the **Native Plant Sale at the Pioneer Festival on Saturday, April 26 from noon to 5:00pm!**

Thank you for helping protect our birds and the environment!

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A Wells Branch Original, Malone Coffee expands with 2 new Brick and Mortar Locations

In the first week of February 2025, Malone Coffee opened a new Cedar Park and also a Round Rock location. Donna Malone of Malone Coffee said, "We couldn't be doing this exciting 2 location expansion if it wasn't for the amazing support the Wells Branch community has shown us by visiting our Coffee Roastery day after day and also for the really hard working team that we have."

Malone Coffee started 10 years ago with Donna and Paul roasting coffee on their back deck and selling to friends, neighbors, and at farmers markets. In 2017 they launched their first of three coffee trailers and then launched their first brick and mortar in Wells Branch in 2018. Malone Coffee has now roasted over 4 million cups worth of coffee and it looks like there will be many more to come!

"We are very excited to be able to be bringing the same family friendly chill vibe, amazing coffee, and delicious food that has been so successful at our Roastery in Wells Branch to Cedar Park and Round Rock," stated Paul Malone of Malone Coffee.

Please continue to come out to support your local coffee company in Wells Branch and tell your friends in Cedar Park and Round Rock about the new locations.

The new locations are at: 635 University Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665 and 1310 Cypress Creek Road, Ste #100, Cedar Park, TX 78613



Happy Spring, Wells Branch!



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