



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch
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Celebrate Independence Day the Wells Branch Way at 4thFest!

4th Fest is brought to you by the WB MUD Recreation Department—Thank you!

Roll out the Red, White & Blue!

If you haven't decorated yet, you better get busy. Let's show our WB Spirit!

Meet in front of the community center at 9:30am. The parade takes off at 10am. If you've never been to one of our parades before, then get ready to see lots of decorated bikes, wagons, trailers, DOGS, KIDS, hats, motorcycles and floats. It's a grand event! If you wish to include a float in this

year's parade, please contact the WB MUD Program & Events Coordinator at 512-251-9814.

2025 Parade Route (Departs at 10am)

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

When the parade returns to the Community Center, we kick off a day of fun events. There'll be children's activities throughout the park until 2:00pm and free admission to KF Pool with games there from 1:00-4:00pm. The Kiddy Train will be all revved up and giving rides, there'll be balloon clowns and face painting in the courtyard, and inflatables in the park until 2pm. Be sure and capture a moment in the 4thFest photo booth. Live entertainment starts at 10:30am under the Big Tent behind the Community Center with the band, **Texas Bad Cats** (txbadcats.com). Cool off inside the CC, visit the **WBNA Silent Auction** or stop by the Friends of the Library table for a tattoo. **ALL FOR FREE!**

Concessions will be available from local restaurants and community service groups offering a variety of items to enjoy. Finish up the day with fireworks at 9:00pm at the Rec Center on Shoreline. *Please see pages 3 and 8 for more details.*

WBNA 4thFest Silent Auction

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

WB Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

The 2025 WBNA "live" silent auction will sparkle at the WB FourthFest! All proceeds benefit our wonderful community. Monies raised help to fund the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out and Pumpkin Patch/ Painting along with our participation in the WB MUD Halloween Trunk or Treat and Luminary Fest, WBNA educational and safety seminars and the "Neighborhood News" newsletter throughout the year.



Check out the amazing selection of gift baskets and certificates, goods and services donated by WB friends, neighbors and businesses! Online bidding began June 20 and will end on July 2 at Noon. Check out all the spectacular auction items here: www.32auctions.com/WBNA4thFest2025

Bidding at the live auction will take place July 4th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Here are some auction tips to ensure your success.

- You **MUST** have a bidder number to place a bid. Check in at the registration desk; it only takes a minute.
- **Note that the auction closes in stages, starting 1:15pm. There will be signage on each table and the walls indicating "closing time".** Event staff will be ready to help with the "Buy Now" option for any item.
- If you bid online, but don't "Buy Now", the last bids registered "freeze" and all final online bids transition to the live event.
- Don't forget to register for the raffle drawing for prizes.

Contact Margaret Sufke at 208-869-5224 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 and donations are welcome through July 1st. **Thank YOU!**



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2026 Wells Branch Community Calendar

Photo Contest: "Celebrating Wells Branch"

The annual WBNA Community Calendar Photo Contest is ready to launch. Our 2025 calendar was extremely popular and every image stood out as testament to our wonderful community. 2026 marks a special publication milestone: We are marking the 10 year anniversary of the Wells Branch Community Calendar. It's worth noting that the WB Friends of the Library group worked to produce the first two years and the WBNA has continued contest and calendar tradition since the first FOL issue in 2016-17.

The 2026 theme is "Celebrating Wells Branch", in honor of the 10th anniversary. Images should focus on anything that "celebrates" the unique charm and spirit of our community. Once again the contest will take place both live in the WB MUD Recreation Center main lobby as well as online via the our WBNA Facebook gallery for viewing and voting. The WB MUD Rec Center will host the contest gallery and "live" votes will be collected in a drop box. You may vote often, but only once for a single image.

As a reminder, anyone who lives Wells Branch can submit a photo (up to six photos). The image format **MUST** be in **8x10 landscape format** for the calendar. The only real "rules" are that images must be taken within Wells Branch boundaries by Wells Branch residents (or their friends and family). Watch our website and the various social media groups for complete contest details.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Jun. 1: Contest opens.** Use the online form and drop photo entry at the WB MUD Rec Center
- Aug. 31: Contest closes and voting ends**
- Sept. 5: Winners announced**
- Sept. 27: Early sales begin** at the WBNA Crafter's Marketplace
- Oct. 2: The new 2026 Calendars** will be available at National Night Out



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

Photos will be featured for online voting in the "2026 Calendar Contest" facebook album and onsite at the Rec Center Gallery. **NOTE:** All participants **MUST** provide an 8x10 printed hi-res color image for the gallery display at the Rec Center. Questions? Contact Margaret Sufke, Calendar Contest Coordinator, at mmsufke@gmail.com

Please visit: wbna.us/community/calendar-contest/ for rules and entry information.

