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SNOW in Westbury!

2017 was definitely the year of strange weather events in Houston. First, we had Harvey bring record rainfall amounts, then on December 8 Houston saw real snow! Over an inch of snow stuck to the ground. Westbury awoke to beautiful white lawns and roofs. Kids had a real snow morning. Snowmen were built and snow ball fights ensued. For more great snow pictures in Westbury, see page 13.



Parker Elementary Move Delayed Again Future uncertain for Parker's old building and Kolter students



Read all about this on page 7

Join the Westbury Civic Club Today

Thank you to everyone who paid the 2017 dues. The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) worked on Westbury's behalf all year long from Harvey recovery to infrastructure to green projects to deed restrictions. You can read all about the WCC accomplishments on page 9.

Westbury needs EVERYONE to pay their dues. The WCC can't function without YOU! A safe, secure, nice place to live is what we all want. Your financial support helps to keep the Westbury Civic Club up and running and is one of the reasons that Westbury has been listed as one of the top neighborhoods in Houston. Westbury would be a very different neighborhood if it weren't for the residents who pay their annual dues and volunteer their time. Although some homes in Parkwest have Mandatory Assessments, most homes in Westbury have Voluntary Dues (form is on pg 17).

The WCC membership dues are just \$50. Your WCC dues pay for office space plus an office manager, who performs a wide range of WCC tasks including assisting the board, support for residents, outreach projects and produce the *Crier*. The dues are also used to beautify our esplanades and parks, plant and water trees, remove litter from and mow common areas, and maintain our subdivision markers.

The Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) puts certified police officers in our neighborhood and on our streets. Their visibility (even if you think you do not see them, the criminals know they are around) coupled with their quick response time makes them an invaluable component of neighborhood safety. We ask that each household also contribute \$285 towards the Westbury Area Patrol.

Please fill out a membership form and write a check to the WCC today! We need EVERYONE'S support. We believe that the total dues of \$335 (just 92 cents per day) provide a worthwhile service that protects the value of your home and the safety of your family. Payment plans are possible. Working together, we really DO make a difference.



Westbury RECYCLING DATES

January 2018

Thursday, January 4
Thursday, January 18

February 2018

Thursday, February 1
Thursday, February 15



NO Heavy Trash or Yard Waste



Until further notice, the City of Houston is still **NOT picking up heavy trash or yard waste**. The WCC is not sure when these services will resume. The Westbury website and Facebook page will update as soon as we know. UPDATE: YARD WASTE RESUMES 01/02/18!

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Meyer Library.....832-393-1840

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Make sure to give pole number

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis>>.....713-755-6111

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Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use "report a problem" link

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Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Happy New Year! The January President's message is perhaps the hardest one of all to write. It's still December and my mind is on celebrating the holidays with family and friends. It's especially busy as Hurricane Harvey affected me both at the neighborhood level, with so many homes flooded, and also at work, since I am in the insurance business and handling Harvey claims! I will be glad to ring in a new year. 2017 was a wild year with flooding in August and a World Series championship in October followed by real snow in December. Now that's memorable!

Looking toward 2018, the WCC will continue to advocate for flooding solutions to help mitigate structural flooding in Westbury. I am currently on a City Task Force looking at Fill and Development as it relates to flooding. It's been an eye opening experience as engineers, developers, and community members come together to look at development rules.

The WCC has a great board full of talented people willing to give their time to make Westbury a good place to live and raise our families. To me Westbury is just as viable today as it was over 60 years ago.

The Deck the Halls parade was held in mid-December in Westbury 3. One of the nicest things about riding in it, or walking along with the banner, is all the nice Westbury residents who shout out their thanks. I know many of you enjoyed the parade this year. Next year will be the 20th annual so I expect it will be even bigger and better.

Instead of a board meeting in December, the Westbury Civic Club gets together for a holiday celebration. It was nice to have our District K Councilmember, Larry Green, our State Representative from 146, Shawn Thierry, and our school board trustee, Wanda Adams, join in this year's celebration. It makes all the difference when you can call the people who represent us friends.

Looking back on 2017, there were some high points. Getting Hillcroft's designation in the MTFP changed from 6 lanes to 4 lanes was a major accomplishment. This was an effort that started back in 2004 when we first discovered that Hillcroft was slated to become a 6 lane major thoroughfare through Westbury. Westbury owes District K a debt of gratitude for having the MTFP amended.

Getting over a million dollars for Hager Park renovations in the November bond referendum is huge. Hager Park was listed as the park that needed the most work in Sector 8. Thankfully again District K came to our rescue and Hager Park was included in the recent bond referendum. There will be upcoming meetings to discuss what the community wants to see at Hager Park.

Getting a start on having our storm sewers replaced is huge. After the flooding in 2013, the WCC collected data from residents and began advocating heavily for having our outdated and compromised storm sewers replaced. With 9 phases, it will take a while but it is on the books and will move forward.

The last phase of the Willow Waterhole project has begun and will be completed in 2018. Another project that started in 2004! We will continue to advocate for more work and relief along this bayou as 98% of the flooding in Westbury was along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. To me, one of the most important and imperative things is for all houses in Westbury to be removed from the flood plain. Elevating, building new, or getting a buyout are all ways to accomplish this.

I am proud of the work the WCC has done to advocate for improvements in Westbury. It definitely doesn't happen overnight. But eventually things happen! Now if we could only see some progress in Westbury Square.

I am happy that we will have two new HEBs just a few miles from Westbury by 2018 and 2019; one in Bellaire and one

in Meyerland Plaza. We are still awaiting news on the Centerette property where last we heard Aldi's might to built. Parker Elementary and Westbury High School will move into their new spaces in 2018. Westbury home sales continue to do well.

Crime saw its normal uptick in December. We are working closely with both Pct 5 and HPD. You can read about the new Southwest Police station on page 15. It's actually closer to the majority of us in Westbury than the old Beechnut station. I hope to host a Westbury Civic Club meeting in 2018 in their new community room. The monthly PIP meetings will be held there.

I am looking forward to 2018 and wish all of you a very safe, healthy, Happy New Year. Won't you send in your dues and help support the work we do on your behalf?

