



# Neighborhood News

News and information for the residents of Wells Branch  
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## WBNA Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza!

**Saturday, April 4 | 10:30am | Come Early!**

**The Homestead at KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive**

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

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

Last, but not least, please remember that this event is put on by **volunteers**. We spend weeks getting ready and usually stuff 10,000 to 12,000 eggs (if you are wondering, yes we recycle those eggs each year.) It's no small feat. So, if a volunteer asks something of you, please be respectful of their requests. We love our neighbors and our community. We're asking for everyone's help in advance in creating an enjoyable experience for all involved. **Please help us and remember to recycle your eggs before you leave.** We always need extra volunteers to help things run more smoothly. Anyone whose kids have aged out of the hunt, community service groups, or older teens who need service hours, we would be so appreciative of your time! Please contact us for more information: [info@wbna.us](mailto:info@wbna.us) or text 208-869-5224. To sign up to volunteer, scan the first QR code visit [tinyurl.com/2026-EEH-VOL](http://tinyurl.com/2026-EEH-VOL)



## Easter Egg Hunt Rules:

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

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

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

### AGE GROUPS:

**0-18 mos. • 19-36 mos.**

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

**4-6yrs • 7-9yrs • 10-12yrs**

- \* No parents or siblings allowed in egg hunting area



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

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## 2026 WBNA Board Election Review

\*\*\*We are actively recruiting for new board members.\*\*\*

The WBNA Board consists of seven members, each serving a two year term. The time commitment varies based on current tasks and availability. Most folks contribute a few hours a month and/or deliver newsletters. The biggest gap is getting folks to chair one of the large scale events. We are really looking for new/younger folks to step up and help manage things like the egg hunt, pumpkin patch, national night out, extreme clean, luminary fest, etc. We would also welcome help with the newsletter production and distribution.

### 2026 WBNA Board Election Results

We lost 3 board members at the end of 2025. Lara Bennett, Nadia Bernard and Pam Wachholz. We are truly grateful for everyone's contributions. Lara, Nadia and Pam each brought highly valued skills and enthusiasm to the organization. Their active participation will be missed.

The remaining members are: Shannon Black (Member), Stephen Cockrell (Treasurer), Margaret Sufke (acting President), Megan Tesano (Secretary) and Bekah Wachholz (member). And... just before publication, we were excited to welcome a new member, Josue Balandrano Coronel. Look for more information in the next issue.

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-stordinary" 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 the Luminary Fest. As a community service group we sponsored two Extreme Clean events, several special civic events and the WBNA Community Calendar. Not forgetting the newsletter distribution—six issues were delivered to nearly 4000 homes and is entirely dependent on 40+ volunteers to deliver each issue.

Starting 1992, the WBNA has been 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, a dedicated group of volunteers have lead this invaluable organization, **building community together.**

If you are interested in serving as a board member, 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. Contact us at [info@wbna.us](mailto:info@wbna.us). We are always seeking talented people ready to help build the community spirit that makes Wells Branch so very special.



# EARTH FEST

## FEATURING NATIVE PLANT SALE

MARCH 29 | 1-5PM | RECREATION CENTER  
[WELLSBRANCHMUD.COM/EARTHFEST](http://WELLSBRANCHMUD.COM/EARTHFEST)

Embrace the beauty of nature and explore sustainable living at EarthFest, featuring Wells Branch Wild Conservancy's Native Plant Sale! This celebration of all things nature will feature a ton of fun activities for both children and adults, booths with live demonstrations, giveaways ranging from ladybugs to fossils, children's face painting, games, and more. This event will have something for everyone, so make sure to mark your calendars and make plans to grow with us!

**Overflow parking for the event will be at Willow Bend Pool, with a shuttle to the Recreation Center.**

### The Great Outdoors

Connect with nature and explore the wonders that surround us right here in Wells Branch! Kids will have fun as they learn through interactive exhibits and games. Learn how to make your home a Certified Wildlife Habitat, kickstart your garden with organic native plants, and reconnect with nature with thrilling visitors. Make sure to stop by the Birds of Prey show at 4 p.m., where you can meet wildlife face-to-face.

### World of Water

Dive headfirst into the critical topic of water conservation, wastewater collection, and stormwater management. Learn practical tips on being waterwise to reduce your water footprint. Understand how to protect our wastewater systems and how to identify and report stormwater contamination. Water-themed games will engage children in fun, educational activities that will get their brains moving.

### Sustainable Home

Learn about ways to reduce your energy costs and impact on the planet. Talk to experts about energy-saving home improvements. Explore how an electric car or bicycle might be right for your commute or to improve your health. Learn how simple changes in your life can not only save you money but reduce your carbon footprint.

### 5 Rs

Join the Wells Branch Neighborhood Association (WBNA) in their mission to reduce plastic waste and eliminate landfill. Participate in recycled art-making projects and interactive activities that highlight the importance of responsible recycling practices. Learn how small actions can make a big difference in preserving our environment.

