



# Westbury Crier

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- The new Westbury Park is now open. Go explore at 5600 Stillbrooke.
- WCC Board Meeting: January 15 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist
- January's heavy trash is **TREE WASTE ONLY**. Pick up is January 9 for **ALL** of Westbury.
- Happy New Year!

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## Please Pay your 2014 Dues

A big thank you to all of you who pay your dues each year. Your participation is one of the reasons that Westbury was listed in the top neighborhoods in Houston. Having a strong civic club advocating on behalf of the neighborhood, enforcing deed restrictions, and beautifying the public areas is so important to Westbury's future. Won't you become a part of it? For those of you who do not pay, I hope you will read this *Crier* and see our accomplishments in 2013 on page 12 and see the many things that the WCC provides on your behalf on page 10. The 2014 Voluntary Dues form is on page 13.

## Special Trash Section: Pages 20-21



- ⇒ What is the difference between Junk Waste, Tree Waste, Yard Waste?
- ⇒ What can I take to the city's different recycling centers?

**Check out pages 20 and 21 for all the answers!**

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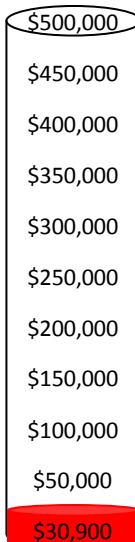
## In Memory of Deputy David Addison

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See pages 6-7

## Thank You Westbury!



Thank you to the many donors who have generously contributed to the "Save the 7-Acre Westbury Community Garden" capital campaign! By December 16 (press time), more than \$30,000 had already been donated by our fantastic Westbury residents and our friends around Houston and across the nation. We have even had donations from Oregon and Kerrville! Donations have ranged in amount from \$10 up to \$5,000. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Negotiations are ongoing to secure the property. We thank the property owner (the Houston Housing Authority), the Houston Parks Board, Mayor Annise Parker, City Councilmember Larry Green, and Joe Turner, Director of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, for their willingness to move forward to save this 7 acres and to keep it as a public greenspace, as it has been for the last 30 years. As previously announced, we have started a capital campaign to raise \$500,000 to facilitate the purchase of the land to become a park.



For more information about making a donation or about the fundraising effort, see page 9.

**DONATE ONLINE AT**

<https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/SaveWestburyCommunityGarden>

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# President's Message

Happy New Year! I picked up the January 1968 Crier to see what that president had to say, and not surprisingly, I can repeat the January 1968 message from Jim Harper because what he wrote then is just as applicable 46 years later: *Being president of your Civic Club for the past year and being re-elected for another year has been the greatest thrill of my life. I would like to thank each and every one of you dues paying members and business contributors for making possible the publication of the Crier and maintaining our beautiful community. Without your financial support, Westbury could be another South Park area very soon. Specifically I would like to thank the officers and directors who worked many hours just because they love this community enough to want to keep it the best in Harris County. I hope this month all of you will show your confidence in your community by sending in your annual dues to help keep Westbury the best subdivision in Houston in which to raise your children and to maintain your property values."*

Well said, Jim! Forty-six years later, Westbury is still full of wonderful volunteers who give their time, talent, and treasure just because they love this community and want to keep it the best that it can be. I joined the board 12 years ago because I was worried about the future of Westbury. I'm not worried anymore. Sure we

have challenges, but there are solutions. We have a responsive city government and I am hopeful and confident that we will start to see some improvements made to our aging infrastructure. This will take some time, but it will happen.

Our homes values are on the rise and Westbury once again is seen as a very desirable place to live. Location, location, location! This has helped keep abandoned and boarded up homes from marring our neighborhood. We have a handful of homes which are perpetually under-maintained, but in a community of 5,000 homes that percentage is miniscule. Deed restriction enforcement and deed restriction revision remain high priority items for the WCC.

Our esplanades and parks have been receiving TLC every year and our Working on Westbury effort has morphed into our Keep Westbury Beautiful campaign. In 2014 we will seek funds to complete the plans for a safety fence amenity near the playground at Westbury Park. We will then turn our focus to Hager Park, while continuing to upgrade our esplanades.

And speaking of parks, our biggest commitment of 2014 will be the preservation of the seven acre site on Dunlap as greenspace. I am humbled by the outpouring of donations

to this effort and as I write this message your donations now total over \$30,000! To me this park will stand as a monument and tangible proof of what concerned citizens can do. We thank all of you who have donated. With 5,000 homes, Westbury benefits from the theory of the sum of large numbers. If every household donated \$100 we would raise \$500,000.

You can't have a good neighborhood without feeling safe and secure. To that end we are working with Precinct 5 to hire a fourth deputy for our contract. **We need ALL of you to pay your dues to insure that we can successfully add more deputies.** Meyerland has half the number of homes that we do and they have 8 deputies. Come on Westbury, we can do better!

I like the idea of new beginnings and starting fresh. The new year gives us that opportunity. I hope you will join us this year by cutting out the "dues" form in this issue and mailing in a check or go online and pay using paypal. I hope you will get involved; there are lots of ways to participate. Check out this issue for different Westbury groups that you might be interested in joining.

Wishing you all the best in 2014!

Becky Edmondson

## Board Notes

- No December WCC Board Meeting.
- The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 15
- Vacant board positions include Directors of Membership, Flood Control & Infrastructure, Volunteer Coordinator, and Communications.
- The following sections need directors: Westbury 2 and Parkwest 2



WCC President, Becky Edmondson, in costume with her grandson, Connor, at the 2013 Deck the Halls parade.

