

Roll out the RED, WHITE, and BLUE! 4th Fest is HERE!

Let's show our Wells Branch Spirit!

Meet in front of the community center at 9:30am. The parade takes off at 10:00am. If you've never been to one of our parades before, then get ready to see lots of decorated bikes, wagons, trailers, DOGS, KIDS, hats, motorcycles and floats. It's a grand event! If you wish to include a float in this year's parade, please contact the WB MUD Program & Events Coordinator at 512-251-9814.

2026 Parade Route (Departs at 10:00am sharp!)

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



When the parade returns to the Community Center, we kick off a day of fun events. WB MUD will feature children's activities throughout the park until 2:00pm and free

admission to KF Pool with games there from 1:00-4:00pm. There'll be balloon clowns and face painting in the courtyard, and a bubble station, dunk tank, and inflatables in the park until 2:00pm. Be sure and capture a moment in the 4thFest photo booth. Live entertainment starts at 10:30am under the Big Tent behind the Community Center with the band, **Texas Bad Cats (txbadcats.com)**. Stop by the WB MUD info booth for free Cupcakes! Cool off inside the CC, visit the WBNA Silent Auction or stop by the Friends of the Library table for a tattoo and enter their raffle. The WB Library will be there as well with all kinds of goodies. **ALL FOR FREE!**

Concessions will be available from local restaurants and community service groups offering a variety of items to enjoy. Finish up the day with fireworks at 9:00pm at the Rec Center on Shoreline.

Please see pages 8 and 9 for more details.

WBNA 4thFest Silent Auction

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

WB Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

The 2026 WBNA "live" silent auction is set to dazzle at the WB 4thFest! All proceeds benefit our amazing community. Monies raised help to fund the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out and Pumpkin Patch/Painting along with our participation in the WB MUD Halloween Trunk or Treat and Luminary Fest, WBNA educational and safety seminars and the "Neighborhood News" newsletter throughout the year.



Check out the outstanding selection of gift baskets and certificates, goods, and services donated by WB friends, neighbors and businesses! Online bidding began June 19 and will end on July 2 at Noon. Check out all the spectacular auction items here:

<https://www.32auctions.com/WBNA4thFest2026>

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

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

Contact Margaret Sufke at 208-869-5224 or SilentAuction@wbna.us if you have an item or service you'd like to donate or if you'd like to volunteer. **Please see the sign-up link on page 2. We can ALWAYS use a hand and donations are welcome through July 1st. Thank YOU!**

Need to **REGISTER to VOTE** or change your address? We'll have VDRs on hand in the Community Center lobby to help and a collection point for **St. A's Food Bank** as well. See page 2.



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2027 Wells Branch Community Calendar Photo Contest: "Wells Branch Wonders"



The annual WBNA Community Calendar Photo Contest is underway. Our 2026 calendar was extremely popular, celebrating 10 years of publication. The tribute cover photo of the WB Community Library mural showcased the true spirit of Wells Branch.

The 2027 theme is **"Wells Branch Wonders"**. Share the wonders of

our amazing community with your neighbors! Once again the contest will take place both live in the WB MUD Rec. Center main lobby, where entries will be on full display, as well as online via our WBNA Facebook gallery for viewing and voting. "Live" votes will be collected in a drop box at the Rec. Center. Check frequently as the gallery is updated as submissions are received. You may vote often, but only once for a single image.

Online voting will take place via the WBNA Facebook page:

<https://tinyurl.com/2027WBNACommunityCalendarContestAlbum>

As a reminder, anyone who lives in Wells Branch can submit up to six photos. The image(s) MUST be in 8x10 landscape format for the calendar. The only real "rules" are that images must be taken within Wells Branch boundaries by Wells Branch residents. NOTE: All participants **MUST provide an 8x10 printed hi-res color image** for the gallery display at the Rec Center.

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

Important Dates to Remember:

Jun. 16: Contest opened. Use the online form and drop photo entry at the WB MUD Rec Center, 3000 Shoreline Drive

Sep. 6: Contest closes and voting ends at 6:00pm

Sept. 14: Winners announced

Sept. 26: Early sales begin at the WBNA Crafter's Marketplace

Oct. 6: The new 2027 Calendars will be available at National Night Out

Questions? Contact Margaret Sufke, Calendar Contest Coordinator, at mmmsufke@gmail.com



WBNA 2026 Silent Auction: "250" Ways our Volunteers Have Fun!