Becky Edmondson



WCC Board Meeting Notes—December 2017

- There was no WCC board meeting in December
- The next WCC board meeting is on January 17, 2018 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist
- Vacant positions are section directors for Westbury 3, Westbury 5, and Parkwest 1

NEXT WCC Board Meeting
Wed., January 17, 7PM
Westbury Baptist 10425 Hillcroft



JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Platou Community Center
11655 Chimney Rock Rd
Houston, TX 77035
Facility Manager:
Jorge Sanchez, 713.726.7107
Jorge.Sanchez@houstontx.gov



Platou Closed

January 1

MONDAY

Stretching Exercise Class: Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
Line Dancing: Fun cardio with a beat.	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	All Levels
Table Tennis: Open Adult and Teen ping pong.	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels

TUESDAY

Quilting: Ms. BeeHaven Quilters Contact: Janie 713.721.5526	10:00 AM -2:00 PM	All Levels
Table Tennis: Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong.	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Ages
TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Contact: Dorothy 713.723.4441 or Naomi 713.988.2233	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels

WEDNESDAY

Stretching Exercise Class: Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
Table Games: Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and More.	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	All Ages
Table Tennis: Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels

FRIDAY

Stretching Exercise Class: Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
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Meyer Library At Platou Center

Houston Public Library Toddler Storytime
Thursdays @ 10:30am – 11:15am

The Houston Public Library is here to help our neighbors and friends rebuild after Hurricane Harvey. While the Meyer Neighborhood Library is closed for repairs, come enjoy storytime with us at the Platou Community Center! Toodle around with us for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop your toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. Intended for children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers.



Family Fun Day at the Platou Center

January 20, 11AM-1PM

Play games outdoors & indoors.

For more information, contact Jorge at 713-726-7107

Meyer Library CLOSED

The Meyer library suffered damage from Harvey and is still closed. Look in future *Criers* for more information.

What's Happening in Westbury

Events/Meetings Calendar JANUARY 2018

Mon 8	HISD Back to School	
Mon 15	WCC Office Closed—Martin Luther King Day	
Mon 15	Brays Bayou Association Meeting The Gathering Place—5310 S Willow	7:30PM
Wed 17	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	8:30AM
Wed 17	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Sat. 20	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—S. Willow	7AM
Sat 20	Family Day at Platou Center 11655 Chimney Rock See page 4 for more information	11AM-2PM
Tues 23	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Police Station—13097 Nitida	7PM

Planning Calendar

February 1- Assessments due for
Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2
February 27- Rodeo starts



**HOSTED THE SUPER BOWL.
SURVIVED A HURRICANE.
WON THE WORLD SERIES.
PLAYED IN THE SNOW.**

What a year, Houston.

Until further notice, the City of Houston is **NOT picking up heavy trash or yard waste.** UPDATE: YARD WASTE RESUMES



JANUARY 02, 2018!!!!



Recycling in Westbury

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

January 2018 Recycling

Thursday, January 4

Thursday, January 18

February 2018 Recycling

Thursday, February 1

Thursday, February 15

Important Trash & Recycling Info



- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- ♻️ NO Glass in the 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
- ♻️ 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.
- ♻️ GLASS: May be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend, in the orange container near W. Bellfort.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information



Hot Topics in Westbury

The Westbury Civic Club gets hundreds of emails and calls a month and many

people have the same questions. This new monthly feature will contain last month's hot topics! If you have any topics you would like covered, email the office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Garage Apartments: Garage apartments are not allowed by deed restrictions in any section of Westbury. No structure shall be erected, altered, placed or permitted to remain on any residential building plot other than one detached single-family dwelling not to exceed two stories in height and a private garage for not more than two cars (some sections have more cars). The one detached single-family dwelling defines the type of structure, not who lives in the structure. No duplexes or second residences are allowed.

Visible trash cans: We received several complaints about visible storage of trash cans. This is a violation of City Ordinance. If your neighbor has their cans stored where they can be seen, you may report them to 311. However, due to Hurricane Harvey the City is not actively enforcing this ordinance as it has its hands full.

Two story homes: Most sections in Westbury allow 2 story homes. If you are unsure about your section, call the office at 713-723-5437. All the deed restrictions are online at www.westburycrier.com

What's that Smell?

Reports of a strong gas smell were frequent all over Westbury and nearby areas in December. An oil rig experienced a blowout incident on December 6, near FM2234 and the Fort Bend Tollway in east Fort Bend County.

Due to continuing health concerns, State Representative Ron Reynolds and Houston City Councilman Larry Green, and other city and county officials held a press conference on December 15 near the site of the explosion. The Texas Railroad Commission (TRRC) and Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) sent statements which were read by Rep. Reynolds. They said that the cleanup was 70% complete, nine days after the explosion.



Site of blowout in Fort Bend County

The smell is from hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) in the released gas, which could create health problems if inhaled for extended periods of time. Hydrogen sulfide can be detected at very low concentrations. It smells like rotten eggs or natural gas. The TCEQ notes "odorous levels are not necessarily harmful levels," although they add that "persistent, strong odors have the potential to cause indirect, odor-related health effects such as headache and nausea." Due to these concerns Super Neighborhood 41 (who are residents of City of Houston who live in Ft. Bend County) showed up to Stand in Unity and to ask for answers. The TRRC said the cleanup would take another week. The TCEQ says the air quality is "safe". Smelly, but safe.

State Senator Borris Miles has demanded an investigation to determine what steps were taken and not taken to control the blowout and leakage. He has called on investigators to provide recommendations to prevent such incidents in the future.



District K CM Larry Green speaking at press conference

HIT BY HARVEY?

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Parker Elementary News: Delays and Drama

Parker students, Parker parents, and nearby residents have endured three years of construction causing traffic problems and crowded campus conditions with reduced amenities for students. Everyone has been ecstatic that the pain is nearly over. HOWEVER, the HISD board of Trustees is considering another option for the old Parker building. If implemented, it would make the crowded campus conditions and traffic conditions EVEN WORSE than they have been during these years of construction. HISD is seeking options for a temporary home for Kolter Elementary students for up to five more years. One of the two options being considered is to move Kolter students into the old Parker Building while a new school building is designed and constructed for Kolter, which has flooded twice and was badly flooded during Hurricane Harvey. This is a complicated story which is explained in the box below.

Both Parker Elementary and Kolter Elementary serve students from Westbury. Both are neighborhood schools with excellent reputations. Everyone wants the best for our Westbury area students, but there are SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS with this option being considered by HISD. Cramming 1,500 combined Kolter and Parker students onto a campus with limited parking, limited playgrounds, limited pickup/dropoff zones, and placing Kolter students in a decrepit building which is being replaced because the old Parker building is in bad shape, just seems like a bad idea.

Another SIGNIFICANT CONCERN is that it seems that HISD values sports fields for Bellaire High School students as a higher priority and a more important need than the needs of the 1,500 elementary school students of Kolter and Parker Elementary Schools. Shouldn't elementary school students be higher priority? Shouldn't the needs of elementary school students be higher than the needs of Bellaire High School athletes?