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

Market Stats for 78728*			
Feb. '24:	Feb. '25:	Feb. '26:	
\$444,500	\$400,000	\$397,000	Median Price
4	2	6	Closed Homes
14	21	14	Active Homes
1.3	2.3	1.2	Months Inventory
\$233.30	\$219.02	\$221.95	Closed Median PPSF**
1886	1848	1748	Median SF
127	127	61	Avg. Days on Market
92.2%	85.9%	95.2%	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

**Ready to sell, but your home needs work?** In this market, the homes that are selling the fastest and for the most money are not just 'move-in ready', but they are updated with neutral paint and pristine. If your home is in need of more updates or repairs than you have the cash for - don't worry - you have options! There are several programs and contractors that will do the work and get paid at closing out of your proceeds. Likewise, if you have pets, work from homers, little ones or whatever situation would be less than ideal for accomodating showings, again, you have options that would allow you to buy before selling.

**Need fast cash for your home?** Yes, there's a program for that, too! I have a client who will be taking advantage of this program. His home and neighborhood remind me of Wells Branch: older home, established trees, no HOA, desirable schools, great park...his home is not perfect, but he is planning to accept a market value offer. He will close and receive the offer minus a reserve which includes fees, commissions and then my job will be to sell the home for the new buyer and maximize the price. My client will receive a 2nd payment after I sell the home for the reserve or the reserve plus or minus the difference in the sales price vs. original offer price. My goal is to get my client MORE than the reserve.

There are several options available (including a sell and lease back offer), call me and I am happy to explain the differences and submit your property for a bid.

**And finally, buyers, this is still a good time to buy** - We are still in a buyer-favored market, and there is inventory to be had! Once the rates come down and hold, more buyers are expected to flood the market, and competition typically drives prices up. If you are ready to buy, let's talk about your options!



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Questions about buying or selling?  
Let's talk about your situation & options—  
give me a call today, 512-925-5309!  
Pam@PamWachholzRealtor.com



## LOVE our Rat Snakes!

It's been a warm winter and the snakes abound. A rat snake looks intimidating but is actually beneficial to our area. It is non-venomous and usually eats rats, mice, and sometimes birds and lizards, killing by constriction. It is not a threat to you, your kids or pets.

It can look like a rattlesnake and might even shake or vibrate its tail as a defense mechanism to try to resemble a rattlesnake, which unnerves those who encounter it. However, it is reluctant to bite unless you try to capture it. Rat snakes are the most common large snake in central Texas (up to 6 ft!) and help keep rodent populations in check. If you come across one, just let it be; it'll slither back into the sewer or ditch on its own.

Unsure about which snakes are harmless and which may be venomous? Facebook has several helpful Groups. **Texas Snake Identification**, **National Snakebite Support**, and the **Free Snake Relocation Directory** are all educational groups run by experts. To access a directory of relocation volunteers near you, visit <https://www.freesnakerelocation.com/> While they do offer free relocation, it's always nice to offer gas money.



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## WB Soccer Association Registration is OPEN! by Gabriela Hinojosa, WBSA Secretary

The Spring 2026 season is underway at Wells Branch Soccer Association (WBSA), with 391 players participating across 31 teams, supported by 46 volunteer coaches. Each weekend, our fields are full of players learning the game, building friendships, and enjoying the season.

Our SoccerKIDZ program, led by Coach Betsey Harper, remains extremely popular and is once again completely full, continuing a trend we have seen season after season.

WBSA also continues to grow its Junior Referee Program, giving currently registered WBSA players ages 11 to 12 the opportunity to officiate younger division games while developing leadership skills and game knowledge.

So far this year, WBSA has hosted two U.S. Soccer First Time Referee certification courses, held on February 7 and March 15, helping bring new referees into the game.

Registration for the Fall 2026 season will open in late May. Be sure to visit [wellsbranchsoccer.com](http://wellsbranchsoccer.com) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on registration and league news.



## Scouts BSA Pack 728 News by Lee Logan, Pack Leader

The cub scouts of Pack 728 are getting excited about our spring campout! We'll be visiting Berry Springs Park in Georgetown to do some hiking, fishing and learning outdoor skills.

Our scouts are also excited to volunteer at next month's Pioneer Festival, and they are also wrapping up various requirements to complete their rank advancement by the end of this school year. We're staying busy!

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](mailto:WBPack728@gmail.com) or check us out at [wbpack728.com](http://wbpack728.com)

**WELLS BRANCH ARMADA**



**2026 SCHEDULE**

★ SPIRIT NIGHTS / EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION ★

★ Mar 25	Red Robin Spirit Night
★ Mar 31	Early-Bird Registration Ends
★ Apr 21	Sonic Spirit Night
★ May 11	P. Terry's Spirit Night

★ SWIM MEETS ★

★ May 16	HOME MEET vs Anderson Mill Barracudas
★ May 23	HOME MEET vs Steiner Blue Stars
★ May 30	HOME MEET vs Pflugerville Piranhas
★ Jun 6	AWAY MEET vs Block House Tidal Waves
★ Jun 13	AWAY MEET vs Cedar Park Barracudas/Typhoons
★ Jun 20	HOME MEET vs Rattan Creek Hurricanes
★ Jun 27	AWAY MEET Divisionals at Pflugerville Pool
★ Jun 28	AWAY MEET Invitationals

★ [wellsbranch.swimtopia.com / team-events](http://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com/team-events) ★

## Join the Wells Branch Armada for the 2026 Swim Season!

by Manuel Leos Rivas, Secretary, WB Armada

The Wells Branch Armada Swim Team is gearing up for another exciting summer and we'd love to see your family on deck! Our team welcomes swimmers of all experience levels, from beginners learning the basics to experienced competitors looking to improve their skills. The Armada is all about team spirit, community, and fun in the water.

