



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch
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Happy Holidays from the WBNA!

The holidays are right around the corner. We hope you'll join us in celebrating these wonderful Wells Branch traditions. Reach out to new folks so they feel welcome. Take time to reconnect with family, friends and neighbors. We look forward to seeing each of you at the festivities!

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! Wells Branch MUD provides 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!

As a side note, there'll be Brown Santa collection bins in the lobby and St. Andrew's will be taking non-perishable donations for their food pantry.

2025 Wells Branch Luminary Fest

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

**WB Community Center, WB Homestead & KF Park
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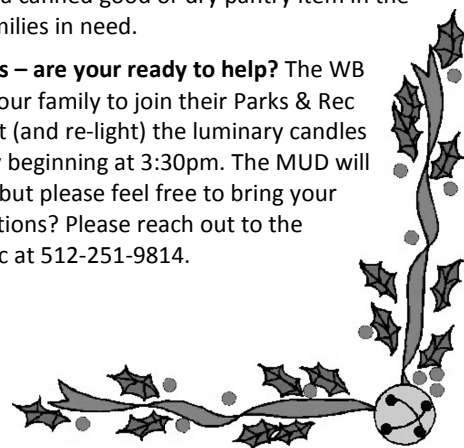
Savor the warm glow of the holidays as our trails twinkle with over 1200 traditional paper luminaries around Katherine Fleischer Park. The WB MUD Luminary Festival is a unique community tradition for the entire family! Join us Friday and Saturday evening and witness the park come alive with holiday lights.

Hop on a caroling hayride to nearby decorated homes or the kiddos can ride on the holiday express train for an up-close experience of the luminaries. Santa will be making a special appearance inside the Homestead to greet children. Photo ops will be provided. While you wait to meet Santa, children are welcome to participate in a traditional homestead holiday activity with our Curator, Gwendolyn Johnson, or make a craft.

Be sure to stop by the Community Center to warm up! The WB MUD will have holiday elves on hand serving up delicious hot chocolate and cookies. Both kids and parents will share in the holiday spirit creating seasonal crafts on Friday and Saturday evenings, compliments of the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association and the WBNA Calendar will be on sale. Our WB Friends of the Library team will offer holiday tattoos. There's a special treat in store this year as the WB Library will offer a story time corner near the giant holiday tree. The St. Andrew's Food Pantry is requesting that all attendees please drop a canned good or dry pantry item in the lobby to help those families in need.

Lighting the Luminaries – are you ready to help? The WB MUD invites you and your family to join their Parks & Rec Team in helping to light (and re-light) the luminary candles on Friday and Saturday beginning at 3:30pm. The MUD will have lighters on hand, but please feel free to bring your own long lighter. Questions? Please reach out to the WB MUD Parks and Rec at 512-251-9814.

**We HO HO HOpe
to see you there!**



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WBNA Board Leadership Update: Request for Community Engagement

by Margaret McGhee-Sufke, WBNA acting Director
Last year I stepped back from the leadership role. Shortly after the new board was sworn in a few board members' commitments changed unexpectedly. I continued to serve, helping to ensure that the 2025 events and programs took place and it was business as usual. It was a very successful year for the community and the group.

As the WBNA team gears up to close out the year with the Luminary Fest Crafts, 2026 Calendar Sales and the current membership drive—it's time to take stock. At the beginning of each year we hold our elections and host the required annual town hall meeting. **In 2026 we are slated to loose four of the current board members.** That is significant. There are two new members, who have taken on active roles in the group but they will need the help and support from community members who are ready to take an active role.

The WBNA remains a vibrant and important association within the neighborhood. It is the only group that spans the entire community, whether you own your home or rent, live in an apartment, have kids or are a senior and regardless of being in or out of the WB MUD District or in one of the 6 separate HOAs. **Since 1992, a dedicated group of volunteers have lead this invaluable organization, building community together.**

Please consider taking an active role in the group. Without new board members helping to lead the activities and programs, the WBNA will cease to exist. Share your ideas and energy along with your friends and neighbors and help to preserve the WBNA and spirit of Wells Branch—that's what makes our community so special.

