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Support the Westbury Civic Club Pay Your 2020 Dues TODAY!

Thank you to everyone who paid their 2019 Dues. Westbury would be a very different neighborhood if it weren't for the residents who pay their annual dues and volunteer their time. 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? Read about the Westbury Civic Club (WCC) accomplishments in 2019 on pages 6 and 8. See the many things that your membership in the WCC provides on your behalf on page 7. The Voluntary Dues form is on page 7.

Westbury needs EVERYONE to pay their dues.

The WCC cannot function without YOU! A safe, secure, nice place to live is what we all want. Your financial support helps to keep the WCC up and running and is the main reason that Westbury has been listed as one of the top neighborhoods in Houston.

The WCC Membership Dues are just \$50 per year.

Your Westbury Civic Club dues pay for office space, an office manager fielding a wide range of WCC tasks including assisting the WCC board, support for residents, outreach projects and producing the Crier. The dues also beautify our esplanades and parks, plants and waters trees, removes litter from and mows common areas, and maintains our subdivision markers. To learn more about the benefits of paying your WCC dues, see page 7.

Contribute \$285 Towards the Westbury Area Patrol.

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 contribute \$285 towards the WAP program. Read more about the WAP on pg 7.

Please write a check today! Dues Form on page 7.

We need EVERYONE to pay their dues. We believe that the 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. Working together, we really can make a difference.



WCC Green: Keep Westbury Beautiful Day



WCC Advocacy: City Capital Improvement Meeting



WCC Event—White Elephant Sale



WCC Advocacy: Library Tour



WCC Outreach—National Night Out



WCC Safety: Speed Trailer on Willowbend

HEAVY TRASH

January 2020

Thursday, January 9*

TREE WASTE ONLY

February 2020

Thursday, February 13 *

JUNK WASTE

RECYCLING DATES

January 2020

Thursday, January 2

Thursday, January 16

Thursday, January 30

February 2020

Thursday, February 13

Thursday, February 27

SPECIAL TRASH FEATURE

ON PAGES 10 & 11



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



CHECK OUT PAGES 10 & 11 FOR ALL THE ANSWERS AND MORE!

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE *NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

NOTARY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO DUES PAYING

WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appt.

CONTACT US

WCC Office Hours: Monday- Thursday, 9:30AM-1:30PM

Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays

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Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net

WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

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SECURITY

Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666

Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch

Emergency.....911

Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131

Southwest HPD Station832-394-0400

CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum.....832-393-3016

District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin.....832-393-3004

Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333

Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107

Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955

Houston Help & Information.....311

For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services

CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222

Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111

Street light repairs.....713-207-2222

Make sure to give pole number

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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

Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmd.org

Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.org

Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use “report a problem” link

Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661

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

Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Happy New Year! May each and every day of 2020 bring you joy, happiness, and prosperity.

January is a traditional month to reflect upon the past year and to focus on the coming year. I have every confidence that 2020 will be an amazing year here in Westbury. Sometimes as we go about our day to day living, it is easy to forget about the many good things which have happened over the past days or weeks or months. While we were preparing this newsletter, it has been a pleasant refresher to remember the many positive changes which have already happened or which are underway.

I participate on many volunteer boards and have noticed that volunteers tend to be optimistic people who believe that change can happen and who are willing to make that change happen. I want to thank the many volunteers who assist us in making Westbury better. They could be sleeping late in bed or sipping hot chocolate in their jammies while watching TV instead of attending meetings or preparing reports or monitoring problems or organizing events to benefit Westbury. Thank you, each and every one! YOU are the magic that makes Westbury the special place that it is. Westbury has a special, unique sense of community that is uncommon and is highly desired.

Perhaps some of you have made a New Year's resolution to get more involved in our community. This year, we are going to experiment with something new. We will host several "We ♥ Westbury" events during the month of February. The first event will be an OPEN HOUSE at the WCC Office in February. Drop by to say hello, tell us what you are concerned about, and sample some coffee and treats. Enjoy

looking at the historical photos and maps in the office. If you have never been to the WCC office, it is like visiting a mini-museum about Westbury. You can pay your dues or assessments in person, if you want. Also, we will be selling the popular "I ♥ Westbury" signs that Westbury High School sells to support activities for their seniors. We will have more details in the February newsletter.

We witnessed a hard-fought election season in the City of Houston. We congratulate these newly elected officials and look forward to working with them. There are several who will be serving on City Council for the first time, and this year there will be majority (9 out of 16) of women on Council. Six of these elected officials (the Mayor and the 5 At-Large Council Members) serve the entire City. It is amazing to watch how much effort it takes to campaign in one of the largest and most populated cities in the entire country. Our residents of Westbury again have continued the tradition of voting at higher rates of participation than is typical in Houston. This indicates that our residents care about and are engaged in city matters. As a side benefit, politicians tend to notice where big chunks of voters live, which helps give voice to the Westbury Civic Club and to our community partners when we raise issues of concern to the City.

In 2020 we will continue to advocate for improvements. The City and the Harris County Flood Control District have been busy purchasing detention sites (the 28 acre Shell tract on Gasmer, Meyer Grove Apts, Boardwalk Apts, and various smaller tracts in the Brays Bayou watershed), but more detention and more channel improvements are needed to reduce the risk of flooding. Additionally, the

stormwater drainage piping underneath our streets is old and inadequate. The City needs to create the new detention needed before our stormwater drainage projects can be fully implemented. The future library in Westbury and the future Levitt Pavilion performing space will be amazing amenities, but there is much work yet to be done until these are finished. The WCC will continue to work hard on these great additions to the neighborhood.

Feeling safe is important, and although our neighborhood has low crime in general, we all want to feel safe. Having the Precinct 5 Westbury Area Patrol, which has been patrolling Westbury streets since 1984, is of major importance. Your prompt contribution toward our paid security patrol is vital. In 2019 we made the difficult decision to decrease the number of constables from 4 to 3 due to lack of money received from voluntary residents. The cost that Westbury pays for the program will increase by 4.9% in March. A dues form will be mailed soon, or it is always conveniently located in the monthly Crier, see page 7. Save the contact information for the Precinct 5 Constable right now: 281-463-6666.

Working together, we can continue to keep Westbury as the friendliest, best neighborhood around town. Tell your friends and co-workers that you live in Westbury and that you like living here.

Happy New Year! Let's make 2020 great!
-Cindy Chapman



WCC Board Meeting Notes November 2019

- ◆ Proposed 2020 Budget was approved.
- ◆ No WCC Board meeting was held in December 2019
- ◆ The following positions are vacant on the WCC Board. If you are interested, please come to the next board meeting or contact the WCC Office.
2020 WCC Board Vacancies: Director of Communications, Director of Security, and Westbury 4 Section Director.
- ◆ The next WCC board meeting is on Wednesday, January 15, at 7PM at Westbury Baptist Church.

