



Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch
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A friendly reminder, It's time once again! 2026 WBNA Membership Dues are DUE

As 2026 ramps up, please take a minute to consider your commitment to the WBNA. Your membership is an investment in our wonderful community. All funds collected are returned directly to the neighborhood through our traditional events, educational, and civic programs. The annual membership drive begins each year at our National Night Out event and continues through February when the board election concludes.

It's worth noting that the WBNA organization is a true "labor of love" and operates as a community service group through a network of dedicated volunteers. Without that dedication, community support, and the monies raised through dues and donations, the WBNA would cease to function. Your annual "pledge" to support this valuable neighborhood group takes the form of a voluntary membership.

We would like to acknowledge the 200+ neighborhood members who have already renewed or purchased a calendar. Your continued support is what makes Well Branch so special. Not ready to commit to membership? We also accept donations at: <https://tinyurl.com/WBNA-Donation>



Annual dues are still only \$25.00. You may renew online at: <https://wbna-inc.square.site> When you renew online, if you would like a calendar, please forward a copy of your receipt to info@wbna.us and we'll make sure you get your calendar. If you prefer, you may also renew via mail. Please use the enclosed envelope and the membership form on page 12. **Note on your form if you would like a calendar.** Remember there are a limited number of copies, and when they're gone, they are GONE. **We are truly grateful for your support.**



WBNA Board Elections & Business Meeting WBNA General Meeting:

2026 Candidate Meet & Greet
Thursday, February 19 | 6:30-8:30pm
WB Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.



You are INVITED to join us! The WBNA hosts a yearly general meeting to reaffirm our commitment to the community as a Wells Branch Community Service Group. We typically hold a short business meeting prior to the main event. Both meetings are open to the public. We hope to see you there!

WBNA Board Elections & Business Meeting: 6:30-7:00pm

- Brief business review and highlights from 2025
- Board Member introductions & acknowledgements
- Annual elections: 3 board positions are open

We welcome community involvement. Current WBNA members are eligible to vote during the general election and nominations for Board Members will be taken from the floor.

General Meeting: 2026 Candidate Meet & Greet: 7:00-8:30pm

From 7:00pm on, we'll host an Open Meet & Greet with local candidates in the upcoming primary elections. At the time of publication, we were still confirming local race candidates. WBNA.us will be updated with attendees before the event. A Central Texas Emergency Preparedness Information Booth will be staffed and we'll have a WBNA welcome table, calendar sales, membership drive & volunteer recruitment on hand as well. Light refreshments will be served.

We hope you'll join us!

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Please JOIN or RENEW YOUR WBNA Membership TODAY!

WBNA Annual Board Update & Election

Thursday, February 19, 2026 | 6:30pm

WB Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff

To be followed by the 2026 Primary Candidate Meet and Greet at 7:00pm

The WBNA Board consists of seven members, each serving a two year term. Even numbered places are elected during even years; odd numbered places in odd years. This year places 2, 4, and 6 are up for re-election. As governed by the WBNA Bylaws, roles vacated prior to the election may be filled by appointees and confirmed at the annual election. We are seeking active volunteers for board positions and any Wells Branch resident may join the board, regardless of being in or out of the MUD district or in a separate HOA.

All Wells Branch residents are invited and encouraged to attend the 2026 general meeting. Your WBNA membership must be current in order to vote in the election or run for office. The membership form is available on page 12 or you may join online at: <http://wbna.us/membership/> It's quick and easy! Please be sure and enter a valid email address.

2025: The year in review. All the WBNA events were extremely well attended! The entire WBNA team and an army of dedicated volunteers made an invaluable contribution to help bring each treasured event to life! Hosted events: the "Egg-straordinary" Egg Hunt, a fantastic 4th Fest auction, a terrific National Night Out and the annual Pumpkin Patch / Pumpkin Painting in the Park event. Our group actively participated in annual WB MUD events — Trunk or Treat and hosted Children's Crafts both nights at Luminary Fest. As a community service group we sponsored two Extreme Clean events, several special civic events and the WBNA Community Calendar Contest. Not forgetting the newsletter publication and distribution, six issues were delivered to nearly 4000 homes and 22 apartment complexes. Newsletter production and delivery is entirely dependent on 40+ volunteers each issue.