**Families in the Wells Branch community are invited to register now and secure their spot for the 2026 season. Don't miss these important dates:**

**\* March 31 – Early-bird registration ends**

**\* April 27 – First day of practice**

Spots fill quickly each year, so sign up soon and get ready for a great summer with the Armada!

Register today at <https://wellsbranch.swimtopia.com/register>

Come swim with us and help keep the Armada tradition strong in Wells Branch!

**Please Note: Saturdays May 16, 23, 30, and June 20, Willow Bend Pool will open late due to swim meets.**



## Support McNeil Band & Get Your Yard Spring-- Ready!

Spring is around the corner, and the McNeil Band is kicking off their annual Mulch & Topsoil Fundraiser! Every bag you buy—or donation made—directly supports our amazing students and their program.

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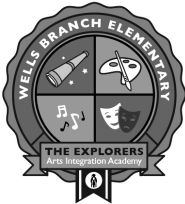
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Orders must be received by March 29<sup>th</sup>

Questions? Contact us at [mulch@mcneilband.org](mailto:mulch@mcneilband.org)



## Wells Branch Elementary PTA Support Opportunities

Wells Branch Elementary PTA supports our school through programs, resources, and advocacy for every child. We're always grateful for community support! You can join at [joinpta.org](http://joinpta.org) -

no volunteering required, membership shows your support of our mission, make a donation: [tinyurl.com/donateWBEpta-26](http://tinyurl.com/donateWBEpta-26), or, if you own a business, connect with our school community through sponsorship: [tinyurl.com/SponsorWBEpta-26](http://tinyurl.com/SponsorWBEpta-26)

## Update on Squeeky Clean

### Car Wash Temporary Closure

Squeeky Clean Car Wash, 2009 Wells Branch Parkway, has a new owner! Wells Branch neighbor, Freddie Martinez has purchased it. It's currently closed for renovations with a grand reopening planned for July 4. *Watch for updates in the Summer Issue.*



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### Recurring Adult Programs:

- Traveling Tea Book Club:** Apr 2 and May 7 at 6:00
- Spice of the Month Club:** Apr 11 and May 9 at 4:00
- \*Meditation Journaling** Apr 18 and May 16 at 4:00  
Guided meditation followed by journaling and adult coloring.
- \*Introvert Happy Hour:** Apr 16 at 6:00  
Read silently and sip tea (optional socializing at the end).
- \*Résumé Workshop:** April 25 at 10:00
- Puzzle Swap:** First Sunday of each month at 4:00
- Fiber Fun: BYO Project** Sundays from 2:00-3:30
- Knit and Crochet Group:** Apr 8 and May 13 at 6:00

### Adult Crafting (sessions repeat back-to-back)

- \*Cabochon Jewelry:** Mar 26 at 6:00 & 6:45
- \*Felt Wreaths:** Mar 28 at 4:00 and 4:45
- \*Wood Mandala Coloring:** Apr 4 at 4:00 and 4:45
- \*Moss Frames:** Apr 9 at 6:00 and 6:45
- \*Make Mini Books:** Apr 25 at 4:00 and 4:45
- \*Cord Bracelets:** Apr 30 at 6:00 and 6:45
- \*Decorate a Picture Frame:** May 2 at 4:00 and 4:45
- \*Magic Mirror Mosaic:** May 14 at 6:00 and 6:45

**Elder Wisdom:** 1st Tuesday of each month at 2:00  
A welcoming space for adults 55+ sharing life experience.  
*Apr 7: Tips and Tricks for Maintaining Health*  
Beginning this summer, Elder Wisdom will meet twice a month—more details to come.

**Past & Present Book Club:** Apr 21 at 2:00  
This month's gathering will be an open discussion of your favorite historical reads—fiction or nonfiction.

**NEW: Take a Break Book Club**, in partnership with Malone's Coffee, will meet at the coffee shop on Friday, May 8 at 1:00 for a relaxed, social book hour. Our first discussion topic is travel—bring a favorite travel book, memoir, or novel set somewhere memorable and join the conversation.