WBNA 2025 Silent Auction:

Our Volunteers Always Have Fun!

What's the best kept secret of the WB 4thFest? It's volunteering at the WBNA Silent Auction. You'll get a sneak peek of this year's auction goodies. Consider 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 2025 4thFest Silent Auction and *it's air conditioned inside!*

Opportunities Include:

- **Monday, July 3rd:** Staging the baskets and set-up 9:00am-4:00pm (Free lunch if you work 2 or more shifts)
- **Tuesday, July 4th:** Float Prep, Parade ride and tear down (several shifts)
- **Tuesday, July 4th:** Silent Auction 9:00am-4:00pm. many shifts are available, including bidder registration, runners, pick up window, cashiers and closers



Remember, it's our wonderful volunteers that really help make things happen. Please consider joining our team! Even if you can only give an hour or two—your contribution helps the entire community succeed. Watch the WBNA.US website, follow us on Facebook and please consider volunteering at the 2025 4thFest

WB MUD Fourth of July Holiday Schedules

In observance of the Fourth of July the following changes to WB MUD facility hours and schedules will occur. Our annual FourthFest will be held on Friday, July 4. See pages 1 & 8 for details.

Our Administrative office and Customer Service will be closed on July 4.

Pool Hours: Both pools will be open swim with free entry.

KF Pool: Noon-8:00pm **Willow Bend Pool:** 1:00-7:00pm
(Pool Games 1:00-4:00pm)

Rec Center on Shoreline

The recreation center be closed on Friday, July 4. Regular hours will resume on Saturday, July 5.

Curbside Collection Services

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



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

Market Stats for 78728*

May '24:	April '25:	May '25:	
\$455,000	\$429,500	\$429,000	Median Price
18	16	8	Closed Homes
24	47	51	Active Homes
2.1	5.3	6.3	Months Inventory
\$237.84	\$249.37	\$216.32	Closed Median PPSF**
1867	1740	2042	Median SF
26	51	127	Avg. Days on Market
97.8%	97.5%	97.3%	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



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What the Stats are Telling Us – Wells Branch statistics are in line with the entire Austin MSA (Metro Sales Area) as far as increasing the Months of Inventory available to over SIX MONTHS. What this means is that we have more homes on the market than we have active buyers actually buying.

As a Seller – It is CRITICAL to price your home correctly, meaning the typical thought of 'I'll price it a little higher so we have room to negotiate' is not going to help move your home in this market. While there is some logic to that train of thought, I have *always* told my sellers to put their buyer hats on and look at what's available. If there is a similar home for \$20k less, which house do you think will be a priority to see, and get under contract? The homes that are selling the fastest are in the best condition, updated and priced correctly. As a seller, we are definitely in a market where you should expect to receive offers not only with Buyer Agent Compensation, but also concessions toward closing costs – which can include buy-downs for the buyers interest rate. If you are also looking to buy a home, you will likely be encouraged to write that into *your* purchase offer.

As a Buyer – This is a great time to buy, even with the higher interest rates. Prices are lower than we've seen since the COVID Craziness, concessions are more amenable to help you with the interest rate and you can refinance when the rates do settle down. In the meantime, enjoy the benefits of being a homeowner such as tax write-offs, building equity, freedom to customize your home to fit YOU...!

Either way, there are options and a team of people waiting to help you make the decisions that are best for you and your family. I look forward to helping you!

See you at FourthFest!!!!

Fireworks Location Reminder

Brought to you by the WB MUD Recreation Dept.

WB MUD will launch the July 4th fireworks display from the soccer field/detention pond on Shoreline Drive between the Rec Center and Fire Station.

Please refer to the map to the right for designated seating areas. We suggest being in your seats by 9pm, as the fireworks begin at dark (around 9:30pm).

Although parking is available along the street and in the Willow Bend parking lot, the number of spaces are limited. We encourage all that can, to walk or ride bikes.

