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Westbury Crier

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Support the Westbury Civic Club—Pay Your 2023 Dues

Westbury is a unique neighborhood! We are the 2nd largest neighborhood in the City of Houston with 5,000 single family homes. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, less than 500 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents like you.

Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. The past several years' contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and to the Westbury Area Patrol have been down. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. We all want a safe, flood free neighborhood with great schools and nice neighbors.

The total amount for the **2023 Voluntary Dues is \$375**. The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$315 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables). The Constable program is the largest expense of the WCC and very important. We have two deputies and one sergeant that patrol Westbury and respond to our calls quickly as law enforcement officers. Use the handy QR code to pay your dues online.



The Westbury Civic Club advocates for ALL of Westbury with the City, the County, HISD, and more, to ensure that Westbury gets its fair share of projects, updates, etc. The WCC is continually advocating for better flood control. The WCC hosts volunteers events in the neighborhood to help keep Westbury Beautiful. You can read more about the WCC accomplishments in 2022 on page 10.

The new library is a good example of the need for the Westbury Civic Club. The new library is being built right here in Westbury. This is HUGE! Other nearby neighborhoods were not happy that the library would be located in Westbury. Without the WCC advocacy, this library could have easily been built elsewhere. Another issue that highlights the importance of having an organization such as the WCC is with the huge Westbury multi-phase storm drain reconstruction project. This project with the City of Houston would not be on the books without the WCC advocating and persistently pushing the City. The WCC is still working with the City on this project to ensure that it gets completed and we receive all the flood protection we can. Westbury needs the WCC. Please support the Westbury Civic Club today! Pay your 2023 dues.

Did You Miss Us? No January Crier

Many of you may have been wondering where your January Crier was. The WCC would like to apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. We know many people rely on the Crier for heavy trash dates and staying up to date on neighborhood and City news. Due to compounding circumstances, we were unable to produce a January Crier. We are doing this edition as a joint January-February issue.

As the year progresses, due to finances and increasing costs, the WCC might have to move the Crier to either bi-monthly or exclusively online. We love our unique hard copy newsletter that is delivered to resident's doorsteps, but we also understand that times are changing and evolving and so must the Westbury Civic Club. More to come soon on these possible changes.

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SPECIAL TRASH FEATURE Pages 8 & 9

- What is the difference between Junk Waste & Tree Waste?
- Where are the City's recycling centers?
- When is heavy trash pick up?

All these answers and more on pages 8 and 9.



NEXT WCC Board Meeting
February 15, 7PM
Westbury Baptist Game Room

HEAVY TRASH

February 2022
Thurs., February 9
JUNK WASTE

March 2023
Thursday, March 9
TREE WASTE ONLY

RECYCLING

February 2022
Thursday, February 9
Thursday, February 23

March 2023
Thursday, March 9
Thursday, March 23

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Houston Help & Information.....311
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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club Treasurer

This is Becky Edmondson, the Westbury Civic Club Treasurer, filling in for Cindy Chapman. Did you miss the January Crier? Through a series of personal health issues and uncertainty about our new computer system, we missed the January deadline. For me personally, my husband, was hospitalized beginning in November through January. I am happy to say he is much improved, but it was a harrowing, exhausting brink of death situation more than once. I am sure many of you have experienced similar ordeals with your loved ones at some time. We so often take health for granted until it is gone. Did you make a New Year's resolution to eat better, exercise more?

I always think of February as the month of Love. This is a good thing as with our gray skies and cold damp February weather, we need some uplifting. As we put together the list of 2022 accomplishments for the WCC, I thought of how much love and care goes into making Westbury a great place to live. From the love and care that individual homeowners have for their own properties to the love and care of the entire neighborhood by WCC board volunteers.

The WCC works hard all year on small issues but there are always bigger issues to tackle that are very time consuming and can seemingly take "forever" to complete or even start. With a volunteer board and just one paid employee for 5,000 homes, there is a seemingly never ending list of issues. But we do get things accomplished! Some things might take years but they do eventually get done. The new library that has been on the books since 2012 is finally under construction in Westbury. And oh, what a library it will be! The WCC advocated for several years for the City to purchase the property for the new library and then we advocated for what features

we wanted see in our new neighborhood library. The WCC set up a library action committee that met regularly and came up with a list of wants and needs. As we understand it, all of our "asks" were granted. Stay tuned to future *Criers* for more exciting library updates.

Flood control advocacy is ongoing and seemingly never ends. We have had some improvements over the years, but much more is needed to be done to ensure that Westbury residents do not flood repetitively. In 2023, the WCC expects the City to begin Phase one of their Storm Drain Reconstruction Project. This is a 24 million dollar investment into the infrastructure in Westbury. The project is currently still in the design phase.

It may take years, even decades, but passion, hard work, and dedication (tempered with patience) can change the face and fate of a neighborhood. Did you know that the Willow Waterhole Greenspace & Detention Basins exist because a Westbury resident and former WCC board member, Russell Schexnayder, imagined and advocated heavily for it. Project Brays could have looked much different and the Willow Waterhole area not improved if it had not been for Russell. He is still involved to this day with the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. Russell also attended the WCC flood meeting with Harris County Flood Control in November 2022 and was still advocating for flood relief in Westbury. His knowledge of past flood events and the hydrology of the area is invaluable.

The Westbury Community Garden (WCG) exists because a small group of Westbury residents wanted to create a sense of community with gardening. They worked for years to find a location and even that had much angst at one point with a land

swap being made between the City and Houston Housing Authority. Now the Westbury Community Garden is a large, thriving, well-respected community garden in the City of Houston. The Westbury Community Garden is celebrating its 13th Anniversary in March and it will be hosting a fundraising breakfast. You can learn more about the breakfast and other fun events at the Community Garden on page 19.

Westbury has changed and evolved over the last 68 years. Originally, Westbury was famous for Westbury Square, and then after its demise we were described in terms of "remember when Westbury had the Square?" It was as if the whole neighborhood was defined by the decline and death of Westbury Square. But that is no longer the case. In 2015, Westbury was on a list of "Hot" neighborhoods again. Now we have the Willow Waterhole, the Community Garden, and a brand new library coming soon!