Ok maybe not 250, but there are many ways you can help by volunteering at the WBNA Silent Auction—and it is a ton of fun. You'll get a sneak peek of this year's auction goodies. Consider helping to stage the auction items or how about a ride on the WBNA parade float? If you help decorate it, you can ride it—it's worth an early start! Want to experience the excitement of the closing bids? Volunteer to be a closer and get ready to move quickly.

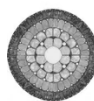
Whatever you to choose do—we can promise that you will have a good time at the 2026 4thFest Silent Auction and it's air conditioned inside!



Opportunities Include:

- **Friday, July 3rd:** Staging the baskets and set-up 9:00am-4:00pm (Free lunch if you work 2 or more shifts). We have had some truly excellent basket builders!
- **Saturday, July 4th:** Float Prep, Parade ride and tear down (several shifts)
- **Saturday, July 4th:** Silent Auction 9:00am-4:00pm. many shifts are available, including bidder registration, runners, pick up window, cashiers and closers

Remember, it's our amazing volunteers that really help make things happen. Please consider joining our team! Even if you can only give an hour or two—your contribution helps the entire community succeed. To volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/4thFestVols2026> or use the QR code above!



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A 4thFest Request from St. Andrew's

Our food bank supplies are running low and our Pantry Program is busier than ever. As you head out to watch the parade, go to the WB MUD outdoor activities or head for the WBNA Silent Auction, please consider bringing a canned good or dry pantry item. We will have a collection table set up in the Community Center lobby. Thank you for your support.



St. A's Amazon
Wish List

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11	8	9	Closed Homes
22	32	51	Active Homes
1.8	2.7	6.2	Months Inventory
\$232.17	\$233.87	\$212.72	Closed Median PPSF**
1957	1742	2058	Median SF
77	47	74	Avg. Days on Market
97.2%	98.2%	97%	Avg. % Sold vs. Orig. List

*SOURCE: TX REALTORS MarketViewer, most recent, based on single-family resale homes. Text Pam for source reports! **price per Sq Ft

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Q: We have outgrown our home, but don't want to move twice. Is it possible to sell, find a house and just move once?

A: YES. There are several options - buy before you sell programs and the seller leaseback option. Depending on your equity position in the house you need to sell as well as your overall financial situation. We can talk through the options to find the best fit for your family.

Q: I heard I had to save at least 20% for a down payment - true?

A: Not true. This particular home qualifies for the H.O.P.E. loan program with ZERO down. If you qualify for a VA loan, that is also zero down. FHA & Conventional loans are typically 3.5 & 3-5% down respectively. There are down payment assistance programs, 1st time buyer programs & more. Speaking to a lender to explore your options is the best 1st step when starting your home journey. I have a great list of trusted lenders that I'm happy to share—just call, text or email and I'll send it right over!

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Deadline for the September 12, 2026 newsletter is Friday, September 4, 2026.

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Catch World Cup Fever with Wells Branch Soccer!

by Gabriela Hinojosa, Secretary, WBSA

With the 2026 FIFA World Cup capturing attention

around the globe, there's no better time to get involved in the world's most popular sport. Wells Branch Soccer Association (WBSA) is excited to announce that Fall 2026 registration is now open.

For more than 30 years, WBSA has provided one of the area's most affordable youth soccer programs, offering opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels. Whether your child is just getting started or looking to build on their experience, WBSA offers a fun, supportive environment focused on skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Programs include recreational soccer for all ages and our popular SoccerKIDZ program for children ages 2-4.

Key Dates:

Practices begin: Mid-to-late August 2026

First games: Early September 2026

SoccerKIDZ sessions begin: Mid-September 2026

Several age groups fill quickly each season, so families are encouraged to register early.

Scan the QR code below to register today and secure your spot for Fall 2026.