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

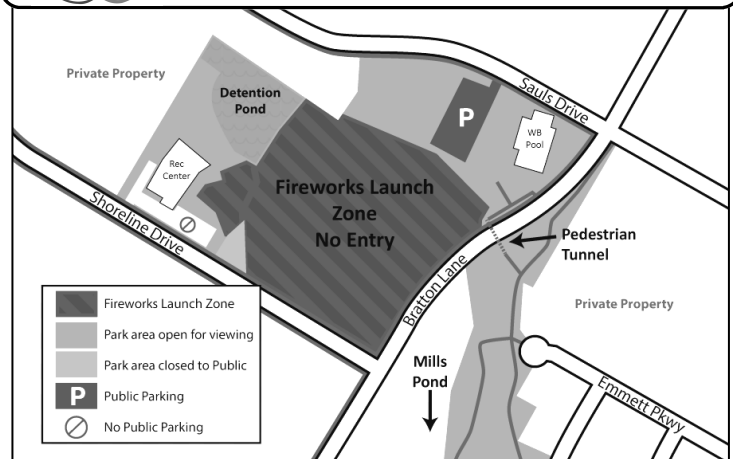
Don't forget to clear your area and pick up your trash when you leave. Thank you!

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



Wells Branch MUD

4th of July Fireworks Launch Map



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Own Pets? Be a good Neighbor by Being a Responsible Pet Owner

by Pam Wachholz, with contributions from Mikella Maughan & Margaret Sufke

Pets can bring so much love and joy to their humans' lives. I cannot imagine NOT having a fur-baby in my home and Wells Branch is home to many, many pets.

Owning a pet is a give and take relationship – they give us love and in return, we are supposed to give them love and the necessities for living a happy, healthy life. As pet owners in a neighborhood, we also have an obligation to our neighbors to not let our pets cause damage or encroach on the peace and enjoyment of ones' property. Pet owners also have a responsibility to their pets and neighbors to ensure that if pets get lost—they can easily be identified so they can be returned (it's heartbreaking to find a sweet pup on the loose and not be able to find its owner and have no choice but to take it to the shelter). So, here are a few tips and resources so you and your pets can be Good Neighbors!

1-Spay & neuter your pets! Even indoor dogs and cats can give owners the slip and roam around – don't risk an unwanted pregnancy – there are already too many abandoned animals that have shelters and fosters at full capacity. And outdoor cat owners, keep in mind that if you have multiple unsterilized cats, there WILL BE BABIES. Outside cats & kittens ARE coyote food. It is nothing short of cruel to have unsterilized cats running around outside when it is well-known there are active coyotes in the area—some that have been seen jumping privacy fences and killing beloved pets.

Luckily, Travis County makes it super easy to take care of this issue by offering their FREE Spay/Neuter Clinic in July. See page 12 for details.

2-Get your pets microchipped! Free Microchipping & tags are available to Travis County residents at the Austin Animal Center in Austin – call for details 512-974-2000. But, the micro-chip is basically useless if the chip isn't registered and kept up to date, register your chip! Registration is free online at <https://www.freepetchipregistry.com/> and it is free for the life of your pet. If you used www.foundanimals.org in the past, it was bought by my24pet.com and all registrations were supposedly transferred. Remember, a registered microchip is *your* best friend when it comes to protecting your best friend! Collars can and do fall off, and pets can travel or be transported (and are) outside the area where they were lost, making it virtually impossible to reunite a lost pet - **UNLESS they are chipped**. Help yourself, help your pet, and help the good Samaritans and volunteers out who find your pet. And to help our neighbors, the WBNA owns a microchip reader that has helped reunite many pets with their owners over the years. If you find a lost pet, TEXT 512-270-1026 to be connected to the volunteer with the reader. This is a volunteer program, so please be patient! You can also take the lost animal to PetsMart or any Fire Station to check for a chip.

3-Pick up your dog's poop! When walking your dog, be sure you have at least one waste bag with you. There are very inexpensive waste bag holders that attach to the leash and make it easy to use, or, just tie a few bags to your pets leash.



4-Keep your pets' immunizations up-to-date. If money is an issue, EmanciPet has options and there is a new group that offers clinics nearby – go to lowcostpetvaccinations.net and choose the Austin area. As of this writing, their website shows a clinic in Pflugerville and they advertise that clinics are held “near you every weekend”. Not immunizing your animals puts not only your pet, but other people and pets at risk!