What exciting new projects are coming next? The Levitt Pavilion Houston. A pier and more trails at the Willow Waterhole. A new trail TO the Willow Waterhole through Westbury. A new soccer field at Westbury High. And much more. There is always work to be done to make sure all these projects succeed and stay on the books. We live in a huge City where everyone is fighting for their "fair share". It is important that Westbury continues to advocate for its share and improvements.

In the meantime, won't you join us in supporting Westbury by paying your Westbury Civic Club dues and patrol fee. We need all of you to help keep Westbury the best that it can be.

Stay warm,
Becky Edmondson

WCC Board Notes—January 2023

- ➔ There was no Westbury Civic Club meeting in December.
- ➔ Speakers—Sgt. Nick Derkowski (Westbury Area Patrol), Judge Israel Garcia (HC Pct 5), CeCe Scott (Rep from At Large 4 CM Plummer office), Alice Lee (Rep with Harris County Pct 4 Commissioner Briones office).
- ➔ Alice Lee, Chief of Staff for newly elected Harris County Pct 4 Commissioner Lesley Briones. Lee brought a map of the Precinct and contact information for constituents.
- ➔ The WCC board discussed and approved the 2023 budget. See page 7.
- ➔ Next WCC meeting is Wednesday, February 15, 7PM, at Westbury Baptist.

WCC Board
Meeting
Wednesday
February 15
7PM

Westbury Baptist Church
10425 Hillcroft, Game Room

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd
713-726-7107 * platou@houstontx.gov



New Supervisor— Dajai Tennard
Email—Dajai.Tennard@houstontx.gov

Platou Center is open from 9:30AM—6PM, Monday—Friday

Adult Classes @ The Platou Center

Exercise—M/W/F, 9:30-10:30AM

Quilting— Tuesday, 9:30AM –2PM

Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM

New Members are Needed—Other times can be added if interested.

Ping Pong—Thursday, 9:30-10:30AM

There is currently plenty of open times on the Platou Center Calendar. If you are interested in something particular, like line dancing, genealogy, crafts and other great get together ideas, call Dajai Tennard at 713-726-7107. There are no bad ideas!

Westbury Alphabet Soup

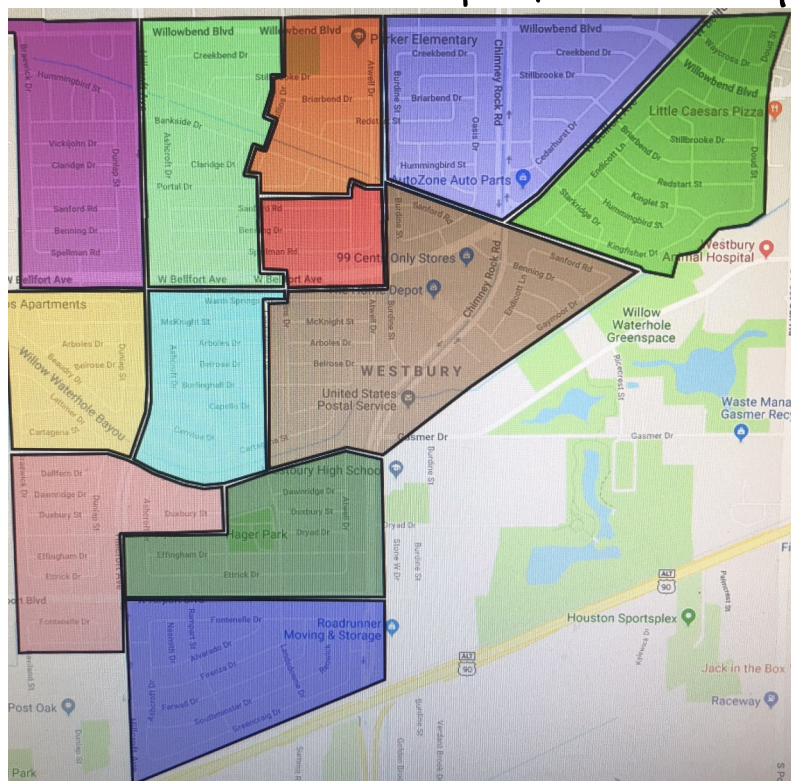
There are many groups that advocate on quality of life issues for us here in Westbury. Most of the groups have regular meetings that you will find listed on our calendar page to the right. We tend to speak of these groups by their acronyms.

- WCC Westbury Civic Club
- WAIC Westbury Area Improvement Corporation
- WWGC Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy
- WCG Westbury Community Garden
- WAP Westbury Area Patrol (Constables)
- SWH2000 Southwest Houston 2000
- BOMD Brays Oaks Management District
- PIP Positive Interaction Program
- FOLPH Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston
- NTTSW Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest

Other common acronyms:

- COH City of Houston
- DON Department of Neighborhoods (City of Houston)
- PWE Public Works & Engineering (City of Houston)
- HPARD Houston Parks and Recreation Department
- HCFCD Harris County Flood Control District
- HCTRA Harris County Toll Road Authority
- HISD Houston Independent School District
- HCC Houston Community College

Map of Westbury by Section



Westbury is the 2nd largest neighborhood in the City of Houston with 5,000 homes. One reason Westbury has remained such a viable and desirable neighborhood is because of the very active Westbury Civic Club. The WCC has been advocating and working hard for the neighborhood for over 60 years. We often refer to different sections when talking about current or upcoming city projects, crime, or events. This handy map can also be found on our website, www.westburycrier.com.

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	445 homes
	Parkwest 3	311 homes
	Westbury 1	543 homes
	Westbury 2	530 homes
	Westbury 3	853 homes
	Westbury 4	834 homes
	Westbury 5	501 homes
	Westbury 5	150 homes
	Westbury South	563 homes

FEBRUARY 2023 Events/Meetings

Thurs 9	Heavy Trash - JUNK WASTE	
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting	9:30AM
Wed 15	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft, Game Room	7PM
Sat 21	Audubon Society Bird Survey 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey	8AM
Feb 28- March 19	Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo www.hlsr.com	

All About Trash

Trash, yard waste, recycling, and heavy trash are picked up by the City of Houston.



Regular Household Trash

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can.

Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY week either on Thursday or Saturday or any day the City decides to come by. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



Recycling in Westbury

All of Westbury recycles on Schedule A. Recycling is every other week. Recycling goes into the green trash can.

February 2023	March 2023
Thursday, February 9	Thursday, March 9
Thursday, February 23	Thursday, March 23

MARCH 2023 Events/Meetings

Thurs 9	Heavy Trash - TREE WASTE ONLY	
Sun 12	Daylight Savings Ends Clocks Move Forward 1 hour at 2AM	
March 13-17	HISD Spring Break	
12	Daylight Savings Ends	
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting	9:30AM
Wed 15	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft, Game Room	7PM
Sat 21	Audubon Society Bird Survey 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey	8AM
Sat 25	Founder's Breakfast at the WCG Westbury Community Garden, 12581 Dunlap	10AM—12PM

Heavy Trash Schedule

All of Westbury is on the same schedule for Heavy Trash. Pick-up is on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE months.

February 2023	March 2023
JUNK WASTE	TREE WASTE ONLY
Thursday, February 9	Thursday, March 9

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- ♻️ Recycling is every other Thursday.
- ♻️ Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ Yard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- ♻️ NO Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags with City logo
- ♻️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
 - SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr** - 10785 SW Frwy
Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM;
Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
 - Environmental Service Center** - 11500 S. Post Oak
Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM.
Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information



Pay Your Dues Online www.westburycrier.com

Go to westburycrier.com then to the Dues and Assessments page.

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$60
- WCC Constables — \$315
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$375
- Mandatory Assessments 2023— \$267.35
- Custom Amount — You can enter your own amount

Once you get to the payment page, you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card.



ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. These assessments may be adjusted annually by the most recently published annual percentage change for the US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance with the deed restrictions.

The 2023 Mandatory Assessments of \$267.35. Due Date is February 1, 2023.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN INVOICE, PLEASE EMAIL THE WCC OFFICE AT WESTBURYCC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Please send this form in with your payment

2023 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

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westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Make sure to include your address

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

Mail to:
**P.O. Box 975182
Dallas, TX 75397-5182**

Westbury Civic Club Dues

\$60

\$

Westbury Area Patrol

\$315

\$

Subtotal \$375

\$

Additional Contributions:

Westbury Civic Club

\$

Westbury Area Patrol

\$

Total

\$

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Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month at 7PM

Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft

→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

Next WCC Board Meeting

**Wednesday, February 15, 7PM
IN PERSON MEETING**

Westbury Baptist

Topics— Update on City projects, Deed restriction revision, Committee reports

Read the Westbury Crier *ONLINE!*

Did you know that you can read the *Westbury Crier* online? Our website, www.westburycrier.com has an archive of past Criers starting with March 2011 all the way to the current issue. We are working on getting all the past issues scanned and online. There is great Westbury history in the old Criers. If you sign up for announcements on the website, you will get an email every month with a link to the Crier.

The WCC tries to get the Crier to residents as close to the 1st of the month as possible. Sometimes this is hard to accomplish as there are printer issues, weather delays, and schedule problems with our delivery team. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Subscribe to WCC announcements on our website, and you will receive an email with a link to the online Crier each month.



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Westbury Civic Club 2023 Budget

General Income

	Approved Budget
Mandatory Assessments	\$95,000
Voluntary WCC Dues	\$45,000
Westbury Area Patrol Voluntary (Restricted)	\$210,000
Total Dues & Assessments	\$350,000
Crier Advertising Fees	\$25,000
Refinancing Fees	\$1,000
Transfer Fees	\$40,000
Resale Certificates	\$5,000
Total General Income	\$421,000

Program Expenses

Crier Printing & Expenses	\$50,000
Programs and Hospitality	\$1,000
Harris County Constable Fee (3 Deputies)	\$266,000
Total Program Expenses	\$ 317,000

General Expenses

Postage, Mailing Service	\$3,750
Bank and PayPal Fees	\$7,000
Computer and Software	\$10,000
Insurance	\$2,500
Payroll Expenses	\$55,000
Contract Services—Accounting/Legal	\$5,000
Facilities and Equipment (Rent)	\$18,250
Utilities (Electric, Phone)	2,500
Total General Expenses	\$104,000
TOTAL: Program + General Expenses	\$421,000

2023 Budget Discussion

In October, the WCC board created a Budget Committee, chaired by Treasurer Becky Edmondson, to review the current budget and make recommendations for next year's 2023 budget. The Budget Committee members were: Becky Edmondson, Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, Jonathan Hansen, and Lindsey Pollock.

Several recommendations were made during the November WCC board meeting to increase income or to adjust expenses. Recommendations to increase income: Increase advertising rates in the monthly newsletter and add more advertisers. Increase the recommended voluntary payments from the current \$365 to proposed \$375 annually. (The board approved a motion in 2021 to increase the voluntary payment rate, with a discussion that it is preferable to make a small increase each year rather than a larger increase every couple years.)

The WCC board discussed and approved the budget during the January 2023 meeting. The budget for 2022 was 422,485. Our budget for 2023 is 421,000. The Westbury Area Patrol at 266,000 is the 63% of that budget. The 2023 Voluntary Dues are \$375.

New Website Coming Soon!

*****January 2022 Update**—There were some technical challenges that the vendor has been asked to resolve to fit our unique circumstances with voluntary payments and donations of varying amounts.

As the second largest neighborhood within the City of Houston, one might imagine that keeping up with communications, dues collection and other administrative tasks might be difficult. We are excited to share that the Westbury Civic Club will roll out a new software program called PAYHOA in early 2023. The software is very straightforward and intuitive, and it offers crucial benefits that will help the WCC run more efficiently and effectively.

The new software will provide a simpler way for you to pay your dues or check your account balance. It also has features that will allow us to communicate more easily with the neighborhood - from communicating with residents, sending important notices, to setting our budget and managing our finances, PAYHOA will be a helpful new addition to Westbury.

What can you expect? An easier way to pay your dues as well as centralized correspondence from the Civic Club to you. It will give you access to your account and digital dues payments through a unique homeowner portal. Look out for news about PAYHOA in the coming year!



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All About Trash

Special Edition

HEAVY TRASH Explained!