WCC Board Meeting Wed., January 15, 7PM Westbury Baptist Church 10425 Hillcroft



Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



Weekly Classes/Groups

Stretching Exercise Class
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9-9:45AM
Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.

Ms. BeeHaven Quilters
Tuesday, 10AM - 2PM
Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

Table Games
Wednesday, 10AM - 12:30PM
Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and more!

Line Dancing
Monday, 1PM
Come for a fun and unique exercise alternative.

Table Tennis
Wednesday, 3-7PM
All ages and abilities welcome.

Evening Aerobics Exercise Class
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7PM
Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 to register.

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY
Tuesdays 5:45PM-7PM
A Weight Loss Support Group. Drop in to preview or call Dorothy -713-723-4441 or Naomi -713-988-2233

Meyer Library News

➔ **Meyer Library CLOSED Indefinitely**
The Meyer Library has long been on the City's replacement list and after minor flooding in Harvey, the decision was made to not re-open Meyer Library.

➔ **City council approved BRAVE Architecture Inc. for the new Westbury Library on Belrose on Nov. 20**
City Council approved the appropriation of funds authorizing BRAVE Architecture Inc. to perform design and construction phase services for the new Houston public library at 5505 Belrose in Westbury. This is an important step in the process towards a new library!

➔ **The City purchased land in Westbury for the new location of the library.**
The City purchased land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. The new location will be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury on Belrose. Stay tuned to future editions of the *Westbury Crier* for more information about the new library. We expect public meetings to be coming soon.



IN 2020...

♥ VALENTINES DAY IS A FRIDAY ♥

🌮 CINCO DE MAYO IS ON TACO TUESDAY 🌮

❄️ 4TH OF JULY IS A SATURDAY ❄️

🎃 HALLOWEEN IS ALSO A SATURDAY 🎃

🎄 CHRISTMAS IS A FRIDAY 🎄

🍷 NEW YEARS STARTS WITH A 3-DAY WEEKEND 🍷

THANK YOU, LEAP YEAR!!!



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What's Happening in Westbury

January 2020 Calendar Events/Meetings

Jan. 1-5	WCC Office Closed—Happy New Year!	
Mon 6	HISD Resumes School	
Tues 14	SW Houston 2000 Bi-Monthly Breakfast Houston Baptist University	7AM
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St. John's Presbyterian—5020 W Bellfort	9:30AM
Wed 15	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church— 10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Sat 18	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	8AM
Mon 20	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort	7:30PM
Tues 28	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Station - 13097 Nitida	7PM

All About Trash

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



Household Trash & Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



Recycling in Westbury

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

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February 2020

Thursday, January 2

Thursday, February 13

Thursday, January 16

Thursday, February 27

Thursday, January 30

Heavy Trash Schedule

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

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February 2019

TREE WASTE ONLY

JUNK WASTE

Thursday, January 9

Thursday, February 13

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 Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ 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



- ★ Urban Harvest Fruit Tree Sale— Feb. 15
- ★ Houston Rodeo — March 3-22
- ★ HISD Spring Break— March 16-20
- ★ Willow Waterhole Music Fest— April 4-5
- ★ Friends of Westbury HS Gala— April 18



2019 WCC Accomplishments & Highlights

Support for Our Residents

The WCC office handles thousands of calls and emails from residents each year, and many problems are resolved by working with the District K City Council Office, the Department of Neighborhoods, HISD and the Solid Waste Department. The past two years have been challenging for trash pickup and the WCC office worked one on one with the Solid Waste Department to get broken bins replaced. The WCC works with City Legal or our own attorney to resolve possible deed restriction violations. The WCC works with HPD and various City Departments to assist residents who have complaints with violations of city regulations. We sponsor two successful White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year. We sponsor a Yard of the Month program, organize Keep Westbury Beautiful cleanup activities, and sponsor Neighborhood Night Out in October.

Communications

Westbury Crier

Since July 1956, the WCC has produced its monthly newsletter, the Westbury Crier, now a 24 page, full-color newsletter paid for primarily by advertising. Our award-winning newsletter is delivered by the Westbury High School baseball team directly to the doorsteps of residents.

Social Media

The Westbury Houston Facebook page has gained another 200 followers and is now followed by 2,862 people. Facebook and our website, www.westburycrier.com are used to communicate with our residents.

Security

Having a safe neighborhood is a number one priority. As a community, we can help each other stay safer by knowing who our neighbors are and by paying attention to odd or unusual situations. To this end, the WCC supports the National Night Out events in October. Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson visited every party that registered with the office. The WCC works closely with the HPD and members attend the monthly PIP meetings. The WCC works closely with HPD DRT officers who have special training. The WCC contracts with Harris County Precinct 5 to provide officers for the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP), whom we hire by paid contract to patrol and to respond to resident calls with licensed law enforcement officers. The WAP sergeant coordinates with the WCC to oversee the program.

The Constables have set up speed traps in several hot spot areas. More than just a patrol service, Pct. 5 has undercover and investigation divisions that go to work for us when criminal situations arise.

Advocacy

We strongly advocate on behalf of all of Westbury! We work closely with elected officials and with city departments. One of the big accomplishments for 2019 was getting the City to purchase the former Shell research facility on Gasmer for additional detention and the Levitt Pavilion. The City also finalized the purchase of the old post office on Belrose to be the site of the new District K library and have selected an architectural firm to begin the design process. We began this advocacy for a good library in Westbury with District K 4 years ago after the Meyer branch was damaged. The WCC worked with the City and Federal Railroad to get the Westbury Quiet Zone back. We continue to advocate to keep projects on schedule to replace storm water drainage piping across Westbury. At the State level, both Senator Miles and Rep. Thierry keep in touch and are aware of the issues we face. At the City level, we work closely with our CM Martha Castex-Tatum as well as the At-Large council members, the Flood Czar Costello, and Mayor Turner. At the County level, we worked closely with Harris County Precinct One on their park vision initiative and with Harris County Flood Control on flooding concerns.

Flooding

The WCC has devoted much effort into understanding the causes of flooding in Westbury and advocating for real changes to reduce the risk of flooding along Willow Waterhole Bayou and flooding due to inadequate street drainage. Flooding and infrastructure replacement continue to be key concerns for advocacy. The WCC met with City officials about Phase 1 of the Westbury Storm Drain Reconstruction project. This is a 9 phase project set to begin in 2021. Most of Westbury is included in this project. We continue to push for all of Westbury to be redone. The WCC advocates for flood control relief from all levels, the City, and the County. The WCC has been pushing Harris County Flood Control for relief by additional projects along the Willow Waterhole Bayou and the Fondren Diversion Channel, better maintenance along all our bayous, home buyouts, and more. The WCC works very closely with HCFCD.