WBSA is proud to be a volunteer-driven organization serving Wells Branch families for generations. We look forward to seeing both new and returning players on the field this fall!



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THANK YOU, WELLS BRANCH!

WELLS BRANCH ARMADA 2026 SEASON CELEBRATION

A huge thank you to our swimmers, families, volunteers, sponsors, and the entire Wells Branch community for making the 2026 Armada season such a success. Because of your support, our swimmers built friendships, chased personal bests, and made memories that will last long after the lane ropes are put away.

★ JOIN US FOR THE CELEBRATION ★



ARMADA AWARDS NIGHT



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GO ARMADA!

Thank you for helping make Wells Branch
a great place to swim, grow, and belong.



Scouts BSA Pack 728 News

by Lee Logan, Pack Leader

Pack 728's cub scouts are enjoying their summer break – but they're also participating in some fun scouting activities while school is out!

Be sure to look out for our scouts in the upcoming July 4th parade, and at Fourthfest. Some of our scouts are also attending overnight summer camp at Lost Pines, and we are also doing trash cleanup and selling concessions at the upcoming Movies in the Park events in July and August.

Our regular meetings will ramp up again when school resumes in the fall. Any elementary-aged kid who might be interested in cub scouts can come check us out! Kids can join Pack 728 all year round.

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

WB Community Library

Board of Trustees 2026 Election

The Wells Branch Community Library District will be on the general ballot on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to elect three (3) trustees for a term of two (2) years. The election will be hosted and managed by Travis County at polling locations selected by the Election Division.



To meet eligibility requirements, interested persons must be registered to vote within the district boundaries. If there are not more eligible candidates than positions available, the election will be cancelled and the unopposed candidates will be elected by acclamation.

For more information, please visit:

wblibrary.org/about-us/board-of-trustees/2026-election

Wells Branch MUD

Board of Directors 2026 Election

Board of Director elections are held on the uniform election date in November of every even-numbered year for staggered four year terms. In 2026, the election will be held on Tuesday, November 3. Places 1, 3, and 5 are up for election this year. You must declare the Place you seek. Place 1 is currently held by Kevin Ward, Place 3 by Betsey Harper, and Place 5 by Shelley Palmer. The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot is Monday, July 20, at 8:00am. The deadline to file an application for a place on the ballot is 5:00pm on Monday, August 17. If you are interested in becoming a Director, please visit:

wellsbranchmud.com/election for more information.



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Library Renovation News from the Architecture Committee -

by Abbie Joffrain Library Board President

Our WB Library Renovation project that kicked off in October is wrapping up the first of 4 phases. The project will continue through early 2027. Phase one encompassed our new lobby and expanded program space. The breezeway was enclosed with glass to create a lobby and keep the open airy feel. The program room was expanded and updated. The restrooms and makerspace have been refreshed and updated. The portion of the main library closed off since the fall will reopen with new floors and new lighting.

The second phase starts just as the first ends. It will encompass the offices and bathrooms in the main library space. There will be new walls going up to contain the dust and keep the construction out of the way of our library patrons so everyone is able to access the library while the renovations continue. This marks a milestone for the library, and highlights the successful vision of our neighbors 28 years ago, and their hard work to bring a library to life in our community. We can't wait for everyone to see the updated spaces!

Freddie's Car Wash – A Dream Close to Home

What started as a simple idea soon became a journey filled with persistence, patience, and a lot of faith. Together, Wells Branch neighbor Freddie Martinez and business partner Margaret Hardy spent months researching, planning, and reimagining what the car wash could become. There were plenty of unknowns along the way, but they remained committed to creating something the community could be proud of.

Today, that dream has become Freddie's Car Wash.

Located at 2009 Wells Branch Parkway, Freddie's Car Wash is a locally owned and operated business built with one goal in mind: providing a clean, safe, and welcoming place for neighbors to care for their vehicles while supporting a local business that truly cares about the community.

Freddie often says: "Love on the community, and the community will love you back."

That simple philosophy is at the heart of everything they do. Freddie's Car Wash is proud to call Wells Branch home and looks forward to serving the community for many years to come.