Please email: info@wbna.us with your questions, concerns or comments. You may also reach out to me directly via email: mmsufke@gmail.com.

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 January 24, 2026 newsletter is Friday, January 9.
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\$392,000	\$375,000	\$417,500	Median Price
12	10	16	Closed Homes
24	35	28	Active Homes
2.4	3.4	2.7	Months Inventory
\$251.89	\$212.43	\$232.51	Closed Median PPSF**
1457	1890	1829	Median SF
54	63	71	Avg. Days on Market
92.5%	89.8%	89.3%	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



Featured Listing
Large Corner Lot around corner from dog park, pool, playground & trail entrance | 4 Beds • 2.5 Ba • 2 Living/2 Dining | Appr. \$100k in Energy Efficient Updates (incl. windows!) | No carpet, Seamless ext. walk-in shower & jetted soaker tub, SS Appliances (fridge conveyers), Dramatic entry w/high ceiling and beveled glass door.

Need to buy or sell? – For buyers, 4th quarter is usually the best time of year to buy, and 2025 seems to be following that trend. So, why wait? You've got less competition now and the Spring buying season will likely see higher prices and more competition. Start your homebuying journey today, take advantage of the current lower prices and start building equity in this great community in time for the holidays!

Sellers, if you are planning to sell in the spring, whether your home is pristine or needs some work, if you're in a situation where those payments are getting harder to keep up with – let's talk! My goal is to guide all to make the best decisions & get the most out of your largest investment. Call me and let's talk options – I am here to help!

Happiest of Holidays to all!



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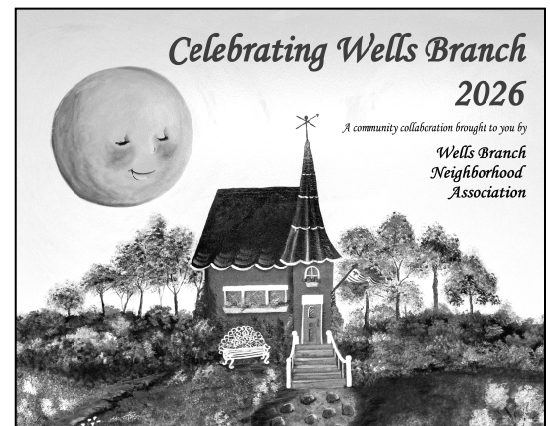
The WBNA **Celebrating Wells Branch 2026** Community Calendar is on sale NOW! There are several ways to purchase your 2026 calendar either in-person, online or by renewing your membership. To purchase in person just stop by any of our **Pop-up Sales** locations. Be sure to watch our website [wbna.us](https://www.wbna.us) and the WBNA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WBNA.WellsBranchNeighborhoodAssociation> for updates or monitor the WB Google Group for upcoming locations.



Buy online at <https://tinyurl.com/WB2026Calendar> \$10 per calendar, they make great gifts! Or claim one **FREE** calendar when you renew your annual WBNA membership. <http://wbna.us/membership/> Remember to renew early!



Thanks to a very generous sponsorship from local **State Farm Agent, Marijane Billington**, the calendars will sell for \$10 this year—this is a fantastic bargain! The additional funding also allows us to offer 1 free calendar for every paid membership in 2026 while supplies last. **Plan to get yours early!** Please remember that the calendar is produced as a limited edition and when they are gone, they are GONE!



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Scouts BSA Pack 728 News

by Lee Logan, Pack Leader

The cub scouts of Pack 728 are excited for the holidays! We are preparing to host a soup potluck later this month to share some fellowship with our pack families, and then next month we'll decorate some cookies and have a book exchange. We're also pumped for the Luminary Festival, and some of our scouts will be helping to set up the luminaries at KF Park.