The City of Houston provides residents with FREE monthly heavy trash collection at the curb. The City alternates "TREE WASTE" collection months with "JUNK WASTE" collection months. The collection cycle is the same every year, as shown below.

ALL of Westbury is picked up on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Heavy Trash can be placed on the curb starting the Saturday before the scheduled collection date. Do not place heavy trash on the curb early. Not only is it a violation of city ordinance but it is ugly and no one wants to look at their neighbor's trash for weeks on end.

TREE WASTE	JUNK WASTE
January	February
March	April
May	June
July	August
September	October
November	December

What is "Junk Waste"?

"Junk Waste" includes furniture, appliances, lumber, fencing, and other bulky items (including tree waste, but the tree waste would then be sent to landfill rather than mulched).

The city will NOT collect bagged yard waste placed in improper bags during a Junk Waste month.



What is "Tree Waste"?

"Tree Waste" consists of tree limbs, shrubby limbs, or branches of trees and shrubs. If the Tree Waste has other types of materials mixed in with it, then it is no longer Tree Waste. Lumber, fencing and similar materials are NOT considered Tree Waste. During a Tree Waste month, only Tree Waste materials will be collected.



What is "Yard Waste"?

"Yard Waste" consists of leaves, grass clippings, small yard trimmings or branches. **Yard Waste must be in a city-approved bag**, or small branches bundled (tied) into a pile less than 4 feet long, less than 18 inches in diameter, and less than 50 pounds in weight. "Yard Waste" is picked up sporadically and not on a schedule. Call 311 if you have yard waste waiting on your curb.



TRASH PROBLEMS

Broken or Missing Trash or Recycling Can

Please report to the City of Houston via 311. The City will provide you a Service Number (SR) to track your request. Once you have reported your broken or missing can, call the WCC office to help expedite the request. Typically the City allows for 2 weeks for this type of request. If your request is past due, please contact the WCC office. We can typically get a better response via our Solid Waste contact.

Late/Skipped Pick-Up

Leave the trash at the curb. Report to 311. Trash collection has been very challenged since Harvey. The delays are due to old trucks and lack of drivers. Please be patient with the City but if your trash is not picked up on the scheduled day, please report to 311 and leave it on the curb.

Westbury Trash Dates *

Every Thursday is regular trash pick-up in the black rolling can

Every Thursday is yard waste pick-up, only collected if bag correctly (see below)*

Every other Thursday is recycling in the green rolling can*

2nd Thursday of every month is Heavy Trash. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE

*Recycling and Yard Waste are often not collected when the City says. The above is the official schedule. Recycling is typically collected on Friday or Saturday. Yard Waste is sporadic at best.

Trash Can Placement

Household garbage must be put inside the city-provided container which should be placed at the curb between 6PM Wednesday evening and 7AM Thursday morning. Do NOT place trash cans in the street. The container must be accessible to the automated collection truck and not blocked by obstacles, including parked cars. Homeowners with multiple trashcans MUST place trashcans three (3) feet apart. Do not place cans next to light poles or trees. The city has started tagging cans that are placed incorrectly. Homes on corners must place their trash cans on the front street (not side). Trash cans must be removed from the curb by 10PM Thursday.

TRASH CAN PLACEMENT EXAMPLES



Too much trash this week? Buy "tags for bags" from Fiesta, HEB and participating Kroger stores to get your tags for your extra bags of trash picked up. Cost is \$2 per tag, plus tax.

Green Recycling Can

The green can is for recyclables such as steel or aluminum cans. Paper. Certain plastics, not # 6. Glass IS allowed in the green recycling cans. Plastic grocery bags and trash bags are NOT allowed in the green recycling cans. Recycling is picked up every other Thursday. Recycling collection is often delayed until Friday or Saturday.

Black Household Trash Can

Household garbage such as personal trash and food waste are to be placed in the large black trash bins. Household garbage day is EVERY Thursday. No yard waste, dead animals, household hazardous waste, or electronics are allowed.

Environmental Service Center South— 11500 S. Post Oak Between Gasmer and South Main

All About Trash

Special Edition

➔ Recycle and Household Hazardous Waste

Various household hazardous waste is accepted such as anti-freeze, fuel, oil, paint, paint thinner, pesticides, herbicides and household cleaners. Residential electronic scrap items will also be accepted (monitors, televisions, printers, keyboards, mice, scanners, fax machines, telephone handsets, VCRs, CPUs, cellular phones and other small consumer electronics). These items should not be placed on the curb with or in your container for collection with garbage or heavy trash pick-up. **The center is open every Tues. and Wed. from 9AM to 3PM and the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9 AM- 1 PM.**



Items that can be taken to the Environmental Service Center

➔ Reuse Chemical Take Away (FREE)

The City of Houston's Environmental Service Center South offers free paint and household chemicals. Located at **11500 South Post Oak Road**, the Center is open for reuse chemical distribution on **Fridays from 9AM to Noon**. First come, first served.

➔ ReStore (Craft Items, Books, Post Consumer & Industrial Scrap - FREE)

The ReStore, which acts as a book swap, recycling info library, as well as a repository for craft items and post consumer and post industrial scrap (useful for art projects). Located at **11500 South Post Oak**, items can be taken away from **9AM - Noon every Friday** during the Reuse Chemical Take-Away.



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HTX Collects App

Houston Solid Waste Management Department has launched HTX Collects, a mobile app that will allow residents to stay better connected to the City's waste and recycling collection programs.

The app is available for Androids and iPhones. Insert your address, set reminders and never forget when trash day is! The app will send notifications to your phone to remind you when to recycle trash, regular trash and even heavy trash.

Trash Issues—Who to Call?

Skipped Heavy Trash—Report to 311, Record your Service Request Number (SR) & email the WCC office with your address and SR number.

Skipped Recycling or Regular Trash— Report to 311

***Please note**—it is likely that even if reported, your trash will still not get collected until the next scheduled date unless it is your entire street or section.

Broken or Missing Trash Can— Report to 311

Southwest Neighborhood Depository & Recycling Center (for Heavy Trash Drop-off) 10785 Southwest Frwy

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 9AM to 6PM.

Phone: 713.541.1953

This facility accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste and Recyclables at no additional charge to City of Houston residents. Citizens may use the depositories four times per month. You must provide a Texas Driver's License or ID and a current utility bill or city property tax receipt.

