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WELLS BRANCH

WORD



Teen Clinics Ages 11-14

DATE/COST	ACTIVITY/LOCATION	TIMES
June 2-August 1 \$25	Basketball League M-W-F Recreation Center	2pm-4pm
June 3-July 31 \$10	Volleyball T-TH Recreation Center	2pm-4pm
June 10 & 12 \$20	Cheer Clinic-Beginning Recreation Center	10am-2pm
June 17 & 19 \$20	Cheer Clinic-Beginning Recreation Center	10am-2pm
June 23, 25, & 27 \$6	Soccer Clinic Katherine Fleischer Park	10am-Noon
July 1 & 3 \$20	Cheer Clinic-Intermediate Recreation Center	10am-2pm
July 8 & 10 \$20	Cheer Clinic-Intermediate Recreation Center	10am-2pm
July 15 & 17 \$20	Cheer Clinic Inter/Adv. Recreation Center	10am-2pm
July 22 & 24 \$20	Cheer Clinic Inter/Adv. Recreation Center	10am-2pm
July 28, 30 & Aug 1 \$6	Soccer Clinic Katherine Fleischer Park	10am-Noon

Pay in advance at MUD Office - 3000 Shoreline Drive
Teens will need to bring water bottle, snack, and drink with them.

MUD's teen clinics offer summer fun

Wells Branch is taking a new approach to involving teens in summer fun this year, offering "Teen Clinics."

The clinics supplement popular Stuff 2-Do camps for younger children. Among activities (see list at left) are a summer-long basketball league for only \$25 for the season and a volleyball league for only \$10.

Danny Gomez, a veteran instructor with experience in national cheerleading competitions, will instruct cheer clinics at three levels — beginning, intermediate and intermediate/advanced. The clinics will involve gymnastics and dance, said Mona Oliver, acting MUD recreation manager.

To get ready for fall soccer, Offsides Soccer volunteers will guide clinics in Katherine Fleischer Park.

A few spaces are also available for the Stuff 2-Do camps. To register for the teen clinics or Stuff 2-Do, stop by the MUD office (251-9814) at 3000 Shoreline.

Hole new look

Work continues on the Shoreline Detention Pond adjacent to the MUD complex at 3000 Shoreline. The pond, financed with assistance from the Texas Water Development Board, will improve water flow along the Wells Branch creek. Completion is scheduled this summer.





Wells Branch

Community Policing

Simple steps keep burglars at bay

School is almost out and, with more people away from home, burglaries tend to rise during this time of year.

Please remember to close your garage doors at night and don't leave your garage door opener where burglars can get to it.

Trim back bushes and trees to enhance visibility and give burglars fewer places to hide..

Be aware of your surroundings at all times. If something seems suspicious to you, then it probably is suspicious. You should call the sheriff's department at 854-9285, if it's not an emergency, or 9-1-1 for all emergencies.

If you have any basic questions or concerns call your neighborhood resource officer, Deputy Curtis Orton, at 251-2934. If no one is able to answer to the phone, leave a message and Deputy Orton will return your call as soon as possible.

Compost guidelines

1. Place your container(s) of grass clippings, leaves and brush at curbside by 8 A.M. MONDAY. Items placed at curbside after 8 a.m. cannot be picked up.
2. Please place grass clippings in the containers, NOT IN PLASTIC BAGS.
3. Place limbs which are too large for the containers on the ground next to the containers. Please cut the limbs — about 6 feet is an ideal length.
4. Do not put rocks, ashes, lumber, animal waste or other trash in the containers.
5. If you need additional tubs or information, call 251-9814.

Dropping a hint: owners need to police their pets

Pet waste is a subject everyone likes to avoid.

Pet waste is more than smelly and unsightly: it is a health risk to pets, bodies of water, and people, especially children.

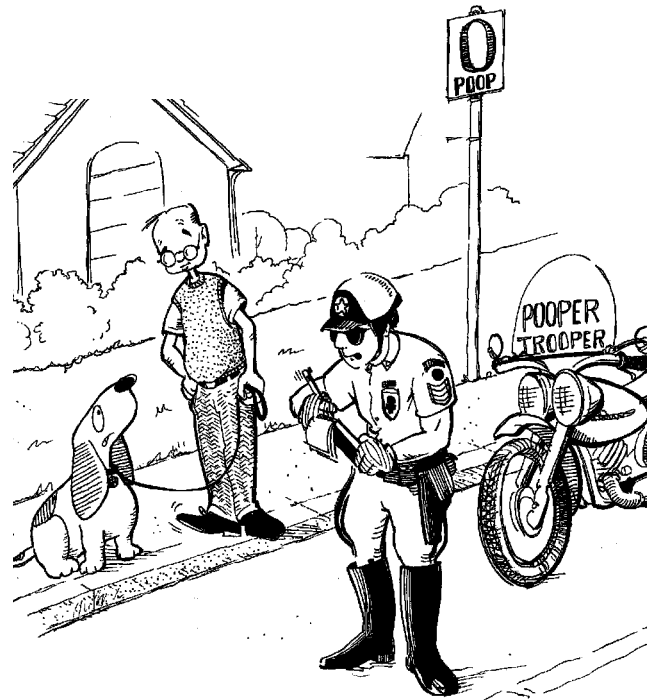
Pet waste left on trails, sidewalks, streets, and grassy areas is immediately flushed into the nearest waterway when it rains. Even if you can't see water near you, the feces go into your storm drain where it travels to your neighborhood creek or lake untreated.