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# Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock

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## TOPS:Take Off Pounds Sensibly Weight loss support group

Tues, 5:45-7PM  
Drop in to preview the program or call Dorothy at 713-723-4441 or Naomi at 713-988-2233



## Portable Projects

Thursday, 9:30AM to 11:30AM.  
For more information, call Genie Mitchell at 713-470-7969

## MsBeeHaven Quilters

Tuesday, 10AM to 2PM  
Call Janie at 713-721-5526 for more information

## Games

Weds., 10 AM to 12PM  
Contact Wally at 713-729-9310

**Status of Ballroom Dance Class:** Marilyn, who has taught the Ballroom Dance Class for eight years, has decided to suspend the class. We thank Marilyn for all the volunteer time she has put in to dance instruction at the Platou Community Center. We hope that she will be able to resume in the future.

## Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program (STAP) for Seniors Jan. 15 @ 10AM

STAP is a state run program to help Seniors who struggle using standard cell phones or home phones. Seniors will have the ability to apply for a free cell.

Don't forget to recycle your paper & cardboard at Chimney Rock Park!



**Wanted:** Country Western Dance Teacher

**When:** Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 PM

**Why:** Rodeo season is coming up.

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# What's Happening in Westbury

## Events & Meetings Calendar January 2014

<b>Wed 1</b>	<b>WCC Office Closed</b> Happy New Year!
<b>Thurs 2</b>	<b>Westbury Meet &amp; Eat at Teotihuacan @ 6PM</b> 6579 W Belfort Open to all Westbury residents
<b>Mon 13</b>	<b>Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:30PM</b> Platou Community Center - Chimney Rock
<b>Wed 15</b>	<b>WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 8:30AM</b> Salem Lutheran - 4930 W. Belfort
<b>Wed 15</b>	<b>WCC Board Meeting 7PM</b> Westbury Baptist Church Open to ALL Westbury residents
<b>Sat 18</b>	<b>Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM</b> Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow
<b>Mon 20</b>	<b>WCC Office Closed</b> Federal Holiday.
<b>Mon 20</b>	<b>Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM</b> The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow
<b>Tues 28</b>	<b>SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting</b>



## Planning Calendar

**\*Feb. 1— Assessments due for Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2**

**\*Feb. 6 - Meet & Eat (see pg 15)**

**\*Feb. 28 —Rodeo Trail riders at Westbury Area Schools**

## Heavy Trash & Recycling Calendar

January 2014	
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Heavy Trash— <b>TREE WASTE ONLY</b> <b>ALL OF WESTBURY</b>
<b>Thurs 22</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

February 2014	
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Heavy Trash— <b>JUNK WASTE</b> <b>ALL OF WESTBURY</b>
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

## Important Trash & Recycling Info

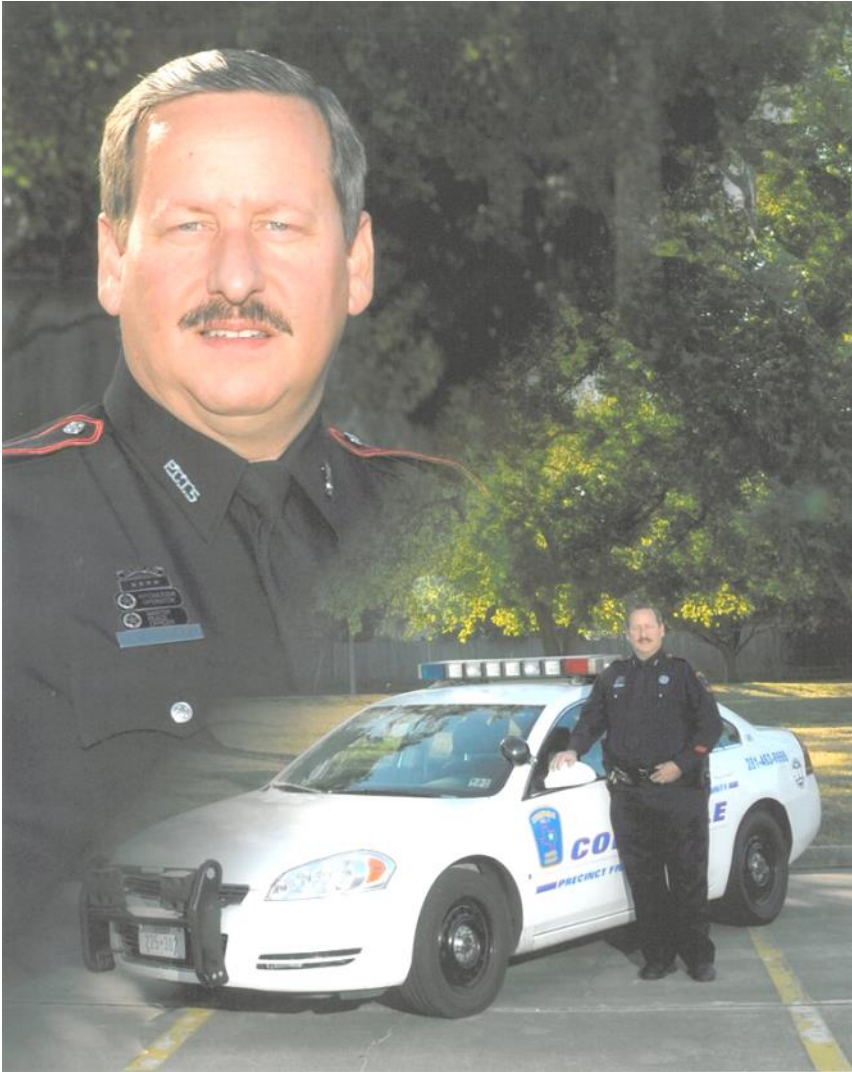
- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste **MUST** be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ Heavy trash can go out at 6PM the Friday before pick-up
- ♻️ **YARD WASTE** is not considered tree waste. It is collected on regular Thursday trash day
- ♻️ 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. Current utility bill needed.  
**Environmental Service Center - 11500 S. Post Oak**  
 Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household Waste & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com) or [www.houston.tx.gov](http://www.houston.tx.gov) for more trash and recycling information