### Adult DIY Crafts Wednesdays at 6:00

- Apr 1- \*Crochet Bookmarks      Apr 15- \*Air Dry Clay
- Apr 22- \*Lino Cuts & Printing      Apr 29- \*Water Bottles
- May 6- \*Laminated Flower Bookmarks

*To see everything happening at the library, check out our website at [WBLIBRARY.ORG](http://WBLIBRARY.ORG).  
Programs are always free. Programs with \*require advance registration at [wbllibrary.eventbrite.com](http://wbllibrary.eventbrite.com)*

### Special Programs for Kids and Families

- April is Poetry Month:** All month we will have magnetic poetry for patrons to enjoy and create. Transcribe your masterpiece into our Wells Branch Poetry Journal for posterity.
- The Poetry of Shel Silverstein:** Apr 4 at 10:30  
Extended storytime with some silly favorites.
- May the Fourth Be With You:** May 2 at 10:30  
Celebrate Star Wars Day with an extended storytime, crafts & Stormtroopers!
- Cinco de Mayo Craft:** May 3 at 3:00  
All ages are invited to make large tissue paper flowers.

### Weekly Programs for 0-5: *No registration*

- Mon. 10:30 Baby Sign Storytime: for ages 6-36 months
- Mon. 11:15 Wiggle Worms: ~20 minutes for ages 1-4
- Tues. 10:30 Spanish Circle Time: ~20 minutes for ages 1-4
- Tues. 11:15 Bilingual Storytime: English & Spanish together
- Wed. 10:30 Circle Time: ~20 minutes for ages 1-4
- Wed. 11:15 Storytime: songs and stories for ages 2-5
- Thurs. 10:30 Storytime: songs and stories for ages 2-5
- Thurs. 5:00 Paw Print ST & Craft: animal activities for ages 2-5
- Fri. 10:30 Alphabuddies: focused on letter learning
- Fri. 11:15 Wiggle Worms: ~20 minutes for ages 1-4
- Sat. 10:30 Storytime & Craft: ~35 minute for ages 3-7
- 1st & 3rd Sat. 11:30 Read to a Therapy Dog

### Weekly Youth Programs:

- \*Mystery Box Mashup:** (ages 8-12) Mon at 4:00 in Mar & Apr  
Join us to create something with a box of random supplies.
- \*Elemental Crafts:** (age 8-12) Mon at 4:00 in May  
Explore the elements through craft activities.
- Kids' Krafternoon:** (ages 5-10) Tuesdays at 5:00

### Teen Programs (10-18 only):

- Teen Library Council** 1st and 3rd Saturday at 2:00  
Plan programs/events, make displays, and more.
- \*Coloring:** Apr 11 at 2:00
- \*Tie Dye:** May 9 at 2:00  
BYO shirt or other fabric item to decorate.

### New in April– Sunday Spanish Programming

- Charla Chat:** Apr 19, May 3 & 17 at 1:30  
Practice Spanish or English in a casual conversation setting.
- Bilingual Storytime:** Apr 12 & 26, May 10 & 24 at 1:30  
Stories with a seasonal theme and Spanish nursery songs.

**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](mailto: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. We're a genial group who all enjoy reading and talking about books.

One of the books featured in this month's article is from someone who actually read the paragraph above, and took it upon herself to e-mail us a book recommendation! I hope more of you will follow Nanci's example!

David Mead, Friends of the Library Treasurer Recommends:

**Agency** by William Gibson (Science Fiction)

William Gibson's *Agency* (2020) is similar to his novel *The Peripheral* (2014), which was made into a multi-episode TV series. The premise of that novel and tv show was that (a) there are alternate "branches" of our recent reality which have been instigated by some unknown process, and that (b) these "stubs" can be reached and manipulated via the internet from the main line of history/reality. The stubs and the mainline have a common history, up to the point of separation. It is the variations – the contrasts – that interest the instigators of the stubs, who may have been innocent game-players or worse, and a group of well-meaning observers in the main line who try to save the innocent inhabitants of the stubs from catastrophic outcomes generated by sometimes malevolent modifications of historical forces. They themselves have barely managed to survive global catastrophe, so they know what can happen. The action of *Agency* takes place in a stub reality that branched off soon after the election of 2016, when a woman (Hillary Clinton, unnamed) was elected President. In this stub's present, the President and the world are threatened with imminent global nuclear war arising from political and military conflicts in Syria. The protagonist Verity Jane is hired by a San Francisco startup to test and evaluate a new electronic product – something like Apple's Siri but independent, self-contained, and vastly more capable: a personal assistant driven by powerful, autonomous Artificial Intelligence software. What Verity gets to work with is much more than her employers know they have created. It is the software entity Eunice that will become the means by which the folks up-time in mainline London (A.D. 2150 or so) can help save Verity's world. I loved it.

Nanci Silver-Boice, Book Lover Recommends:

**America's First Daughter** by Stephanie Dray (Historical Fiction)

Did you know that Thomas Jefferson had his daughters inoculated against smallpox in the 1770's? Did you know that his oldest daughter, Martha (Patsy) had twelve children, all of whom survived to adulthood? Author Stephanie Dray has woven facts into a fictionalized novel about Patsy Jefferson in *America's First Daughter*. The book begins as the Jeffersons are fleeing Monticello during the Revolutionary War and continues through Patsy's life in France and in the United States. The narrator, Patsy, leads the reader through her life, the life of Jefferson, and the forming of the United States through her father's collection of letters. The format provides facts intertwined with plausible conversations and accurate descriptions of life in France, Britain, and the United States through the date of Jefferson's death in 1826. The library has both the print version and audio version for loan. Your reading time will be enhanced in either version.