5-If your outdoor pets are encroaching onto your neighbors' property and leaving visible waste, smells or damage – the neighborly and considerate thing to do is for you to find a solution to the problem. WB neighbors are having issues in several areas with outdoor cats who pee at the neighbors front & back doors and/or in their flower beds. I am a cat owner – cat pee SMELLS BAD. And in my profession, when someone goes to sell their home with that smell, they will have a really hard time selling unless they get rid of the smell, completely. So please, if your neighbor comes to you because your outdoor pets are coming on their property and wreaking havoc – keep your pets inside or in your yard, and offer to help fix/resolve whatever issues your pets have caused.

6-DON'T DUMP YOUR PET! Not only is it cruel, it is also illegal. If circumstances become such that you are no longer able to care for your pet, please search for a foster or rescue organization. Reach out on the WBNA FB page and ask if anyone knows anyone who is looking for a pet, or knows of any fosters or other resources. Dumping a housepet is scary and your pet is vulnerable to traffic, bad weather, lack of food & water as well as becoming the next meal for one of the many coyotes that call WB home. Be wary about posting your pet on public sights like Craigslist & NextDoor without thoroughly vetting potential adopters and charging a re-homing fee. Unfortunately, dog-fighting rings still exist and those criminals are always looking for free or cheap dogs & cats to use as bait animals. It is cruel and inhumane. Facebook offers several re-homing group sites for our area.

The Texas Humane Network is a fantastic resource for anyone who owns or is considering adopting a pet. If you are considering re-homing your fur-baby, please check out the resources on their site: texashumanenetwork.org/animal-topics/. There are tons of relevant topics for pet owners, and near the bottom of the page is a block with great information (including how to vet a potential adopter) if you are considering re-homing or surrendering your pet.

7-DON'T LEAVE YOUR PET IN THE CAR!!!! Summertime in TX is HOT and temperatures rise quickly inside of a car – even a car with cracked windows. **HEAT KILLS**—So, please don't do it. Leave your pet at home, or take it in wherever you are going. If not, don't be surprised if you come out to a broken window and your pet is missing because a good Samaritan rescued it. And remember, leaving a pet in a car in extreme temperatures, without adequate food or water, or with the engine off and climate control not engaged can be considered animal cruelty, leading to fines and potential jail time.

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Arts at the
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WBNA Arts at the Library

Calling all local area crafters and artists!

We are excited to launch the **2025 3rd Arts at the Library Marketplace**

WELLS BRANCH HAND-CRAFTERS MARKETPLACE

The 2024 event was SO successful! This year's event will target hand-crafted goods, services, and artwork, utilizing a "farmer's market" layout 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.

The wide variety of products offered last year is what made the marketplace so successful! 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 to sell and you want to grow your business in the Wells Branch area, this event is for YOU and all of Wells Branch. WBNA is organizing this event for the neighborhood 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

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Details for Vendors:

- Format: Open air parking lot with assigned spaces, Canopies recommended (10' x 10')
- Reserve a 10' x 10' space for \$25
- 6' tables available for \$10 (limited supply)
- Reserve a double space for \$40
- Small 4' x 6' open table space in the breezeway only \$15 (good spot for "Kiddo Crafts")

There will be an open stage area available for live performances, such as music, readings or story telling. Performers please sign up using the online form, the performance section is at the bottom.

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. It's a great venue for this amazing event. **Sign up here:** <https://tinyurl.com/2025-AATL-Market>

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COLOR YOUR WORLD: SUMMER READING AT THE LIBRARY

All ages can track their reading on paper or at wblibrary.beanstack.com to earn prizes from June 1 to July 31.

Wells Branch Youth Artist Gallery: Ages 5-17 can pick up a mini canvas at the kids' desk, decorate it at home, and bring back their masterpiece for display in our children's area throughout June and July.

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 preliminary plans on our website and join the conversation by sending a note to director@wblibrary.org.

Since the building will be under construction in December, we're having ***CHRISTMAS IN JULY**. Join us July 18 at 6:15pm for a special summer Holiday Pajama Party, complete with a visit from a North Pole Celebrity.

Our first big stage will be shelving replacement, scheduled for August. The library proper will be closed to the public while new shelves are assembled and installed, but we will still have all of our scheduled programming. Staff will be able to gather your books and other items for check-out. Just put them on reserve, and we will get them ready for you!