Streets

The WCC has been advocating for road repairs in Westbury 2 for several years. Complaints ranged from the condition of the road to ponding due to missing asphalt. In late 2019, the City began an asphalt overlay project for most of Westbury 2. They scraped and removed the existing crumbling old asphalt and laid down new asphalt. They did NOT put asphalt on any concrete street, only on existing asphalt. This project is not intended to reduce street flooding.

Traffic & Speeding

A major complaint in Westbury every year is speeding and cut through traffic. The Constables have setup in several hot spots inside the neighborhood to help deter cut through traffic. Westbury made the news in 2019 for a horrific single car fatality accident on Hillcroft. This was not the first death on Westbury streets. The WCC has requested HPD and the Constables to monitor our major streets for speeding. We have requested a speed trailer. The WCC has started the process of a formal traffic study along Willowbend. There are 5 schools along this residential street that is 30 MPH but it is treated like a major street. Cars passing, speeding, or making illegal U-turns are daily occurrences.

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 Corporation, the Westbury Community Garden, the Friends of Westbury High School Foundation, the Willow Waterhole Conservancy, Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston, SWHouston2000, 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.

Commercial Properties

The WCC monitors commercial properties and works with the property owners or the city when problems occur. The WCC met with the owner of the vacant Westbury Hospital about a proposed apartments at the site. The WCC is currently monitoring the vacant lot on W Bellfort across from Home Depot as well as the vacant Westbury Centerette for any upcoming commercial activities. The WCC Office reviews all building permits and replat requests in 77035 and 77096.

Read more Westbury 2019 accomplishments including school, parks, and more! See pages 8 & 9.

Why Support the WCC and WAP?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood in Southwest Houston. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 400 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on financial contributions from residents like you. Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. However, contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and to the Westbury Area Patrol were down in 2018. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. The total amount for the **2020 Voluntary Dues is \$335**. That is less than a dollar a day! The **Westbury Civic Club dues are \$50** for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of **\$285 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables)**.

Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?
Yes, this is correct! Mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas, allows them to be processed immediately. You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office.

Why should you pay your Westbury Civic Club dues? (\$50)

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) works on: reducing neighborhood blight, enforcing deed restrictions, improving economic development, and advocating for our fair share of the City's budget. We hold two semi-annual White Elephant Sales and host neighborhood events such as Keep Westbury Beautiful Day. We publish the award-winning Westbury Crier monthly. The WCC has one employee who works closely with our City Council Office and city departments to ensure timely responses to resident's complaints, like Solid Waste problems. We also continue to work diligently with the City and the County to find real solutions to flooding along Willow Waterhole Bayou. The WCC is a strongly advocate for the City to continue on schedule with storm drain reconstruction projects in Westbury with ReBuild Houston. This project was to start in 2020 but has been delayed a year due to Harvey. **Please pay your Westbury Civic Club dues.**

Why should you support the Westbury Area Patrol? (\$285)

The largest program and biggest expenditure for the WCC is for the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). The WCC has had a contract with Harris County Precinct 5 deputies since 1984. The WAP offers 24 hour coverage, vacation watches, home security checks, and alarm monitoring. The program provides high visibility, rapid response to emergency and non-emergency calls. Daily patrolling enables the deputies assigned to Westbury to become familiar with the neighborhood, thereby alerting them to "out of the ordinary" situations and ability to respond better and faster. WAP officers were instrumental in recently catching young criminals in Westbury South who were attacking and robbing elderly residents. Harris County Pct. 5 has a dedicated investigative unit that can be available if needed. The WCC has had to lower the number of deputies from 4 to 3 in 2019, and we could be in danger of losing the program if participation in this important program does not improve. **Please support the Westbury Area Patrol.**

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2
Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments.
The 2020 Mandatory Assessments of \$246.75 are due 2/1/2020. Invoices were sent in late December.
Payment plans can be set up for homes that have a past due balance. Please contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437.
The WCC does NOT receive payments from escrow accounts or any other source. If you receive a Mandatory Assessment bill, it is due by 2-1-2020.
An attorney will be contacted for accounts past due.

Please send this form in with your payment

2020 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$50	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
Subtotal	\$335	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol		\$
Total		\$

Make checks payable to:
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You may choose any amount to pay in any increment throughout the year.
Here are a few examples:
2 payments of \$167.50 is \$335/yr
3 payments of \$111.67 is \$335/yr
4 payments of \$83.75 is \$335/yr
5 payments of \$67 is \$335/yr

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

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2019 WCC Accomplishments & Highlights

Westbury Area Schools

The Westbury Civic Club works closely with our local schools. The continuing success of our schools is important for our Westbury families with children as well as property values. The WCC requested and hosted a meeting with representatives from Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Westbury residents to allow local comments and questions on the pending TEA takeover of HISD.

Parker Elementary, Anderson Elementary, Meyerland Middle School, and Westbury High School all send representatives to the monthly Westbury SuperNeighborhood meeting. Parker continues to be a highly sought after school. Anderson has its challenges but there is a new parent organization plus good community support. Meyerland Middle School is a solid choice for Fine Arts plus academic classes. Westbury HS continues to improve every year. More and more Westbury families are sending their kids to Westbury HS and really love it.

Anderson Elementary

Anderson Elementary has an active parent group that formed a PTO this year and they are looking forward to working with the community. The new principal is interested in fixing and replacing the playground. Anderson's building is aging and has constant problems, yet it is not on a list to be rebuilt. The WCC would like to advocate for a new building to replace the aging old structure. The HISD accountabil-

ity reports for 2019 came out in August and Anderson was a D with a score of 68. WCC board members immediately set up a meeting with HISD representatives and the new principal. We were shocked to find out that the school does not have a library and hasn't for several years. The Westbury Area Improvement Corporation has started a fundraising effort for a school library.

Parker Elementary

Parker Elementary finally had their official grand opening of the new building in late February 2019. The teachers, staff, and kids all love the new building and fields. Parker is already over capacity in the new building. The school continues its long legacy of success.

Westbury High School

Westbury High School (WHS) has a very active Fine Arts program as more and more kids come to the school in lieu of HSPVA. WHS completed a Wrap-Around Service Center at the school which provides unique support to students with non-educational needs such as laundry, food, and social services. Construction is on-going on the Fine Arts wing which will be located along the Gasmer side of the school. WHS is improving their accountability score every year. While the ranking is still a C, it is only one point from a B. Enrollment continues to climb each year. The WHS Baseball team delivers the Westbury Crier. The WCC sponsors several WHS events such as the annual Gala.