## City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

January	Tree Waste	July	Tree Waste
February	Junk Waste	August	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste	September	Tree Waste
April	Junk Waste	October	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste	November	Tree Waste
June	Junk Waste	December	Junk Waste

**Help Keep Westbury Beautiful**

# Deputy David Addison: 1961-2013



## **Comments from the Westbury Houston Facebook page.**

*"Good cops are hard to find. My condolences to his family"* Brandon Cruz

*"He was a nice guy. Rest in peace."* Amanda Ridge

*"I am so sorry to hear this. Our condolences to his family."* Donna Block

*"I'm shocked & so saddened - he was such a fundamental part of the neighborhood. He will be missed!"* Stephanie Sisk Lester

*"Prayers sent I am sorry to hear this news."* Kathy Green

*"Condolences to his family."* Lucy Ricardo

*"Oh no. So sorry to hear this. Rest in peace Deputy Addison."* Lisa Wild

*"So very sorry for their loss. Thank you for your service sir."* JoAnne Rigdon Landgrave

*"I can not believe that! I just saw him yesterday while I was out front with my son. I'm so saddened by this news. Prayers for his family."* Sonya Wilkinson Sellers

*"This is sad news."* Jynelle Mikula

*"prayers and condolences to his family."* Mary M James

*"Oh wow. Sorry to hear this. My condolences to his family."* Rocío Lara

*"Horrible news! He was a great man and a wonderful asset to this neighborhood. He will be missed."* Geoff Sansom

**"Deputy Addison will be truly missed. I saw David almost everyday he worked in Westbury and I can honestly say that our neighborhood lost someday truly special. Thank you Addison for everything."  
-Jennifer Edmondson, WCC Office Manager**



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# Deputy David Addison: 1961-2013

## In Memory of Deputy David Addison

David Addison, longtime Westbury deputy constable, passed away peacefully in his home on December 5, 2013, in Kingwood, TX. David was well liked and highly respected in Westbury. All of us will miss his friendship and his smiling face. For many Westbury residents David was the face of the Westbury Area Patrol. We had just recently asked Precinct 5 to promote him to sergeant due to his excellent service. In the eight years David patrolled our streets he made many friends. He knew many of us by name and knew the neighborhood. David grew up in Westbury and graduated from Westbury High School in 1980. His parents still live in Westbury. Below are excerpts from the program from his funeral service and you will see what a great man David was in all facets of his life. He truly exemplified the meaning of the word service. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Addison family. Rest in peace, good and faithful servant.

David Addison was born February 12, 1961 in Longview, TX, to George and Ruthie Addison. David graduated from Westbury High School in 1980. After graduation he attended Houston Community College. He worked for Houston Shell & Concrete and then American Bank before deciding that law enforcement was his true calling. In May 1990, David graduated third in his class at HCC Law Enforcement Academy and received the Top Gun award. In July 1990 David was sworn in as a Deputy for the Harris County Constable Department, Precinct 5, where he served for over 23 years.

David was also called to serve God and attended the College of Biblical studies in Houston. He served as a volunteer Chaplain for Precinct 5 and was a member of their Honor Guard. He was ordained as a Minister on May 5, 2013. He loved singing and was a tenor in the choir at Woodridge Baptist Church. For the past 13 years, he used his vacation time to go with students to summer youth camp or mission trips. This had become the highlight of his year. He lived his life as a fully devoted follower of Christ, being



on mission daily. He was a Mason. He loved to hunt, fish, and spend time with his family. Above all that David did, he was most known to be a loving and caring husband to his wife of 31 years, Teresa, and father to his daughter, Lauren. David and Teresa were high school sweethearts since July of 1979 and married in September 1982. Lauren is a senior in high school and will be attending college in the fall of 2014. In addition to his wife and daughter, he is survived by his parents, George and Ruthie Addison, and his brother John and his twin brother, Joseph, along with a host of other family members.



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# More than just a Garden...

## The Westbury Community Garden Raises More Than Just Vegetables

*The story of Missy and her pups as told by Gardener and Pet Trainer Kathy Elder*

Missy appeared at the garden in August 2013 as another stray, abandoned dog wandering in and out of the garden looking for help. She stayed and soon had a larger black and white companion. No one was feeding either dog, but she'd hang around watching us working, often cooling off under the pavilion. She could not be approached and would quickly run away if approached. She appeared to be a young dog. When we realized she was pregnant, I called City of Houston BARC at least 3 times to come to capture her, and get her to their shelter before her pups were born. BARC did NOT come.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013 Missy had her puppies and made her den underneath the large garden shed. She was totally dependent on us for her and her puppies survival, so we began feeding her. We agreed that we need to contain her and the puppies to enable us to catch them all and get her and all of her pups to a shelter, or into adoptive homes and free from a life on the streets. We have given her worming medicine and have been feeding her 3x daily to provide the nutrition she needs for herself and to nurse her pups. Her condition is improving and very slowly she is beginning to trust, though not allowing touching. She remains fearful of men. One of the gardeners placed barriers for a wind block around the shed to protect the family through the



recent nights of cold and wind. We could see and hear at least 5 fat puppies just starting to be active. We built a containment around the sheds to keep the puppies contained. We later discovered that Missy had NINE pups under the shed. All seemly healthy and frisky.