**Hop into the Kitchen with Professor Ponder!**

In celebration of the ongoing renovation of the Wells Branch Library and the rebranding and naming of our beloved frog mascot, we are excited to introduce the *Professor Ponder and Pals' Cookbook*! This delightful collection features favorite recipes shared by friends and families throughout the Wells Branch neighborhood, highlighting the flavors and traditions that make our community so special. From comforting classics to creative new dishes, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Copies will be available soon for checkout at the Wells Branch Library—get ready to cook up a little community spirit!



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## Shannon Matsuno, PMHNP

Integrative Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner  
Fully Virtual Practice Treating Ages: 13-65

Insurances accepted: BCBS, United, Cigna and Aetna as well as private pay

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My name is Shannon Matsuno, and I am an integrative Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) at The Brown Center & Clinics, a fully virtual practice serving patients ages 13–65. I am currently accepting new patients with no wait list. My approach to care is collaborative, evidence-based, and rooted in the belief that mental health treatment should be both accessible and deeply personalized.

I bring a strong clinical foundation in psychiatric nursing as well as forensic nursing. As a former SANE-A (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner–Adult/Adolescent), I developed extensive experience working with survivors of trauma and providing compassionate, trauma-informed care during some of the most vulnerable moments in a person’s life. That background continues to shape my practice today. I prioritize emotional safety, empowerment, and respect in every patient interaction, recognizing the profound ways trauma can influence both mental and physical health.

My primary clinical areas of focus include trauma-related disorders and perinatal mental health. I work closely with individuals navigating pregnancy, postpartum transitions, infertility, pregnancy loss, and the identity shifts that often accompany parenthood. I also treat ADHD, mood disorders, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and a wide range of other psychiatric conditions. My treatment plans are individualized and may include medication management, supportive therapy, lifestyle interventions, and integrative strategies tailored to each patient’s goals and values.

Creating a welcoming and inclusive space is central to my practice. I provide LGBTQ-affirming care and strive to ensure that all individuals feel seen, respected, and supported without judgment. Mental health care should honor each person’s lived experience, culture, and identity.

An important component of my integrative approach is stress management. Chronic stress can significantly impact mood, concentration, sleep, hormonal balance, and overall well-being. I work with patients to identify stress patterns and develop practical tools to regulate the nervous system. This may include mindfulness techniques, sleep optimization, boundary setting, movement, nutrition support, and cognitive strategies to reduce overwhelm. By addressing stress proactively, we can often improve both psychiatric symptoms and overall resilience.

At The Brown Center & Clinics, our virtual model allows patients to access high-quality psychiatric care from the comfort and privacy of their own space. My goal is to partner with you in building stability, insight, and sustainable wellness—so that mental health care feels supportive, empowering, and truly integrative. We accept BCBS, Aetna, United and Cigna as well as private pay options.



### It’s Coyote Denning Season Again!

We have so much information to share with you on our four-legged neighbors that there just wasn’t room in this issue. It’s all available on our website at [wbna.us/safety/coyote-safety/](http://wbna.us/safety/coyote-safety/).

We have:

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- Details on Pet Safety
- How and When to Haze a Coyote
- When **NOT** to Haze
- Flushing Behavior—What it means
- What Behavior to Report
- Simple Measures to Remove Food Sources
- And several educational publications you can download.



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We've purposefully set our class schedule to complement the "Boxing, Balance, Agility, and Dual-Task Training" classes at the WB Rec center. So whether you want to add extra workouts or you're finding you need a less intense pace, we'd love to chat with you about adding our workouts into your training routine.

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## WB MUD & WBNA Extreme Clean Spring!

Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 8am-1pm

WB MUD Facilities Yard | 13905 Thermal Dr.

The WBNA partners with the WB MUD to help host an extended recycling program twice a year. In the spirit of the “5-R’s” of recycling, we also host a large donation tent to help re-purpose usable items. We partner with the Austin Creative Reuse, Salvation Army, St. Andrew’s Food Pantry (and their unsheltered program) and two wildlife and animal groups. Check out the list of items accepted: [wells-branchmud.com/bulk-items/bulk-trash-household-waste-2](https://www.branchmud.com/bulk-items/bulk-trash-household-waste-2)

Ready to volunteer at this event?

Sign up **HERE!** [tinyurl.com/2026-SPR-EXT-CLN](https://tinyurl.com/2026-SPR-EXT-CLN)



Want to learn more about recycling?

Make plans to attend the WB MUD EarthFest on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to visit the **WBNA Recycling area**. We’ll have recycled yard art door prizes, kid activities, rain gage take-home project cards, a “Refuse Plastics” booth with a special give away, eBike information and so much more!