Our scouts also would like to thank everyone in Wells Branch for their support during our popcorn fundraiser. It was a big success, and we raised lots of funds for all of those "little extras" in our pack, including our end-of-year party!

Over the holiday break, our scouts also will be designing and building their pinewood derby cars, ahead of the big race in January. It's gonna be a blast!

If you know an elementary-aged kid who might be interested in cub scouts, they can come check us out! 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: We hold meetings at Joe Lee Johnson Elementary, the Wells Branch MUD Annex, and the Wells Branch Community Center. For more information, contact

WBPack728@gmail.com or check us out at wbpack728.com

WBSA Fall 2025 Season Wrap-Up

by Gabriela Hinojosa, WBSA Secretary

As the crisp fall air settles in, the Wells Branch Soccer Association wraps up another exciting and successful season! The Fall 2025 season brought together hundreds of players, coaches, and families from across our community. Week after week, our fields were filled with energy, teamwork, and the joy of the game. We're proud of how much our young athletes have grown — not just in skill, but in sportsmanship and team spirit. While regular practices and games have come to an end, a few of our teams will continue representing WBSA in upcoming local tournaments. We wish them the best of luck as they finish the season strong!

Planning for the Spring 2026 season is already underway! Registration will open on November 17, giving families the opportunity to secure their spots early. Practices are set to begin in early February, leading up to the first games of the season on Saturday, February 21. We encourage everyone to register early and get ready for another exciting season filled with soccer, fun, and community spirit. For the latest updates, schedules, and announcements, be sure to visit our website at wellsbranchsoccer.com. You can also follow Wells Branch Soccer Association on Facebook and Instagram to stay in the loop.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all our players, families, coaches, and volunteers for making this fall season such a success. Your enthusiasm and commitment keep our soccer community strong. We look forward to seeing everyone back on the pitch this spring!

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Pumpkin Patch & Pumpkin Painting in the Park KUDOS!

It was a perfect day in the park for pumpkin picking and painting. A special **SHOUT OUT** to **River Bat**, ACC's mascot for joining the celebration! We were honored to share our event this year with local businesses **HealthMarkets Insurance** and **MOD Pizza**, both of whom hosted activities for the kiddos.

The WBNA board offers a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated pantry items or cash to the St. Andrew's Food Pantry. We'll be collecting again for the **St. Andrews Food Pantry** during the **WB MUD Thanksgiving Potluck** and both nights of **Luminary Fest**.

Thank you to the following organizations for their generous support, we are truly grateful. **Detailed contact information is on our site: WBNA.us**

Austin Community College District (ACC) • Card My Yard
Cub Scout Troop 728 and Lee Logan • MOD Pizza
HealthMarkets Insurance • Malone's Coffee
State Farm Insurance, Marijane Billington, Agent
and the WB MUD Parks and Recreation Staff.

SHOUT OUT to all our wonderful event volunteers:

A sincere thank you to all our **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**. We are so appreciative for the generous support from the friends and families of Wells Branch who help to make these events possible.

Brian and Linda Aubin • Lara Bennett* • Rosie Cantu • Stephen Cockrell* • Nicole Edwards and family •



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Renovation work has begun on the meeting rooms. Phase 1 includes enclosing the breezeway for a lobby and updates to our program spaces next door.

Adult Programs:

*Résumé Workshop: Nov 22 at 10am

Traveling Tea Book Club: Dec 4 at 6pm

Spice of the Month Club: Dec 13 at 4pm

Holiday Double Programs will be offered in a shorter format, back-to-back, to work in our smaller spaces while the larger rooms next door are unavailable.

*Terrarium Pendants: Nov 22 at 4pm & 4:45pm

Create a mini terrarium pendant to hang on a necklace.

*Bead Garlands: Dec 6 at 4pm & 4:45pm

Create a festive garland with wooden beads.

*Elf Hats: Dec 11 at 6pm & 6:45pm

Decorate your own hat with felt and pompoms!

*Bird Houses: Dec 20 at 4pm & 4:45pm

Decorate a cozy house for your feathered friends.