Adult Programs:

Traveling Tea Book Club: July 3 and August 7 at 6pm
*Shrinky Dinks: July 5 at 4pm
Knit & Crochet: July 9 and August 13 at 6pm
Meditation & Stretching: July 10 and August 14 at 6pm
Spice of the Month Club: July 12 and August 9 at 4pm
*Résumé Workshop: July 19 and August 23 at 10am
*Paint and Pour: July 19 at 4pm
*MidYear Craft Extravaganza: July 24 at 6pm
*Bird Talk: July 26 at 4pm
*Pastels Art Class: July 31 at 6pm
*Paint & Pour Bookmarks: August 2 at 4pm
*Nail Stamping: August 16 at 4pm
*Hoppy Hour: August 23 at 4pm
*Seed Swap and Fairy Doors: August 30 at 4pm

Adult Craft Classes: Wednesdays at 6pm

Projects for any skill level. Supplies provided; space is limited.
July 2: *Polymer Clay July 16: *Chainmail
July 23: *Painted Totes July 30: *Leather Bracelets
August 6: *Painted Water Bottle
August 20: *Mending & Darning August 27: *Origami

Teen Programs (Ages 10-17):

Teen Library Council: 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Plan programs/events, make displays, and more.
*Jewelry Making: July 12 at 2pm
*LEGO Challenge: August 9 at 2pm

Special Programs for Kids and Families:

*Superhero Party: July 5 at 10:30am.
*Honey Goodenough Puppet Show: July 11 at 4pm
*Young Rembrandts Art Class: July 15 at 6pm
*Joe McDermott in Concert: July 26 at 10:30am
*LEGO Madness: July 31 at 2pm

Weekly Youth Programs in July:

School-age programming takes a break in August
*Time Travelers Club: (ages 8-12) Mondays at 4pm
Kids' Krafteem: (ages 5-10) Tuesdays at 5pm
*NEW: Level Up (age 8-12) Thursdays at 2pm
*NEW: Kids Color Blast (age 5-12) Fridays at 2pm

Weekly Programs for 0-5: No registration required

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: ~20 minutes for ages 1-4
Sat. 10:30am Storytime & Craft: ~35 minute for ages 3-7
1st & 3rd Sat. 11:30am Read to a Therapy Dog

Programs for ALL Ages:

Sunday Crafternoon: 2-3:30pm (ages 14+) Casual crafting with sewing machines, woodburning, Cricut, Sissix, and more!
Puzzle Swap: First Sunday of each month at 4pm. Bring a puzzle to exchange or work on one with other puzzle fans.

*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*

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 FOL members, Trustees, librarians 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 an FOL member, it's free! Just e-mail us your name, address, phone number and we will keep you updated about our activities.

Both of the books featured in this month's article are recommended by members of the Wells Branch Community Library's Board of Trustees. The FOL thanks all the members of the board for all their time and talents in making our library a such a great place to be.

Jennifer Klein, Treasurer, WBCL Board of Trustees recommends:
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

The Nightingale is always one of my top book recommendations and stands out as my favorite World War II novel... but have your Kleenex box ready! I was crying over my breakfast coffee trying to get through the ending.

The novel takes place in Nazi-occupied France and focuses on the experiences of two sisters, Vianne and Isabelle Mauriac. Isabelle joins the French Resistance and risks her life countless times to save the lives of others. After Vianne's husband is sent to the front lines, Vianne is forced to house a Nazi officer in her home while trying to provide for and protect herself and her daughter. The novel highlights the experiences, contributions, and resilience of women, a common theme in Kristin Hannah's novels. If you enjoy this one, you may also enjoy *The Women* about Vietnam War nurses or *The Four Winds* about the Great Depression. All of these books are available in hard copy, ebook, and audiobook from the Library.

Matt Bucher, Secretary, WBCL Board of Trustees recommends:
Starman After Midnight by Scott Semegran

This wonderfully engaging and hilarious novel is set in a familiar suburb of Austin and tells the story of two neighbors looking to solve a mystery. Although the two neighbors don't share the same political views, they both enjoy sitting in the backyard, swapping stories, and drinking beer. But, when neighbors' pets start disappearing, one of the neighbors suggests they install security cameras to find out what's happening. The neighborhood gossip really ramps up when they catch a glimpse of a very strange person on camera. The unlikely duo try several unconventional methods to catch the culprit, much to the chagrin of local message boards. Semegran's storytelling is simply delightful as he paints a vivid picture of a strange Texas suburb.