Everyone worked so very hard to give back to the neighborhood while serving to build a true sense of community. If you are interested in serving as a board member, please contact us at info@wbna.us We are always seeking talented people ready to help build the community spirit that makes Wells Branch so very special. Many of us are older and would welcome new ideas and new blood to lead our community forward. Please consider volunteering.

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**Austin Animal Services
and Greater Good Charities**

FREE Spay / Neuter Clinic for Travis Cty

Thursday, February 26 - Monday, March 2

Drop Off - 6:00am to 10:00am

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Austin Animal Services and Greater Good Charities, <https://greatergood.org/good-fix>, are offering FREE high quality, high volume spay and neuter to pets in the City of Austin and Travis County.

Servicios para Animales de Austin y Greater Good Charities ofrecerán esterilización GRATUITA de alta calidad y alto volumen a mascotas en la ciudad de Austin y dentro del condado de Travis.

Registration and drop-off will begin on-site at 6:00am and will continue until 10am, or until the schedule is full each day. To learn more, please visit <https://bit.ly/FREESpayNeuterInfo>



Seeking Egg Hunt Prep & Event Volunteers

Material Prep Dates: Feb 9th – March 27th

Signup: <https://tinyurl.com/2026-EEH-Event>

Location: Work at home on your schedule



The annual WBNA Egg Hunt is a long standing and much loved community event. It marks the beginning of spring. KF Park and the Homestead blossom with a rainbow of colorful eggs, excited squeals and the arrival of Mr. E. Bunny for family photo ops. Each year the community kiddos manage to clear all 10,000+ eggs in about 45 minutes! Preparing for the day takes a bit longer—in fact, quite a bit longer. We are reaching out now to start Stage 1 of the prep work.

Egg Hunt Prep Work Tasks – We'll bring the "prep projects" to you

Sign up by month and task: <https://tinyurl.com/2026-EEH-Event>

Stage 1: Sort and recouple eggs from large storage bins into "paper boxes" of 250-300 matched eggs

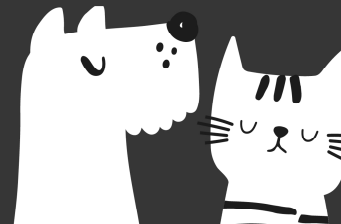
"Stuff Kits" contain paper box(es) of clean, coupled eggs and candy, volunteers stuff the eggs

Event workers: Help load and transport all materials to KF park, mark off hunt areas, disburse eggs, serve as "bunny helpers" and finally collect and recouple eggs, pack up supplies and clear the park area.

We want to get an early start on the preparations this year. This large scale event takes a tremendous effort and we are currently short on available board members. We always depend on our community members to step forward and help out. Without you, this event cannot take place. Please consider supporting our wonderful Wells Branch community.



McNeil FFA & Dr. John Tarlton, DVM, Co-Host



Low Cost Pet Clinic

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

5:00 PM -7:00 PM

McNeil High School

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Front parking lot; enter campus at Maverick Way - West stoplight

- Complete yearly vaccine package - \$25
- Rabies: Dog & Cat - \$5
- Dewormer: Dog & Cat - \$5
- Dog Vaccines: DHLPP/Parvo/Corona - \$20
- Cat Vaccines: PRCC/Feluk - \$20
- Bordetella (Kennel Cough) - \$10
- Other Vaccines: Flu & Rattlesnake
- Preventives: Heartworm, Flea, Tick

For additional information, please call Lana Tarlton at 512-863-5319. For 3 or more pets, please email Lana at LonghornLana@aol.com to expedite paperwork.

