

# News and information for the residents of Wells Branch Vol. 33, Issue 4, Fall 2025



WELLS BRANCH HAND-CRAFTERS MARKETPLACE

# Saturday, September 27 | 10-3pm | WB Library 15001 Wells Port Drive, parking lot

Make plans to attend the 2025 Arts at the Library Marketplace. This event targets hand-crafted goods, services and artwork. We are offering a "farmer's market" format for local artisans and crafters. Don't miss this unique opportunity!

Variety is the spice of life! You will find jewelry, textiles and uncover hand crafted works in wood, glass, clay, or resin. There will be painting, photography and home goods. Also included are hand crafted personal care products like soaps, honey, candles or natural beauty products. Don't forget to sample locally made treats!

WBNA has organized this event for the community to help promote the wide selection of locally hand-crafted goods, original artwork, photography, literature, music and culinary creations. The request to host this event came directly from WB community members that manage their own local "pop-up" or home-based businesses.

If you enjoy wonderfully unique hand crafted goods and services this event is for YOU and it's right here in the Wells Branch community.

BONUS: Concessions this year will be hosted by the Wells Branch Elementary PTA as a fundraiser! Kona Ice and MOD pizza will be on hand and the WBE PTA team will offer additional snacks and drinks. The proceeds will directly benefit the WBE programs. Come for the food and stay for the crafts!

At the time of publication, there may still be a few open vendor spaces available, please check the sign up page: tinyurl.com/2025-AATL-Market.

We are excited to host local artists and crafters!

#### **WBNA National Night Out**

Tuesday, October 7 | 6-8pm | Chuck Walters Pavilion in KF Park (enter park from Alpha Collier side)

You and your family are invited to a FREE grilled supper! Please join us and meet up with your neighbors and local first responders. The WBNA will be serving up hotdogs, sausage wraps, chips, fruit and drinks! Enjoy FREE Culver's frozen custard provided by the Friends of Wells Branch Community Library. Take some time to learn how you can actively participate in a local Neighborhood Watch group, DPS Emergency Preparedness and other community safety programs.

Distinguished members from the Travis County Sheriff's Office, Travis County ESD2 and Precinct 2 Constable's Office will be on hand to meet with residents to answer your community safety questions. Don't miss the chance to speak directly with local law enforcement officers to learn what you can do to help reduce the opportunities for neighborhood crimes.

The purpose of the National Night Out program is to heighten crime and safety awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, build neighborhood spirit and strengthen our law enforcement-community partnership. Be sure to stop by the Neighborhood Watch program information table.

Activities include: Prize drawings for home safety products, an interactive fire safety demonstration, tours of the fire truck and ambulance hosted by local Travis County EDS2 Fire Fighters. The Wells Branch MUD representatives will be there with information on upcoming events, games, prizes and updates on the parks and trails. Plus, we'll have folks on hand to register voters.

Please remember to bring a canned good or dry pantry item for the St. Andrew's Food Bank. Consider your donation as payment in kind for this information packed meeting.

We hope to see you at NNO!





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#### **Community Spotlight: St Andrews Food Bank Donations and Program Information**

The WBNA continues to partner with the St. Andrew's Food Bank team. We host a collection point for donations at most of our events. Over the last year, St. Andrew's has seen a significant increase for their support services, serving 200-300 community members at each pantry session. You can learn more here:

https://www.staopen.org/community-outreach-ministry

St. Andrew's offers a Food Pantry the 2nd & 4th Saturday of every month from 9:00am-12pm. They partner with the Central Texas Food Bank (CTFB) and Austin Diaper Bank, but the funding they receive is limited. Donations are critical in keeping the program fully functional.

The program serves a variety of clients from the surrounding area who face food insecurity. A light snack is served while clients wait their turn to shop with their guide for packaged food, fresh fruit & vegetables, milk, bread, eggs, seasonal offerings from the St. Andrew's garden, and toiletries, in addition to child & adult diapers. The St. Andrews institution is an equal opportunity provider.