Like human waste, animal waste may contain harmful bacteria and viruses, rendering the water unfit for irrigation, recreation or other uses. In addition, pet waste contains nutrients that will accelerate the growth of nuisance algae.

Here are some things for pet owners to remember in Wells Branch.

- In the parks, except for two areas designated leash-free, all pets must be on a leash and under the owner's control. MUD security officers keep an eye out, and violators are subject to a fine.
- Pet owners must remove pet waste from all parks, including leash-free areas. The MUD provides plastic bags at stations in the park for this purpose.

- Pets that defecate in a neighboring yard can become a nuisance and subject to the provisions in restrictive covenants. Restrictive covenants are legally enforceable promises homeowners make when purchasing a home.



"Sorry, sir, but your dog was going №. 2 in a zero zone."

Don't dock boat in your driveway

With summer — and the prospect of trips to the lake — coming, it may be tempting to pull the boat out of the lake and bring it home, but most areas of Wells Branch prohibit parking boats, trailers and other recreational vehicles in public view.

The MUD has received several complaints about the unsightliness of boats and other such vehicles. By making other arrangements for your boat or r-v, you're showing that you're a good neighbor.

For more information about restrictive covenants — legally enforceable promises you made when you purchased your home — contact the MUD office at 251-9814.

Wells Branch plays host to kids' triathlon May 24-25

Wells Branch will play host to about 200 youngsters from across Texas during the weekend of May 24-25 for the IronKids Triathlon Series.

The series, underwritten by IronKids Bread, offers events nationwide that lead up to the national championship in Sacramento later this year.

The event challenges kids ages 7-14 (as determined by their birthday in 2003) to run, bike and swim, much like the adult triathlon.

Kids compete in two age categories: junior and senior. Junior (age 7-10) contestants swim 100 meters, bicycle five kilometers (3.1 miles) and run one kilometer. Seniors (age 11-14) double those lengths.

The event will be centered at the Indoor Recreation Center with registration and swim safety verification Saturday (May 25). The competition gets under way at 8 a.m. Sunday.


Competitors will swim their laps at Willow Bend Pool, then don helmets and clothes for the bicycle race. Streets in the Long Vista area, just north of Mills Pond and the Willow Bend areas, will be closed for the race to help assure safety of participants.

After two laps around the bicycle course, contestants will take their footrace through the pedestrian tunnel and down Wells Branch trails, then back to the pool. Awards ceremonies will follow at the Recreation Center.

For more information, contact local coordinator Stan Tucker at 328-9900 or cell 422-9398.

It's that time again...

If your street address ends in



Watering Calendar

Watering Hours:
 hose-end sprinklers:
 midnight - 10 am, plus 7 pm - midnight
 underground systems:
 midnight - 10 am

Then your watering days are

Address ending in 1, 4, 7, 0	Address ending in 2, 5, 8	Address ending in 3, 6, 9	Address ending in 0, 3, 6, 9	Address ending in 1, 4, 7, 0
May 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, 27	June 1, 8, 11, 16, 21, 26	July 1, 8, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31	Aug. 5, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30	Sept. 4, 8, 14, 19, 24, 29
May 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27	June 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29	July 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29	Aug. 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30	Sept. 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29
May 4, 8, 14, 18, 24, 28	June 3, 7, 13, 17, 23, 27	July 3, 7, 13, 17, 23, 27	Aug. 7, 12, 17, 22, 27	Sept. 6, 11, 16, 21, 26

As we head into summer, the MUD encourages you to follow the once-every-five-day watering schedule (at right) in effect throughout the region. As a City of Austin wholesale customer, the MUD must

follow the City's water conservation plan. Your lawn and shrubs need about 1 inch every five days. More than that is usually wasted. Call 251-9814 for information.

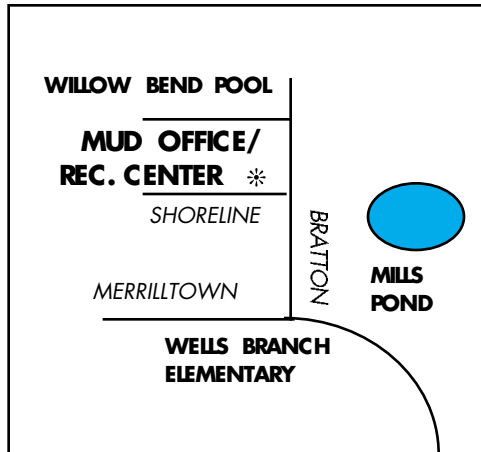
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Wells Branch Calendar - May

May 9 - Family Movie

Bring pillows and blankets for the whole family from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Rec Center gym. Enjoy the classic "Fly Away Home" (Jeff Daniels, 1996: PG) along with free popcorn. Cost is only \$4 for adults; \$2 for kids under 12.

May 3 - Fishing Lessons

Kids can learn about fishing in this free, informal catch-and-release instruction from 9 a.m. to noon at Mills Pond. Bring your gear or borrow ours.

May 25 - TOMATOFEST

Come join your neighbors for a great way to kick off the summer. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center for only \$3/adults and \$2/children. There's no sauce competition this year, but there'll be plenty of food and live entertainment from the talented songstress Bridget London.

After dinner, kids age 5-9 can enjoy supervised games in the park while the grown-ups try their luck at the funny-money casino and auction. (You must be 21 or over to participate in casino night, and no children will be allowed in the Community Center).

For information, 251-9814.

May 16 - Games Night

Kids age 5-10 can enjoy great activities (and give Mom and Dad some time off) by participating in the Games Night from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Community Center. Activities are supervised. Cost is \$4/child.