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

Market Stats for 78728*			
Dec. '24:	Nov. '25:	Dec. '25:	
\$445,000	\$405,000	\$390,000	Median Price
9	14	12	Closed Homes
14	24	16	Active Homes
1.4	2.2	1.4	Months Inventory
\$229.71	\$224.81	\$203.91	Closed Median PPSF**
1959	1793	1967	Median SF
69	62	75	Avg. Days on Market
93.8%	94.4%	90.5%	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



Let's face it, Wells Branch is full of older homes with original owners, and many have not been updated. Repairs & improvements can be very overwhelming when it comes time to sell! There are programs that can help you and receive payment out of your closing proceeds. There are also programs that will offer you cash for your house, based on the 'after-repair value' so you don't leave money on the table.



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Office – 4 Beds – 3 Full Baths



Wells Branch Armada Swim Team - Dive Into Summer 2026! by Manuel Leos Rivas, Secretary, WB Armada

The Wells Branch Armada Swim Team is gearing up for another exciting summer season, and we'd love to welcome new and returning families to join us in 2026! Armada is a neighborhood-based summer league swim team that brings together young swimmers for a season focused on skill development, teamwork, and summer fun.



Armada is open to Wells Branch families with swimmers who have basic swimming skills and are ready to continue building confidence and endurance in the water. Our season runs through late spring and early summer and includes weekday practices, weekend swim meets, team social events, and plenty of opportunities for families to get involved and meet neighbors.

One of the things that makes Armada special is the strong sense of community. Swim meets feel like mini block parties by the pool, and many swimmers form friendships that last well beyond the summer.

Families play a big role too, whether cheering from the deck, volunteering at meets, or helping support team activities.

Registration for the 2026 season opens soon:

- Returning families: February 19, 2026
- New families: March 5, 2026

Families who register early can take advantage of Early Bird pricing available through April 1, and early registration is encouraged as age groups may fill.

For full details on registration, practice schedules, team events, and important dates, visit <https://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com>.

Come make a splash with the Wells Branch Armada, we'd love to see you at the pool this summer!

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WB Soccer Association Registration is OPEN!

by Gabriela Hinojosa, WBSA Secretary

The spring soccer season is right around the corner, and Wells Branch Soccer Association (WBSA) teams are already starting to fill up. Roster spots are limited across most age groups, and while our SoccerKIDZ program is currently full, availability remains for our recreational and competitive teams.

Practices for recreational teams will begin the week of Monday, February 9. Families interested in participating this spring are encouraged to register soon to secure a spot before remaining teams reach capacity.

To register, visit wellsbranchsoccer.com. If you have any questions, please reach out to info@wellsbranchsoccer.com. We look forward to another great season on the fields and welcoming players back this spring!



Scouts BSA Pack 728 News by Lee Logan, Pack Leader

Pack 728's cub scouts are having a blast this spring! We kicked off the year with our super speedy Pinewood Derby race. Then in February, we had two special events – our annual Blue & Gold banquet to celebrate the anniversary of Cub Scouts, as well as a field trip to Newman's Castle in Bellville, a replica of a Medieval castle!

Our scouts are also gearing up for our spring campout to Berry Springs park in Georgetown, they are working hard on their rank advancement requirements, while also participating in community service projects and having FUN!

Any elementary-aged kid who might be interested in cub scouts 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 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

A black and white advertisement for Austin Community College District. On the left, the text "IT'S YOUR TIME" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below it, "Find Your Future With ACC" is written in a smaller font, followed by the website "austincc.edu". On the right, there is a photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing an off-the-shoulder top and a large, ornate belt buckle. In the top right corner, the Austin Community College District logo is visible. In the bottom right corner, the name "Pamela O." is written. At the bottom of the advertisement, a white banner contains the text "APPLY FOR FREE TODAY! austincc.edu/apply".

it's Cookie Time



IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SELLING SEASON!

Wells Branch Girl Scouts are currently busy selling cookies to fund their future Girl Scout adventures. All profits stay local and help fund troops, camps and programming, so be sure to stock up on your favorite cookies before the sale ends!

This year's cookie lineup includes Thin Mints, Caramel Delites aka Samoas, Peanut butter Patties aka Tagalongs, Peanut butter Sandwiches, Trefoils, aka Shortbread, Lemonades, Adventureful and the gluten free Caramel Chocolate Chip. Brand new this year is the

Exploremore, a rocky road ice cream inspired chocolate sandwich cookie. The packaging may look different, but the cookies still have the same great taste! Cookies are \$6/package, except for the gluten free, which is \$7/pouch.