### Bulk Trash

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

### Metal Recycling

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

### Household Waste & E-Cycling

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

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

### Electronics and Appliance Recycling

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

### Styrofoam

Clean egg cartons, food packaging, meat trays, to-go containers, disposable plates and coffee cups, large packing pieces and foam ice chests

**NOT ACCEPTED:** packing peanuts, and Styrofoam attached or glued to other materials, like cardboard or plastic film

### Regular Bulk Recycling

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

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

### On-Site Shredding

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

### Community Donations / Re-Purpose & Re-Use Items

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

**SPECIAL DONATION REQUEST:** Joe Lee Johnson Elementary School is collecting clothing and school supplies. Please bag this donation separately.

### Animal Shelter / Rescue

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

### Austin Creative Re-Use

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

### St. Andrew’s Food Bank / Unsheltered Donations

Backpacks • School supplies • Basic clothing needs: (new) socks, (new) underwear, gently used t-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, jeans, etc. • Basic hygiene products: diapers (children and adult), feminine hygiene products, soap, tooth-paste, etc. • Gift cards for food (HEB) • Canned goods, dry goods, pantry items, bottled water

### Salvation Army—Local Area Office

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**—Recurring Events with Multiple Dates—**

**American Red Cross Blood Drives**

**Saturday, April 4 | 9:30am-3:00pm**

**Saturday, May 2 | 9:30am-3:00pm**

**WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive**

Wells Branch MUD is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive at the Recreation Center 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 / WBNA Extreme Clean Spring**

**Bulk Trash, Shredding, Drug Take-back, Recycling, Re-purposing!**

**Saturday, April 11 | 8:00am-1:00pm**

**WB MUD P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal Drive**

For more info on accepted items, see page 10 or visit <https://wellsbranchmud.com/bulk-items/bulk-trash-household-waste-2>

**WB MUD Bulk Trash Day**

**Saturday, May 10 | 8am-12pm**

**WB MUD P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal**

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

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>



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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](http://wbna.us/newsletters) for advertising rates or contact us at [info@wbna.us](mailto:info@wbna.us) for more information.

**Deadline for the May 2, 2026 newsletter is Friday, April 27.**

The WBNA does not accept political advertising. All article submissions are subject to editing. All ads must be pre-paid.

**Thank you for your support!**

# Wells Branch Community Events

## 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 2 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!



## WBNA Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 4 | 10:30am**

**WB Homestead at KF Park / 2106 Klattenhoff**

Hop into Spring! Join your friends, neighbors and **The Easter Bunny**, himself, at the annual WBNA Easter Egg Hunt. **"Hunts" will be by age group and begin at 10:30am.** Plan to come early and visit with the Easter Bunny or have fun at the **MOD Pizza Game Table**. For details, see page 1 or visit [wbna.us](http://wbna.us).

## WB MUD Youth Disc Golf Tournament

**Sunday, April 12 | 1:00-5:30pm**

**Wells Branch Disc Golf Course on Owen Tech south of WB Pkwy**

The WB Rec Dept together with the WB Disc Golf Club present the 8th annual Youth Disc Golf Tournament! Open to players 18 and under, this is a fun one-day event perfect for introducing new players to disc golf. Participants will receive a custom-stamped disc and there will be trophies for age division winners.

**Participants must pre-register by Saturday, April 11. Walk-up registration will not be available on the day of the event.** If inclement weather occurs, it will be rescheduled for another date. Wells Branch Soccer Association will offer concessions as a fundraiser.

### Age Divisions:

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

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

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

## WB MUD Pioneer Festival

**Saturday, April 25 | Noon to 5:00pm**

**WB Homestead at KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff**

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

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

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

***The WBNA Team will be volunteering at Elmo's house (the buffalo house). Stop by for a visit!***

## Ocean Health Awareness Event!

**Sunday, April 26 | 12:15pm**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church | 14311 Wells Port**

**Mark your calendar!** The Earth Care Committee of St.

Andrews Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an Ocean Health Awareness event on **April 26, at 12:15.**

Our speaker will be Ryan Ono, who has 20+ years of experience with ocean conservancy organizations, focusing on federal ocean and coastal acidification policy, shellfish aquaculture, ocean climate change issues, renewable energy and fisheries management. He is currently with the Texas Water Quality Board.

Lunch provided with your reservation at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ocean-health-awareness-tickets-1984089005626?aff=oddtcreator> or scan the QR code to the right.



## WB MUD May Dive-In Movie

**Friday, May 1 | 8:00pm | Feature TBA**

**KF Pool | 2106 Klattenhoff**

Float on by to our May Dive-in Movie event hosted by Wells Branch MUD Parks and Recreation! Cool off in the pool or relax poolside as we show a movie for the whole family. Regular pool rules and fees apply, with no registration required. This leisurely entertainment experience has a maximum capacity of 80, and in the case of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.