#### Upcoming and on-going donation opportunities:

SEP 27 | 10-3: WBNA Arts at the Library Marketplace, WBNA Tent OCT 7 | 6-8: WBNA National Night Out, St. A's table OCT 11 | 8-2: WBNA/WB MUD Extreme Clean, St. A's table OCT 18 | 10-1: WBNA Pumpkin Patch/Painting Event DEC 12-13 | 6-9: WBNA Luminary Crafts, St. A's table

- Donation Drop-box inside the WB Library
- In person donations at St. Andrew's, including gift cards
- Donate through an Amazon wish list: https:// www.staopen.org/serving-our-community

To learn more about donating or volunteering with our food pantry, contact Laura Landsman at landsmanlaura@gmail.com.

#### Pioneer Pals is back and better than ever!

Toddlers and their caretaker are invited to the Homestead every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30am for FREE weekly storytelling, crafts, songs, activities, and more. This group is a great experience for your little ones! No registration is required, so come by and build community Wednesday mornings! Sponsored by WB MUD Parks & Rec Dept. Visiit wellsbranchmud.com/pioneerpals for more info. For updates regarding weather cancellations, visit our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ wellsbranchhomestead

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Why do we have so many homes on the market? Industry experts continue to point to the interest rates as a big reason many buyers are still on the fence. However, the Fed is expected to drop rates by at least 25 basis points when they meet in September. BUT the mortgage industry has already 'baked that in' to their rates. Now if the Fed drops by fifty - that may be a very different story.

IF YOU ARE WANTING TO BUY, talk to a few lenders. I've got an FHA buyer right now with a 5.99 and a rate buydown will improve that. Not listening to the doomsayers on the news, rather talking to a few mortgage professionals will likely give you a new and realistic perspective. And of course, I have a great list of lenders!

SELLERS, it is more important than ever to present a pristeen, updated, move-in ready home to the market AND to price your home correctly! And if your home needs updates, repairs, a new roof....there are programs that will work with you and offer Pay at Close options.

#### A Safer Neighborhood Starts with YOU!

Take a stand against crime. It is more important than ever to be vigilant within your immediate area and be aware of your surroundings. Following the pandemic there has been a significant drop off in local Neighborhood Watch Groups. Just installing a camera isn't enough and posting a group message after the fact doesn't prevent crime.

At a recent WB MUD town hall meeting TCSO Deputy Robert Phillips spoke briefly and reminded everyone that the first line of defense is YOU. You getting to know your neighbors and recognizing what is "normal" on your street and taking action when something is out of place is the hallmark of the Neighborhood Watch program.

Looking back to 2008, WBNA board member Debby Thompson took a very active role and partnered with TCSO Community Watch Team, hosting dozens of training sessions for individual block captains. At previous annual Nat'l Night Out events the block captains would reconnect and meet up with TSCO. Everyone was very active up through the late 2010's.



NEIGHBORHOOD It's time to re-ignite and establish a local Neighborhood WATCH Watch group on your block. Make plans and set a date after the 2025 NNO event to meet your neighbors and discuss how together, everyone can make our homes and our community safer.

The WBNA is still here to help. Since the pandemic we have tried hosting larger group meetings, but turn out was sparse and interest was low. The TSCO Outreach Program is still active but has limited resources for individual classes.

Here are a couple of links to help get your group started: https://www.tcsheriff.org/about/community/community-outreach-

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#### Scouts BSA Pack 728 News

by Lee Logan, Pack Leader

Wells Branch Cub Scouts are racing into another new year! Pack 728 kicked off the year with a Lego Derby, where our Scouts made racecars from Lego bricks and raced them down our Pinewood Derby track. We're moving to the water with our Raingutter Regatta in a few weeks, and we're preparing for our fall campout next month with archery, hiking and maybe some fishing on tap. Our Scouts are also starting work on their advancement requirements, including activities tied to citizenship, physical fitness, citizenship and community service, science, and more.

A bunch of new Scouts joined our Pack at the beginning of the school year, but it's not too late to join the fun! Now is a great time to check out a meeting to see if Scouting is a good fit for your son or daughter. Elementary-aged kids can join all year round, and new Scouts immediately start working on activities and earning advancements through the rest of the school year.