The depositories will also accept the following items: Furniture, Tree limbs, Stoves, Refrigerators, etc., 5 auto tires (Rims Not Accepted)

Westpark Recycling Center 5900 Westpark

Open Monday– Saturday from 8AM to 5PM.

This facility is a drive through operation so you do not have to unload your vehicle.

The center accepts: aluminum and tin cans, oil filters, used tires, computers, #1-7 plastic containers, GLASS bottles and jars, telephone books, office paper, cardboard, magazines, and used motor oil. Newspapers placed in a brown bag will also be accepted.

Reuse Warehouse 9003 N. Main St.

The facility accepts material from individuals, supply companies, and builders, and makes it freely available for reuse by any non-profit organization.

Open Tuesday thru Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM and every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 8:30AM to 4:30PM

Trash Violations

Violation of any provision of the solid waste ordinance is punishable upon first conviction by a fine of no less than \$50 nor more than \$2,000. Each subsequent conviction is punishable by a fine of no less than \$250 nor more than \$2,000. Each day that any violation continues may be punishable as a separate offense. **To report a violation or to file a complaint, call 311.** Solid Waste Management Department Supervisors can write citations.

The most common trash violations are:

- ◆ Placing heavy trash out too early
- ◆ Placing the incorrect heavy trash type at the curb (junk vs tree)
- ◆ Placing incorrect items in the regular and recycling cans
- ◆ Using the incorrect bags for yard waste



2022 Westbury Civic Club Highlights & Accomplishments

2022 was a busy year as things returned to normal after the Covid hiatus. Our mission statement, from our bylaws, states that *“the purposes of the Westbury Civic Club are to improve the appearance of the Westbury area and promote the civic, cultural, educational, health, and general welfare of the residents of the Westbury and Parkwest subdivisions.”* As we look back over 2022, there were a number of highlights and accomplishments that worked towards fulfilling our mission statement. We look forward to 2023 and the exciting new projects and events coming to Westbury.

Improve the Appearance

Work days, BOMD, Volunteers

The WCC hosted monthly WOW: Working on Westbury Events in partnership with the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC). The events were good, family volunteer activities to help spruce up our community. Litter clean-ups occurred at the Willow Waterhole, Hager Park, Westbury Park, and several intersections of our major streets. The Annual Keep Houston Beautiful Day, volunteers worked in the Butterfly garden at Westbury Park cleaning up and planting new host plants.

Members of the WCC helped cleanup the intersection of West Bellfort at Hillcroft and at Willowbend. A member worked with the WCC and the WAIC to donate matching funds to clean up Chimney Rock just north of West Bellfort.

The Brays Oaks Management District maintains the intersection at Chimney Rock and West Bellfort. The WCC asked them to add the whole commercial strip from Moonlight to Burdine and we are pleased to announce that they have adopted these 4 additional median sections. This should greatly improve Westbury’s commercial heart and the gateway to the Willow Waterhole. See the next page for more on the BOMD Westbury esplanades.

Health

Less stress

As to promoting health, living in a safe neighborhood is an important part. Knowing the Pct. 5 deputies are just minutes away is a great stress reducer. We have 4 parks scattered throughout Westbury where you can walk or play or just hang out. Have you visited Chimney Rock Park, Westbury Park, Hager Park, or the Willow Waterhole? Getting outdoors is an important part of staying healthy!

All in all, 2022 was a great year and we are looking forward to 2023. Thank you to all of you who serve on the WCC board, thank you to all the residents who make Westbury such a great place to live. Won’t you join us in making Westbury even better in 2023?

Civic Engagement

Meetings, Flood advocacy, Events, Library advocacy

The monthly board meetings of the WCC resumed in person in February 2022. It has been so nice to see Westbury residents in person again. District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum was our featured speaker at our Annual Meeting in September. At the October WCC meeting, Mayor Turner was our featured speaker. Each month at the WCC board meetings, representatives from different City and County departments are in attendance, from our City council office, Solid Waste Dept., Harris County Pct. 1 and 4, and many more. This is your opportunity to meet the people who represent you.

Flooding is always an important topic to many residents in Westbury as well as the WCC Board. The WCC is always advocating for additional flood control in Westbury. The WCC hosted a special meeting with Harris County Flood Control as they presented their plans to improve drainage along the Fondren Diversion Channel and ultimately Westbury. These plans are still in the first planning stages, but it is important to advocate at all levels. Westbury has a large Storm Drain reconstruction multi-phase project that is on the City books. The first phase should start construction by the end of this year. The bridges over Brays Bayou at Chimney Rock and South Rice are finally finished, thus marking the completion of Project Brays.

We held an open house at the Westbury Civic Club office as well as on National Night Out giving residents a chance to meet the WCC board and the Constable deputies who patrol Westbury.

It took many years of advocacy, but the groundbreaking for the new Shannon Walker Neighborhood library in Westbury broke ground in November! This will be such an amazing space and we thank everyone who worked on the WCC Library Action Committee for all their hard work.

General Welfare

Deed restriction revision, Public safety

The WCC hosted five deed restriction revision meetings to introduce residents to the process and to start the dialog towards revising our 1950’s restrictions. These were well attended with much good input. This is an on-going effort and more will come in 2023. Thank you to Jennifer Edmondson for all her work on this subject.

On the public safety front, the WCC works closely with Precinct 5 and HPD. Speeding continues to be a problem and HPD has had their speed trailers out on all of our major thoroughfares. Pct. 5 concentrates on school zones during peak times to discourage speeding. Members of the WCC attend the monthly HPD SW PIP meetings.

Four members of the WCC board attended the three day CPTED training program, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. It was eye opening and resulted in our initiative to cleanup Hillcroft where the convenience store at Hillcroft and Alvarado had been the scene of several shootings. An illegal game room was also shut down just a block away. This is an ongoing initiative to clean this area up.

Educational Schools

The WCC works closely with all of our local public schools. The WCC office hosted the meetings for the HISD District IX celebration committee. After several years of advocating for a new playground and a library, we were happy to be a part of the Spark Park dedication ceremony for Anderson Elementary as well as to tour their new library. The WCC was honored with a certificate for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the new Spark Park at Anderson Elementary. We hosted a hygiene drive for Westbury High School. See page 12 for more on the hygiene drive. Many thanks to all who donated to the Spark Park as well to the toiletry drive.