Be on the lookout for girls selling door to door, or having a cookie stand in their front yard. Many girls can accept credit card payments in person as an alternative to cash. Ordering online for "Girl Delivered" is another option. Just go to the girl's cookie link that you may find on a door flyer or cookie sign and you can see what flavors she has and place the order. After her caregiver confirms the order, they will make arrangements to bring the cookies to your front door.

If you would like to find the hours and locations of a cookie booth near you, please go to the Girl Scouts of Central Texas website, <https://www.gsctx.org> and click on Find Cookies! The Girl Scout Cookie Program will continue through Sunday, March 1st unless extended due to the weather. Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts!



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Recurring Adult Programs:

- ***Résumé Workshop:** Feb 21 and March 21 at 10am
- Traveling Tea Book Club:** March 5 at 6pm
- Spice of the Month Club:** Feb 14 and March 14 at 4pm
- ***Introvert Happy Hour:** Feb 19 & March 19 at 6pm
Read silently and sip tea (optional socializing at the end).
- 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 from 2-3:30pm
BYO Project for social crafting with friends and neighbors.
- Knit and Crochet Group:** Feb 11 and March 11 at 6pm

Special Adult Programs:

- Past & Present Book Club** Feb 17 at 2pm
We'll talk about *1776* by David McCullough and the American Revolution on the 250th anniversary of the events.
- ***Meditation Journaling** Feb 21 at 4pm
Guided meditation followed by journaling and adult coloring.
- Double the Fun**— Some 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.
- ***Paper Quilling Cards** Feb 7 at 4 & 4:45pm
Experiment with paper quilling to create a beautiful card.
- ***Friendship Bracelets** Feb 12 at 6 & 6:45pm
String beads to make one for a friend or yourself.
- ***Diamond Painting** Feb 26 at 6 & 6:45pm
Relax doing a simple diamond painting project.
- ***Decorate Regency Fans** Feb 28 at 4 & 4:45pm
Talk Bridgerton and decorate a fan to send signals across a ballroom.
- ***Adult DIY Crafts** Wednesdays at 6pm
Feb 18 – ***Paper Roses** Feb 25 – ***Cross-Stitch**



COMING SOON –
The Wells Branch Cookbook,
 created by our staff and patrons.
 See your favorites in print and try recipes submitted by friends, family, and neighbors.

Black History Month Paper Garland – Throughout February, we are making a garland celebrating black authors and illustrators. Ask for a paper slip at the front or kids' desks, write down your favorite, and they will be linked together for display.

February is Love Your Library Month and we are celebrating Take Your Child to the Library Day! On Saturday, February 7, join us in the kids' area for an expanded storytime and craft!



Weekly Programs for 0-5: *No registration*

- 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:

- ***Mini-Mythbusters:** (ages 8-12) Mondays at 4pm
Come do some quick experiments based on our senses.
- Kids' Krafternoon:** (ages 5-10) Tuesdays at 5pm

Teen Programs (10-18 only):

- Teen Library Council** 1st and 3rd Saturday at 2pm
Plan programs/events, make displays, and more.
- Library After Dark**— *Friday the 13th edition* Feb 13 at 6:15pm
Play spooky games like humans vs zombies in the dark after the library closes. Permission slips required for entry.

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 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 e-mail 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 month's article are recommended by some of the members of the Wells Branch Community Library's Friends of the Library Board.

Doug Schwartz, President, Wells Branch Friends of the Library Board recommends:

When the Moon Hits Your Eye by John Scalzi

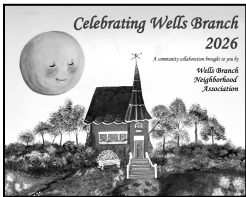
I have been on the hunt for modern humorous authors and recently discovered John Scalzi's *Starter Villain*. Although I appreciate that story of a young man inheriting his uncle's super villain business, I highly recommend one of Scalzi's latest books, *When the Moon Hits Your Eye*. The premise is simple... "What would happen if the moon suddenly turned into cheese?" Yet the story unfolds into a complex tapestry exploring various aspects of society and how the public reacts to such a ridiculous, but serious situation. Typically, I reserve that fifth star for books I would consider reading all over again, and to me, this book deserves that fifth star.