On December 8th : Early this COLD morning several gardeners and I removed 5 of Missy's most assertive puppies. We moved the pups to their pen/den in the garage of the garden president, Marcia Hartman. I took a fecal sample to vet and the pups were wormed for roundworms. I think the black pups are black Labrador Retriever mixes and the others are possible Black Mouth Cur mixes. One has a longer shepherd coat. I am finally able to hand feed Missy with her pups under the shed lip. Later the same day, she ate her food

and hot dog pieces right next to me while she was on the shed lip although she is still not wanting to be touched. I think she is a brindle Black Mouth Cur mix (hunting dog) and is NOT a Pit Bull and is young, possibly a puppy herself with her 1st litter.

THANKS to those of you who are offering or working on networking Missy and pups for adoption, or offering donations for their continued care and probable shelter fees.

December 15th update: Many thanks to Marcia Hartman for housing the puppies while the pictures circulated for adoption. I am happy to report that all 5 puppies have found good homes. The remaining 4 puppies are still looking for their forever homes.

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## Save the 7 Acre Westbury Community Garden Land from being turned into an Apartment Complex

The Westbury Community Garden is a project of the WCC, the non-profit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC), and the Westbury SuperNeighborhood. If we don't raise the funds to buy the 7-acre leased land, then it will be paved over by the Houston Housing Authority and turned into a low-income apartment complex.

We need money AND to spread the word about our effort. Total cost of the land is more than \$500,000. Donations are tax-deductible.

Our goal is to rescue this award-winning garden to keep it public and green. The WCG is an allotment garden affiliated with Urban Harvest.

**Please donate today. Donations are tax-deductible.**

**Donations by Check:** Make check Payable to WAIC with memo line "Westbury Land Acquisition" and send to the WAIC, 5322 W. Bellfort, Suite 107, Houston TX 77035.

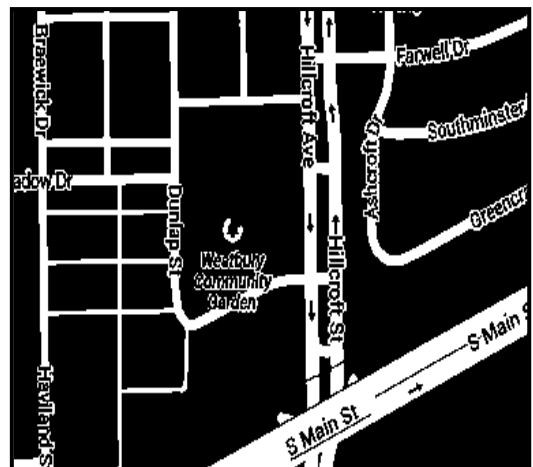
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Help Save Our 7 Acre Greenspace		
Attached is my tax-deductible donation of \$ _____	Donations of any amount (small or large) are welcomed and appreciated!	
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<b>Email:</b>	<b>Sustainer</b>	<b>\$250</b>
Mailing Address for Donation receipt (if different)	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>\$500</b>
	<b>Steward</b>	<b>\$1000</b>
	<b>Benefactor</b>	<b>\$5000+</b>
	<b>Other</b>	
<b>Checks should be made payable to WAIC – Westbury Land Acquisition</b>		
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# Benefits of Paying Your Dues

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To all of you who pay the dues, we thank you. You know why they are important and year after year you put your check in the mail (or nowadays go online to pay). Please encourage your neighbors to pay.

**To those of you who do not pay,** I would ask you to reconsider that decision. The dues are \$295 a year or just \$25 a month. What does that \$25 a month accomplish?

1) **Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.** Our price per square foot for homes currently for sale averages well over \$100 a square foot. A neighboring zip code has values of \$60 to \$70. What if your home value suddenly was cut in half?

2) **Keeps the doors to your Civic Club office open and staffed.** The WCC has an office and records and historical data dating back to 1956. The Westbury Crier has been bringing news to your doorstep EVERY month since July of 1956. Right now the WCC has one employee working less than full time hours. As an example Meyerland, with half the homes, has 3 employees and they outsource their quarterly publication. We would love to

see enough participation to hire another employee. The office provides free notary service to members and works as a liaison for residents on issues with the city.

3) **Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.** We currently have 3 deputies and are adding a fourth deputy as our ratio of homes to deputies was insufficient according to Precinct 5. They cited Meyerland's 8 deputies as an example. We need YOUR participation to be able to fund this 4th deputy.

4) **Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks and green spaces.** The WCC has planted hundreds of trees and given away thousands more. We have a contract with a landscape service that mows the areas that the City or TxDot or others do not mow in public right of ways. They tend the monument beds and plant seasonal color. They do an excellent job of keeping our esplanades cared for. We also pay for watering during periods of drought.

5) **Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements**

6) **Enforces deed restrictions**

7) **Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year!** This is the most popular event we host each year!

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## Remodeling your home? Adding On?

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We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2 and Westbury 3 have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know that there is a minimum percentage of brick that must be on your home? Did you know that you can't build in front of your building line? We want to help you! We want you to find out about possible violations before it costs you money and time. Several homeowners in the past couple years have had to tear down and/or modify their construction due to deed restriction violations.

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# Crime/Security

## SECURITY ALERT: STOLEN PACKAGES FROM FRONT PORCHES

Thieves have been plaguing our neighborhood looking for packages left on front porches to steal for the past several months. On December 10, the thieves hit again, this time in Westbury 3 on Mullins, Cerritos, Landsdowne, Cartagena, etc. One homeowner had 7 packages stolen off their front porch. Another homeowner witnessed the thefts and called Pct. 5 Constables but they were unable to apprehend the suspect. It is our recommendation to NOT have packages sent to your home, especially if you will not be home when the package is likely to be delivered. Be alert and call Pct. 5 when you see anything or anybody suspicious.