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

## WB MUD Spring Youth Fishing Tournament

**Saturday, May 2 | 9:00am-Noon**

**Mills Pond Park | 15108 Wells Port**

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

**TCSO Community Town Hall  
(Travis County Sheriff's Office)**

**Thursday, May 14 | 6:30-8:30pm**

**WB MUD Rec. Center  
3000 Shoreline Drive**

Join officers from the Travis County Sheriff's Office for a brief presentation and question and answer session. Light refreshments will be served. *Hosted by WB Neighborhood Assn.*



## Annual Disc Golf Tournament

**Saturday, May 16 | 9:00am-12:00pm**

**WB Disc Golf Course on Owen Tech south of WB Pkwy**

Join the Annual Disc Golf Tournament hosted by WB MUD Parks and Recreation in partnership with the WB Disc Golf Club! Play with the best of the best and compete for one of the incredible prizes against disc golfers of all ages. Each player will receive a custom artwork disc golf disc as part of their registration. All participants will be entered in to win an amazing door prize, and winners from each division will receive an award.

This event will be rescheduled in the case of inclement weather. Wells Branch Soccer Association will offer concessions as a fundraiser. The course is located along Owen Tech Boulevard, south of Wells Branch Parkway. Street parking is available.

### Youth Age Divisions:

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

### Adult Age Divisions:

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

There is a \$25 registration fee for this event. Pre-registration is required. Walk up registration will NOT be available. The link can be found on the Wells Branch MUD website under Special Events closer to the event or call 512-251-9814.

## WB Wild Purple Martin Field Trip

**Saturday, May 16 | 10:00am**

**WB North Meadow Pavilion**

Curious about the Purple Martin houses in the park's north meadow? Join Wells Branch's very own Purple Martin "Landlords" and local birding experts to learn all about our neighborhood flock!

## Wells Branch Garden Guild

### Upcoming Garden Tours!

### Save the Dates! April 18 & May 17

April 18, we tentatively plan on touring the WB Community Gardens at the corner of Town Hill and Single Trace. May 16, we'll host our annual neighborhood garden tour. Join our Facebook page (listed below), watch the Google Group, or check the WBNA.us website or Facebook page for upcoming details on these events and the opportunity to enter your home garden in the tour.

Meetings are open to anyone interested in gardening. If you are new to the area or interested in joining our group please visit our Facebook page to request access at [facebook.com/groups/WBGardenGuild](https://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 16 and join us at EarthFest on Sunday, March 29.*

## 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 afternoon! 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 "ramping" up for a "Spring Break Boat Trip".** There's still time to make plans to join us for the **April 9<sup>th</sup> Wilderness River Cruise** offered by the Vanishing Texas Cruise Company. Check out the event details at: <https://tinyurl.com/SB-2026-Boat-Trip>

Other 2026 special events include discounted plays at the Palace Theater in Georgetown, A fall Hill Country Wine Tour, a traditional holiday party and perhaps a day trip to a local mini-golf family activity center.

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

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## 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. We host reminders for local area photographic events.

Spring has sprung and we will move outdoors. Club member Arlie Pfeifer has offered to chair the regular club meetings for the next several months. We are currently seeking requests for topics or activities and all suggestions welcomed. **Photo Op event coming up:** Club members are invited join the WB Silver Branchers Wilderness River Cruise to capture images of some amazing wildlife.

Watch for updates via the WB Google Group, WBNA Facebook Page, WB Photo Club Facebook Page, and [wbna.us](http://wbna.us). Questions? Contact Margaret Sufke at [mmsufke@gmail.com](mailto:mmsufke@gmail.com) or 208-869-5224.

## WB Drop-In Mahjongg Club

Meets every Wednesday | 6:30-8:30pm | Rm 100/101

WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline

Please join us! The WB Drop-In Mahjongg club is a very active group. We typically have 3-4 tables going and play 3-4 games at each session. It's a great group of folks and there is always someone to help newer players learn the secrets the game. We can always use an extra game set, so please consider bringing a set if you have one.

**NEW:** We have added 2 Hong Kong (Chinese) Mahjong sets. We will continue to play American Mahjongg and moving forward we will also host the Hong Kong version of the game!

The club is open to all members of the WB Community - beginners and seasoned players are welcome. We play the two versions of the game and try to balance folks between skill levels and games so that new players may learn in a comfortable environment. Club brochures are available at the WB Rec Center or contact Margaret Sufke at [mmsufke@gmail.com](mailto:mmsufke@gmail.com) or 208-869-5224.

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## WB Democrats Club

Saturday, April 4 will feature several of the candidates who won in the March primary

Saturday, May 2 guests TBA

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 (except July) 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 long-time 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.*

## Joint Primary Run Off

The Texas primary runoff election is on Tuesday, May 26. Early voting starts on Monday, May 18 and goes through Friday, May 22.

The last day to register to vote for the runoff primary election is April 27. If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, you can check your voter registration status on the Secretary of State's website, <https://www.votetexas.gov/>

**Please note:** If you did not vote in the Primary Election in March, you may cast your vote in either party's runoff. If you did vote in the March Primary, you must cast your vote in the same party.