Joan Mead, Vice President, Wells Branch Friends of the Library Board recommends:

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

If you enjoy a good mystery, subtle British humor and well drawn, amusing characters, then this series is for you! It's been described as an "easy, enjoyable read." It involves four elderly residents of a retirement village who investigate real murders. As a matter of fact, the first book was so well received, Osman has written four more! The last one, *The Impossible Fortune*, was just published in early October 2025 – AND our library already has it available to check out. A search of the card catalog also shows it's available as an audio or e-book through Libby, AND in Spanish - *El Club el Crimen de los jueves!* **There is a LARGE PRINT version too!** It's also a 2025 Netflix film starring Helen Mirren, Pierce Brosnan and Ben Kingsley to name a few.

If you read all five Thursday Murder Club Mysteries and yearn for more – fear not – Osman has written *We Solve Murders*, the first book in a new series. It is also available in our wonderful library, and a second in the series is promised in 2026!



Last call for Calendars!

Have you paid for your calendar and haven't picked it up yet? We're getting low on stock and before we give out the last few with memberships, we need to make sure all orders are covered. If yours is outstanding, please contact Margaret at mmsufke@gmail.com or via text at 208-869-5224.



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Questions? Contact us at
mulch@mcneilband.org



What a Wonderful 2025 Holiday Season!

The WBNA holiday team partnered with the WB MUD Parks and Rec. Department, WB Friends of the Library and the WB Community Library to host two dazzling nights of holiday crafts during the 2026 WB Luminary Fest!

We would like to extend a huge SHOUT OUT to our amazing crew of talented “elves” who went above and beyond for this traditional WB holiday gathering! There were 8 craft stations chocked full of craft supplies for nearly 3500 crafts. The event ran very smoothly from the prep work and set-up to the tear down and clean up, and the flurry of crafting in between! Thanks once again to all the community volunteers who logged over 100 hours. It's worth noting that without these dedicated volunteers this cherished event would not have happened. Each and every contribution is highly valued and everyone's talents really sparkled!

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Bekah Wachholz • Evie Ward • David Ward • Amy Weaver
Diane Wolfe • Denise Wolfe • Becky Zertuche**

**Worked more than one shift or prepped more than one craft*

Wells Branch Community Events



WB MUD Valentine's Day Family Dance **Saturday, February 14 | 6:30-8:30pm** **WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Dr.**

Bring the whole family out to the annual Valentine's Day Family Dance! Open to all ages, this fun event includes an open dance floor, snacks, drinks, and roses. Enjoy dancing and fun with your friends and family—this is a special night for all! *Hosted by WB MUD Parks & Rec.*

WB MUD Open Mic & Karaoke Night **Wednesday, March 4 | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

WB Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.

Showcase your talents and enjoy live entertainment at our Open Mic and Karaoke 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. Additionally, we will have a karaoke crew out on-site so you can sing your favorite tunes without reservation! No pre-registration is required. *Hosted by WB MUD Parks & Rec.*

Keep Wells Branch Beautiful **Spring Volunteer Day**

Sunday, March 8 | 2:00-5:00pm

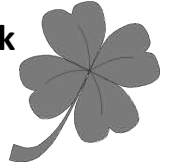
WB MUD Mills Pond | 15108 Wells Port

Spend an afternoon with Keep Wells Branch Beautiful (KWBB) at the annual Spring Volunteer Day on Sunday, March 8 from 2:00-5:00pm. Meet at Mills Pond for a trash pickup, invasive plant removal, and another activity to be determined. More information and registration will become available closer to the time of the event at <https://wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events>



St. Patrick's Day Bagpipes in the Park **Tuesday, March 17 | 7:00-8:00pm** **KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Dr.**

Put on your best green outfit and come out to our St. Patrick's Day Concert! Celebrate with a complete marching pipe band performing Irish and Scottish music. March behind the Silver Thistle Pipes as they lead a parade through KF Park, ending with a performance in the Community Center Courtyard. This event is free and for all ages (canceled in the case of inclement weather). *Hosted by WB MUD Parks & Rec.*



WB MUD Presents Earth Fest **featuring the WB Wild Native Plant Sale** **Sunday, March 29 | 1:00-5:00pm**

WB Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Dr.