**\*CRIME ALERT:** Deputy Joy George with Pct. 5 in her first week in the Westbury Area Patrol was part of an operation that led to the arrest of a young man who was charged with possession of drugs, an aggravated robbery in September and another aggravated robbery in December. Thanks to the observant person who flagged her down with a suspicious vehicle report.

## Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37\*

30 days preceding December 16, 2013

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	2	8	0	1	11
Theft	10	4	3	2	19
Auto Theft	3	0	0	0	3
Robbery	3	1	0	2	6
Assault	1	2	0	0	3
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>42</b>

\*Area bounded by: S. Post Oak, US 90/S. Main, utility easement north of Willowbend and drainage bayou, west of Braewick

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5500	Belrose	Assault
5700	Benning	Theft
5900	Densmore	Robbery
6000	Densmore	Theft
11000	Doud	Burglary
11500	Dunlap	Theft
5800	Farwell	Robbery
5100	Kingfisher	Auto Theft

## Single Family Residential Crime Locations (30 days preceding 12/16/13)

Block	Street	Crime
10700	Landsdowne	Theft
10700	Landsdowne	Theft
11500	Landsdowne	Burglary
5800	Ludington	Robbery
5800	Ludington	Theft
6000	Ludington	Auto Theft
5500	McKnight	Theft
11600	Mullins	Theft

Block	Street	Crime
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5900	Warm Springs	Theft
5100	W. Bellfort	Auto Theft

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# 2013 WCC Accomplishments

Our purpose, as set out by our bylaws is: 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. With the exception of our part-time office manager, the rest of us are volunteers.

We accomplished quite a bit this year and hope you have noticed that Westbury is a greener, cleaner, friendlier neighborhood as we continue our "Working on Westbury and Keep Westbury Beautiful" campaign. If you are interested in the "Working on Westbury" effort, we would love to have you join us. Contact the WCC office to join in. Here are 2013 highlights.

**Security:** We renewed our contract to continue the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) for 2014. The WCC Board approved adding a 4th patrol deputy in 2014.

**Communications:** Our monthly newsletter, *The Westbury Crier*, won a national award from Neighborhoods USA and was increased from 16 to 24 pages. The Westbury High School baseball booster club continues to do an awesome job with delivery. We gained additional fans on Facebook and now have over 800 fans. We kept our residents aware of issues relevant to Westbury through our website, Facebook, and the newsletter. New in 2013 was NextDoor.com, which is a popular site where neighbors exchange information between each other. (Note-NextDoor.com is NOT maintained by the WCC, although some crime prevention information is passed along via this site.)

**Support for our Residents:** The Civic Club office handled hundreds of calls or emails from residents and many problems were solved. We worked closely

with the Mayor's Assistance Office and the District K office when issues were not resolved through 311. Office Hours were expanded around the White Elephant Sale time to accommodate the schedules of working residents who wished to purchase booth space. We held two successful White Elephant Sales.

**Awards:** The Westbury Civic Club, the WAIC, and the Westbury Super Neighborhood were joint winners of a Keep Houston Beautiful "Mayor's Proud Partner" award for our *Keep Westbury Beautiful* project. The *Westbury Crier* newsletter won an award from Neighborhoods USA. WCC President Becky Edmondson was honored with a *Westbury Star* award from the Friends of Westbury High School Foundation.

**Parks:** The city replaced the playground at Westbury Park. Donations from the community provided large shade toppers for the new playground and a fantastic grand-opening celebration, ably led by the Friends of Westbury Greenspaces committee. The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) agreed, in principle, to sell the leased 7-acre site of the Westbury Community Garden to keep it public and green forever, and the WCC and WAIC initiated a campaign to raise funds for this effort late in 2013. The WCC contributed to the JazzFest at Willow Waterhole with a financial donation.

**Beautification:** New trees were planted and mulched on West Bellfort and at Westbury Park. During the summer drought, landscape beds and young trees were watered by a watering contractor. Our landscaping contractor fertilized, mulched, and de-littered the esplanade decorative landscape beds on a regular basis, and also mowed and maintained the major intersection of West Bellfort

and Chimney Rock. The contractor also mowed areas which do not get frequently mowed (such as pipeline or flood control easements). A tree service contractor was hired to prune trees on West Bellfort -- this work is still in progress.

**Solid Waste:** Single stream recycling came to all of Westbury! The Solid Waste Department sent out extra trucks for several weeks to collect water damaged items when some homes flooded in April.

**Advocacy:** We strongly advocate on behalf of all of Westbury and have directors who serve on important boards such as the Westbury Community Garden, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, the Friends of Westbury High School Foundation, the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Southwest Houston 2000, the Braes Oaks Management District, the Brays Bayou Association, and the Super Neighborhood Alliance. We meet with city and county officials on a regular basis. We continue to strongly advocate on behalf of the Westbury Community Garden in order to keep those 7 acres as permanent greenspace rather than a low income housing project.

**Administrative & Training:** We updated our bylaws and approved several new policies. We joined the Greater Houston Neighborhood Association and several directors attended training. Also, several directors attended a Neighborhood 101 training workshop sponsored by District K.

**Neighborhood Protection:** We met monthly with the city's Department of Neighborhoods to review outstanding 311 items and to track their progress. We worked with City Legal on cases where deed restrictions were being violated.