Parks & Esplanades

Esplanades

The Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) is maintaining the esplanades in the commercial intersection of Chimney Rock and West Bellfort. The WCC is seeking bids to clean and to maintain the WCC landscaping beds. The WCC works with the WHS ROTC to post flags on Westbury esplanades for certain federal flag events, although theft of flags has continued to be a challenge. The WCC continues to work closely with the BOMD to ensure that trash and illegal signs are picked up on our major thoroughfares.

Hager Park

After years of advocating for improvements, funds were allocated in the 2017 City Park Bond to improve Hager Park. The WCC continues to push the City for Hager Park improvements, as nothing has been added yet to the Capital Improvement Plan. The WCC hosted a work day at Hager for Keep Westbury Beautiful. Volunteers trimmed up trees, added new mulch, and collected litter.

Westbury Park

Located next to Parker Elementary, this park is well loved by many kids. Westbury Park was the site of the 2019 Keep Westbury Beautiful Day. The WCC won a recognition certificate for our work at Westbury and Hager parks. Volunteers cleaned and mulched the butterfly garden, added new flowers to the butterfly garden, and did a trash pick-up.

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Community Partners

Westbury Community Garden

The garden is a project of our 501c3 nonprofit partner, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC). The Westbury Community Garden (WCG) is celebrating 10 years in 2020, look for a Spring celebration. The WCG continues to partner with the Houston Health Museum and to connect to the community with events (Star Gazing Party, Tomato Tasting, Volunteer Days, Deck The Halls parade) while working to implement the garden Master Plan and "growing community through gardening".

Platou Community Center

The Friends of Chimney Rock Park, a 501c3 nonprofit, helped the City host Family Fun Days throughout the year and provided extra enrichment activities for children during the summer months. They are connected to the community with classes, potlucks, and special events (Heritage Stitchery Show).

Willow Waterhole

The 7th Annual MusicFest was a great success. Many Eagle Scout Boy Scout projects were completed in 2019 – including new trees planted, new benches installed, trails improved, and signage added. Many families took advantage of the bluebonnets blooming on the banks of the detention lakes this spring. The lakes are stocked with fish provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife. The Willow Waterhole continues to be popular with hikers and cyclists. It is a popular site for middle and high school cross country events.

Homicide at Home in Westbury

Houston police arrested a suspect in the fatal stabbing of a man that occurred in the 5700 block of Willowbend. The incident happened about 11AM. on Sunday, December 15. The suspect, aged 31, was arrested without incident at the site and has been charged with murder.

The property where the murder occurred is suspected of being a group home. The Houston Police Department is investigating the crime and is also reviewing licensing, permits, and whether the residents in the possible group home are living in a group home that meets all training and operating requirements.

The State of Texas regulates some types of group homes. Others are regulated by the City of Houston. In either situation, HPD is the local entity that reviews the address.

If you locate a suspected non-permitted boarding home or have questions related to boarding homes, please notify the HPD Mental Health Division, Boarding Homes Investigation Unit at 832-394-4200 or hpd.cit@houstonpolice.org. Also, please let the Westbury Civic Club know about the address and details.

Some of you may wonder why a group home is located in Westbury. The answer is that the federal government provides strong protections for certain types of group home facilities. Both the Fair Housing Act (FHA) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) provide federal protections for residents who have physical or mental impairments. The FHA and ADA affirmatively require "reasonable accommodations" when necessary to allow a disabled person the full use and enjoyment of housing or public facilities. The Westbury Civic Club relies upon the city and HPD to review and to determine whether a group home is appropriately licensed.

If you see suspicious activity or alarming behavior at a home near you, always call the Constables or HPD. The Constables can be reached at 281-463-6666. See something, say something.

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All About Trash

Special Edition

HEAVY TRASH Explained!

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.**

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

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

What is “Junk Waste”?

“Junk Waste” includes furniture, appliances, lumber, fencing, and other bulky items (including tree waste, but the tree waste would then be sent to landfill rather than mulched). **The city will NOT collect bagged yard waste placed in improper bags during a Junk Waste month.**



What is “Tree Waste”?

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



What is “Yard Waste”?

“Yard Waste” consists of leaves, grass clippings, small yard trimmings or branches. **Yard Waste must be in a city-approved bag**, or small branches bundled (tied) into a pile less than 4 feet long, less than 18 inches in diameter, and less than 50 pounds in weight. “Yard Waste” is picked up every Thursday.



Westbury Trash Dates

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

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

Every other Thursday is recycling in the green rolling can

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

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.

TRASH CAN PLACEMENT EXAMPLES



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

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 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 are allowed.

Trash Reminder App Rollout!

The City of Houston Solid Waste Department has a free app for smartphone users, Rollout! It is available for Androids and iPhones. Insert your address, set reminders and never forget when trash day is! The app will send notifications to your phone to remind you when to recycle trash, regular trash and even heavy trash.



Trash Problems

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

Late/Skipped Pick-Up— Leave the trash at the curb. Report to 311. The trash pick-up has been very challenged since Harvey. The delays are due to old trucks and lack of drivers. Please be patient with the City but if your trash is not picked up on the scheduled day, please report to 311 and leave it on the curb as it likely coming soon.

Environmental Service Center – South

11500 South Post Oak - between Gasmer and South Main

Recycle and Household Hazardous Waste

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



Items that can be taken to the Environmental Service Center

Reuse Chemical Take Away (FREE)

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

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

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

Holiday Do NOT Recycle List

Here are some of the holiday items that should NOT be placed in your recycle bins. Either they are not processed at our city recycle centers, or they wrap around the machinery and create processing problems.

- ⇒ **No Holiday lights**
- ⇒ **No gift wrapping paper, ribbons, trim, and bows**
- ⇒ **No Yard inflatables**
- ⇒ **No Clothing (including Ugly holiday sweaters)**
- ⇒ **No Batteries. (Note. Put alkaline batteries in the trash. Take rechargeable batteries to the local Environmental Service Centers at either S. Post Oak or Westpark)**



Visit rorr.com or follow Waste Management on Twitter @WasteManagement to learn more about what should and should not go in your recycle bin.



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All About Trash

Special Edition

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

10785 Southwest Freeway Houston, TX 77074
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This facility accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste and Recyclables at no additional charge to City of Houston residents. Citizens may use the depositories four times per month. You must provide a Texas Driver's License or ID and a current utility bill or city property tax receipt. **The depositories will also accept the following items:** Furniture, Tree limbs, Stoves, Refrigerators, etc., 10 auto tires (Rims Not Accepted)
Open Wednesday - Sunday, 9AM to 6PM.

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, 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 4:30PM

Trash Violations

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

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The City Of Houston will pick up Christmas trees from the curb in January on Heavy Trash Tree Waste Day, January 9.