Embrace the beauty of nature and explore sustainable living at Earth Fest! This celebration of all things nature will feature a ton of fun activities for both children and adults, booths with vendor demos, exciting giveaways, children's face painting and games, and more.

Add beauty and biodiversity to your yard and visit Wells Branch Wild Conservancy's Native Plant Sale, where you can stock up for your spring and summer gardens all in one place. There will be a variety of plant options and experts on hand to give you advice on how to best prepare your garden for warmer weather. *See page 11 for details.*

The fun doesn't end in the gym though. Make sure to stop by the center meeting room for Birds of Prey, a stunning show of local birds, reptiles, and more. You will get an up close and personal experience with fascinating wildlife that you won't want to miss, including an incredible special guest appearance from a beloved owl friend.

This event will have something for everyone, so make sure to mark your calendars and make plans to grow with us!

—Recurring Events with Multiple Dates—

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, February 7 | 9:30am-3:00pm

Saturday, March 7 | 9:30am-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>

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.

WB MUD Bulk Trash

Saturday, February 14 | 8:00-Noon

Saturday, March 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 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>



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. For more information, visit wellsbranchmud.com/wwa

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 11.*

WB Silver Branchers Social Club

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

WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

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 currently working on some new events. Plans include an outdoor BBQ with games, a couple of "road trips" to local areas of interest, trips to museums or plays, a fall wine tour and a traditional holiday party.

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.

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 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. Club members are encouraged to attend local events and capture images. Members also participate in the annual WBNA calendar photo contest.

Winter meetings are generally indoors at the WB Rec. Center and club members lead discussions or hands-on activities. We are currently seeking request topics or activities. All suggestions welcome!

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 Democrats Club

Meets the 1st Saturday of the month at 1:00pm

WB Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

The Wells Branch Democrats Club is a local community organization that brings together Democrats and like-minded neighbors in the Wells Branch area to stay informed, engaged, and active in civic life. The club meets **on the first Saturday of each month from 1:00-3:00pm** at the **Wells Branch Recreation Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive**, and meetings typically feature guest speakers, discussions on local and statewide issues, and opportunities to get involved in community organizing and voter engagement. Whether you're a longtime activist or simply looking to learn more and connect with neighbors, the Wells Branch Democrats Club offers a welcoming space to participate in the democratic process at the local level. *Not affiliated with Wells Branch MUD or Wells Branch Neighborhood Association.*

Important Joint Primary Dates:

Monday, February 2

Last Day to Register to Vote in the Primaries

Tuesday, February 17 - Friday, February 27

Early Voting In Person

Friday, February 20

Last Day to apply for a Ballot by Mail
(Received, not Postmarked)

Tuesday, March 3

Joint Primary Election Day



Travis County Voting:

You may vote at any Vote Center in **Travis County** where the "Vote Here/Aqui" sign is displayed during both **Early Voting and on Election Day**. Visit <https://votetravis.gov/current-election-information/current-election/> for voting sites and hours.

Williamson County Voting:

Voters in Williamson County will no longer be able to cast their ballot at countywide polling locations on **Primary Election Day**. **Instead, you will only be able to vote at your assigned precinct neighborhood polling place.**

Early voting, however, will remain unchanged. Voters will still be able to cast their ballots at any available polling place in the county during the two week period prior to Election Day.

Visit <https://www.votetexas.gov/voting/where.html> for Wilco voting locations.

American Red Cross

Lifeguard Certification Course

Provides entry-level participants the knowledge and skills to prevent, recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies and to provide care for breathing and cardiac emergencies, injuries and sudden illnesses until EMS personnel take over. If you're 15 or older and looking for a great summer job or a challenging career that is in demand, the American Red Cross Lifeguarding program is the place to start. **This is a blended learning course; participants will need to complete the online course portion by March 9 before attending the in-person course.**

<https://wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/camps-and-programs/270-arc-lifeguard-certification-course>

For more information please contact Katie Hutcheson at khutcheson@wellsbranchmud.com or call the Recreation Center (512-251-9814).