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	Greenspace Beautification	\$25	\$
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# What's Trending Now in Westbury

## NextDoor.com

NextDoor is a private social network where Westbury neighbors pass along crime and security information, neighbor to neighbor, and other community information. Although this site is not maintained or operated by the Westbury Civic Club, more and more Westbury residents are signing up for the service. Note that each member of NextDoor must verify their address to join. HPD has recently announced that it will be posting on Nextdoor. The Westbury Civic Club does NOT have a login and does NOT monitor the site. If you have a problem that needs WCC attention, please contact us via email at [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net), phone 713-723-5437 or our Facebook page, Westbury Houston. If interested in nextdoor.com, Sign up at <https://westburytx.nextdoor.com>

## Walk Out Westbury -- WOW!

Did you know there are wonderful trails at the Willow Waterhole? Now that milder temperatures are here, it is a great time to get out and walk and explore this beautiful nature reserve. Ask a neighbor to join you. If you use NextDoor.com, then invite some neighbors to join you or start a regular walking group. For you stay-at-home parents, get your friends together for a picnic under the big oak tree at the Rafferty Memorial at Willow Waterhole (park on Ricecrest), and then let the kids run off their energy or push the little ones in their strollers on the concrete pathways. For you seniors, the concrete pathways are excellent. There are benches and picnic tables for those who would rather have a snack or rest in the peaceful environs.

A walk is helpful to burn up the extra calories of holiday feasting. When you have out of town guests, show off one of the jewels of our neighborhood by taking a walk around the park.

## Westbury Houston Facebook Page

Are you one of our 812 friends on Facebook? If not, you should be! We share heavy trash reminders, crime alerts, meeting updates, event reminders, and other important information. Do you have a question for the WCC? Send us a private message on Facebook & you will get a response within 24 hrs & most times within an hour of sending the message!

## Westbury Community Garden Billboard

**Coming Soon!** The Westbury Community Garden won the 2012 Community Stars Award from the Houston DEA. Part of the award included a billboard featuring the Westbury Community Garden. The original billboard was placed off of I-45 far away from Westbury. A new billboard will be in place at the corner of Main and S. Post Oak starting December 30, 2013 and will run for 4 weeks. The billboard is donated by Clear Channel Outdoor.

## Westbury Meet & Eat

Come out to Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant at 6579 W. Bellfort every 1st Thursday of the month to meet Westbury residents. This event is open to anyone who lives in Westbury. Ask for the Westbury group. Happy Hour will be extended for the time we are there.

**January Meet & Eat: Thurs, January 2 @ 6PM**

**February Meet & Eat: Thurs, February 6 @ 6PM**

## Westbury Trading Group on Facebook

The Westbury/Meyerland/Bellaire Trading Group is a new Facebook group that has 490 members that allows area residents to sell, trade, or buy items from other area residents. It was started by a Westbury mom that saw a need. Check

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# Westbury Area News

## WHS Mascot to Change

Here is a letter from WHS Principal Tim Wainright about the WHS Mascot. At the December 2013 HISD Board meeting, the board of trustees took the first step in approving a measure that would prohibit offensive or culturally insensitive mascots. The proposed policy affects four HISD schools — Lamar High School Redskins, Westbury High School Rebels, Hamilton Middle School Indians and Welch Middle School Warriors. If the policy is approved by the board at the January 2014 meeting, then the policy would go into effect at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

## Letter from WHS Principal

Dec. 9, 2013

Attention Westbury Community, This week, Superintendent Grier will recommend to the Houston Independent School District Board of Education that they adopt a new policy prohibiting potentially offensive or culturally insensitive mascots.

We are one of four schools — Lamar High School Redskins, Westbury High Schools Rebels, Hamilton Middle School Indians and the Welch Middle

School Warriors — that will be affected by this proposed policy update, which, if approved, would go into effect at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. Change is always hard, especially when it involves longstanding symbols of community pride. In a district as large and diverse as HISD, we must lead by example. While traditions are important, they aren't as important as kindness and respect, which we owe not just to all of our students, but to the community at large.

I want to stress that this proposed policy doesn't mean that our traditions and history will be forgotten. I plan to work with district officials to ensure that our mascot is respectfully retired and honored appropriately on our campus.

I'm committed to keeping you informed throughout this process, and I will provide you more information as I have it. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact our school office at 713-723-6015.

Kindest Regards,  
A.T. (Tim) Wainright

## Westbury Square Update

As we reported last month, the City's litigation over the dilapidated buildings at Westbury Square is now at an end. The Texas Supreme Court ruled that the City's Building to Standard Commission orders against the dilapidated buildings, buildings 1 and 5, are final and can be demolished. The owner has until February 10, 2014, to completely demolish both buildings.

We are keeping in close contact with our District K representatives on the progress. Because of concerns over asbestos, Mr. Antonini, current property owner, had to hire a licensed asbestos abatement surveyor to prepare a report for the state. They are now awaiting state approval to begin demolition.

Even though the owner will seek an extension of the repair order entered against the theatre building, once an extension is granted, an inspector from the City's Public Works and Engineering Dept. will perform the requisite inspections to determine what repairs are needed. After all repairs are made, the owner can request a Certificate of Compliance to have the repair order released. The City Legal Dept. will check for permits and continue to monitor progress to ensure demolition progresses relative to the timetable discussed with the owner.

The District K office will continue to keep us posted on this evolving development.



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# Westbury News

## Then And Now

In the January 1968 *Westbury Crier* there was an article entitled, "Things That Need To Be Done". It said "Your civic club has worked on and is still working on many projects but much remains to be done for the betterment of Westbury. Here are some:

1. A decent road around Westbury High School
2. A post office you can get to
3. Widen Post Oak
4. Create a public park at the abandoned sewer treatment plant (*This is now the Chimney Rock Park and Platou Community Center*)
5. Extend Hillcroft to South Main
6. More street lights on our major thoroughfares
7. Eliminate deed restriction violations in Westbury
8. Eliminate mosquitoes in Westbury."

Forty years later some of these things remain undone (7 and 8), need to be redone (1) or have happened (2,3,4,5,6). What is on our 2014 "things that need to be done" list?