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Summer Reading 2026: Unearth a Story: May 30– July 31

Adopt a Dinosaur (July 1-30) Find a Dinosaur Profile in the shelves and bring it to the Front Desk to collect your dinosaur friend. Must be 18+ to adopt.

Mr. Blue Shoes* - Join us at 10:30am on July 2 for a kids' concert with Mr. Blue Shoes!

Silly Sparkles* - Come for puppets and magic on July 9 at 10:30am.

Amber Blue* - Join Amber Blue, Mr. Johnny, and Sharon for a kids' concert on July 16 at 10:30am

Staci Gray* - Come for music and bubbles with Staci Gray on July 18 at 10:30am

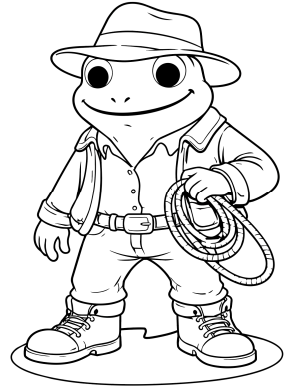
Percussion Things* - Join Percussion Things on July 23 at 2:30pm for a fun and musical family show.

Be A Pokemon Trainer! - Now is your chance to catch some Pokemon! Join us on July 25 at 10:30am to catch what you can and battle a master!

Afternoon Matinee– July 25 at 4pm. Adults are invited to watch the original *Jurassic Park* together.

Mr. Mark's Twisty Art* - Let's close Summer Reading performances with Mr. Mark and his balloon storytelling on July 27 at 1pm.

Texas Archaeology *(Adult program) - July 30 at 6pm. Local experts will give a presentation and take questions.



Teens Only (10-18)

Teen Lego Challenge*: July 11 at 2pm -Compete in various Lego building challenges

Teen Library Council: 1st & 3rd Sat at 2pm

Teen Talk and Craft: Wed at 3pm

Ongoing Adult Programs:

Charla Chat: July 5 at 1:30pm

Knit and Crochet Group: July 8 at 6pm

WWW Book Club: July 16 @ 6pm

Résumé Workshop: July 25 at 10am

Adult DIY Crafts* Wednesdays at 6pm

Puzzle Swap: First Sunday of each month at 4pm

Fiber Fun: BYO Project Sundays @ 2pm

Culture Corner: Family Event

July 19 at 1:30pm

Indrajit Banerjee returns with his wonderful Sitar concert.

Kids Programs

Art Battles*: (8-12) Mon at 4pm – Art-based challenges to attempt.

Puzzle Partners: (5+ w/an adult partner) Wed at 1pm – Play various puzzles week to week from jigsaw to words to Eye Spy!

Who Would Win?*: (5+) Thursdays at 5pm in June and July– Join us for lively discussions based on the popular *Who Would Win* books!

Bilingual Storytime : 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 1:30pm

Film Club Friday - Every Friday at 3pm, we will be showing G and PG-rated movies following our Summer Reading theme.

Adult Programs

Traveling Tea Book Club: July 2 at 6pm– Talk about the books we are reading and drink some tea together. Nonmembers and newcomers are welcome.

Elder Wisdom: July 7 at 2 pm—Come for a presentation from a representative of Natural Grocers on healthy eating and nutrition

Viking Pencil Bags*: July 9 at 6pm– Decorate a pouch with Viking inspired designs.

Take a Break Book Club (at Malone's Specialty Coffee) July 10 at 1 pm- This month's discussion theme is books about weddings—whether they went beautifully, disastrously, or somewhere in between.

Spice of the Month; the potluck returns: July 11 at 4pm- Bring a dish to the Spice of the Month POTLUCK! You can pick up your shichimi togarashi packet now through July 10th.

Mindful Meditation & Stretching*: July 18 at 4pm- 60-minutes in the new large room with plenty of space to stretch out.

Elder Wisdom Brainy Break: July 21 at 2pm— word games designed to challenge the mind, encourage friendly competition, and provide plenty of laughs.

Ceramics Painting*: July 23 at 6pm- Paint a ceramic to take home.

*To see everything happening at the library, including our **10 weekly storytimes**,*

check out our website at WBLIBRARY.ORG.