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

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**Branch!** by Gabriela Hinojosa, WBSA Secretary

Saturday, September 6th, marked the exciting kickoff of the Wells Branch Soccer Association's 2025 fall season! We are proud to share that nearly 400 players, ranging in age from 2 to 16, are lacing up their cleats this fall. Supporting them are more than 40 dedicated volunteer coaches, bringing their passion and guidance to 30 teams. A special highlight this year is our Academy program, which now boasts four teams—three boys' squads and one girls' team—giving players the chance to sharpen their skills in a more competitive environment at an affordable price. Our youngest players also kicked off their SoccerKIDZ program on September 13th, filling the fields with energy, smiles, and the joy of learning the beautiful game.

While registration for the fall season is now closed, families can look forward to the spring 2026 registration opening in late November. Be sure to keep an eye on our website, Facebook,

and Instagram for announcements and updates. A heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers—whose time, energy, and dedication make youth soccer in Wells Branch possible. This season's success is truly a reflection of your commitment. Here's to an exciting and successful fall season!





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The 2025 WBNA Silent Auction sparkled with success—even with all that rain! Thanks to our wonderful Wells Branch Neighbors for participating!

The WBNA Board would like to thank our community member donors and all the area vendors for your generous support of this year's auction. Whether you donated an item, participated online, worked the event or visited the live auction site, each valuable contribution made a difference. YOU are appreciated!

We exceeded our goal and raised over \$8100.00! Here's a quick snapshot: 32 community members and 88 vendors donated a total of 256 items. The average donation value was \$77, the average selling price was \$31 with a 41% rate of return—an excellent result. Regardless of price, every item was a true treasure. The quality of the artwork and handcrafted items was incredible!

As always, all funds raised directly benefit the neighborhood by helping to pay for our annual events, Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, Pumpkin Patch & Painting and our participation in the WB MUD Trunk or Treat and Holiday Crafts at Luminary Fest. In addition, we host educational, safety programs and extreme clean events. Special recognition goes out to the WB MUD Parks & Rec team who graciously loaned us the facilities; the WBNA is truly grateful!

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

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# Next Issue November 15th! Be sure and save the event calendar!

#### **Community Volunteers**

The WBNA Board would like to acknowledge all of our volunteers, KUDOS to each of you! Combined efforts from these dedicated individuals represent 227 team hours! That's huge and we're truly grateful for everyone's contribution. An additional 85 hours were donated to help create and manage the auction website. The success of our annual fundraiser cannot happen without the support from our community members. Without volunteers, the WBNA would cease to exist. We make every effort to ensure that everyone's contributions are recognized. If we have accidentally overlooked someone, please let us know. A sincere thank you to one and all.

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\*\* Special Recognition to our Back Office Team—This group of volunteers are here for us year after year. Thank you!

And a very special Thank You to Kevin Ward for the use of his trailer for the WBNA parade float.



#### Announcing the 2026 WBNA Community Calendar Photo Contest Winners!

We would like to recognize this year's winners! Each exceptional image showcases the unique characteristics and charm of Wells Branch. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the contest. We had nearly 50 entries and the pubic voting response highlighted overwhelming support for the neighborhood.

This year's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary calendar is a great a mix of local area landscapes, our incredible wildlife, seasonal views and Wells Branch landmarks. Our cover celebrates the love that went into the mural in the children's area at the Library. Painted by the Heart of Texas Tole Painters, concept and design by Dianne Koehler.

It is truly labor of love to select the final 16 images to showcase the "Celebrating Wells Branch" theme with this limited edition calendar. 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 in producing this amazing community calendar each year.

#### Our 2026 WBNA "Celebrating Wells Branch" Winners!

Cover	Arlie Pfeifer, Childhood Memories
Oct 2025	Arlie Pfeifer, The Living Dead
Nov 2025	Roberto White, Mills Pond is Ready for Fall
Dec 2025	Arlie Pfeifer, Lit Up for the Holidays
Jan 2026	Roberto White, Snow at the Homestead
Feb 2026	Ty Lehman, Baby It's Cold Outside
Mar 2026	Ty Lehman, Mom and Daughter
Apr 2026	Ty Lehman, Surprised Bunny
May 2026	Roberto White, Ready for a Landing
Jun 2026	Carson Buffett, Homestead in Full Bloom
Jul 2026	Roberto White, Celebration!
Aug 2026	Carson Buffett, Bug's Eye View at Mills Pond
Sep 2026	Sharee Darcé, Defiant Mockingbird
Oct 2026	Arlie Pfeifer, Orange You Scared
Nov 2026	Dave DeVore, Angelic Ascension
Dec 2026	Dave DeVore, Cardinal Deep in Thought