1. Street replacement (and repair) in many sections of Westbury
2. Sewer & water line replacement needed
3. Saving the 7-acre greenspace that is home to the WCG
4. Bringing quality commercial development to our dilapidated, rundown commercial areas
5. Eliminating deed restriction violations
6. improving the appearance of our parks and esplanades

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## Joy Hester & the Willow Waterhole Bird Survey

Back in the summer of 2007, Westbury resident Joy Hester, who is a past president of the Houston Audubon Society and currently a national board member of the Audubon, started a monthly bird survey at the Willow Waterhole. Living near the Willow Waterhole Bayou, Joy realized the abundance of bird species she would see in her Westbury neighborhood. Once the Willow Waterhole Greenspace was in place she knew the words "if you build it, they will come" would apply to the 300 acre Conservation Reserve.

She scheduled a monthly bird survey for the third Saturday and reported the findings to Texas eBird. Her hope was to establish a good database to track changes in the bird populations as the park develops and changes over time. For a list of the species seen to date, go to ebird hotspots. To date 178 species have been seen!

Before identifying 44 species during the November Willow Waterhole bird survey, the group honored the survey's founder, Joy Hester, with a plaque in recognition of her outstanding leadership. She was the leader of the survey during its formative years. Mark Meyers is the leader of that survey now. The Willow Waterhole is indebted to Joy for her foresight, guidance, and encouragement.

A record 33 participants were on hand for the November Willow Waterhole Bird Survey. Of note during this survey were sightings of five species of wintering sparrows on the property to the east of South Post Oak Road.



Joy Hester, founder of the Willow Waterhole Bird Survey, was recognized for her outstanding contributions to the group, represented by Mark Meyer. Photo courtesy of Gene Fritts.





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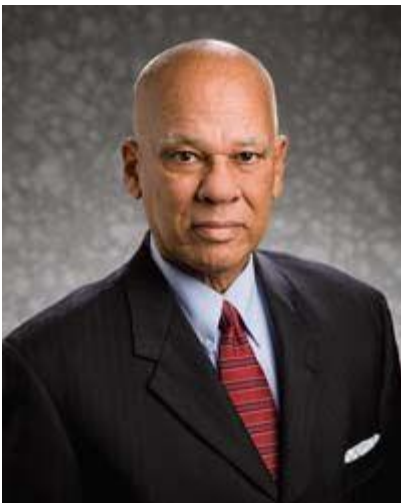
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# New HISD Trustee

## Farewell Larry Marshall

HISD Trustee Larry Marshall has retired from the HISD Board of Trustees. He retired after many years of service as an educator and administrator with HISD, and then served 16 years on the HISD school board. HISD held a reception in December to honor Trustee Larry Marshall which was attended by Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman. Entertainment was provided by the excellent Westbury High School Jazz Band.

We bid Larry Marshall a fond farewell. In particular, he has been a strong advocate of Westbury High School. Over the years, he has worked with the WHS PTO, the Friends of WHS Foundation, and community groups such as the Westbury Civic Club, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, and other community organizations to discuss ideas to improve the school and campus. He has been a steady and persistent advocate of our community vision to expand the WHS campus to be consistent in size with modern high school campuses and to improve connections between the WHS campus and the nearby Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve.

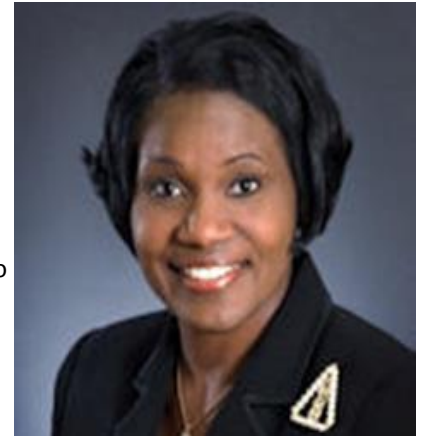


Larry Marshall, we thank you and hope that you will continue to lend your expertise in educational matters to the Houston community.

## Farewell from Westbury!

## Welcome Wanda Adams

We extend a warm Westbury welcome to incoming HISD Trustee Wanda Adams, who was elected in November 2013 to replace retiring trustee Larry Marshall. She is familiar with the Westbury area because earlier in her career she worked as a city liaison for the Westbury community.



Wanda Adams is a former Councilmember on the Houston City Council and served 6 years as the representative for District D. She is a native Houstonian and earned a Bachelor's degree in Public Affairs and a Master's degree in Public Administration, both from TSU. We look forward to working with Wanda Adams on school issues important to Westbury residents.

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# Johnston Orchestra Heading to Carnegie Hall



Johnston Middle School's Sinfonia orchestra will be heading to Carnegie Hall (NYC) next April, thanks to a stellar performance for the National Orchestra Honors competition last spring and the encouragement of an internationally acclaimed conductor.

The orchestra was named one of three national winners in the "middle school strings" category of the contest held in May of 2013 after submitting recordings of two of its performances for judging.

One of the National Orchestra Honors competition's adjudicators was Larry Livingston, a highly respected conductor who also serves as a professor of music at the University of Southern California.

Livingston suggested that Sinfonia submit its recordings to the National Band and Orchestra Festival, and, even though that

event is not geared towards middle school ensembles, festival organizers were so impressed that they extended an invitation to the group to perform.

If Sinfonia can raise the \$46,000 required to make the trip, Johnston will be the first middle school from the Houston area to perform in Carnegie Hall as a part of the festival.

"I am very proud of these amazing students," said Sinfonia director José Rocha. "Sinfonia was selected as a national winner from among 178 of the finest ensembles in the country. It is a wonderful achievement for the students."

To make a donation, please send an email to Dr. José Rocha or Jennifer Martin at [johnstonorchestra@gmail.com](mailto:johnstonorchestra@gmail.com). Their facebook page is [jmsorchestra](http://www.facebook.com/jmsorchestra).