*Programs are always free. Programs with *require advance registration at wblibrary.eventbrite.com*





FRIENDS OF THE Wells Branch LIBRARY

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!

We'd like to introduce our newest FOL Ambassador "Dr. Lovebook" – our new logo! Since one of our goals is to

promote reading and also the love of books, what better logo could we ask for than a book with a heart coming out of it? If you can think of a better name for him (or her?), please let us know!

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! E-mail us your name, address, phone number and we will keep you updated about our activities.

Matt Bucher, Secretary, WB Library Board of Trustees, recommends:

Earth 7 by Deb Olin Unferth

I loved Austin writer Deb Olin Unferth's new novel, *Earth 7*. It is a speculative, post-apocalyptic tale set on a severely depopulated Earth shaped by climate catastrophe and technological extremes. The story revolves around Dylan, who grows up in an isolated underwater pod with her scientist mother. Dylan later navigates a fragmented world where humanity has splintered into divergent survival strategies: some flee to Mars, others digitize their consciousness, and a few remain on Earth to preserve life's molecular traces.

As Dylan matures, she moves through strange environments, from desert labs cataloging genetic material to artificial resorts. And she forms a complex relationship with Melanie, a woman rumored to be a robot (though she may instead be human, altered by technology to the edge of immortality). Their unlikely connection becomes the novel's emotional core, framing it as both an unconventional love story and a meditation on survival.

Blending humor, philosophical inquiry, and speculative worldbuilding, the novel explores big questions about consciousness, extinction, and whether technology can save or accelerate humanity's demise. Ultimately, *Earth 7* is less about averting apocalypse than about what persists (love, curiosity, and traces of life) at the edge of planetary collapse.

Tracy Simon, FOL Member recommends:

Where the Wildflowers Grow by Terah Shelton Harris

Born in a ramshackle trailer in rural Alabama, Leigh is a survivor. She has survived the trauma of a loveless up bringing, death of her family in a fire and imprisonment. During transport between jail facilities the prison bus goes off the road into a lake. The only survivor, she hides from the authorities.

While avoiding the authorities, Leigh's journey travels from a concrete cage to a flower farm. With fresh air and dirt under her nails, Leigh starts to bud. The flower farm's unorthodox family of workers help unlock a closed heart while the dahlias open her eyes to transformation. She finds healing in the form of kindness, self recognition in the form of hard work, and peace watching the wild flowers grow.

Unconsciously, Leigh begins to understand her path as dictated by her survivorship. She finds love and companionship while helping the flower farm develop. This book is a story of Leigh's journey after surviving severe traumas.

The Friends of the Wells Branch Library is a non-profit organization that serves as ambassadors for the library, promoting library resources and programs, hosting events, and providing gift cards to library staff on their birthdays. Due to depleting funds, we are seeking contributions via PayPal to maintain our presence in the neighborhood. Please consider the Friends of the Library when making your charitable donations. Come find us at FourthFest, where we will have temporary tattoos for kids and a book giveaway raffle!



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References Available Upon Request



REMINDER: PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PET'S MICROCHIP INFO and MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THEIR COLLAR & TAGS!



Every year we see an increase in lost pets around the 4th of July, as they try to escape the noise and confusion of fireworks.

IF YOU FIND A LOST PET please text the Wells Branch microchip scanner volunteer at **(512) 270-1026** for a free scan, or take the pet to your nearest fire station, vet office, or pet supply store such as Petsmart or Petco to have them scanned.

In addition, please post on the Wells Branch Lost and Found Pets page on Facebook, Austin Lost & Found Pets, Pflugerville Lost & Found Pets, Nextdoor, and the Wells Branch Google Group.