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Upcoming Events!

Wells Branch 4th Fest!

WBNA Silent Auction

Friday, July 4 • 9:00am-2:00pm

with pick-up until 5:00pm

WB Community Center • 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

See page 1 for details!

FourthFest Parade & Activities

Friday, July 4 • 10:00am

KF Park • 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Line the streets and wave your flags at the Wells Branch FourthFest parade from 10:00am-10:30am! Cheer on the cars and displays that travel through the streets of WB and show off your most patriotic pride.

After the parade, snag free watermelon and explore all that Wells Branch has to offer with their flurry of free FourthFest activities. Purchase a tasty lunch from a variety of local vendors. Activities run until 2 p.m.

There is something for everyone at FourthFest, and there's no better place to be on the Fourth of July! Look for the parade map and more info on pages 1 and 2 of this issue.

WB MUD FourthFest Cornhole Tournament

Friday, 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. FREE Pre-registration is required 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! Visit <https://wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events> to register. Prizes will be awarded to the first three winning teams.

WB MUD FourthFest Fireworks

Friday, 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 the dazzling fireworks 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. See map on page 2 or visit wellsbranchmud.com



WB MUD Dive-In Movies:

Friday, July 11 • 8:00pm • *Madagascar*

Friday, August 8 • 8:00pm • *Spy Kids*

Friday, September 12 • 8:00pm • *Lilo & Stitch*

KF Pool • 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Float on by to one of the Dive-in Movie events hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation! Cool off in the pool or relax poolside. 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.

WB MUD Movies in the Park:

Friday, July 18 • 8:30pm • *The Wild Robot*

Friday, August 15 • 8:30pm • *Despicable Me 4*

KF Park • 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Grab a spot at one of our Movies in the Park hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation! Roll out the picnic blankets and gather the family to enjoy one of our features. The movie will start around sunset and is completely free to watch! Check wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events for information on inclement weather closer to time of event.

Town Hall Meeting: Intro to

Wells Branch MUD Budget & Tax Rate

Tuesday, July 29 • 6:30pm

WB Rec Center • 3000 Shoreline

Curious where your tax dollars go? Want to know what projects are in the works or how the budget supports the neighborhood? Come to our Town Hall Meeting: Intro to Wells Branch MUD Budget and Tax Rate. This presentation will be a fun and informative journey through the District's inner workings. Get a breakdown of the budget and tax rate in a way that makes sense of the cents.

Board Members, District staff, and District consultants will walk you through the District's revenue, reserves, expenditures, and projects. Childcare for ages 5-12 will be provided by our very own Stuff-2-Do Camp Counselors should you need it. Bring your curiosity and your appetite; enjoy a complimentary dinner and refreshments, and don't miss your chance to win a prize! Hosted by Wells Branch MUD.

WB MUD Labor Day Casino Night

Saturday, August 30 • 6:00-9:00pm

WB Rec.Center • 3000 Shoreline Drive

Residents 21 and older are invited to roll the dice and place your bets at our free Labor Day Casino Night! Win big playing casino games such as poker, blackjack, craps and more. At the end of the night exchange your winnings with raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes. Light refreshments will be served. IDs will be checked at the door. Hosted by WB MUD Parks & Rec.

WB MUD Open Mic Night

Thursday, September 4 • 7:00-9:00pm

WB Community Center • 2106 Klattenhoff

Showcase your talents and enjoy live entertainment at our Open Mic Night! No matter the skill you want to showcase, this is your chance to shine among your neighbors. We invite all performers beginning or advanced to take the stage. It's an excellent opportunity to show off your skills and connect with fellow community members who share your passions, or simply cheer on your neighbors as they display their talent. Light refreshments will be provided for the whole family, so sit back, relax, and savor the entertainment. No pre-registration is required.