On December 14, the HISD school board voted to build a new school for Kolter Elementary school. Kolter is currently holding classes in the old Gordon Elementary building on Ave B. With this new plan to stop the repairs on Kolter and build a new school, they need a home for the next two to three years. Could they move back in to their old space and build somewhere else on campus like Parker had to do? Could they stay at Gordon?

Kolter Elementary Background Story

Kolter Elementary, located off S. Rice and Runnymede in Meyerland, was badly flooded during Harvey. Kolter students are being temporarily housed at the previously vacant, old Gordon Elementary / Mandarin Chinese Immersion Elementary campus at Avenue B near Bissonnet, just inside the 610 Loop. HISD has recently decided to REPLACE Kolter with a new, higher building rather than remodeling a building which has flooded twice in recent years. This seems to be a wise decision for the long-run because Kolter is a neighborhood school with a great reputation on a site with flooding problems. But, Bellaire High School (BHS) is scheduled to be replaced, and part of that design for BHS involves creating new athletic fields for BHS on the site where Kolter is temporarily being housed. The City of Bellaire is threatening to not allow an occupancy permit next year or in the future for the temporary Kolter campus while a new Kolter is built. If Kolter is kicked off of its current temporary site on Bissonnet, then the alternate option is to move Kolter temporarily to the Parker Elementary campus into the old Parker building.

Parker Elementary New Building Delayed Again

Originally scheduled to open in June of 2017, then August, then December; the new move-in date is now sometime in February of 2018. After the move into the new building has been completed, the plan was to demolish the old, decrepit building, replacing it with sports fields and playgrounds, a Spark Park, a parking lot for teachers and visitors, and an improved student dropoff/pickup layout.

According to Brian Busby, Chief Operating Officer of HISD: "Please be advised that, to date, no decision has been made to move the students of Kolter ES to the old Parker ES. Currently, this is a possible option being discussed with the Superintendent and the Board of Education. As a decision on the relocation home of Kolter is made, the information will be shared with the Principal, Board, and community."

Bellaire High School wants the land where Gordon sits. A concerned Westbury resident asked Trustee Lunceford, who represents both Bellaire and Kolter, and shared Lunceford's response:

"I would like you to better understand the rebuild of Bellaire HS. It is not just merely moving baseball fields to Gordon. There is no way to rebuild Bellaire on the current site with the students still attending but to take away all fields during construction. There will no longer be enough room on this site for any softball or baseball fields and those will be at the former Gordon site."

So this is what it comes down to:

Bellaire received over 100 million dollars in the 2012 bond for a new school. They will lose their sports fields just like Parker Elementary has during their construction. But they don't want to be inconvenienced and use the fields at nearby Lovett or Kolter or Westbury High and would rather send 650 more elementary students to the Parker campus. Parker's completion would be delayed 3 to 4 years. Traffic to bring close to 1500 students to and from school everyday will be a nightmare for the neighborhood and for those who use Willowbend. All of these elementary students will be without sports fields or outdoor play space for three years.

If you are concerned about this proposed plan to stop the completion of the long delayed Parker project and move Kolter students into the old buildings instead, OR If you are a concerned Kolter parent and want to weigh in on what you think is the best course forward, email the HISD board and Superintendent Carranza.

Trustee for Kolter: Mike Lunceford, mlunceford@houstonisd.org
Trustee for Parker and Board President—Wanda Adams, wadams2@houstonisd.org
Superintendent Carranza— hisdsuperintendent@houstonisd.org

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Street Drainage Improvements Coming Soon to Westbury

The street drainage systems in Westbury were designed and installed during the 1950s and 1960s. These old drainage systems are known to be smaller than current building standards, plus, over the years, the piping systems often have developed problems which reduce the capacity. The good news is that the city will be REPLACING some of the street drainage underground piping, starting with the area bounded by Willow Waterhole Bayou on the North, West Airport Blvd. on the South, Chimney Rock on the East and Landsdowne on the west. Also, the streets, curbs, and sidewalks will also be replaced as part of this Capital Improvement Project (CIP). The goal is to improve street drainage and reduce structural flooding. This portion of the capital project is about \$800,000, and was approved by City Council in November.

In April of 2013, approximately XXX homes flooded in Westbury along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. The WCC started heavily advocating for solutions. One of these is new drainage pipes and streets. The WCC attended multiple CIP meetings held by the City of Houston carrying posters, piles of forms from residents documenting their flooding, and personal stories. Due to District K and City representatives listening to our pleas, Westbury was pre-engineered and chosen in 2015 to be part of the 2020 CIP list. This is a HUGE project and it is broken down into 9 phases. This is Phase 1. The points below are directly from the City regarding the project. Stay tuned to future *Criers* for more information including public meetings.

Westbury Area Drainage and Paving Improvements

Sub-Project 1. WBS No. M-410028-0001-3

Summary:

ORDINANCE appropriating \$798,294.60 out of Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and KIT PROFESSIONALS, INC. for Westbury Area Drainage and Paving Improvements Sub-Project 1; providing funding for CIP Cost Recovery relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Traffic Control and Storm Drainage DDSRF - DISTRICT K – GREEN.

SUBJECT: Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City and KIT Professionals, Inc. for Westbury Area Drainage and Paving Improvements Sub-Project 1. WBS No. M-410028-0001-3

RECOMMENDATION: (SUMMARY) An ordinance approving a Professional Engineering Services Contract with KIT Professionals, Inc. and appropriate funds

PROJECT NOTICE/JUSTIFICATION: This project is part of the Storm Drainage Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) program. The project will improve street drainage and reduce the risk of structural flooding.

DESCRIPTION/SCOPE: This project consists of the design of storm drainage improvements, necessary concrete paving, curbs, sidewalks, driveways, and underground utilities.

LOCATION: The project area is generally bound by Willow Waterhole Bayou on the north, West Airport Blvd. on the south, Chimney Rock on the east and Landsdowne on the west. The project is located in Key Map Grids 571A, 571B, 571E, & 571F.

SCOPE OF CONTRACT AND FEE: Under the scope of the Contract, the Consultant will perform Basic and Additional Services, as applicable, for Phase I - Preliminary Design, Phase II - Final Design, and Phase III - Construction Phase Services. This requested appropriation is for Phase I – Preliminary Design Basic and Additional Services.

The Basic and Additional Services are being funded for Phase I only of this contract.

The total Basic Services Fee for Phase I is based on the cost of time and materials with a not-to-exceed agreed upon amount of \$385,016.

The total Additional Services Fee for Phase I, to be paid either as lump sum or on a reimbursable basis is \$303,169. The Additional Services include, but are not limited to, topographic surveying, monumentation, environmental site assessment, existing and proposed conditions analysis, public meetings, final PER, TRC, and reproduction services.