**WB MUD Town Hall Meeting:
Intro to Budget & Tax Rate**
Tuesday, August 4 | 6:00pm
WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

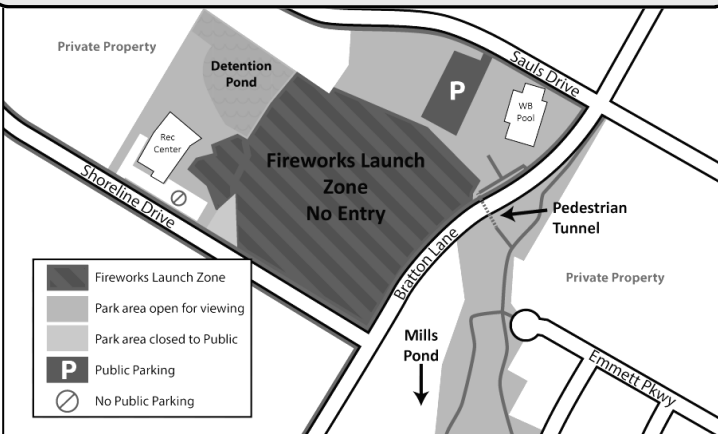


Curious where your tax dollars go? Want to better understand how the District operates? Join us for an informative and engaging Budget and Tax Rate Town Hall Board Meeting happening Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6:00pm at the Recreation Center on Shoreline.

This is an opportunity to learn more about the financial operations and future plans of the District. Whether you are new to the area or have lived in the neighborhood for years, this meeting will give an in-depth view of the District's services, projects, budget, and tax rate setting process.

Interested in understanding how your tax rate is determined, learning more about upcoming projects, or simply becoming a more informed resident? This is a great opportunity to give your direct input and to hear from District leadership.

**Wells Branch MUD
4th of July Fireworks Launch Map**



The map shows the Fireworks Launch Zone in the center, which is a 'No Entry' zone. Surrounding areas include the Detention Pond, Rec Center, and various streets. A legend indicates that the launch zone is closed to public, while other areas are open for viewing. Public parking is marked with a 'P' and 'No Public Parking' is marked with a circle and slash.

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Wells Branch Community Events

WBNA Silent Auction

Saturday, July 4 | 9:00am-2:00pm with pick-up until 5:00pm

WB Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

See page 1 for details!

FourthFest Parade & Activities

Saturday, July 4 | 10:00am

KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

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



After the parade, snag free watermelon and explore all that Wells Branch has to offer with their flurry of free FourthFest activities. Purchase a tasty lunch from a variety of local vendors. Activities run until 2:00pm.

There is something for everyone at FourthFest, and there's no better place to be on the Fourth of July! Look for the parade map and more info on pages 1 and 3 of this issue.

WB MUD FourthFest Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, July 4 | 11:00am

WB Homestead | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

If you're driven to compete, try your hand at our cornhole tournament! Get your partner and test your skill in a face off with your fellow cornhole-playing neighbors. Pre-registration is required (price available soon) and spots go fast, so make sure to grab your place as soon as you can for a chance to take home the coveted first place spot!

Team Registration: Open to up to 24 teams, each consisting of 2 people.

Eligibility: Participants must be at least 13 years old. Each team must include at least one adult. **New in 2026: Please note at least one participant must live in-District.**

Check-In: All registrants must meet in front of the Wells Branch Homestead building (2106 Klattenhoff Drive) between 10:30 and 11:00am on the day of the event.

WB MUD FourthFest Fireworks

Saturday, July 4 | 9:00pm

WB Rec Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Close out Independence Day with a bang, right here in the District! Launching from the Recreation Center, witness the beauty of the dazzling fireworks show. Fireworks of varying styles and sizes will light up the sky and leave you in awe. No public parking will be available at the Recreation Center and no personal fireworks are allowed on District Property.

See map on page 8 or visit wellsbranchmud.com



WB MUD Dive-In Movies:

Friday, July 10 | Shrek

Wednesday, August 5 | Surf's Up

Friday, September 11 | The Little Mermaid (1989)

8:00pm | KF Pool | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

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

WB MUD Movies in the Park:

Friday, July 17 | The Lego Batman Movie

Friday, August 14 | Hoppers

8:30pm | KF Park | 2106 Klattenhoff Drive

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

WB Wild Mosquito Presentation

Saturday, July 18 | 10:00am

WB Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

Join us this month as we chat about mosquitoes—what actually works to manage them, what to watch out for with pesticides, and how to keep your yard both comfortable and wildlife-friendly.



Bonus: We'll be giving away **10 mosquito traps** as door prizes—so you might head home with a little extra help! We'd love to see you there! See corresponding article on page 12.