The trees must have all decorations, ornaments, tinsel, lights and stands removed. Flocked trees cannot be recycled. Christmas trees may also be dropped off at the Westpark facility as well as the Southwest depository.

WHAT IS FAIR?

Houston Deserves Our Fair Share of Federal Flood Money

Background: In February 2018, Congress approved \$4.3 billion to help pay for infrastructure projects in Texas intended to reduce future flooding in areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey in 2017, as well as areas affected by floods in 2015 and 2016. The funds are intended for activities that “increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters”. These mitigation funds will be administered by the state of Texas General Land Office (GLO). Over 1,000 entities (cities, counties, special districts) in Texas will be eligible to submit a project for consideration for funding. The state has proposed that applicants will be limited to 3 project applications each, limited to no more than \$100 million per project, and that joint projects will count against the 3-maximum limit. Also, the state has proposed that projects cannot be done concurrently, and that all applicants must have their first project funded before any entity can get a second project funded.

Deadline: Public comments must be submitted to the GLO by January 6. Comments can be emailed to cdr@recovery.texas.gov. or call 512.463.5139.

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DRAFT of Letter Submitted to the Texas General Land Office, via email by Cindy Chapman, WCC President

Dear Commissioner George P. Bush,

I am submitting comments to express my deep concerns regarding the draft version of the proposed State of Texas CDBG Mitigation (CDBG- MIT) Action Plan: “Building Stronger for a Resilient Future”. I am the President of the Westbury Civic Club, an association of almost 5,000 homes in the southwest area of Houston, an area of Houston which has repeatedly suffered from heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding. Homes in my neighborhood have flooded in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Furthermore, wide swathes of the City of Houston and of Harris County have suffered immensely from flooding in 2015, 2016, and 2017.

As a result of these repeat flooding events experienced in my community, I am more convinced than ever of the importance of making infrastructure changes so that fewer homes and fewer people will be affected by flooding in Houston, in Harris County, and across the state of Texas.

Here are my concerns regarding the draft GLO proposal:

1. The Houston/Harris County Area Should Get More Funds than Currently Proposed by GLO. As I understand the proposal, Houston could get a theoretical maximum of \$300 million, Harris County could get a maximum of \$300 million, and the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) could get a maximum of \$300 million for infrastructure mitigation projects, for a total of \$900 million. That is less than 25% of the available \$4.3 billion. It is my understanding that Houston and Harris County were anticipating to receive almost 50% of the funds and were already making plans how to maximize the federal dollars in combination with local dollars. Houston and Harris County are crossed by multiple watersheds and have the biggest population in the entire state. I have heard that 44% of the directly affected residents live in Houston or Harris County.

2. Why Limit an Entity to 3 Projects?

I understand why the state wishes to be able to spread the federal mitigation dollars broadly; however, it does not seem fair that a city of 5,000 people could submit 3 projects and a city of 2 million people spread across more than 600 square miles is also restricted to 3 projects. The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) works with many jurisdictions in Harris County and also in unincorporated areas.

3. Houston and Harris County Should Not Be Penalized for Joint Projects

As currently proposed, no entity can submit more than 3 projects and a joint proposal counts against both partners. Within the city limits of Houston, it is beneficial and desirable for the city to work with HCFCD on many projects, since the city handles street drainage and the county handles channel improvements. HCFCD is also responsible for unincorporated areas and many other cities across Harris County. Since HCFCD crosses so many jurisdictions, perhaps it and other multi-jurisdictional entities should not be restricted to the number of projects they work on.

4. Time Delays by not allowing Projects to be done at the same time.

As I understand it, the GLO proposes that one project must be completed before a second project can be applied for. The City of Houston and HCFCD are capable of running multiple projects at the same time. The proposed “one project at a time” schedule will delay implementation of much needed flood mitigation projects.

5. Population Considerations.

It is my understanding that the GLO proposes to consider both the number of people impacted and also the % of people who have been impacted when evaluating projects. Initially that seems fair, except that both Harris County and the City of Houston are vast in size and in population. As a result, both may be unfairly penalized when the PERCENTAGE of Affected People is considered. Harris County has about 4 million people. Even 1% of 4 million people is larger than some entire towns.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I appreciate that it is a difficult challenge to administer such a large amount of funding across such a large area of Texas.

Who will Represent Westbury?

Congratulations to our newly elected city officials! Each home in Westbury is represented by a District Councilmember and all 5 At-large council members. Below is list of election winners who will represent us in Westbury. All of the below races, except District K, went into runoff elections. Most of Westbury is represented located in District K. Only the homes on the north side of Willowbend are in District C.

Mayor - Sylvester Turner

District C - Abbie Kamin - NEW

District K - Martha Castex-Tatum

At-Large 1 - Mike Knox

At-Large 2 - David Robinson

At-Large 3 - Michael Kubosh

At-Large 4 - Letitia Plummer - NEW

At-Large 5 - Sallie Alcorn - NEW

Westbury Area Precinct Voting Numbers for Run-Off Election

Precinct — Location	Voting %	# of Voters
403 — Westbury Baptist	39	658
14 — Parker Elementary	37	699
281 — Godwin Community Center	37	795
146 — Platou Community Center	34	701
293 — Anderson Elementary	28	501
291 — Parker Elementary	27	315
693 — Braeswood Assembly of God	24	172
Houston Average	18.9	205,000
22 — Foerster Elementary	15	370
453 — Westbury High School	13	265

Why YOUR Vote Counts

Approximately 205,000 people voted in the mayor's race in all of Harris County during the December election runoff. Houston has approximately 1,085,000 registered voters. Mayor Turner received more than 50% of the votes in all the Westbury Area precincts listed in the above chart.

Moving down the ballot, only about 170,000 people voted in the five At-Large city council run off races. For the individual Council Districts voting was varied across the City. Only 5,400 people in all of District J voted to select their new city council representative. Over in District H, there was an amazingly close race. Only TWELVE (12) votes separate the two candidates in the runoff, out of more than 10,000 votes cast in District H! At this time, it appears likely that the District H race will have a recount. Some Westbury residents live in District C, which had the highest number of voters in a single council district, totaling about 32,854 voters.

This year, city council will have a record number of women serving! District B will hold its election in 2020, but all of the candidates are women, so the winner of District B will join the 8 women already elected for a total of 9 WOMEN out of 16 positions on city council for 2020!