The total cost for Phase I is \$798,294.60 to be appropriated as follows: \$688,185.00 for Contract services and \$110,109.60 for CIP Cost Recovery.

Harvey Recovery First Person Account

by Vicki Davison, Westbury Resident

The week of the flood many on my street/area were 'adopted' by families in Sugar Creek. As I was told the story, church members (Second Baptist on Woodway) of my neighbors rallied their neighbors in Sugar Creek to wash laundry. They also mucked out homes and helped move heavy furniture where needed. The day after the storm (Monday) they were on the job; mucking, hauling, moving as well as collecting and returning wash.

Westbury Baptist was my resource for cleaning supplies.

Because school was delayed a week, students both high school and college were in the neighborhoods helping out. I specifically had several HSPVA students come several days in a row to help bleach my 2x4's and floors. Another day it was students from College Station who helped me pack up my kitchen.

I received tremendous help from Pilgrim Lutheran Church which was followed up later by Trinity Klein Lutheran Church. Pilgrim called every two weeks to check on my status and needs. About two months later the calls started coming from Trinity. They were hosting out of state teams coming in to assist recovery efforts. By the time I worked with Trinity I was ready to move back into my home. These folks drove in from Montana and were up to the task.

Clearly, I could have not done this by myself.

The true heart of Houston was shining in Westbury and I couldn't be happier living anywhere else! It's been said before, but cannot be said enough times, neighbors are what make a community and the best are located right here in Houston!



Hurricane Harvey Helpers

2017 WCC Accomplishments & Highlights

The purpose of the Westbury Civic Club, 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." The Westbury Civic Club is a volunteer organization made up of Westbury residents who give their time and energy to make Westbury a great place to live. We thank our office manager (the only paid position), Jennifer Edmondson, for all her support of the board and the residents of Westbury.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Parks and Esplanades

Westbury Community Garden—

Completed their master plan, became partners with the Houston Health Museum and continue to grow.

Platou Center— The Friends of Chimney Rock Park became a recognized 501C3 non-profit. The Friends of Chimney Rock Park group hosted Family Fun days during the year. Their summer fun program as well as their day time programming during the year engages both young and old.

Hager Park— Good News for Hager Park! After years of advocating for improvements, a million dollars was allocated in the 2017 bonds that were approved in November. We look forward to working with the City on the future plans.

Westbury Park— The park was the site of another Keep Westbury Beautiful event and the Westbury Green Team was recognized with the Mayor's Proud Partner award.

Willow Waterhole—The 5th annual Willow Waterhole Music Fest was a great success. Workdays continue to improve the park's amenities. From an Invasive Carp Fishing Tournament to a snow slide, there was something for everyone happening throughout the year at the Willow Waterhole Greenway. Many families took advantage of the bluebonnets, when they bloomed, and had their

pictures taken. Schools hosted cross country events. And last but not least...the Willow Waterhole hosted its first wedding in October!

Esplanades— Work was done on the sign gardens and on the tips.

Security

Our Westbury Area Patrol sergeant coordinates with the WCC Security Director to oversee the WAP program, plus do patrols.

Communications

The Westbury Crier— Since July of 1956, the WCC has produced our monthly newsletter, *The Westbury Crier*. The Westbury High School Baseball Booster Club continues to do an awesome job with delivery.

Social media— We gained over 400 additional fans on Facebook and now have over 2,356 fans. We kept our residents aware of issues relevant to Westbury through our website, Facebook, and monthly newsletter.

Support for our Residents

In January we moved into new office space. The WCC office handled thousands of calls and emails from residents and many problems were resolved. We are liaisons with the City for residents. We worked closely with the Department of Neighborhood (DON) and the District K office when issues were not resolved through 311. We sponsored two successful White Elephant sales.

Advocacy

We strongly advocate on behalf of all of Westbury. We work closely with our city elected officials as well as with the city departments. District K, led by CM Larry Green and the rest of his staff, is incredibly responsive. One of the biggest accomplishments for 2017 was his work to get the portion of Hillcroft Avenue, from Willowbend to South Main, reclassified as a four-lane thoroughfare.

Service

In addition to serving on the WCC board, WCC board members serve on other important boards such as the Westbury SuperNeighborhood, the Westbury Area Improvement Corp., the Westbury Community Garden, the Friends of Westbury High School Foundation, the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Friends of Levitt Pavilion, Houston, SWHouston 2000, the Brays Oaks Management District, the Brays Bayou Association, the Houston Clean City Commission, and the Super Neighborhood Alliance. We work at the county, state and federal levels, too.

WCC Awards

Keep Houston Beautiful!

Admin & Training: Several directors attended "Neighborhood 101" training workshops sponsored by District K as well as training by GO Neighborhoods.

Commercial Properties:

The WCC monitors the adjacent commercial properties and works either directly with the owners or through the city. Portions of Westbury Square have been demolished and we continue to work with the City and its owner. We worked closely with Neighborhood Protection to get the owner of the vacant property on the north side of West Belfort de-littered and mowed.

Flooding

Perhaps the most time consuming work of the Civic Club over the last 4 years has pertained to flooding. After having some homes flood 2, 3, 4 and even more times in 4 years, the WCC has really focused on the causes and sought possible solutions.



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Keeping Westbury Clean

The Holiday season is upon us and parts of Westbury are still in post-Harvey recovery mode. The District K office is working with the Solid Waste Department to assist constituents with a fresh start for 2018. Westbury residents are asked to continue moving their storm debris curbside for collection, regardless of the size of the pile. The Solid Waste Department requests that residents do not keep stored piles in the backyard, on driveways and/or porches or inside homes. This action could lead to personal health problems on your property. Please move to the curb things like:

- ➔ Material from leaking roofs or damaged outdoor property improvements such as furniture, carpet, or perimeter fencing
- ➔ Construction & Demolition - building materials, carpet, drywall, furniture
- ➔ Green waste generated by fallen/broken trees or vegetation

District K contacted the WCC and asked us to help spread the word. They also asked for a list of homes that had yard or junk waste at the curb. Office manager, Jennifer Edmondson, drove 68 miles through Westbury and recorded 427 addresses. The WCC office has done this trash survey drive multiple times since Harvey and reported debris to the City for pickup. Currently, the City of Houston remains under a FEMA declared disaster period which will end early next year (February 2018). Any debris related work the City conducts today is covered by a 90% reimbursement rate. "I want District K constituents to know that while the City still has federal support/assistance, it is paramount that we get heavy storm debris out of their homes and to the curb. This includes all junk and tree waste material," states Council Member Green.