#### WBNA 2026 Community Calendar Sales

The WBNA 2026 Celebrating Wells Branch Community Calendar will be on sale soon! Purchase in person, online, or by renewing your membership. Just stop by any of our "Pop-up Sales" locations. Monitor the WB Google Group, watch our website wbna.us or our Facebook page: facebook.com/WBNA.WellsBranchNeighborhoodAssociation for upcoming locations. Remember, they make great gifts!

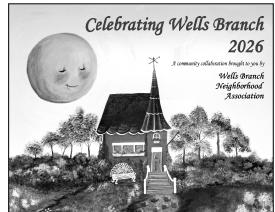


Thanks to a very generous sponsorship from our local **State** Farm Agent, Marijane Billington, the calendars will sell for \$10 this year. The additional funding also allows us to offer one free calendar for every paid membership through the end of the year. Memberships purchased now cover the

remaining months of 2025 AND all of 2026. Plan to get yours early! Please remember that the calendar is produced as a limited edition and when they are gone, they are GONE!

Buy online at https://tinyurl.com/WB2026Calendar \$10 per calendar. We'll help with pick-up arrangements. Or claim one **FREE calendar** when you renew your annual WBNA membership. wbna.us/membership/.

Congratulations to this year's winners! Please take a moment to review the adjacent article. We would like to thank each of the contest participants who generously submitted so many outstanding images. The biggest winner is the Wells Branch community. Thank you for your support.





#### 15001 Wells Port Drive | 512-989-3188 10am-8pm Mon-Thurs, 10am-6pm Fri & Sat; 1pm-6pm Sun

**Renovation Update!** Our new shelving is in place! The next step is to update the meeting rooms and enclose the lobby. Starting in October, the meeting building will be closed and all programs will happen in the main library. We're kicking off this exciting time with a PARTY on Saturday, October 4th at 4pm. Join us for Kona Ice, tons of door prizes, crafts & activities, and the unveiling of our NEW MASCOT.

#### Adult Programs:

\*Résumé Workshop: Sept 20 & Oct 25 at 10am

\*Hack a Painting: Sept 20 at 4pm

Add your own touch to a finished painting for a unique result.

\*Gilmore Girls Trivia: Sept 25 at 6pm Traveling Tea Book Club: Oct 2 at 6pm

Knit & Crochet: Oct 8 at 6pm \*Meditation Walk: Oct 9 at 6pm

Take a mindful walk with breathing techniques and reflection

Spice of the Month Club: Oct 11 at 4pm

**Spooky Season Double Programs** will be offered in a shorter format, back-to-back, to work in our smaller spaces. Sign-ups are limited per person.

\*Ghost Garlands: Oct 16 at 6pm & 6:45pm \*Skeleton Hands: Oct 18 at 4pm & 4:45pm \*String Art Webs: Oct 25 at 4pm & 4:\$5pm \*Mini Pumpkins: Oct 30 at 6pm & 6:45pm

Adult Craft Classes: Wednesdays at 6pm

Projects for any skill level. Supplies provided; space is limited.

Sept 17: \*Hand Embroidery
Oct 1: \*Fabric Pumpkins
Oct 22: \*Cematarium

Sept 24: \*Knit Leaves
Oct 15: \*Centerpieces
Oct 29: Miniatures

\*Past & Present: A History Book Club: Oct 11 at 1:30 PM

Join us for this month's discussion of *Death in the Air* by Kate Winkler Dawson—a gripping true story that weaves together London's deadly 1952 smog disaster and the chilling crimes of serial killer John Reginald Christie. Part true crime, part environmental history, and part portrait of a city in crisis, this book offers plenty to discuss as we explore the past and its echoes in today's world.

#### \*Elder Wisdom Group: Oct 7 at 2pm

Join us for the first gathering of *Elder Wisdom*, a new monthly group for adults 55+. Together we'll explore what it means to redefine the second half of life—celebrating wisdom, curiosity, and growth at every stage. In this session, we'll reflect on the word *elder*, uncover our "superpowers," and share what we hope to learn and teach as a community.