## Travis County Voting:

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

## Williamson County Voting:


**\*\*\*Williamson County will return to Countywide voting for the May Primary Run Off election.\*\*\***  
Visit <https://www.votetexas.gov/voting/where.html> for Wilco voting locations.

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**Our Wells Branch Owls:  
Feathered Neighbors  
Worth Celebrating**

Wells Branch is lucky to be a year-round home to three species of owls: the Great Horned Owl, the Eastern Screech Owl, and the Barred Owl.

If you've spent much time around the greenbelt, you may have already crossed paths with our Great Horned Owls. They're big, impressive birds often spotted around Mills Pond or perched high along the trail. I usually hear their deep "hoo-hoo" calls early in the morning before I ever see them—one of my favorite sounds on a sunrise run.

Our smaller residents, the Eastern Screech Owls and Barred Owls, tend to be a bit more secretive, but they're very much part of the Wells Branch community too. Some lucky neighbors with owl boxes even get a daily treat: a mated pair peeking out from their cozy home while the morning coffee brews.

Owls play a crucial role in keeping our local ecosystem healthy. They naturally control populations of rodents, insects, and small mammals—helping prevent damage to gardens, homes, and the environment. A single owl can consume over 1000 rodents in a year. Some Great Horned Owls can eat up to 4000 rodents!

Unfortunately, Austin's rapid growth has created challenges for owl populations. Habitat loss, vehicle collisions, and exposure to rodenticides (from poisoned rodents) all pose serious threats. Even hazards like discarded fishing line around Mills Pond can lead to injuries from entanglement.

The good news? There are simple ways we can help protect and support our owl neighbors:

- Turn off outdoor lights at night to reduce stress and disorientation for birds.
- Avoid pesticides and rodenticides, which harm owls both directly and indirectly.
- Help remove fishing line and trash from around Mills Pond and the greenbelt.
- Transform your yard into a wildlife-friendly habitat! Learn how to get your yard certified at [nwf.org/certify](http://nwf.org/certify).

With just a few thoughtful actions, we can keep Wells Branch a welcoming home for these incredible birds—and enjoy their presence for years to come.



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**WB Wild Update**

Whether you're into plants, birds, geology, or all of the above, Wells Branch Wild Conservancy has events to match your interests! Check out our upcoming events below.

For the past three years, the Conservancy has been hard at work certifying Wells Branch as a Community Wildlife Habitat. We need 200 homes to certify in order to reach that goal. Today, we have 177 certified properties—we're so close!

Certifying your property is meaningful for many reasons. For Wells Branch, it signals to our neighbors—and to the people who help maintain our community spaces (our MUD Directors, the Parks & Rec Committee, and our landscaping contractors)—that building and preserving sustainable, wild-life-friendly habitats matters to us. The more they learn about these benefits and see our community's enthusiasm, the more likely they are to join in.

If you have questions—Why does it cost \$30? Do I qualify? What if I can't afford to certify? How do I get started? —please reach out to me at [jill\\_douglass@wellsbranchwild.org](mailto:jill_douglass@wellsbranchwild.org).

**Upcoming Events**

**EarthFest & Native Plant Sale**

**Sunday, March 29 | 1:00–5:00pm**

**WB MUD Rec. Ctr | 3000 Shoreline Dr**

<https://wellsbranchwild.org/native-plant-sale/>

**Geology Field Trip: Rocks, Fossils, & Fault Zones**

**Saturday, April 11 | 9:00am**

**Mills Pond | 15108 Wells Port**

Join local geologist Neil Suneson for a stroll around Mills Pond to learn how tectonics shaped our neighborhood.

**Birding Symposium—Saturday, April 18**

**Morning Outdoor Session: 7:15 am** — Meet at Mills Pond

7:30–8:30 am — Bird ID walk around Mills Pond & trails

**(Registration required; limit 20 participants)**

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/44msrszn>

**Transition: 8:45 am** — Meet at WB Recreation Center

(3000 Shoreline Dr — no registration required)

**Indoor Sessions:**

9:00–10:00 am — The Marvels of Migration with Dave Mintz

10:00–11:00 am — Owls and Other Birds of Wells Branch with

Natasia Moore

**WB Wild Purple Martin Field Trip** *info on page 13*

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**STEP 1: Attend the Information Session**  
Saturday, March 28 | 11:00am to 11:30am  
Windsor Park Branch Library  
5833 Westminster Dr. Austin, TX 78723  
Spanish interpretation provided





**STEP 2: Attend the Citizenship Clinic**  
Saturday, April 11 | 9:00am-2:00pm\*  
\*Registration closes at 11:30am  
Asian American Resource Center (AARC)

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Hosted by the City of Austin, Congressman Greg Casar, AFL\*CIO, and American Gateways.

# Happy Spring, Wells Branch!

**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

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ready to help with:  Newsletter Delivery     Crime Watch     July 4th  
 Easter Egg Hunt     Nat'l Night Out     Pumpkin Patch     Luminary Fest

MAIL TO: WBNA Membership, 2104 Klattenhoff, Austin, TX 78728 | ONLINE: [wbna.us/membership/](http://wbna.us/membership/)



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