Holiday Recycling Tips

One of the most common mistakes found in the green recycling bins during this time of year is gift wrap. Much of the glossy or laminated gift wrap that's popular around Christmas can't be recycled; neither can many of the ribbons, especially those with wire mesh.

Newsprint, paper grocery bags or other natural-fiber paper are a great alternative for wrapping gifts, as are gift bags that can be used several times – or, even better, reusable shopping bags or totes.

Place only the following items in your green recycling carts: paper, cardboard, clean food cartons, plastic containers #1-5 and #7, aluminum cans and bi-metal cans.

Note: Cardboard with food residue, for example, pizza boxes, and other papers from fast food, for example, sandwich wrappers, fried chicken tubs, is non-recyclable. Only un-greasy cardboard and paper can be recycled.

Neighborhood 101: Protecting Yourself from Home Repair Fraud and Scams

Earlier this month, the District K office hosted another Neighborhood 101 workshop that addressed a post-Harvey topic: Protecting Yourself from Home Repair Fraud & Scams.

This workshop was held at Westbury High School Lecture Hall with over 85 attendees. The workshop addressed how to deal with home repair contractors; how to find, hire, work with and pay contractors; what should and should not be in your contract, the building permit process, how to set up payment schedules, insurance issues you may not know about, how to deal with problems that may arise, change orders, and lien releases.



Neighborhood 101 on home repair fraud and scams after Harvey

"This workshop was important to residents that experienced flooding during Hurricane Harvey and are continuing the rebuilding process. It's critical that we ensure homeowners have the tools and resources needed to avoid becoming a victim of unscrupulous contractors," states Council Member Green.

This symposium was moderated by Phae Moore, Executive Director of the National Center for the Prevention of Home Improvement Fraud based out of Atlanta, GA. The panelist consisted of an attorney from the Texas Attorney General Office of the Consumer Protection Division, Special Prosecutor for the Texas Department of Insurance; City of Houston Code Enforcement Building Official, Houston Police Officer of the Theft and Burglary Division, and a local Houston

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Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

How many volunteers does it take to make a neighborhood truly work? A Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, hosted by the Brays Oak Management District and SWHouston2000, provided the answer: Many! Congratulations to all of those who work so hard out here in Southwest Houston.

Due to her outstanding public service, Cindy Chapman was the recipient of a new award named in her honor, the Cindy Peden Chapman Public Service award for "excellence in public service and leadership". Westbury is so lucky to have Cindy in our neighborhood advocating for us.

In addition to being Vice President and a former President of the Westbury Civic Club, Chapman is President of the 501c3 nonprofit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, Co-president of the Westbury Super Neighborhood, on the planning board of the Super Neighborhood Alliance, a Director and Secretary of the board of the Brays Oaks Management District, Committee Chair of the BOMD Beautification and Urban Design Committee and member of the BOMD Public Safety Committee and Economic Development Committee and the Infrastructure Committee, Corresponding Secretary and Executive Board member for the 501c3 nonprofit SWH2000, board

member of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, and on the planning committee of the Westbury Community Garden.

Also recognized from Westbury: Bill Burhans for his work at the Willow Waterhole; Principal Susan Monaghan for her leadership at Westbury High; Susan Brock for her Harvey outreach; Virginia Livingston and Debbie Gordon for the Westbury Community Garden. Our City Councilmember Larry Green, represented by Barbara Hite, was also recognized for his outstanding work in District K.

Several local institutions were also recognized for their efforts related to recovery from Hurricane Harvey: Westbury United Methodist Church for their Camp Harvey childcare service while local schools were closed, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services for disaster client services, ECHOS for disaster client services, and Westbury Church of Christ for a volunteer effort. So many entities and volunteers helped during Harvey that it must have been hard to select just a few to be recognized. Westbury Baptist Church Pastor Brandon Webb opened the breakfast with a prayer.

THANK YOU!



Congratulations Susan Brock



Congratulations Bill Burhans (2nd from right)



Congratulations Westbury Community Garden



Congratulations Cindy Chapman!

Westbury is lucky to have you on our side! Thanks for all your hours and hard work advocating for Westbury!
1st winner and namesake of the Cindy Peden Chapman Public Service Award!



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The Westbury Civic Club:

- ❖ Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
- ❖ Keeps the doors to your Civic Club office open and staffed. The WCC has an office with records and historical data dating back to 1956. The *Westbury Crier* has been bringing news which affects our neighborhood, to your doorstep EVERY month since 1956. Right now the WCC has one employee. In contrast, Meyerland, with half as many homes, has 3 employees and they outsource their neighborhood news 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.
- ❖ Enforces deed restrictions.
- ❖ Protects your home and family by contracting the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Pct. 5 office. We currently have 4 deputies. We need YOUR participation to be able to fund this 4th deputy. The past three years, we have not raised sufficient funds to pay for the security patrol and have had to dip into reserves.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Advocates for city services & infrastructure improvements.
- ❖ Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year.

For \$28 a month, this Westbury Civic Club membership is a bargain and a great way for you to invest in the neighborhood. Won't you join us in making Westbury the very best neighborhood that it can be?



Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

SNOW in Westbury!

On December 8, Westbury residents awoke to a winter wonderland, if they were able to sleep at all that night. Over an inch of snow fell and stayed on the ground. Dozens of residents shared their snow pictures on Facebook and we've chosen a few here to highlight.



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30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

November 15-December 15, 2017

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
11600	Ashcroft	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BMV)	12/8	11AM	Westbury 3
12400	Atwell	Burglary of Habitation	11/24	9AM	Westbury South
5700	Bankside	Theft – Misc.	12/12	5PM	Parkwest 2
6000	Benning	Burglary of Habitation	12/9	12PM	Westbury 5
10900	Braewick	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BMV)	12/5	10AM	Westbury 5
12300	Braewick	Aggravated Assault with Gun	12/10	8PM	Westbury 4
12300	Braewick	Aggravated Assault with Gun	12/11	2PM	Westbury 4
5900	Claridge	Burglary of Habitation	12/7	4AM	Westbury 5
5500	Duxbury	Burglary of Habitation	12/11	5PM	Westbury 4
6000	Effingham	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BMV)	11/19	10AM	Westbury 4
5800	Ettrick	Burglary of Habitation	12/12	9AM	Westbury 4
10600	Hillcroft	Theft – Misc. items	12/9	1AM	Westbury 5
6000	Hummingbird	Burglary of Habitation	11/27	6PM	Westbury 5
5700	Ludington	Burglary of Habitation	12/8	12PM	Westbury 4
5700	Ludington	Burglary of Habitation	12/10	2PM	Westbury 4
10800	Oasis	Theft of Bicycle	12/13	8AM	Westbury 2
5900	Portal	Theft - Misc items	12/11	9AM	Westbury 5
5700	Spellman	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BMV)	11/18	7AM	Westbury 5
5900	Spellman	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BMV)	11/18	7AM	Westbury 5
5900	Spellman	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BMV)	11/18	12PM	Westbury 5
5900	W. Airport	Burglary of Habitation	12/12	7PM	Westbury 4

KEY

	Burglary from Motor Vehicle
	Auto Theft
	Theft
	Burglary
	Robbery
	Aggravated robbery with gun

The Westbury Civic Club strives to provide accurate information. Due to the printing date of the Crier, crime statistics are always delayed. For crime alerts, follow Westbury Houston on Facebook or sign up for email alerts at www.westburycrier.com.