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Let's start with the basics: **What is a native plant, why should you want one, and where can you get one?**

One of the best ways to support a healthy ecosystem is by planting native vegetation in your own yard. Fortunately, Central Texas offers a wide variety of beautiful and interesting native plants.

What makes a plant native? It's a species that has grown naturally in an area for thousands of years. These plants have developed a symbiotic relationship with local wildlife—many birds, insects, and animals depend on them for survival.

Native plants offer big benefits: **they conserve water, reduce mowing costs, provide habitat for wildlife, protect and enrich soil, and reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides.** And they're gorgeous!

When you landscape with native plants, you're not just saving money and resources by using less water and fewer chemicals—you're helping strengthen the web of connections between native species and ecological processes that make Wells Branch thrive.

Want to save water, attract birds and butterflies, and create a garden that truly belongs in Texas?

Join us at the **Wells Branch Wild Conservancy Native Plant Sale on March 29.** Discover hard-to-find local native plants that make landscapes sustainable and wildlife-friendly.

We'll feature dozens of Texas native species—wildflowers, grasses, ground covers, and perennials—perfect for both sunny and shady yards.

Not sure where to start? Whether your yard is **too sunny, too shady, too wet, too dry, too big, too small, or just all lawn,** we can help. **Knowledgeable volunteers and plant experts will be on-site to guide you in choosing plants that thrive in your conditions** and show you how to transform your lawn into a vibrant, biodiverse landscape.

So **get wild with native plants this spring!** Find more details, including a plant list, at www.wellsbranchwild.org/events. 2026 list will be posted mid-March.

This is a cashless event.

All proceeds benefit Wells **Branch Wild Conservancy**, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting the Wells Branch ecosystem.

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Upcoming Wells Branch Wild Events:

**Wells Branch Wild Conservancy
Native Plant Sale**

A Featured Activity of Wells Branch Earth Fest
Sunday, March 29 | 1:00-5:00pm
WB Rec. Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive

What to Expect:

- **High-quality native and adapted plants** at modest prices
- Options for **all yard types**
- **Family-friendly activities**, including free ladybugs and a Propagation Station
- **Nectar plants** for butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators
- **Free plant information** and expert guidance
- **Tax-free sales and cashless transactions**
- **Free parking**

Guests are encouraged to **bring their own wagons or carts.**

Proceeds benefit the Wells Branch Wild Conservancy, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting the Wells Branch ecosystem.

More details and plant list: wellsbranchwild.org/events

We'd love to see your whole family there!

Want to Join the Movement?

Details & Events: wellsbranchwild.org
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Purple Martins Returning to Wells Branch! by Jeaneane McNulty

Did you know that Wells Branch supports a colony of Purple Martins? These beautiful birds migrate thousands of miles annually to nest and raise their young in human-provided housing right here in our North



Pavilion meadow, near Mills Pond.

Volunteers from our community maintain the nesting site by installing and removing the gourd-style nesting boxes each season, monitoring the site for predators and pests, and performing weekly "nest checks" April - July to record the number of nests, eggs and young. Last year, our WB Colony was featured by Travis Audubon on their social media, and we participated in national bird research efforts!

The first Purple Martin "scouts" of the year have been spotted in Austin, so our 2026 season has begun! **Anyone interested in volunteering this season is encouraged to get involved by emailing jeaneane.mculty@gmail.com.**

2025 WB Purple Martins By The Numbers	
54 Gourds Installed	48 Active Nests
264 Eggs Laid	186 Eggs Hatched
166 baby birds fledged (left the nest successfully)	
89% Fledge Rate - some of the best in the Austin area!	

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



Support your Neighborhood Association
by joining the WBNA and continue to make Wells Branch great!
Here is my check (made out to WBNA) for \$25 annual dues for 2026
___ Renew membership ___ New member ___ Donation



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