WB MUD Presents: Live Music in the Park

Friday, September 19 • 6:00-8:00pm

WB Community Ctr Courtyard • 2106 Klattenhoff

Sit back, relax, and enjoy our free Music in the Park! Listen to the our live performers play from the Community Center Courtyard as you lounge on the lawn with your loved ones. Performer information available closer to day of event. See wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events

WB MUD Bulk Trash Days

Saturday, July 12 • 8:00am– Noon

Saturday, August 9 • 8:00am–Noon

Saturday, September 13 • 8:00am–Noon

WB MUD P & F Yard • 13905 Thermal

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



American Red Cross Blood Drives

Saturday, July 5 • 9:00am-3:00pm

Saturday, August 2 • 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: redcrossblood.org/give

Silver Branchers Social Club

Thursdays • 1:00-3:00pm • Yoga Room (Summer)

WB MUD Rec Center • 3000 Shoreline

You are invited to join us every Thursday! Make plans to meet up with friends and neighbors to play games and share a laugh or two. Anyone 50 or older is welcome to drop in and share in the fellowship that makes the Wells Branch community such a great place to live. We just completed our summer road trip to Salado and it was a great day out. We are looking for ideas for a fall trip, please share your thoughts at the next gathering.

Contact Margaret Sufke at mmsufke@gmail.com or 208-869-5224 (cell) to be added to the group mailing list.

Wells Branch Garden Guild

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.

We also suggest membership to the Spice Berry Plant Stand, a Wells Branch community Facebook group of gardening enthusiasts who come together around a love of gardening, plants, and sharing their abundance with others.

WB Drop-In Mahjongg Club

Wednesdays • 6:30-8:30pm

Art Room (Summer Location)

WB MUD Rec Center • 3000 Shoreline

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 group of folks and there is always someone to help newer players learn the secrets the game. We can always use an extra set, 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. A club brochure is available at the WB Rec Center or contact Margaret Sufke at mmsufke@gmail.com or 208-869-5224.

Wells Branch Photo Club

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

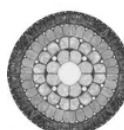
6:30-8:00pm • Room 100

WB MUD Rec Center • 3000 Shoreline Drive

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 to help to those new to the hobby.

Regrettably the June meeting saw light attendance due to poor weather and member commitments off-site. July we will focus on capturing wildlife images and more on macro shots for the community calendar contest. In August, we will host a photo review session of the calendar gallery and member photos at the Rec Center.

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



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Wells Branch Armada Season 36 Wrapping Up!

by Ben Williams

For over 35 years, the Wells Branch Armada has been a summertime staple in the Wells Branch Community. In this time, countless children in our neighborhood have found a love for swimming, outdoor recreation, camaraderie, and community. The Wells Branch Armada has produced our lifeguards, local club and competitive swimmers, and countless individuals with community pride.

These young swimmers are up at dawn getting their laps in and perfecting their strokes. The Armada style has always been a homegrown one. Most of our coaches are former Armada swimmers. They coach technique and hard work, but most of all, that swimming and exercise are F-U-N!

And where you can really feel that F-U-N is at an Armada swim meet. When 200+ Armada swimmers get together with 200+ swimmers from another neighborhood team, throw in a small army of volunteers and some amazing concessions and you have the event of the summer season.

The Wells Branch Armada wants to thank the Wells Branch community for well over three decades of love and support. An incredible program like Armada doesn't stand on its own, it relies on dedicated families, generous sponsors, a supportive district, and a broader community that prioritizes its youth and their well-being. The Wells Branch Community and the Wells Branch Armada will continue to make time and space for our children to blossom and grow into outstanding community members themselves. Thank you.



BSA Venturing Crew 1409 will be available to transport items to Bulk Trash on July 12 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!



WBSA Fall Registration is NOW OPEN!

Registration for the upcoming fall season is now open for players of all skill levels. Join us for a fun, supportive environment where kids can learn and grow playing the beautiful game.

Spots fill up quickly, so don't wait - register today at www.wellsbranchsoccer.com. We can't wait to see you on the pitch this fall!



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Bring Wildlife Home – With the Help of a Tree!

Did you know that one of the best things about living in Wells Branch is already growing right in your yard? Our neighborhood, founded in the 1980s, is full of beautiful mature trees like native oaks, hackberries, cottonwoods, redbuds, and sycamores. These trees do more than just look great—they're the foundation of healthy local wildlife habitats.

If you're thinking about certifying your yard as a wildlife habitat, having a mature tree gives you a major head start! To become certified, your space needs to provide four key things for wildlife: food, water, shelter (cover), and a place to raise young. Mature trees can check several of those boxes on their own.