The crimes listed below took place between November 15 and December 15. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Where
11600	Chimney Rock	Theft of Metal	11/22	12PM	Old Post office
11600	Chimney Rock	Auto Theft	12/4	11PM	Apartments
11800	Chimney Rock	Aggravated Robbery with Gun	11/24	9AM	Apartments
11800	Chimney Rock	Theft – Misc. items	11/20	7AM	Apartments
12100	Chimney Rock	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BMV)	12/5	11AM	High School
11800	Chimney Rock	Burglary of Habitation	11/19	7PM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Burglary of Habitation	11/19	12AM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle	11/23	10AM	
12500	Dunlap	Theft – other	12/3	8AM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Robbery	12/11	9AM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Theft – Misc.	12/6	9PM	Apartments
12600	Dunlap	Aggravated Robbery with Gun	12/11	10PM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Robbery	11/25	9PM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Theft	12/5	10AM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Aggravated robbery with gun	12/8	11PM	Apartments
12300	Hillcroft	Theft of Building	12/1	2PM	Commercial
12300	Hillcroft	Assault w/ deadly weapon	12/2	10PM	Apartments
12400	Hillcroft	Aggravated Robbery with gun	11/21	8PM	Liquor Store
5000	S. Willow	Burglary of Habitation	11/19	1PM	Apartments
5200	S. Willow	Theft – Misc. items	11/27	4PM	Commercial
5500	S. Willow	Theft – Misc. items	11/20	7PM	Commercial
5500	Stillbrooke	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BMV)	12/12	4PM	Westbury Park
5400	W. Airport	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BMV)	11/24	1PM	
5300	W. Bellfort	Burglary of Building	11/27	6AM	Commercial
5200	W. Bellfort	Theft – Misc.	12/9	4AM	Commercial

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281-463-6666
Westbury HPD Storefront
832-394-7520
HPD Non-Emergency
713-884-3131



New Southwest Houston HPD Station Opens

Located at 13097 Nitida Replaces the Beechnut Station

December 15 was a GREAT DAY in District K! Council Member Green presided over the highly anticipated ribbon cutting event to commemorate the official grand opening of the Southwest Houston Police Department Substation. The new substation is located at 13097 Nitida St. It replaces the former Beechnut station that was old and in need of repairs BEFORE Harvey put several feet of water inside of it.



Ribbon cutting at new HPD station

The grand opening was co-sponsored by the Houston Police Station - Southwest Patrol Division. As part of the ceremonial event, the Parker Elementary School Band serenaded the audience and Madison High School cheerleaders rallied the spirit of the crowd and the ROTC cadets participated as greeters.

"Over five years ago, we realized the need for a more centralized location for the HPD substation serving beats 15 and 16. Having this new station in the heart of District K is a huge asset to our community," stated Council Member Green. Westbury is in Police Beat 15. This new station is closer to many residents in Westbury than the old Beechnut station.

The event was attended by Mayor Turner, HPD Chief Art Acevedo and his HPD executive team, as well as Houston Council Members Cohen, Stardig, Knox and Christie and other elected officials that serve this southwest sector of Houston. Of course, the Westbury Super Neighborhood as well as the Greater



Mayor Turner with WCC board members Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman

Meyerland Super Neighborhood and the Near Southwest Super Neighborhood were in attendance also.

Tours were given of the new facility. The new 50,000 square-foot HPD facility boasts a 112-seat capacity public community meeting room that will be able to be used for community functions such as the Westbury/Southwest PIP meetings. The room can also be used for civic club meetings. And if you think you are hearing more helicopters flying overhead than you used to, there is a helipad on site.

Shop with a Hero

Westbury Civic Club board members, Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, Becky Edmondson, Jennifer Edmondson and Susan Brock and friends, Lucy McLaughlin, Jennifer Burnes and Angelia Fuller had the awesome opportunity to participate in the Shop with a Hero event at Target the morning of December 14, which gave 30 children from Meyerland Middle School (MMS) a \$100 holiday shopping spree compliments of Target. The event was



organized by the Houston Police Department (HPD) Westbury Storefront team. The HPD storefront officers worked with the counselors at the school to find children impacted by Harvey or other devastating events such as house fires and illnesses. HPD, HFD and the Coast Guard were on hand to shop with the kids. Each child was matched with a hero or two and then had about 15 minutes to shop.

The idea was for the children to be able to buy gifts for themselves, but the majority shopped for their families, too, picking up things for their parents and siblings. The smiling faces of the children were matched by the smiling faces of the heroes.



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Westbury Area News

HEB Announces NEW Meyerland Store

- ➔ 2 Stories
- ➔ 95,000SF
- ➔ Fall 2019



In late December, HEB finally made the official announcement that their new store in our area would be located in Meyerland shopping center at the corner of Endicott and Beechnut. The new grocery store will be two stories with the first floor with parking and elevator and the 2nd floor with shopping and a sky bridge to JCPenney.

HEB says the new store will include a kosher bakery, Meal Simple Offering, sushi, Blooms, Cooking Connection, and Large Beer and Wine selection.

The new store will be the 2nd huge HEB in our general area. The Bellaire HEB is due to open in early 2018 and is located at 5130 Cedar which is less than 5 miles from most of Westbury. The new Meyerland store is less than 2 miles from the Bellaire

location. While we are sad to lose our baby HEB on S. Braeswood, the WCC is so happy that HEB is reinvesting in Southwest Houston.



Remodeling your home? Adding On? Do you know your deed restrictions? Did you know that the Westbury Civic Club can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction? We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5 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. **The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits.** They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. All deed restrictions are available online at www.westburycrier.com. If you have any questions, contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437 or westburyc@sbcbglobal.net.

Links for Lost & Found Pets

- Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com
- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
- Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



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.

January Meet & Eat: Thurs., January 4, 6PM

February Meet & Eat: Thurs., February 1, 6PM

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Mission of the WCC

The purposes of the Westbury Civic Club, Inc. (the "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 in Harris County, Texas (collectively, the "Community").

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Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?