## José Rocha

Dr. Rocha holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Violoncello Performance from the University of Houston. Prior to his studies in Houston, Dr. Rocha attended the University of Florida where he graduated with honors receiving Bachelor and Master of Music degrees. While at UF, Dr. Rocha was a cello instructor and Orchestra Director in the String Preparatory Program at the University. After Graduation, Dr. Rocha taught orchestra at Jewett Academy and Jewett School of the Arts while keeping a very busy schedule performing with the Southwest Florida Symphony (Ft. Myers), the Orlando Philharmonic, Savannah Symphony (GA), Columbus Symphony (GA), the Strauss Symphony of America; and several performance tours with artists Ray Price, Glenn Frey, Frank Sinatra Jr., Marvin Hamlisch, Ray Charles and others.

Dr. Rocha has performed through Europe, first with the prestigious Jugend Schwyz Orchestra in Switzerland and as a soloist with the Texas State University Orchestra, playing in such places as the Chopin Conservatory in Poland. Recently, Dr. Rocha has been a guest artist at the Festival South in Mississippi and in the summer of 2013, he traveled to Xalapa, Mexico to teach and perform.

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# Trash Explained

## 2014 Monthly "Junk Waste" or "Tree Waste"

Unlike many cities, the City of Houston provides residents with FREE curbside monthly heavy trash collection, alternating "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.**

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

We all want Westbury to look as attractive as possible, so it is important to pay attention to when you may legally place your heavy trash at the curb. If you are not sure, you may call the WCC office or "like" the WCC Facebook page to get trash updates. **ALL of Westbury is picked up on the 2nd Thursday of each month.**

## 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. 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.


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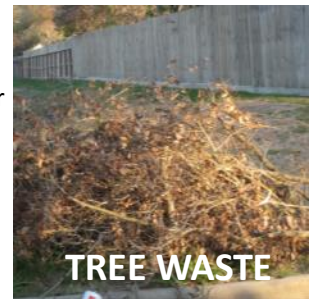
## What is "Junk Waste"?

"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, shrubbery 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 by the city.



## 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 every Thursday.



**What goes in the large green bin?** Recyclables such as steel or aluminum cans. Paper. Certain plastics, not # 6. Glass IS allowed in the large recyclable bins. Recycling is picked up every other Thursday.

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

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

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# Trash Explained

## Environmental Service Center – South

(Recycle and Household Hazardous Waste)

**11500 South Post Oak - between Gasmer and South Main**

The Environmental Service Center accepts household hazardous waste such as anti-freeze, batteries, 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 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.

## 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.

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

**10785 Southwest Freeway Houston, TX 77074**

**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 accept the following items:** Furniture, Tree limbs, Stoves, Refrigerators, etc., 10 auto tires (Rims Not Accepted)

Open Wednesday - Sunday, 10AM to 7PM.

## Westpark Recycling Center

**5900 Westpark**

This facility is a drive through operation so you do not have to unload your vehicle. **The center accepts:** aluminum and tin cans, batteries, 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.

Open Monday– Saturday from 8AM to 5PM.

## 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 12:30PM

## Christmas Tree Recycling

The City of Houston encourages residents to recycle Christmas trees. The recycled trees will be converted into mulch, which will help save landfill space and help preserve the environment.

**Trees WITHOUT Artificial Snow, Tinsel, or stands:** In Westbury, these trees will be collected for recycling by the city during the January "Tree Waste Heavy Trash" pickup. They may be placed at the curb starting Saturday January 4, for collection on **January 9** for ALL of Westbury. Trees for recycling may be taken to our Southwest Neighborhood Depository at 10785 Southwest Freeway.



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# Holiday Yard of the Month



Westbury 3 Yard of the Month Winner

## December "Holiday Yard of the Month Winners

- Parkwest 1**  
10819 Atwell—John & Valencia Amenson
- Parkwest 2**  
10910 Rampart - James Bland & Family
- Parkwest 3**  
5930 Beaudry - Steve & Courtney Brown
- Westbury 1**  
5222 Briarbend - John & Peggy Dybala
- Westbury 2**  
10918 Checkerboard - Dan & Katherine Morgan
- Westbury 3**  
5522 Arboles - Janelle, Rhett & Mia Kenagy
- Westbury 4**  
11902 Chimney Rock - Mario Bravo
- Westbury 5**  
10723 Braewick - Douglas Stockman
- Westbury South**  
5714 Firenza - Westbury Resident



## Best Section of Holiday Lights: Westbury South

If you like to drive around and enjoy holiday lights with family and friends, make sure you check out Westbury South. Located South of W. Airport between Chimney Rock and Hillcroft, every street has lights. The yard of the month judges had difficulty choosing just one home to win.



**Yard of the Month Judges Needed for Westbury 2, Westbury 4 and Westbury South. Please call the WCC Office at 713-723-5437 if you are interested.**

## 14th Annual Fruit Tree Sale: Sat., January 18

9:00 am - 1:00 pm (or until sold out) at 5600 Greenbriar, Houston TX 77005  
Rice University, Greenbriar Lot

Westbury is an ideal community in which to grow fruit trees. The Urban Harvest fruit tree sale is an excellent opportunity to find the perfect tree for your yard. There will be thousands of fruit trees of all kinds, carefully selected to be appropriate for our climate. Visit [www.urbanharvest.org](http://www.urbanharvest.org) for more details. The location of the sale is close by and convenient for Westbury residents.

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# Deck the Halls Parade 2013



What a great parade! A big thanks goes to the Mandell family for all their hard work on the Deck the Halls Parade. WCC President, Becky Edmondson, was incognito as Phoenix while riding with CM Larry Green in a car driven by Westbury resident, Edna Navarro. There were hundreds of residents along the parade route!



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