Open crafting events for older teens and adults:

Knit and Crochet: Nov 12 & Dec 10 at 6pm

Take and Make Ceramics: Nov 20 at 6:30pm

Craft Swap: Dec 3 at 6pm

Gift Wrapping Party: Dec 17 at 6pm

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

Fiber Fun: Sundays Nov 9 & 23 and Dec 14

BYO Project for social crafting with friends and neighbors.

***Adult Craft Class:** Wood burning decorations on a wooden spoon. Nov 19 at 6pm Supplies provided; space is limited.

***Elder Wisdom Group:** Dec 2 at 2pm

Join us for 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.

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' Kafternoon: (ages 5-10) Tuesdays at 5pm

Teen Library Council (Ages 10-18) meets at 2pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Plan programs/events, make displays, and more.

From our community to your table:



The Wells Branch 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. We are accepting recipes through November 30th. Recipes can be submitted online at wells-branch.ploud.net/cookbook or in person at the library.

Winter Reading Challenge: December 1—January 31

We have game cards for all ages. Pick one up at the library, complete 5 challenge tasks, and win a prize.

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*

WBNA Arts at the Library Crafter's

Marketplace: The "WOW" Factor

WB Community and local artists came together for the third annual Crafter's Marketplace. Feedback on the day was "Wow, this is an amazing event!" Live music was a first this year, shout out to Cassie Baker of CB Music. The WBNA hosts the event, providing space for WB friends and neighbors to showcase a wide variety of handmade goods, original artwork and yummy creations available right here in the 'hood. As a reminder the original request to host this event came directly from WB community members. Planning for the 2026 event is underway! **Save the date: September 26, 2026.**

2025 NNO was a SUCCESS!

2025 WBNA National Night Out was well attended raising community spirit with food and activities while bringing WB neighbors together to focus on home safety programs. Folks met up with many first responders. Several vendors and community groups showcased their organizations and special programs. The WB MUD hosted games and prizes. Grill masters Chris Carby and Steve Lyons served up tasty hot dogs and brats. WB Friends of Library dished out Culver's custard! WBNA Board members Lara Bennett and Pam Wachholz went all out to run the raffle table and emcee the event. A great time was had by all!

The WBNA board would like to thank the following organizations for coming out to support our amazing community. Complete contact information on WBNA.us.

1st Responders & Firefighters: Travis County ESD #2, Chief Nicholas Perkins • Commissioner Jeff Travillion, Travis County, Pct. One • Travis County Constables Office, Pct. 2, Lt. Michael Deleon • Travis County Sheriff's Office included a special visit from the entire TCSO 2025 Cadet Class, and special thanks to Deputy Robert Phillips several active duty deputies who attended.

Community Supporters: Card My Yard, Cassie Baker of CB Music, Cub Scout pack 728 and Lee, Grill Masters Chris Carby and Steve Lyons, of Lyons Electric, HealthMarkets Insurance, St. Andrew's Food Pantry, TC Office of Emergency Management, WB Community Library, WB DEMS and John Hash, WB Friends of the Library & Culver's Custard, WB MUD Parks and Recreation Staff and Wells Branch Wild Conservancy.

LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST: Thank you to all our **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**. We truly appreciate the generous support from the friends and families of Wells Branch who helped make this event possible. **Brian Aubin, Lara Bennett*, Chris and Catherine Carby, Sandra Chavez, Dylan Cox, Stephen Cockrell*, Marion Dean, John Elliott, Vernelle Elliott, Marion Fraser, Alicia Fritz, Michelle Gadush, Lee Logan and Pack 728, Steve and Donna Lyons, Jane Marawar, Elizabeth and Kevin Martin, Doug Schwartz, Tracy and Ralph Simon, Mark and Margaret Sufke*, Pam Wachholz*, and Becky Zertuche.** *WBNA Board Members Kudos one and all! See everyone next year!