WB MUD Town Hall Meeting:

Intro to Budget & Tax Rate

Tuesday, August 4 | 6:00pm

WB MUD Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

See page 8 for details.

WB MUD Labor Day Casino Night

Saturday, September 5 | 6:00-9:00pm

WB Rec. Center | 3000 Shoreline Drive

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

WB MUD Presents: Live Music in the Park

Friday, September 18 | 6:00-8:00pm

WB Community Ctr Courtyard | 2106 Klattenhoff

Sit back, relax, and enjoy our free Music in the Park! Listen to live performers play from the Community Center Courtyard as you lounge on the lawn with your loved ones.

Performer information available closer to day of event. See wellsbranchmud.com/parks-a-recreation/events

WB MUD Open Mic Night

Thursday, September 24 | 7:00-9:00pm

WB Community Center | 2106 Klattenhoff

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

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Calling all local area crafters and artists! 2026 WBNA Arts at the Library Marketplace

We are excited to be able to launch the 2026 Arts at the Library Marketplace—it's our 4th year hosting this truly collaborative event. Please note that there is a change in venue location this year. Due to the library's construction project, we will set up in the WB Community Garden Parking Lot. We'll return to the Library next year.



WELLS BRANCH HAND-CRAFTERS MARKETPLACE

The event will continue to focus on hand-crafted goods, services, and artwork, utilizing a "farmer's market" layout for local artisans and crafters. Vendors are encouraged to showcase their niche market hand crafted products and personalized services. We will also host a small area for "Kiddo Crafts" for young entrepreneurs looking to learn how to market their work.

The wide variety of products offered in years past is what makes the marketplace so successful! Do you make jewelry or work in wood, glass, clay, textiles or resin? How about painting, photography or home goods? Do you craft personal care products like soaps, honey, candles, or natural beauty products? Do you bake, cook, write or create music? We are ready to help showcase your talents.

If you create something wonderfully unique to sell and you want to grow your business in the Wells Branch area, this event is for **YOU** and all of Wells Branch. WBNA is organizing this event for the neighborhood to help promote the wide variety of locally hand-crafted goods, original artwork, photography, literature, music, and culinary creations. Fees collected for the stall space will serve as a donation to the WBNA organization, which in turn benefits the entire Wells Branch community.

Details for Vendors:

- **Format:** Open air parking lot with assigned spaces, Canopies are **STRONGLY** recommended (10' x 10')
- Reserve a 10' x 10' space for \$25
- 6' tables available for \$10 (limited supply)
- Reserve a double space for \$40

There will be an open stage area available for live performances, such as music, readings or storytelling. When signing up, note that you are a performer. The WBNA team would like to sincerely thank Donita Ward, WB Library Director and the WB Library Board of Trustees for continuing to lend their name to the event. We would like thank the WB MUD Parks and Rec team for sharing their facilities during the library's construction.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2026-AATL-Market>

Questions? Contact Margaret Sufke: 208-869-5224 or direct email: mmsufke@gmail.com



WB MUD Fourth of July Holiday Schedules

In observance of the Fourth of July the following changes to WB MUD facility hours and schedules will occur. FourthFest will be held on Saturday, July 4. See pages 1 & 9 for details.

Pool Hours: Both pools will be **Open Swim** with **FREE** entry.

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

Willow Bend Pool: 1:00-7:00pm

WB MUD Rec. Center on Shoreline will be closed on Saturday, July 4.





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WB Silver Branchers Social Club*

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

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.

Wells Branch Photo Club*

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month

6:30-8:00pm | Room 104 (Summer)

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.

Watch for a list of upcoming photo ops via the WB Google Group, WBNA Facebook Page, WB Photo Club Facebook Page, and wbna.us.

WB Drop-In Mahjongg Club*

Meets every Wednesday | 6:30-8:30pm | Rm 104

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.

**For questions about these clubs, contact Margaret Sufke at mmsufke@gmail.com or 208-869-5224.*

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 (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 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.*

Join the Wells Branch Run Club!

by Cindy Gravell, WBRC member

Looking for a free, inclusive community running group to help you reach your fitness goals? Join the Wells Branch Run Club!



We meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 5:45am at the Chuck Walters Pavilion at KF Park. Total mileage both days is around 4 miles. Tuesday mornings are geared toward running shorter intervals with distances ranging from 400m to 1 mile. On Thursday mornings we typically run a 4 mile route around the neighborhood at a steady pace.

There is also a 5-6 mile Saturday morning run that meets at the Mills Pond parking lot. Start time varies but is typically around 7am. All paces and skill levels are welcome! Come join us! We love meeting new faces.

For more information, leave a message on our facebook page "Wells Branch Run Club". **Happy running!**

American Red Cross Blood Drives

Saturday, July 11 | 9:30am-3:00pm

Saturday, August 1 | 9:30am-3:00pm

Saturday, September 5 | 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. Donations are always in high demand, so save lives and consider donating!

To donate, visit the link below and enter the Recreation Center zip code (78728). Scroll to the option that says Wells Branch Recreation Center, and select your time to donate! *Link: redcrossblood.org/give*

WB MUD Bulk Trash Days

Saturday, July 11 | 8:00am- Noon

Saturday, August 8 | 8:00am-Noon

Saturday, September 12 | 8:00am-Noon

WB MUD P & F Yard | 13905 Thermal

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

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>



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.

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Wells Branch Wild CONSERVANCY

Mosquito Season Is Here—What Actually Helps?

by Jill Douglass

With summer in full swing—and all the rain we've been getting—mosquitoes are definitely making themselves at home in our neighborhood. While their bites are mostly just irritating, in some cases mosquitoes can carry diseases, so it's worth taking a few steps to limit their presence.

It's tempting to think that spraying your yard with pesticides will solve the problem, but unfortunately it's not that simple. Mosquito populations are very resilient, and even after treatment, they tend to bounce back quickly. More importantly, those sprays don't just affect mosquitoes—they also harm beneficial insects like bees, butterflies, fireflies, ladybugs, and caterpillars. These insects play important roles in pollinating plants, breaking down organic material, and supporting the food chain for birds, frogs, and lizards. In addition, many pesticides can pose risks to people and can wash into our waterways, where aquatic life is especially sensitive.

The good news is that there are safer, more targeted ways to reduce mosquito populations:

Eliminate standing water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in still water, so dumping out containers, unclogging drains, and keeping items like buckets and flowerpots dry can make a big difference.

Set simple mosquito traps using dunks. For water that can't be removed, you can turn it into part of the solution. Place a bucket of water in a shaded area and add a mosquito dunk containing *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti). The water attracts female mosquitoes looking for a place to lay eggs—but the Bti kills the larvae before they mature. In effect, you're creating a trap that helps reduce the next generation of mosquitoes. Best of all, Bti is safe for people, pets, birds, and fish. For more info, visit:

<https://www.energyvanguard.com/blog/try-the-mosquito-bucket-of-death/>

These steps can significantly reduce mosquito numbers, though they won't eliminate them entirely.

To protect yourself while outdoors:

Use mosquito repellent (products without DEET are great for everyday use, though DEET can provide stronger protection when needed).

Sit near a fan—mosquitoes are weak fliers and have trouble navigating moving air.

Wear long sleeves and pants when practical (though that's admittedly not always easy in a Texas summer!).

In short: While there's no perfect solution, focusing on prevention and personal protection works better—and is far more environmentally friendly—than relying on chemical sprays.

Stay cool and bite-free this summer!



Wells Branch Wild MOSQUITOS

Learn about

- pesticide efficacy and toxicity
- methods to protect yourself

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How to Make Your Own Mosquito Bucket of Doom

1. Fill a 2–5 gal bucket 2/3 with water and add a handful of dry leaves and fresh grass. I add more grass each time I add dunks.
2. Add a Mosquito Dunk: Use 1/4—1/2 of a mosquito dunk (wildlife-friendly and kid-safe). Replace dunk monthly.
3. Add wire mesh on top of the bucket to keep small animals from falling in or a place a "Rescue Stick" inside so they can climb out.
4. Set buckets in shady spots around your yard & share your magic with your neighbors!



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