No More Library Fines!

Do you owe any old fines for overdue library books from a Houston city library or fees due to damages? We have good news! The Houston Public Library (HPL) system will be holding an AMNESTY PERIOD from January 17 to February 18 to remove your old fines or fees. Visit any Houston public library during this time and the library staff will work with you to remove any of these old fees or fines. Going forward, the city will no longer be charging new fines for overdue books or other borrowed items, effective January 11.

"A fine free library system evens the playing field and incentivizes Houstonians to become lifelong users of our Houston Public Library," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "When you analyze the numbers, you see that young people account for more than 27% of users with fines, preventing them from accessing free resources and tools for learning. Simply put, this is the right thing to do."

HPL does not expect the elimination of late fees to impact revenue in a significant way, given that revenue from fines has comprised less than one percent of the Library budget over the past five years. Fines have proven to be a strain on staff time and resources due to policy enforcement and account management. When the Chicago Public Library removed fines in 2019, that system had a 240% increase in book returns. The Denver Public Library had a 35% increase in customers returning to the library when fines were removed in 2018.

BOMD Adopts 4 Westbury Esplanades

The Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) board authorized adopting four additional esplanades in Westbury from the City of Houston and then authorized adding them to the scope of work of the BOMD landscaping crew. As a result of this decision, all esplanades on West Belfort in the commercial zone between Moonlight and Burdine will now be maintained by BOMD.

Currently the BOMD, is already maintaining the 4 esplanades at the intersection of Chimney Rock and West Belfort (the closest esplanades to the intersection in all directions - 2 not irrigated and 2 irrigated). A few months ago, Becky Edmondson, the president of Westbury Area Improvement Corporation asked the BOMD to consider adding the additional 4 nearby esplanades along West Belfort to their responsibilities.

See the map below. The areas in green/blue are already maintained by BOMD. The areas in red are the newly adopted esplanades.

The new 4 esplanades will be mowed 18 times per year, since they are not irrigated. The trees and plants will be trimmed up and mulched later this spring when the other BOMD trees are serviced. The work should start with the February mowing.



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WHS Toiletries Drive

Once again, the Westbury community stepped up in a big way to support our local high school. An end-of-year hygiene drive to secure toiletries for students in need was a huge success, filling up a trunk (and then some!) with shampoos, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and much more. Thank you to all that donated.

Principal Jeri Nixon shared, *“Our students truly appreciate being able to come to school feeling and looking their best. The donations and support from our Westbury Community makes the difference for so many and for our campus! More students will be able to come to school every day and focus on learning.”*



Abandoned Vehicles

If you see a vehicle parked along your street for several days and it hasn't moved, call it in to the Constables at 281-463-6666. Lately, several such cars reported to Pct. 5 turned out to be stolen vehicles that were then abandoned in Westbury.

City of Houston ordinance states that cars cannot be parked on City streets for more than 24 hours without moving. While the Constables cannot enforce City ordinance, they can mark the vehicle and enforce State law which is 3 days without moving. The Constables will also run the license plate and see if the vehicle is stolen or where it belongs.

Pct. 5 Constable Dispatch— 281-463-6666

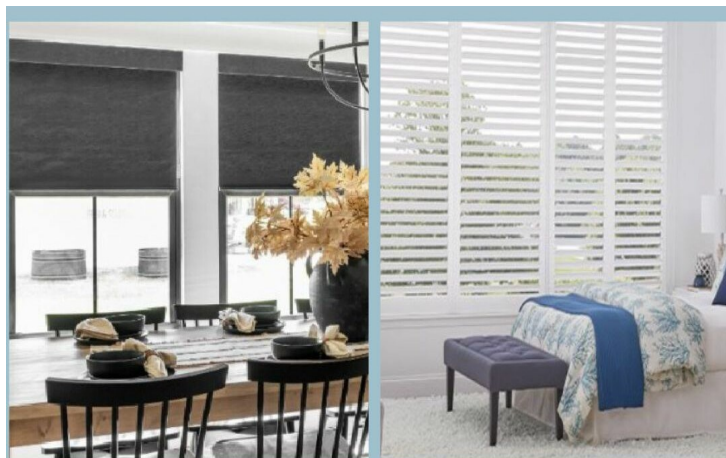
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Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

January 1—January 31, 2023

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5600	Benning	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	1/29	8am	Westbury 5
6000	Benning	Disorderly Conduct	1/29	4pm	Westbury 5
10700	Carlota	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	1/13	5pm	Westbury 5
5600	Dawnridge	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/10	12pm	Westbury 4
5600	Duxbury	Drugs/Narcotics	1/28	12am	Westbury 4
6000	Effingham	Simple Assault	1/13	12am	Westbury 4
5600	Ludington	Aggravated Assault	1/28	10am	Westbury 4
6000	Ludington	Criminal Offense	1/13	12am	Westbury 4
5300	Redstart	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/30	2pm	Westbury 2
6000	Vickijohn	Vandalism, Damage, Destruction	1/1	1am	Westbury 5
5600	W. Bellfort	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	1/7	9am	Westbury 5


- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Vandalism
- Burglary
- Aggravated Assault
- Simple Assault
- Disorderly Conduct

The crimes listed took place between January 1– January 31, 2023. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key to the right.

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/Public
Aggravated Assault	1	9	1	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	1	4	1
Burglary	2	1	0	0
Robbery	0	2	2	0
Simple Assault	1	14	1	1
Shoplifting	0	0	10	0
Drugs, Narcotics	1	0	0	0
Vandalism, Damage	1	3	0	0
Auto Theft	0	6	2	2
Theft of Vehicle Parts	1	2	0	0
Theft—Other	0	3	2	0
Theft—From Building	0	1	0	0
DUI	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0
Murder/Homicide	0	0	1	0
Criminal Offense	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	11	43	24	4

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610 Feeder Bridge @ Braeswood Major Work Coming Soon

Yet another bridge under construction coming soon to Brays Bayou. This time it will be the 610 feeder bridge that runs Southbound from N. Braeswood to S. Braeswood. This bridge work is NOT flood reduction related. The bridge is old and worn and needs to be replaced due to heavy traffic. This is a TXDOT project.