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St. Andrew's Food Pantry and Homeless Outreach serve our local neighbors in need at the corner of Wells Port Drive and Wells Branch Parkway.

On November 8, the Food Pantry provided fresh produce, bread, milk, canned/non-perishable food items, diapers, and period products to 300 households – a new record. Our upcoming food pantries are on Nov. 22 and Dec. 13 from 9am to noon. To prepare for larger numbers and the Holidays, the Food Pantry is requesting donations of:

- Canned/dry, non-perishable, unexpired food items like beans, rice, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, cooking oil, peanut butter, canned fruit/vegetables, and baby food/formula.
- Diapers, pullups, period pads, and tampons (opened packages are accepted).
- Plastic, paper, or canvas bags.

Shop for the items we need most using our Amazon Wishlist or new HEB Wishlist (see QR codes) and bring your donations to:

- Wells Branch MUD Potluck Dinner at the Recreation Center: Nov. 22 from 6-8pm
- Inside the CC at Luminary Festival at KF Park: Dec 12-13 from 6-9pm
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church or the Wells Branch Community Library Donation Bin during regular business hours.

The Food Pantry is always in need of volunteers – especially Spanish speakers and computer-savvy volunteers for registration. Email FoodPantry@staopen.org to sign up to volunteer or get more information on our Facebook page: facebook.com/StAfoodpantry.

St. Andrew's Thursday Night Homeless Outreach:

Every Thursday night, volunteers serve a hot meal to over 50 people experiencing homelessness. The homeless are also offered a chance to take a shower, do laundry, and pick up donated items. When temperatures fall below freezing, St. Andrew's serves as a Cold Weather Shelter for the homeless and will need additional volunteers, meals, and donations to support this important community service. Donations needed:

HEB Wishlist



- Winter Clothing: New/used thermal undershirts/underwear, coats, gloves, hats, scarfs, etc.
- Meals for a group of 50+
- Sneakers and Socks: New/used for both men and women.
- Used Clothing: T-Shirts and sweatshirts (M-XXL), belts and jeans (waist 32-36)

amazon wishlist



- New underwear: Men's combination boxer briefs (M-XL) and women's underwear and sports bras (L-XL)
- Small tarps and blankets (5'x7' max) for weather protection and groundcover.
- Hygiene products in small bottles: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, deodorant. Small sizes preferred.

If you're interested in supplying a meal or volunteering, contact Ed Kopas at edwardkopas@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's is proud to be part of the Wells Branch community and truly appreciates the continued support of Wells Branch residents and the WBNA. **THANK YOU WELLS BRANCH!**

Wells Branch Holiday Events

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St. Andrews Presents an Evening of Music with The Austin Handbell Ensemble
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church | 14311 Wells Port
Monday, December 15 | 6:30pm

Join friends and neighbors for a holiday handbell concert on Monday, December 15 at 6:30pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, as they present their Winter 2025 Concert.

For ticket information, please visit their website at austinhandbells.org/.

Holiday Gift Wrapping Workshop
hosted by the WB MUD Parks & Rec Dept.
Tuesday, December 16 | 6:30-8:30pm
WB Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline

By the end of this workshop you'll be a gift wrapping pro! Having trouble wrapping that bottle of wine or oddly shaped toy? Instead of putting it a boring old bag, wrap it! We will teach you several way to wrap even the strangest of items.

This event is free and limited to the first 20 participants. Registration for this workshop will close on Dec. 16. Participants under the age of 15 and under should have an adult for supervision and assistance. More details & registration available at wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events

Santa and the Grinch FREE Photo-Op
Monday, December 22 | 6:00-8:00pm
WB Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff

Here's a special community holiday meet and greet session you won't want to miss. Wells Branch neighbor Randy Baker has a personal connection with Santa and the Grinch. Stop by the Community Center on Monday evening from 6:00-8:00pm. Kiddos can write and post a letter to Santa, for last minute delivery. Then spend a few minutes capturing holiday memories with two special photo backgrounds. Parents may take as many photos as needed to get the perfect shot. Pets are also welcome. And if you've good, Santa will even pose with the Grinch, if the Grinch behaves.