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

#### **Weekly Youth Programs:**

\*Tinker Tales: (ages 8-12) Mondays at 4pm Read from a story and do a related STEAM activity Kids' Krafternoon: (ages 5-10) Tuesdays at 5pm

#### 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.

\*Pumpkin Painting: October 11 at 2pm

Character Pumpkin Painting: Kids ages 5+ can join us on Friday, October 17 at 4:30 PM for character pumpkin painting! We will have various plastic pumpkins you can either paint on site or take home, paint, and bring back to be displayed at the library! Paint the pumpkin as your favorite story character!

**Sunday Crafternoon:** 2-3:30pm (ages 14+) Casual crafting with sewing machines, woodburning, Cricut, Sissex, and more! **Starting October 12: Sundays 2-3:30pm Fiber Fun**— bring your yarn/fabric project to work on together. Ages 12+ **Puzzle Swap**: First Sunday of each month at 4pm. Bring a puzzle to exchange or work on one with other puzzle fans.

#### Local Recipe Collection: Oct 1 to Nov 30

Submit your favorite recipes, online or in person, to be included in our cookbook. See our website and social media for details.

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 Community **READ NEXT?** ibrarv 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 shares reading recommendations from FOL members, 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 email your entry to FriendsofWellsBranchLibrary@gmail.com. If you'd like to become an FOL member, it's free! Just email us your name, address, phone number and we will keep you updated about our activities.

Both of the books featured in this issue are recommended by Wells Branch Community Library employees. The FOL thanks all the employees of the WBCL for their time and talents in making our library a such a great place to be.

Lauren, Outreach & Marketing Assistant Manager recommends: Dinner for Vampires by Bethany Joy Lenz

**Memoir.** One Tree Hill star Bethany Joy Lenz shows what really happened in her personal life while filming the CW classic. How, from a somewhat turbulent childhood, she found a love of acting and music and, in the pursuit of those dreams and her relationship with God, she wound up in a cult. From there her life behind the scenes spiraled, even as the popularity of the show grew, and she details her abusive marriage, the manipulation she didn't realize she was sub-

ject to, and how she finally set herself free from it all to reclaim her life. A fivestar read that makes it a lot harder to say "How do people even end up in cults, it's so obvious what's happening, that would never happen to me" by the end of it.



Kaitlyn, Youth Services Assistant Manager recommends: **Shield of Sparrows** by Devney Perry

Adult romantasy. Best described as a cross between Cinderella and The Witcher. With a terrifying monster migration on the horizon, kingdoms are making alliances with each other to prepare. Odessa, the spare princess of the kingdom of Quintus, is just trying to keep her head down. When the prince of a rival kingdom is supposed to get engaged to Odessa's sister, he shocks everyone by picking Odessa instead. If you've read A Court of Thorns and Roses or Fourth Wing, and are looking for the next big thing, this is it.





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#### Library Renovation- It's almost here!!!

Back in 2019, we imagined joining the buildings together and enclosing the teen space. Since then our community and our plans have grown and adapted into what will surely be a shining example of all this vibrant community can do when we work and dream together.

In August, we replaced shelving. Most of our bookshelves are now on casters. That means when we start renovating the main library and parts of the building are off limits for safety, those runs of shelving can be moved into the accessible areas.

The next stage is set for October when the meeting rooms will be completely renovated. We are making the large room even bigger and adding a storage space to the exterior. We are upgrading the Crafting Space and modernizing to single-use bathrooms for families. Finally, we are enclosing the space between the buildings to create a lobby. This phase of work is expected to take about 4 months.

Everything will still happen, just differently. All of our programs will move into the main library. We have to lower our attendance limits to fit popular programs in the smaller spaces, so some programs will be offered in back-to-back sessions. Storytimes, circulation, and computer access will be mostly unchanged. There will be temporary closures throughout the renovation to keep everyone safe.

Every good project needs a kick-off party! Join us on October 4th at 4pm to celebrate the beginning of construction. We'll have Kona Ice, door prizes, activities for all ages, and reveal our new Wells Branch Library branding and mascot.