Construction signs notifying the public should be posted on February 13 with construction starting on February 20. There is some concern with rodeo traffic in the area, so delaying the project until March 20 is being investigated. Either way, the bridge work is coming soon, whether it is in February or March. Construction is slated to last 272 days.

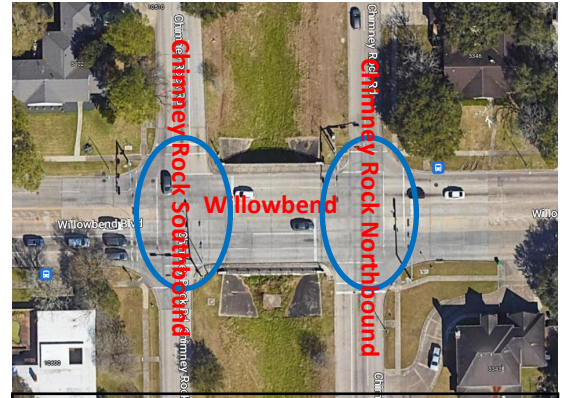
Expect traffic delays and find alternate routes. At least one lane will remain open on the bridge during the various construction phases. During some construction phases 2 lanes will be open.



Traffic Study & Action— Intersection of Willowbend at Chimney Rock in Westbury

District K requested a traffic safety review of the intersections of Willowbend and Chimney Rock due to the multiple, almost daily, car accidents at this location. WCC board member Susan Brock compiled data and submitted it to the City.

The City of Houston reviewed the traffic signal operations at Willowbend at Chimney Rock as well as the nearby school traffic operations. Modifications are being made that should improve safety. Below is a quick summary of the actions taken by the City.



Aerial photo of Willowbend and Chimney Rock intersections. There are two intersections (circled in blue). Intersections are located on either side of the bridge that goes across the Chimney Rock bayou.

- ⇒ Staff reviewed and adjusted the red & yellow clearance intervals for the bridge segment between the traffic signals and for the northbound and southbound approaches. The adjustments should reduce red light violations and the risk of total crashes.
- ⇒ Staff reviewed and requested refreshing the stop bar for the eastbound approach. The other stop bars are in acceptable conditions.
- ⇒ Work orders have been issued to remove the louvers from yellow and red indications. (louvers—shield like fixture over the lights). Due to the short distances between the intersections, the red indicators should be clearly visible and not louvered. With the louvers removed, the red indicators will clearly indicate to drivers when not to cross the bridge.
- ⇒ Staff reviewed student crossing activity at the intersection, 3 to 4 Students were observed crossing at the signalized intersection of Chimney Rock and Willowbend with no conflict or safety concerns.
- ⇒ Staff also reviewed the existing school zone signage on Chimney Rock. Staff determined that an additional school flashing beacon should be installed in the southbound direction. A work order has been issued to install the beacon. 20mph School Speed Limit signs have been installed temporarily until the flashing beacon can be installed.

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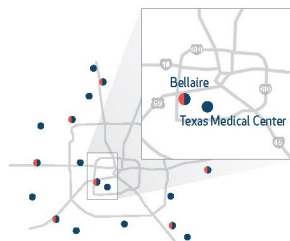
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3rd - 11114 Fonda

Westbury 2

1st - 5238 Creekbend
2nd - 11135 Cedarhurst
3rd - 5459 Redstart

Westbury 3

1st - 5222 Warm Springs
2nd - 5223 Benning
3rd - 11510 Ashcroft
Best Block - 11500 Ashcroft

Westbury 4

1st - 5626 W. Airport
2nd - 6015 Dellfern
3rd - 11927 Dunlap
Best Block - 5700 Dellfern

Westbury 5

1st - 10715 Carlota
2nd - 10714 Braewick
3rd - 11107 Atwell
Best Block—11100 Atwell

Parkwest 1

1st - 5639 Portal
2nd - 5615 Portal
3rd - 5619 Stillbrooke

Parkwest 2

1st - 5723 Portal
2nd - 5818 Spellman
3rd - 5703 Benning
Best Block - 5600 Bankside

Parkwest 3

1st - 5906 Lattimer
2nd - 6019 Cerritos
3rd - 5903 Arboles

Westbury South

1st - 12411 Ashcroft
2nd - 5703 W. Airport
3rd—5863 Southminster



Holiday 2023—Volunteer Opportunity

Do you love holiday decorations? Do you wish the WCC had more categories or winners for Holiday Lights? Are you interested in coordinating and running the Holiday Yard of the Month and Online Holiday Contest? We need a coordinator for these exciting contests! It is a really fun and positive experience and good way to get involved. If you are interested for 2023, please email Jennifer at westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Willow Waterhole

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Photo—Mark Mulligan, Houston Chronicle

Visit the Willow Waterhole TODAY! The main Westbury Lake trails and gazebo are easily accessible via the new parking lot at the end of Dryad. Additional parking is available on the street off Ricecrest.

Willow Waterhole Pier Update

The pier at the Willow Waterhole in the Westbury Lake is nearing completion. The photos below show the current status as of January 20 and what it looked like on December 23.

Construction the last week of January included the installation of a custom safety fence and the concrete sidewalk connecting to the pier. The fence should take two weeks for final completion. Further construction will include landscaping and a concrete trail from the top of bank to the pier.

Thanks to lead donors - the Kinder Foundation, Russell and Janie Schexnayder, the Harris County Precinct One Commissioner's Office, and all the individuals and organizations who contributed to making this happen. This is a very exciting addition to the Willow Waterhole.



Pier at Willow Waterhole Westbury Lake, January 2023



Pier at Willow Waterhole Westbury Lake, December 2023

Scouts Volunteer at the Willow Waterhole

St. Thomas More Cub Scouts Plant a Tree

An amazing group of young Cub Scouts from St. Thomas More Pack 99 came to the Willow Waterhole in early February to plant a new tree. They were working on obtaining a badge on tree planting and wanted to do it at one of their favorite local outdoor areas. It was a beautiful morning to add another loblolly pine. The kids have even volunteered to provide water when they visit again. Thanks so much for learning about trees and keeping the environment healthy.