St. Andrews Christmas Eve Services
Wednesday, December 24 | See times below.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church | 14311 Wells Port
Child-Centered Christmas Eve Service | 4:30pm
Christmas Music in the Sanctuary | 6:00-7:00pm
Traditional Christmas Eve Service | 7:00pm
Join the St. Andrew's congregation in a joyous celebration full of music and love this Christmas Eve. Their 4:30pm service is child and family oriented and at 7:00pm, they'll hold a candlelight service.

—Recurring Events with Multiple Dates—

WB MUD Winter Bingo Nights
Wednesday, December 3 | 6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday, January 7 | 6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday, February 4 | 6:30-8:30pm
WB Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Challenge the odds in a night full of entertainment and laughs at our Holiday 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 in December and get an extra play card. *Hosted by WB MUD Parks & Rec Department*

American Red Cross Blood Drive
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 on the above dates. 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 zip code (78728). If entering the zip code, scroll to the option that says Wells Branch Recreation Center, and select your time to donate! <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/>

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, December 27 | 9:00am-2:00pm
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church | 14311 Wells Port
St. Andrew's also partners with the American Red Cross to host blood drives throughout the year.

To donate, visit the link below and enter the zip code (78728). Scroll to the option that says St. Andrews, and select your time to donate! <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/>

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
Wednesdays | 7:00pm | Sunrise Room
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church | 14311 Wells Port
An ongoing Narcotics Anonymous group meets in the Sunrise Room every Wednesday at 7:00pm. Anyone is welcome to drop in. It's not affiliated with the church.

Community Events continued...

WB MUD Bulk Trash

Saturday, December 13 | 8:00am-Noon

Saturday, January 10 | 8:00am-Noon

Saturday, February 14 | 8:00-Noon

P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal Drive

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

If you're unable to transport items yourself, WB MUD does offer curbside service for larger items through Waste Connection. Service may require an additional fee. More information on the service and items allowed may be found at: <http://wellsbranchmud.com/solid-waste-services/trash-service>



WB MUD Thanksgiving Closures

Customer Service, District Administration and Recreation Center:

Closed Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28

Willow Bend Pool: Closed Thursday, Nov. 27

Curbside Trash & Recycling Collection

There will be no curbside trash and recycling collection on Thursday, Nov. 27. Collection for Thursday and Friday will be moved forward one day. All other collection days will remain the same.

WB MUD Winter Holiday Closures

Customer Service, District Administration, Recreation

Center and Willow Bend Pool: Closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, Thursday, Dec. 25, Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Thursday, Jan. 1

Curbside Trash & Recycling Collection (based on previous years, subject to change):

No service Thursday, Dec. 25. All routes delayed by one day, concluding Saturday, Dec. 27.

No service Thursday, Jan. 1. All routes delayed by one day, concluding Saturday, Jan. 3.

There will be no **Yard Waste Recycling** the week of Dec. 22-26. Pick up will resume on Monday, Dec. 29.

Winter Wastewater Averaging

During the three-month billing period between December 10, 2025 and March 10, 2026, your average water usage will be calculated, and used as your monthly wastewater usage for the next 12 months. This is done because wastewater flow is unmetered, and winter water usage is typically only indoors. To save money all year, conserve water and check your plumbing for leaks. Turn off any valves going to automatic irrigation before December 10! wellsbranchmud.com/wwwa

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. Be sure and read the Wells Branch Wild Conservancy articles on page 12.



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WB Silver Branchers Social Club

Thursdays | 1:00-3:00 pm | Room 100/101

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 from 1:00-3:00pm on Thursday, December 11. 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.

WB Drop-In Mahjongg Club

Wednesdays | 6:30-8:30pm, Room 100/101

WB MUD Rec. Center • 3000 Shoreline Drive

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, the Mahjongg group yields the meeting space. Bingo Nights: Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4.