Training Class for New City Council Members



Seated are:

Amy Peck (District A) replacing Brenda Stardig

Abbie Kamin (District C) replacing Ellen Cohen

Tiffany Thomas (District F) replacing Stephen Le

Edward Pollard (District J) replacing Mike Laster

Sallie Alcorn (At-Large 5) replacing Jack Christie

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Letitia Plummer (At-Large 4) replacing Amanda Edwards



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Westbury Christian Honor Choir marched in the Deck the Halls parade in Westbury

2019 Holiday Decoration Winners BEST HOMES IN WESTBURY

Westbury 1

- 1st Place: 11111 Fonda — Jeremy & Jenni Jordan
- 2nd Place: 10914 Endicott — Rusty Grones & Nico Mesidor
- 3rd Place: 10919 Doud — Richard & Debbie Koenig

Westbury 2

- 1st Place: 10823 Oasis
- 2nd Place: 11135 Cedarhurst
- 3rd Place: 5514 Creekbend

Westbury 3

- 1st Place: 5223 Benning
- 2nd Place: 5222 Warm Springs
- 3rd Place: 5723 Benning

Westbury 4

- 1st Place: 11927 Dunlap — Alan Moehl & Brent Leafgreen
- 2nd Place: 11911 Atwell — Paul Valdez
- 3rd Place: 5855 Duxbury — Oscar Turcios
- Best Block— 5700 & 5800 Ettrick

Westbury 5

- 1st Place: 5922 Hummingbird — Anne Embody
- 2nd Place: 10714 Braewick — Charles and Mary Welch
- 3rd Place: 5523 Sanford — Gregory Schmid

Parkwest 1

- 1st Place: 5519 Stillbrooke — Linda Dubois
- 2nd Place: 5615 Portal — Brian Mueller
- 3rd Place: 5518 Bankside — Rhonda Smith
- Best Block— 5000 Stillbrooke

Parkwest 2

- 1st Place: 5723 Benning — Richard Tapia
- 2nd Place: 5818 Spellman — Steven & Sharelle Poth
- 3rd Place: 5806 Bankside — Peter & Jennifer Zografos



Westbury 1 Winner — 11111 Fonda



Westbury 3 Winner



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21st Annual Deck the Halls Parade

Who doesn't love a parade? The 21st Annual Deck the Halls parade was awesome! The weather was perfect for the thousands who lined the streets. The parade was huge this year and there were many parties along the route. A million thanks go to the Mandell family for this incredible labor of love. Thanks for including the Westbury Civic Club! We always look forward to it and enjoy it. This year we had special guest, Council Member Martha Castex –Tatum, in the truck with us as a whole wagon load of area Girl Scouts traveled with us.

We love celebrating with so many of the things that make Westbury great.

Westbury High School Air Force ROTC, WHS softball team, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Westbury CARE (now known as Houston CARE), Westbury 1 and 2 residents, dozens of Art cars, Lamar FFA and Meyerland Middle School's Mariachi band entertained the crowd. The theme was Texas and we had a real live Longhorn, "Willie Nelson, Jr". and "Sue Ellen" and more items representing the things that make Texas great like Whataburger and armadillos!

Thanks to Ray Mora and Walter Chapman for carrying the WCC banner. Connor Edmondson and the Girl Scouts passed out our beads to the eagerly waiting crowds.

Thank you Mandell Family!



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2020 Westbury Civic Club Budget

General Income

Mandatory/Assessments	90,000
Voluntary Dues	50,000
Donations Civic Club	2,000
Westbury Area Patrol Voluntary (Restricted)	217,500
Refinancing Fees	3,000
Transfer Fees	30,000
Resale Certificates	1,000
Interest Income	500
Total General Income	394,000

Program Expenses

Crier Printing & Expenses	46,650
Crier Advertising Fees	-37,500
Community Garage Sale Expense	2,000
Community Garage Sale income	-2,000
Programs & Hospitality	500
Greenspace Monthly Maintenance Contract	12,000
Water, Plants, Supplies & Equipment	5,000
Harris County Constable Fees (all 4 deputies)	259,000
Total Program Expenses	285,650

General Expenses

Books, Subscriptions, Dues	500
Postage, Mailing Service	3,000
Printing & Copying	2,500
Supplies	750
Training & Education	1,000
Contributions to Ext Orgs	0
Bank & Pay Pal Fees	5,500
Computer Expense	2,500
Insurance	7,000
Payroll Expenses	60,000
Contract Services - Accounting/Legal	7,200
Facilities and Equipment	18,150
Conferences & Meetings	250
Total General Expenses	108,350
Total: Program + General Expenses	394,000

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) Budget Committee prepared the 2020 Budget which was approved at the November Board meeting. This year's proposed budget is similar to last year's budget. The WCC operates on a calendar year budget. We estimate our income for the coming year (based on prior history), and then we budget proposed expenditures based on the projected income. For 2020 our projected income and expense is \$394,000. Our income last year through November 2019 was approximately \$400,000. We will have our final 2019 Income and Expenses statement in the February Crier.

Our biggest expense is the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) security control contract with the Precinct 5 Constable office. The WAP Patrol consists of three deputies, one of whom is a sergeant. We have coverage in the morning, afternoon and night shift. The WAP Patrol contract will increase 3% in 2020.

The \$394,000 income and expenses are projected as follows:

- ➔ Westbury Area Patrol — \$259,000. (3 deputies)
- ➔ Greenspace — \$17,000. This pertains to taking care of the areas the WCC has adopted and other areas that are not mowed frequently.

- ➔ WCC Operating Expenses — \$108,350. The General Expense category includes all of the items that go into operating the Civic Club printing and distribution of the Crier, operating an office and staffing it, insurance, professional fees (financial reviews, legal expenses), doing projects and programs, and deed restriction enforcement. Advertising in the monthly newsletter offsets its printing costs.

- ➔ Payroll includes a future 2nd employee.

Year after year our income remains at the about the same level. However, if you consider that Westbury has 5,000 homes raising 394,000 should not be a difficult thing to do. We are thankful for those civic minded folks who every year pay their dues and protect their neighborhood. Won't you invest \$50.00 towards protecting your home investment and the security amount of \$285 to keep police presence nearby?



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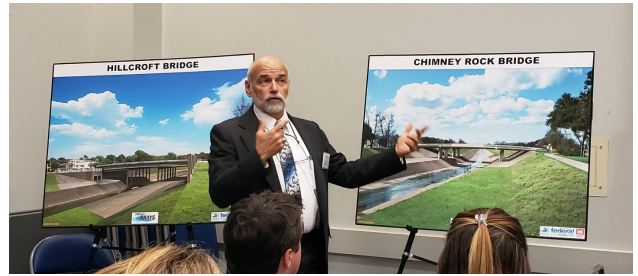
Important Update to Brays Bayou Bridge Work

The three bridges in our area, which cross over Brays Bayou, all have major construction projects planned in the near future, with a goal to make it easier for the Brays Bayou water to flow (with less resistance) during heavy rain events. Due to design changes requested by the local communities, the order of work will be different than originally planned. The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) held a meeting to discuss the revised plans with community leaders. Marcia Hartman and Cindy Chapman attended for the Westbury Civic Club.