West U Girl Scouts Spread Bluebonnet Seeds

Thanks to some wonderful Girl Scouts from West University Troop 146153 for helping to spread bluebonnet seeds at Triangle Lake in mid-December. Come back this spring to see the results! We love bluebonnets at the Willow Waterhole.



Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

What: Audubon Society Bird Survey

When: Saturday, February 18, 8AM

Where: Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

For more information, visit the Houston Audubon website, <https://houstonaudubon.org/>

Ruffino Hills Property Sold to City of Houston for Flood Control

Houston City Council voted in December 2022 to purchase 73.08 acres (3,183,410 square feet) of land at 9700 Ruffino Road for \$10,509,460. The land, located along the southern bank of Keegan’s Bayou, will be used for the Ruffino Stormwater Detention Project and represents a significant step in Mayor Sylvester Turner’s goal to purchase open green space to convert into regional stormwater detention.

The Ruffino Stormwater Detention Project will increase flood mitigation to protect the community during future severe storms and result in significant flood damage reduction to residential and commercial properties in Southwest Houston, specifically West of the intersection of Beltway 8 and US 59.

“In an area that felt a tremendous impact from Hurricane Harvey and the severe storms that came before it, the Ruffino Stormwater Detention Project will bring flood mitigation to protect more than 1,300 homes and businesses in Southwest Houston,” said Mayor Turner. “This project will create a more resilient stormwater infrastructure that aligns with Resilient Houston and the city’s Climate action plan.”

The City of Houston purchased the land along Ruffino Road to support Harris County Flood Control’s goal of extending channel improvements westward. The city partnered with the HCFCD to apply for a grant within the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to convert the portion of Ruffino Hills, owned by the City of Bellaire, for regional detention. The two sections will combine to complete the project. The Ruffino Hills site was once used as a landfill that has been out of commission for 30 years.

Any additional detention upstream of Westbury helps us, even in little ways. It will take water out of the bayous that might have made its way into Westbury. Each step helps!

Open Membership at the Westbury Community Garden

Would you like to grow your own organic food/produce/vegetables? Do you remember how good a homegrown tomato tastes? Are you looking for something uplifting and rewarding? Does your yard have too much shade to garden? Look no further! Don’t miss out on this chance to be involved in something that is truly amazing. Come join the Westbury Community Garden.

The Westbury Community Garden has openings for membership. If you are an experienced gardener or a newbie to gardening, our garden is a welcoming and supportive community.

The Westbury Community Garden is located near Hillcroft and South Main, at 12581 Dunlap. If you would like to learn more, visit www.westburycommunitygarden.org, or contact membership@westburycommunitygarden.org.



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Westbury Garden Celebrating 13 Years!

It's hard to believe that the Westbury Community Garden will celebrate its 13th anniversary in 2023. What started as an idea to help build community and garden has grown into this 7-acre jewel. There are now 62 raised beds with 75 gardeners. There are two acres being farmed by Congolese refugees through the Plant it Forward farms program. There is an apiary with 5 hives as we try to support our endangered honeybee population. There is an orchard, albeit struggling with our last two cold winters. There is even an acre of native prairie grasses that bloom throughout the seasons.

We have so many people to thank for that initial financial support: Keep Houston Beautiful, Scotts Miracle Gro, Leadership Houston Class XXIX, Lloyds Register and many individuals. When the garden was threatened, residents across Westbury donated money to save the garden and thanks to CM Larry Green, Mayor Parker and the Brays Oaks Management District, the garden was saved.

The garden falls under the umbrella of the non-profit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation. Each year the garden hosts a fundraiser to help with the operational costs. The gardeners pay \$84 a year, which covers the costs of water and the porta potty and trash service. But as you can imagine there are many costs associated with the upkeep of an active 7-acre property. This year we are hosting the Founders Breakfast in the Garden. We will have a catered breakfast and some gardening giveaways along with a silent auction. Come tour the garden, hear from the founders, enjoy a delicious breakfast, learn about the Master Plan, and support this wonderful neighborhood jewel.

Founders Breakfast in the Garden March 25, 2023 from 10AM to 12PM

Westbury Community Garden 12581 Dunlap

Tickets are \$100. You must register for your spot.

Registration available via www.westburycommunitygarden.org or by emailing fundraising@westburycommunitygarden.org

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WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN

12581 DUNLAP

WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main.

Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Green Craig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible.
Street parking.

Gardening Education Classes

The WCG is providing several different classes on a variety of gardening topics. Some classes are in person at the garden and some are via Zoom. See each class below for details.

All About Tomatoes

It is time to plant tomatoes! Are you new to gardening or need a refresher on how to grow tomatoes? Join us as we turn to the experts. This is intended to be an overview of all steps needed to grow tomatoes successfully.

When: Saturday, February 11, 10AM

Where: Meet in garden pavilion

Preparing Soil for the Spring & Summer Garden

Good soil is essential to growing vegetables successfully. Learn about compost, mulch, fertilizer and how to maintain healthy soil in your garden bed.

When: Saturday, February 18, 10AM

Where: Meeting in garden pavilion

Spring & Summer Vegetable Gardening

What can be planted in the spring and summer in Houston? Learn about what, when, how to plant productively and how to use these vegetables during the warm months in Houston.

When: Saturday, March 4, 2:30 PM

Where: Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85378977823>

Spring & Summer Vegetable Gardening

Follow-up to previous zoom class and will be an in-the-garden experience to demonstrate how to plant. Some vegetables require unique instruction on how to plant successfully.

When: Saturday, March 11, 10 AM

Where: Meet in garden pavilion

All About Herbs

Herbs can be used for cooking, as drinks, as medicine and for other purposes as well. What herbs can you be growing this season in the garden?

When: Saturday, March 18, 10 AM

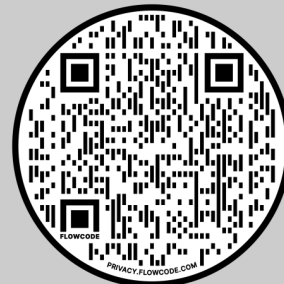
Where: Meet in pavilion and later in garden

Planting Charts for each season are available at <https://www.urbanharvest.org/gardening-advice/gardening-basics-and-planting-guides/>

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