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- Keeps the doors of the Civic Club office open and staffed.
- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
- Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year
- Organizes community get togethers such as Coffee with Constables and National Night Out

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Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
Total		\$

*The Westbury Civic Club Dues encompasses all operations, programs, and services including greenspace, of the Westbury Civic Club, except patrol services.

Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club and our important programs. We can't do it without you!
 To contact the WCC Office, email westburycc@sbcglobal.net or call 713-723-5437.

19th Annual Deck the Halls Parade

It is often said to never underestimate what a small group of dedicated people can do. They could be talking about the Mandell Family who just threw their 19th annual Deck the Halls parade. The theme this year was SPACE ... a tribute to our beloved Houston, Space City. And it was an out of this world celebration complete with Star Wars, Teletubbies, Flash Gordon and many more. The Boy Scouts led with the flags, followed by the ROTC from Westbury High School. Cheerleaders from Anderson Elementary cheered the crowd along the way. Music from Meyerland Middle School could be heard along the route as they played Christmas favorites. The Westbury Civic Club banner was proudly carried by members and President Becky Edmondson rode in the Blast Off Westbury truck. But she was pretty much eclipsed by the fire eating woman in the wagon behind her! Westbury Community Garden members were out in full force as were other community and cultural groups like Westbury Care, Westbury One neighbors, gymnastic groups, and scouts. The Westbury Baseball and Softball Booster Club and coaches, who deliver the *Crier*, were there with the Santa truck. And what parade would be complete without Pancho Claus and Hanukkah Harry? But perhaps the biggest thrill was all of the Art Cars on parade; I would estimate at least 20 or more participated this year.

As always the streets were lined with people of all ages, some by themselves and some in large groups. Many homes hosted parties. If you haven't made it to a parade, befriend someone along the route and get invited to a party!



Many thanks to the Mandells for this labor of love and holiday tradition in Westbury!



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 2nd Place: 5222 Briarbend - John & Peggy Dybala
 3rd Place: 10919 Doud—Richard & Debbie Koenig

Westbury 2

- 1st Place: 11123 Cedarhurst
 2nd Place: 5255 Stillbrooke
 3rd Place: 10823 Oasis

Westbury 3

- 1st Place: 5727 Belrose—Rudy & Jesus Mendoza-Elizondo
 2nd Place: 5223 Benning—Jim & Amy Miller
 3rd Place: 11606 Mullins—Luke Barron

Westbury 4

- 1st Place: 5715 Ettrick—Kenneth Blakes
 2nd Place: 11927 Dunlap—Alan Moehue & Brent Leafgreen
 3rd Place: 6012 Effingham—Grover & Linda Tinker

Westbury 5

- 1st Place: 6003 Vickijohn
 2nd Place: 5919 Bankside
 3rd Place: 10723 Braewick

Parkwest 1 & 2

- 1st Place: 5758 Stillbrooke—David & Monique
 1st Place: 5703 Benning—Debbie Burnett Backman
 2nd Place: 5606 Bankside—Joseph & Melody
 3rd Place: 5818 Spellman—Stephen & Sharelle
 3rd Place: 5806 Spellman—Lisa Jean Cole

Parkwest 3

- 1st Place: 5903 Arboles—Jeff & Karen Burns

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- 1st Place: 5714 Firenze
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November Conservation Workday

The Interfaith Environmental Coalition came out to the Willow Waterhole Greenway for their semi-annual conservation workday on Sunday, November 19th. The volunteers were organized by Lisa Brenskelle and Rochita Chatterjee. With the assistance of Conservancy members, the group planted and mulched 20 native beautyberry bushes in tree groves near South Willow Drive. These bushes will produce beautiful purple berries each fall and attract birds; they are a wonderful addition to the Willow Waterhole Greenway.



December Conservation Workday

Members of the Texas Christian University (TCU) Alumni Club of Houston came out to the Willow Waterhole Greenway on December 9 to do conservation work. They planted understory plants and mulched in tree groves near the Rafferty Memorial, up righted two leaning trash cans, and performed trail work. The day started out at 31 degrees with heavy frost and turned into a beautiful sunny 60 degree afternoon. Shown in the photo are Erich, Nancy, Aletha, Amy, Kip, Will, and Larry. The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) appreciates all the volunteer efforts that improve the area.



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Audubon Society Bird Survey

Saturday, January 20, 8AM

Meet at the Gathering Place The Willow Waterhole Bird Survey was started in June 2007 and is held on the third Saturday of each month.

New Gates and Posts

The Willow Waterhole wants to thank Harris County Flood Control Matt Lopez for solving a problem that was happening in the Greenway. No motorized vehicles, including four wheelers, are supposed to be used in the park. Gates and posts were installed. We want people not vehicles in the park! Come check it out!



Winter Fun at Willow Waterhole

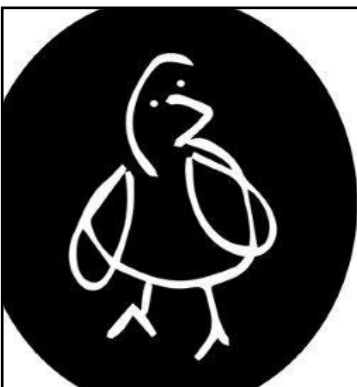
What a wonderful afternoon of Winter Fun at the Willow Waterhole on December 3! Hundreds of families came with children anxious to see snow and slide down one of three snow hills. One of the slides quickly became a snow field for kids to play in as others waited their turns to slide down the snow covered slope.

Many thanks to the sponsors: HISD Trustee Wanda Adams, City Council Member Larry Green, and State Senator Borris Miles who made it possible. They brought a lot of holiday cheer to hundreds of children who had never experienced a snow-covered hill.

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) hosted this event with dozens of volunteers from the WWGC and from Westbury HS who worked to make this a successful event.



We hope it becomes an annual event!