Renovation: https://www.wblibrary.org/about-us/reimagine-your-library (images on this page)

 $\textbf{Project FAQ:} \ \text{https://www.wblibrary.org/about-us/wells-branch-community-library-renovation-fact-sheet.} \\ docx \\$ 

#### From our community to your table

The Wells Branch Community Library is creating a cookbook, and we need you! Bring us your favorite recipes. We will curate them into a collection that our friends and neighbors will be able to borrow from the library. Recipes will be accepted throughout October and November.

Our community is beautifully diverse and we want our cookbook to reflect that. We would like you to share recipes with us that reflect your family and culture. Sega wat, pecan pie, mango salsa, brisket, channa masala-- we want it all!

You will be able to contribute recipes online or in person. Watch our social media for updates on this exciting project!

# Wells Branch Fall Community Events

#### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, October 4 | 9:00-3:00pm Saturday, November 1 | 9:00am-3:00pm Saturday, December 13 | 9:00am-3:00pm

WB 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 code WBMUD, or the Recreation Center zipcode (78728). If entering the zipcode, scroll to the option that says Wells Branch Recreation Center, and select your time to donate! https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/

#### WB MUD Live Music in the Park Friday, September 19 | 6:00-8:00pm KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

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 at wellsbranchmud.com

St. Andrews Special Event: Zero Waste Starts Here—Moderated Panel Discussion A Seminar on Household Waste Reduction Sunday, September 28 | 12:15–1:30pm St. Andrews Presbyterian Church | 14311 Wells Port See page 16 for details.

#### WB MUD Fall Youth Fishing Tournament Saturday, October 4 | 9:00am-Noon Mills Pond Park | 15108 Wells Port Drive

Wrangle up the kiddos for our free Fall Youth Fishing Tournament! Kids 17 and under are invited no matter their skill level. Prizes are awarded for categories like biggest, smallest, and most caught. We will have a limited supply of poles, hooks, and bait for those anglers who don't have them. No registration is required.

#### WB Library Renovation Kick Off Party! Saturday, October 4 | 4:00pm WB Community Library | 15001 Wells Port

Every good project needs a kick-off party! Join us on October 4th at 4pm to celebrate the beginning of construction. We'll have Kona Ice, door prizes, activities for all ages, and reveal our new Wells Branch Library branding and mascot. See page 12 for details.

#### WBNA National Night Out

Tuesday, October 7 | 6:00-8:00pm Chuck Walters Pavilion at KF Park (enter from Alpha Col-

lier side) FREE Food, Fun & Fellowship!

See front page for details. Hosted by Wells Branch Neighborhood Assn. (WBNA)

#### WB MUD Live Music in the Park Friday, October 17 | 6:00-8:00pm KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Sit back and relax for our incredible October Music in the Park! While the weather cools down, listen to the brilliant sounds of our performers 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. Performer info closer to day of event at wellsbranchmud.com.



WBNA Pumpkin Patch & Pumpkin Painting in the Park Saturday, October 18 (Rain Date—October 25)

Pumpkin Patch! Pick your pumpkin! FREE! 10:00am-1:00pm in front of the Chuck Walters Pavilion at KF Park (enter from Alpha Collier)

Pumpkin Painting in the Park 10:00am-1:00pm 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 two decades 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 MUD Homestead Open House Saturday, October 18 | 10:00am-2:00pm WB Homestead | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

Want to discover the secrets inside the Homestead? Come to the Homestead Open House, where the cabin will be open for you to wander through at your leisure. The Homestead curator will be on hand to answer all your questions, and a children's activity will be set up on the porch. You are welcome to come and go anytime during this free event. Sponsored by WB MUD Parks & Rec.



#### WB MUD Trunk or Treat Friday, October 24 | 6:00-8:00pm WB Community Center Parking Lot 2106 Klattenhoff

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 Recreation. 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? We are looking for people to participate in our trunk-or-treat! Two large bags of candy will be provided to all participating trunks.