Depending on the species, trees provide nectar, pollen, seeds, nuts, cones, berries, or fruit. Even their fallen leaves and twigs help feed all sorts of creatures. They also offer safe places to nest and raise young—perfect for birds, insects, reptiles, and mammals. And during bad weather or when predators are nearby, trees offer the cover animals need to stay safe.

If you already have a big, beautiful tree in your yard, you may only need to add a water source and adopt a few eco-friendly practices to get certified. If you don't have a tree yet, fall is the perfect time to plant one. Choosing a native tree is best—it will thrive in our Central Texas climate and support local wildlife, starting with insects and extending all the way up the food web to birds and beyond.

Want to learn more about how to turn your yard into a certified wildlife haven? Join us! The Wells Branch Wild Conservancy is hosting an info session on **Saturday, July 12th at 9 a.m.** at the **Wells Branch Recreation Center**.

Need help? Email us at hello@wellsbranchwild.org. We can consult with you regarding your property.

Our goal is to reach **200 certified wildlife habitats** in the neighborhood—we're currently at **137**. Help us hit that milestone and make Wells Branch even wilder (in the best way)!

To get started or certify your space, visit: <https://nwf.org/certify>

Upcoming Events:

July 12, 9 am (WB Recreation Center)

Wildlife Habitat Certification Q & A with Jill Douglass

August 9, 9 am (WB Recreation Center)

Learn about Wells Branch's Natural Resource Management Plan and ACC guidelines for naturalized yards with MUD Directors Betsey Harper and Shelley Palmer.

September 13, 9 am (WB Recreation Center)

Enjoy a presentation from Austin Butterfly Forum's Mike Quinn.

Invasive Species Removal Event – Volunteers Needed!

A parasitic invader has taken root in our wildflower meadows near St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and we need your help to stop it!

The culprit? **Dodder**—a yellow-orange vine that looks like Silly String gone rogue. It wraps around native plants, sucking the life out of them. It's easy to spot, but it takes teamwork to remove. We clip the host plant just below the infestation, collect everything (dodder and host) in plastic bags, and toss them in the trash—**no composting allowed**.

The infested area includes land owned by both the church and the Wells Branch MUD. We've started working with members of St. Andrew's, and now we're calling on our community to pitch in.

Join Us in the Field!

Our first mission targets the field between St. Andrew's parking lot and the nearby neighborhood. We'll move slowly across the area, scanning for dodder and removing it as we go.

Volunteer Times: (Choose What Works for You):

Mornings: (to beat the heat): 8–10am on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays (*July 5, July 19, August 1, August 15*)

Evenings: Tuesdays from **7pm until dusk**, starting **June 24**

Parking: Use the St. Andrew's lot and park near the field.

What to Bring:

Garden shears (for your personal use)

A 5-gallon bucket (perfect for hauling infested plants)

Once we get dodder under control, we'll tackle other invasives like **Johnson grass**, **KR bluestem**, and **hedge parsley** (a.k.a. the dreaded sock shredder!).

Ready to Help?

Email invasives@wellsbranchwild.org or call Cliff Tyllick at 512-784-1630 to get involved.

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- All pets must be at least 2 lbs and 2 months old.
- Cats must be in secure carriers or traps with a usable door. Only one cat is allowed per carrier.
- Please alert staff at the time of drop-off if the pet is known to be currently nursing.
- We will provide pick-up information at the time of drop-off and written discharge instructions when your pet is discharged.

If your pet has been vaccinated in the last year, please bring proof.

Frequently asked questions:

Do you have to reside in Travis County? Will there be a verification/proof of county residency?

Yes, as a tax funded, municipal shelter residential boundaries apply. Please bring an ID or piece of mail with your name and current address to verify county residency.

How many animals are you allowed to bring?

There is no limit on animals per car. Registration will stop once the schedule is filled each morning.

Are feral cats ok to bring in if the cats are in a permitted cat trap and covered?

We encourage people to trap and bring free roaming cats to be sterilized. They must be in a humane trap and covered. The cats will be scanned for a microchip before surgery is performed. If you want to keep your trap cover, please let the check in team know so they can swap for a different cover, as they tend to get lost in this process.

Is the clinic for all five days?

Yes, the clinic surgery days will be on July 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st and August 1st. If it fills up, return earlier the next day to receive the service.

Still have questions?

Contact Valeria Moreno, Valeria.moreno@austintexas.gov



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