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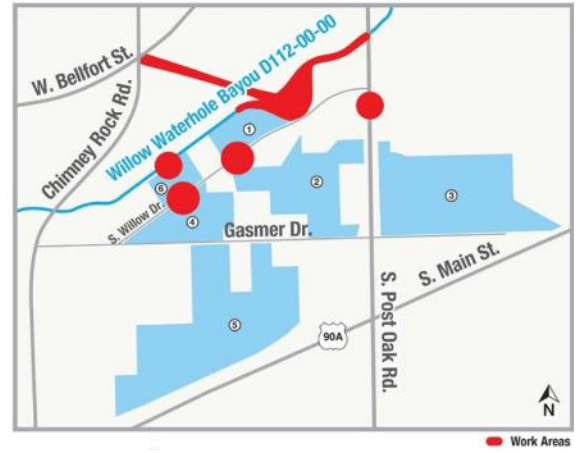
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Willow Waterhole Project Final Phase

Work started on the Willow Waterhole basins in 2004. In June 2017, Harris County Flood Control (HCFCD) began construction that will complete the Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin. The project involves expanding and deepening Compartments 1 and 6 of the basin (the two compartments north of South Willow Drive) by excavating more than 50,000 cubic yards of material; constructing inflow/outflow weirs to connect those compartments to the bayou; installing larger box culverts; adding two road crossings under South Willow Drive to interconnect various compartments; realigning and installing 7,750 square yards of concrete channel lining along the bayou; and adding a control structure. The concrete control structure will help direct the flow of stormwater from Willow Waterhole Bayou into the basin so that it functions most efficiently. When complete, the basin's six compartments together will hold approximately 1,865 acre-feet of stormwater, or nearly 608 million gallons, during periods of heavy rain.

If you travel on South Willow between Chimney Rock and South Post Oak, expect some delays. The construction on D512-01-00-E207, which is the segment that connects the Willow Waterhole Bayou to the detention basins, has entered the phase where there will be lanes closed along South Willow to install the boxes that cross them to connect the basins. The contractor will close 2 lanes at a time and traffic will still be allowed to pass through the area. Instead of 2 lanes each way there will be one lane each way. This phase is expected to be completed the end of January (1/31/18).



Weirs Along Willow Waterhole Bayou

Construction at the Greenway is progressing to the point you can visualize how the Willow Waterhole Bayou will spill into a detention basin. Photo one is the weir (looking west) - a concrete structure which will allow the water to spill over, photo 2 (also looking west) is the concreting of the Bayou at that spot.

How do Stormwater Detention Basins & Control Structures Work Together?

A stormwater detention basin is a large excavated area connected to a bayou or channel and designed to temporarily store potentially damaging excess stormwater until after the threat of flooding has passed, and the stormwater can safely drain back into the bayou or channel.

The control structure is designed to strategically slow (but not block) the flow of stormwater during high-flow conditions, allowing the rising stormwater to be more efficiently stored in the adjacent basin. This permits the stormwater detention basin to perform to its full design capacity. Some stormwater detention basins function efficiently without a control structure. For others, the addition of a specially engineered control structure ensures that the basin holds the maximum amount of stormwater during rain events.



About Project Brays

Project Brays is a multi-year, \$480 million cooperative effort between the Harris County Flood Control District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Project Brays includes the widening of 21 miles of Brays Bayou from the Houston Ship Channel to Fondren Road and from West Houston Center Boulevard to State Highway 5; the replacement or modification of 32 bridges to accommodate channel modifications; and excavation of four stormwater detention basins that will hold a collective 3.5 billion gallons of stormwater. Project Brays information can be found at www.projectbrays.org



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Plans for Parks and Trails in Precinct One

Interested in getting new or improved Parks and Trails in our area? A new Parks and Trails Master Plan is being developed for Precinct One Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, who represents the Westbury area. "Commissioner Ellis believes and recognizes that each community is unique and having input from community members is crucial to this project."

The Park Smart Precinct 1 Plan is a collaboration of The Trust for Public Land and Harris County Precinct One. From the Trust for Public Land, the project brings together an award-winning Planning and GIS team, an innovative Climate Smart Cities team, dedicated Parks for People staff, and the expertise of the Center for City Parks Excellence. Houston Parks Board is a central partner in the Park Smart Plan, and Asakura Robinson, a local planning and urban design firm, is supporting community engagement for the Plan. This effort is being funded by Precinct 1 and by a generous grant from the Houston Endowment.



One of the community workshop meetings for the master plan was held at Westbury High School on December 7. The organizers mentioned that our meeting was well attended by the community. Among the participants were members of the Westbury Civic Club Board of Directors: Becky Edmondson, Marcia Hartman, Cindy Chapman, Matt Funk, Eugene Sirls, Virginia Livingston and Gail Reaben. There were also representatives from the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, the Westbury Community Garden, Friends of Chimney Rock Park, Neighborhoods to Trails SW, and other community advocacy groups. There were small group activities designed to get input.



We want the concerns and desires of WESTBURY residents and students to be included in that master plan. If you would like to participate in the development process, then you can provide comments at this link below. Won't you join us?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PARKSMARTPRECINCT1>
For more information about the planning process go to www.parksmartprecinct1.com

All About Harris County

The population of Harris County is 4.7 million people and 2 million live in the unincorporated areas. In December, County Judge Ed Emmett gave his State of the County address. Obviously flooding was a topic as were the World Series winning Astros. He said "I fear that many Americans and others around the world perceive Houston and Harris County as a flood-prone swamp. We must act quickly to change that perception. During Harvey, the response of our residents and the cooperative spirit among government officials showed our can-do attitude. From the Harris County Office of Emergency Management, to first responders, to volunteers with boats and high water vehicles, to the magnificent efforts of the Baker Ripley team in setting up and operating the best shelter ever seen, the world saw something special. Let us capture that special caring for each other in other aspects of life."

That is true for Westbury and other neighborhoods out here in the Brays watershed. While some 700 homes flooded in Westbury another 4,300 did not. We want to ensure that Westbury remains a viable and thriving neighborhood.

Ed Emmett was scheduled to speak at a Westbury Civic Club meeting last year but was preempted by a hurricane. We plan to have him speak at a meeting in 2018. This past week, Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan, who at one time was our City Councilperson for three terms starting in 1987, came to the WCC Office for a visit and to see how things were going in Westbury. We talked about flooding, Westbury Square, and more. After 36 years of public service, he has a wealth of knowledge and insight.

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Westbury Community Garden News

Urban Harvest Annual Fruit Tree Sale Saturday, January 13, 9AM-1PM

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The largest single-day fruit tree sale in the country featuring over 100 varieties of fruit trees that are suited to the climate and soils of the greater Houston area.

Fruit trees do well here in Houston, and with Urban Harvest as your partner you are sure to have success. Visit their website for the 2018 varieties calendar. They also have 4 slide shows available as well as tip sheets and there are classes available. What if every resident in Westbury planted a fruit tree?

If you are new to growing fruits, UH recommends Citrus, Blackberries, and Figs as your first effort. These fruits are relatively easy to grow in our area and are very productive with minimal effort. They are well adapted to our climate and do not require complicated care and pruning. There is a lot of variety available in these groups, so even your first fruit orchard can be diverse and rewarding.

NOTE: Citrus may only be transported to Harris, Montgomery & Fort Bend Counties. Many varieties of citrus will be available at our 2018 Fruit Tree Sale. Maintaining healthy trees will protect your citrus from greening.



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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