Stumped on how to decorate? Follow our Pinterest Board for plenty of easy DIY trunks! We want to make this the BEST Trunk-or-Treat ever and we need YOU to make that happen! Need ideas? Visit bit.ly/ WBMUDHalloweenPinterest. Trunk registration coming soon at wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events

#### WB MUD Frontier Family Camp Out Saturday, November 8 | 4:00pm until Sunday, November 9 | 8:00am

Gather around the campfire with all of your household at the Frontier Family Campout! Families are invited to pitch a tent around the grounds of the homestead for a night of camping, activities, and bonding experiences. You don't have to travel too far to disconnect from the outside world and reconnect with loved ones and neighbors. Dinner, a light breakfast, and activities will all be provided at no cost. Visit wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events for registration.

# Fall Community Events continued...

#### WB MUD November

#### & December Bingo Nights

Wednesday, November 12 | 6:30-8:30pm Wednesday, December 3 | 6:30-8:30pm WB Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Challenge the odds in a night full of entertainment and laughs at our November & December Bingo Nights! 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.

#### WB MUD Thanksgiving Potluck Saturday, November 22 | 6:00-8:00pm WB Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Share your best dish with the whole neighborhood at the free Thanksgiving Potluck. This gathering is one of our most precious community traditions, where residents attending are encouraged to bring a dish of their own, be it a homemade treat, a secret family recipe, or just your favorite food! We provide the main courses and sides, you provide the rest! Whether coming with the family or coming on your own, we can't wait to share a meal and memories with you! This event will be held rain or shine.

#### WB MUD Luminary Fest

#### Friday, December 12 | 6:00-9:00pm Saturday, December 13 | 6:00-9:00pm

Stroll through the magical glow of KF Park at day one of the Luminary Festival! As the sun sets, more than 1500 luminarias are lit along the trail which can be enjoyed at anyone's leisure. Once you're done admiring the lights, more free activities await. Hop on our hayride and journey through the neighborhood while singing carols as you pass your neighbors dazzling decorations. Take shelter from the cool night air in the Community Center, where free kids activities and crafts sponsored by the WBNA are taking place. The Friends of the Library will be on hand both nights with seasonal tattoos and the annual reading The Polar Express is planned for Saturday night as the Library will still be under construction. Snag a cup of hot cocoa and sugar cookies, and venture out to the homestead, where Santa himself is waiting to hear all of your holiday wishes! This festive two-night event has a little bit of holiday joy for everyone.

#### Extreme Clean Fall—New Hours Saturday, October 11 | 8:00am-1:00pm P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal Drive

Info at wellsbranchmud.com/bulk-items/bulk-trash-household-waste-2

#### WB MUD Bulk Trash

Saturday, November 8 | 8:00am-Noon Saturday, December 13 | 8:00am-Noon P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal Drive

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

Please note: Venturing Crew 1409 will no longer be offering transportation services for Bulk Trash and Extreme Clean events. WB MUD does offer curbside service for larger items through Waste Connections. Some may require an additional fee. More information on how to request service and items allowed may be found at: http://wellsbranchmud.com/solid-waste-services/trash-services

#### 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 and to read the Wells Branch Wild articles on page 15.

#### WB Drop-In Mahjongg Club Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30pm WB MUD Rec. Center • 3000 Shoreline Dr

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.

NOTE: During the winter months, when the WB MUD Rec Center hosts Bingo Nights, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (NOV-FEB), the Mahjongg group yields the meeting space.

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 text 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 Dr

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.

The WB Photo Club took a very active role in the recent calendar photo contest! Club members Arlie Pfeifer and Margaret Sufke worked on a special project to preserve the memory of the hand painted mural in the WB Community Library. Photos were taken to capture the much loved mural that will be lost with the upcoming renovation. *Please see page 12*.

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.

#### WB Silver Branchers Social Club Thursdays | 1:00-3:00 pm | Yoga Room 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 have 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 are gearing up for a more traditional type of Holiday Party in December. We will have a sit down meal in the WB Community Center. Watch for more details coming soon. Please share your thoughts for day trips or special events at the next gathering.

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



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# Discover the Benefits of Spending Time in Nature — Right Here in Wells Branch!

We're lucky to live in a community with beautiful parks, shady trees, peaceful creeks, pollinator gardens, and plenty of birds and wildlife. Whether you enjoy gardening, forest



bathing, nature walks, or bird watching, spending time in nature has been shown to boost mental health and wellbeing.