Hillcroft → The FIRST bridge which will be worked on is Hillcroft, and the work will start this “summer”. The bridge will be closed while the work is being done. The bridge will be elevated and the intersections modified to meet with the higher bridge. It is good to do this work in hot weather since a natural gas line will need to be moved, and less natural gas is used in hot weather.

Chimney Rock and S. Rice → Due to engineering design changes requested by the community to improve the safety of the intersections, the contract for these two bridges has been delayed. Originally they were going to be done at two different times, but the improved designs mean that the construction impact on the roads will be less, so they will now be done at approximately the same time. Work will be completed by the end of 2021. The bridges will no longer have the dreaded “double traffic light” intersections at North Braeswood and at South Braeswood, which have been blamed for many traffic accidents at these bridges. In essence, a new bridge will be squeezed between each of the existing North/South bridges at Chimney Rock and also at S. Rice. There is enough room for each new bridge to have a 10 foot wide sidewalk, which allows people who walk across these bridges to feel safer next to traffic.

Charles Goforth and the Brays Bayou Association(BBA) advocated for the revised plan for these two bridges and helped organize community comments in favor of the proposed revisions. Here is how the BBA describes the revised plan. (Note that “Gary” is Gary Zika, Project Manager for Project Brays). *“Gary and the Project Brays team have been meeting and communicating “almost non-stop” with the city to explore ways to make this happen, everything seems to have fallen into place. GONE...will be the crazy and deadly two traffic lights for the east/west traffic. GONE...narrow, one person wide sidewalks. 10 foot wide sidewalks on both sides of both bridges will be constructed. GONE...the complete closure of all north/south traffic and pedestrian access during construction. North/south access will now remain open during construction with only minimal traffic flow impacts.”*



Stay Informed About Project Brays

- * www.hcfcd.org
- * www.projectbrays.org
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- * Attend a Brays Bayou Association Meeting—
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METRO – Getting Connected

In December, a delegation of community leaders from Neighborhoods to Trails SW (NTTSW) met with Tom Lambert, Houston METRO President and CEO, and several METRO managers. Cindy Chapman, President of the Westbury Civic Club, represented Westbury at the meeting. The goal was to discuss ways to work together. Both organizations are interested in improving connections to public transportation within communities.

NTTSW is focused on safe, off-road trails in SW Houston that connect to places where people want to go (transit stops, work, schools, places of worship, etc). METRO representatives discussed how they want to improve the customer experience. Is a stop ADA (American Disabilities Act) accessible? How are the sidewalks? What amenities are there? Can the location of stops be improved? Both organizations agreed to continue to find ways to work together.



PHOTO: Mike Martinez (METRO Public Relations), Russ Frank (METRO Customer Service), Kurt Luhrsen (METRO Planning), Sylvester Reeder (NTTSW), Tom Lambert (METRO CEO and President), and NTTSW: Cindy Chapman, Gerda Gomez, and Stephen Polnazsek

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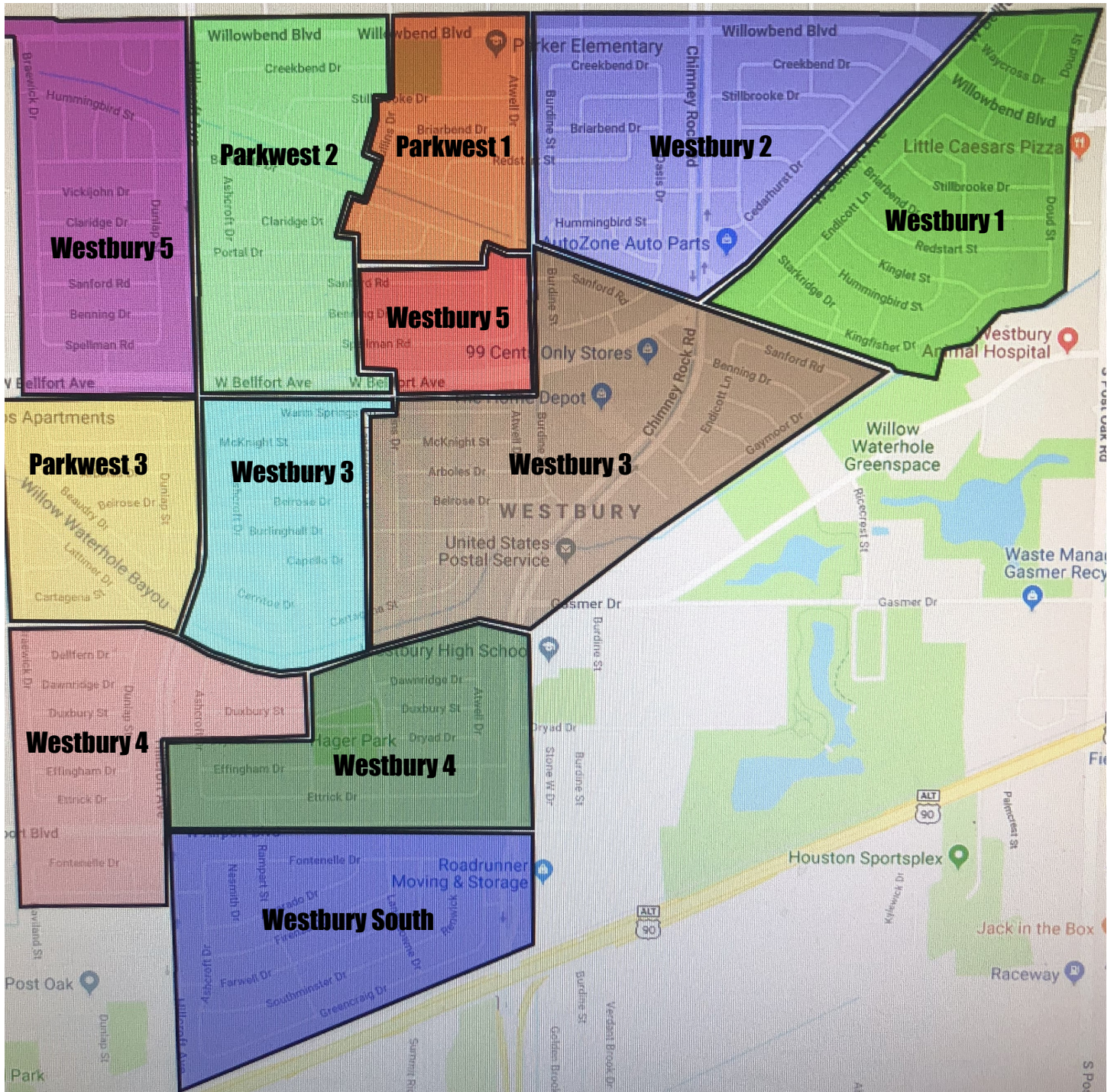
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Westbury is the 2nd largest neighborhood in the City of Houston with 5,000 homes. One reason Westbury has remained such a viable and desirable neighborhood is because of the very active Westbury Civic Club. The WCC has been advocating and working hard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

Westbury History
 One of Westbury's assets are our beautiful tree lined streets. Did you know almost all of the trees you see planted on the esplanades were planted by volunteers through the WCC? Since 2005, the WCC has planted or given away over 5,000 trees. January is a great month to plant in your yard. Urban Harvest is having their Annual Fruit Tree Sale on February 15.