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. Club members are encouraged to attend local events and capture images. There's a special request from the WB Community Library to help capture image during the renovation.

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.

Winter meetings are generally indoors at the WB Rec Center and club members lead discussions or hands-on activities. We are currently seeking requests topics or activities all suggestions welcomed. 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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Celebrating Community, Conservation, and Native Beauty

At the end of October, Wells Branch Wild Conservancy hosted its annual **Community Celebration**—and what a joyful gathering it was!

We were proud to present the **2025 Steward Honor** to the **Austin Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas (NPSOT)**. This award recognizes the chapter's outstanding efforts in promoting native plant use and conservation across Central Texas, and their continued support of our mission to protect and enhance local ecosystems. Notably, NPSOT sponsored our 2025 plant sale, helping us distribute **800 native plants** to the Wells Branch community! **Julia Weatherby, President of the Austin Chapter, accepted the award on behalf of NPSOT.**



We also celebrated a major milestone: **63 new wildlife habitats certified this past year**, bringing our total to **169 certified properties** in Wells Branch! We're well on our way to reaching our goal of **200 certified habitats by 2026**. Interested in joining the movement? Visit www.nwf.org/certify to learn how to certify your property.

Another highlight of the celebration was the unveiling of our **new logo**, featuring the leaf of the **cedar elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*)**—a tree that's as native as it is beautiful. Cedar elms are hardy, drought-tolerant shade trees that thrive in our local soil. You'll spot them throughout Wells Branch, especially their young branches with quirky corky "wings." In fall, their small leaves turn a brilliant yellow and compost naturally, enriching the soil and providing shelter and food for wildlife year-round. Fun fact: **Mourning Cloak** and **Question Mark** butterflies rely on cedar elm as a larval host! And speaking of leaves—did you know the oxygen levels in our atmosphere actually dip in winter when trees shed their leaves? It's a fascinating reminder of how vital our **urban forest** is to the health of our environment.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating nature, community, and conservation. Together, we're making Wells Branch wilder—and better—every year!

Upcoming Wells Branch Wild Events:

Ask the Landscapers!

Saturday, December 13 | 9:00am

Wells Branch MUD Annex | 14611 Wells Port Dr
Professional landscapers Mason and Lindzey will answer all your questions about residential landscaping. Topics include native plants, wildlife habitats, problem areas, irrigation, and City of Austin rebates.

Wildlife Habitats & Wildfire Safety

Saturday, January 10 | 9:00am

Wells Branch Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive
Join Glenn Gilman from Travis County to learn how to balance wildlife habitat creation with wildfire safety. His recommendations are tailored to what matters most here in Wells Branch.

2026 Native Plant Sale & Earth Fest

Saturday, March 28 | 1:00–4:00pm

Wells Branch Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Get your native plants for spring planting! This family-friendly event features:

- Native plant sale • Live animals
- Gardening & sustainability exhibitors
- Children's activities • Wildlife education

We'd love to see your whole family there!

Want to Join the Movement?

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Here's your chance to make a BIG difference in the neighborhood. Please renew your commitment to the WBNA, or become a new member. Your membership is an investment in our wonderful neighborhood. All dues collected are treated as a donation and are returned directly into the community through our traditional events and educational programs. To pay by check just mail in the membership form below. It's easy to renew online at: <https://wbna-inc.square.site/> or scan the QR code on the form below.

Early Renewal Bonus: When you pledge your membership of \$25 you will receive a **FREE 2026 WBNA Community Calendar** while supplies last. Remember it's a limited edition, so when they're gone, they're GONE.

As a reminder the WBNA organization is truly a labor of love and operates through a network of dedicated volunteers. Without that dedication, community support and the funds raised through dues and donations, many of the events would not take place. Your membership in the WBNA is your annual pledge to support this wonderful neighborhood as membership is voluntary.

Please join today, we truly appreciate your support.

Happy Holidays from the WBNA!



Support your Neighborhood Association
by joining the WBNA and continue to make Wells Branch great!
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