Here are just a few ways nature can help:

- It eases stress and helps us bounce back from tough life events.
- It can reduce anxiety and support emotional balance.
- It even improves memory and helps people experiencing depression.

But let's be honest—sometimes it's hard to make time for a trip to the park. Between busy schedules, hot sidewalks, and wrangling kids into the car, it can feel like a lot.

That's why creating a little slice of nature at home can be a game-changer. A backyard or front porch wildlife habitat makes it easy to connect with nature without the hassle. Imagine:

- Starting your day with coffee and birdsong.
- Exploring the world of rolly-polly bugs with your toddler.
- Unwinding in the evening while watching butterflies and breathing in the scent of blooming flowers.

Since we spend so much time at home, adding natural elements to our own spaces is one of the easiest and most effective ways to enjoy the benefits of nature.

Want to get started? The National Wildlife Federation offers great resources to help you create a certified wildlife habitat at home. Visit www.nwf.org/certify to learn more. Plus, by certifying your habitat, you'll be helping Wells Branch reach its goal of becoming a certified Community Wildlife Habitat! If you'd like garden consultation, reach out to us at hello@wellsbranchwild.org.

Let's bring nature closer to home—and feel better for it.

#### Wells Branch Is Going Wild!

We're excited to share that the Wells Branch Wild Conservancy is 75% of the way to our goal of certifying 200 wildlife habitats in our neighborhood! So far, 156 amazing neighbors have chosen to:

- Landscape with native plants
- Provide food, water, and shelter for local insects and wildlife
- · Use sustainable practices in everyday living

Thank you for helping make Wells Branch a haven for nature!

#### Want to Join the Movement?

If you haven't certified your habitat yet and are curious about how to get started, come to one of our fall events to learn more!



**Details & Events:** wellsbranchwild.org Follow us: @wellsbranchwild on Facebook & Instagram



#### Let's keep the wild in Wells Branch!

# Saturday, Sept 13 — Eastside Butterfly Garden (9–10 AM) Topic: Butterflies

Speaker: Mike Quinn, VP of Austin Butterfly Forum Learn about local butterflies, caterpillar host plants, and nectar plants.

# Saturday, Oct 18 — WB Homestead (10 AM–2 PM) Topic: Wildlife Habitat

Visit our table to explore how to create a wildlife-friendly space.

#### Saturday, Nov 1 — KF Park (Location TBD) (9 AM–12 PM) Event: Keep Wells Branch Beautiful

Activities include trash pickup, invasive species removal, and a BioBlitz.

#### Saturday, Nov 8 — Mills Pond (9–10 AM)

**Topic: Native Trees** 

Guide: Rebecca Benz

Enjoy a guided stroll and learn about native tree species.

# Saturday, Dec 13 — WB Recreation Center (9–10 AM) Topic: Native Landscapes

Speakers: Mason & Lindzay from Bad At It Landscaping Q&A on designing and maintaining naturalized landscapes.

Jill Douglass | hello@wellsbranchwild.org
Wells Branch Wild Conservancy | wellsbranchwild.org



#### Zero Waste Starts Here Panel Discussion Sunday, September 28 | 12:15 PM-1:30 PM St. Andrews | 14311 Wells Port

#### A Seminar on Household Waste Reduction

**Moderator:** Travis County Commissioner Brigid Shea **Panelists:** 

Sean Winn–Founder, Plastic Reduction Project
Bob McGivney–Director of Business Development for Circular
Services

Richard McHale- Director Austin Resource Recovery

View exhibits at tables in church lobby before and after the program. Lunch will be served during the event-RSVP at the QR code below.



All are welcome, no charge for attending.
 (donations accepted)
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Our Voices Matter
A Novel Gala
Friday, September 19, 2025

# A night of inspiration, celebration, and unwavering support for public education in Round Rock ISD

This event brings together parents, educators, advocates, and community leaders who believe that every student deserves access to a strong public school — regardless of their zip code.

All proceeds will benefit Access Education RRISD and support nonpartisan, pro–public education candidates in the 2026 election.

Be a part of this movement. Be a part of the story. Together, we can write the next chapter in public education. Tickets start at \$55! For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit: https://AccessRRISD.org

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