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	443 homes
	Parkwest 3	311 homes
	Westbury 1	543 homes
	Westbury 2	530 homes
	Westbury 3	853 homes
	Westbury 4	834 homes
	Westbury 5	501 homes
	Westbury 5	150 homes
	Westbury South	563 homes







Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

November 20—December 13, 2019

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5500	Arboles	Theft of Motor Vehicle parts	12/1	3AM	Westbury 3
12300	Atwell	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	11/27	9PM	Westbury South
6000	Beaudry	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	12/6	1PM	Parkwest 3
11000	Braewick	Simple Assault	11/22	1AM	Westbury 5
11500	Chimney Rock	Arson	12/2	2AM	Westbury 2
12100	Chimney Rock	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	11/22	11AM	Westbury 4
5800	Creekbend	Auto Theft	11/24	11PM	Parkwest 2
5900	Ettrick	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	11/30	11PM	Westbury 4
5700	Fontenelle	Damage, Vandalism	12/9	2PM	Westbury South
5800	Greencraig	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	12/2	4AM	Westbury South
10700	Landsdowne	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	11/25	3AM	Parkwest 2
12300	Landsdowne	Auto Theft	11/24	9PM	Westbury South
5800	Ludington	Robbery	11/19	3PM	Westbury 4
12100	McClearn	Robbery	11/28	4PM	Westbury 4
6000	McKnight	Theft, other	11/25	4PM	Parkwest 3
5200	Sanford	Simple Assault	11/25	6PM	Westbury 3
5200	Sanford	Damage, Vandalism	11/26	8PM	Westbury 3
5700	Southminster	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	11/23	3Pm	Westbury South
5800	Southminster	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	12/2	11AM	Westbury South
5500	Warm Springs	Simple Assault	12/7	8PM	Westbury 3
6000	Willowbend	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	11/24	1AM	Westbury 5

KEY

	Theft from Motor Vehicle
	Auto Theft
	Property Crime
	Burglary
	Simple Assault
	Robbery

The crimes listed took place between November 20 thru December 13. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	0	4	0	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	3	0	3
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	3	3	0	0
Robbery	2	5	4	0
Simple Assault	3	6	2	1
Shoplifting	0	0	4	0
Arson	1	1	1	0
Theft, other	1	5	0	1
Drugs, Narcotics	0	1	0	1
Vandalism, Damage	2	2	8	0
Auto Theft	2	1	0	3
Theft from Building	0	2	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	21	33	19	10



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GRAND OPENING

Dabney Kennedy Scout Pavilion

Sunday, January 26, 4-5PM

Everyone is invited to the Grand Opening of the Dabney Kennedy Scout Pavilion on January 26. The Grand Opening of the recently completed Scout Pavilion will honor Dabney for his scouting career and community service, along with celebrating ALL scouts who have completed their Eagle and Gold projects at the Willow Waterhole Greenway.

When → Sunday, January 26, 4 – 5PM

Where → Dabney Kennedy Scout Pavilion (across street from The Gathering Place at 5310 S. Willow)

Parking → 5310 S. Willow or at 11350 Ricecrest (on Ricecrest between S. Willow and Gasmer)

What is Happening at the Waterhole?

Houston Police Department Bike Patrol

The HPD Bike Patrol recently did a training session over at the Willow Waterhole. The hills provide a good workout in flat Houston and the scenery certainly beats the usual view of city streets.



Holiday Tree

Willow Rock Girl Scouts brought artistic creativity to the Greenway on Sunday afternoon December 8th. Below is the holiday tree they decorated near the Schwartz Gazebo. They finished the lower half, if you have beads in your closet you would like to donate to



finish the job, please message the

Greenway. Thanks to the Norman family - Paulette, Dave, Alexis, and Samantha - for leading the girl scouts on another project!

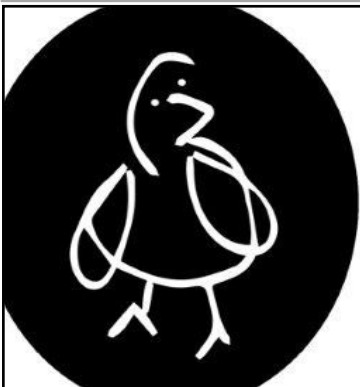
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Westbury Community Garden News

SeedMoney Challenge Success!

Westbury Community Garden participated in the a SeedMoney Challenge. It was a 30-day fundraising challenge to get a grant. The Westbury Community Garden is raising money to rent several large waste bins for a big heavy trash cleanup effort across the 7-acre property.

The garden received \$570 in donations, which was 114% of the goal thru SeedMoney Challenge. SeedMoney is a non-profit that offers crowdfunding tools for food garden projects.

Thank you to everyone that donated towards this great project!

Garden Potluck and Elections

The Westbury Community Garden (WCG) held its annual meeting and elections during a Winter Potluck Dinner at the Platou Community Center. The garden also updated its bylaws. The WCG is operated by volunteers, and its leaders are elected annually by the members of the garden. Gardeners know how to work hard, but they also know how to enjoy a good meal. The potluck featured a wide variety of different foods ranging from homemade broccoli chips to pizza in a take-out box.



Incoming Officers are: Virginia Livingston (President), Sonnet Mandell (Vice President), and Dorothy Smith (Secretary). Marcia Hartman continues as Treasurer of the garden and also the parent organization, the nonprofit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC). Outgoing Officers are: Betsy Longoria (President), Hazel Potvin (Vice President), and Jennifer Besmehn (Secretary).

Thanks to all for your ongoing efforts keeping this community jewel as a strong and vital part of the Westbury community! The garden will celebrate its 10th anniversary in a few months. Look in future Criers for announcements about the celebration!



Like "Westbury Community Garden Houston" on Facebook



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main. Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Greencraig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap.

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