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Ice Storm 2018

2018 started with another unusual weather event throughout Texas after the crazy 2017 weather. The City of Houston essentially shut down for two days in January for an Ice Storm. HISD cancelled classes and City officials urged residents to stay off the road ways. For more information, see page 11.



Primary Election

Early Voting Begins on February 20. Election is on March 6.

For more information, see page 6.



HISD is Hot News in February

This month's *Crier* is chock full of articles about HISD. Our neighborhood schools are important for property values and for our neighborhood children. Read all about Parker's new move date, Kolter update, WHS new building, budget and magnet funding, traffic concerns, and more!



New Parker Move Date—Spring Break 2018.

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New WHS buildings coming soon.

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HISD Board looking at major funding and magnet changes for next school year.

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HISD adding extra time to each school day.

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Parker Traffic Concerns

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WHS Students' photographs on display at Fine Art Museum.

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Westbury RECYCLING DATES

February 2018

Thursday, February 1
Thursday, February 15

March 2018

Thursday, March 1
Thursday, March 15
Thursday, March 29



NO Heavy Trash



Until further notice, the City of Houston is still **NOT picking up heavy trash.** The WCC is not sure when these services will resume. The Westbury website and Facebook page will update as soon as we know.

If you have trash on your curb, please be a good neighbor and remove it until pick up resumes. If you have flood debris on your curb, please call 311 for pickup.

ALDI Supermarkert Coming to Westbury

Coming soon to the old Westbury Centerette property at W. Bellfort and Chimney Rock in early 2019. Read more about this on page 13.



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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

This is the second time that I have had to sit down and write this president's message while grieving the loss of a parent. Six years ago it was my mom, and this time it's my dad. Both of them had long and happy productive lives. My thanks to the many people who have shared their memories of my father with me and my family.

As my siblings and I take stock of our parents' home in nearby Maplewood, their residence since 1961, it makes me think of all the original residents in Westbury. Our neighborhoods are still as viable today as they were 60 years ago! One of the things I love about our area is the number of second and even third generation families we have in the Westbury, Maplewood, and Meyerland neighborhoods. With homes in a wide variety of price ranges, different generations have been able to afford homes, often their first homes.

Westbury has challenges with structural flooding along the Willow Waterhole Bayou, but I'm hopeful with so much attention on the problem, that real solutions are going to be implemented. I love seeing existing houses being elevated to a safer height above the ground. Also, some of our residents have decided to build new houses, built higher than the old house. A higher house is a solution that doesn't rely on someone else to get right the flooding problems! Resilience is a trendy word, but I am humbled and honored by our Westbury residents who have faced adversity and hardship from flooding, and who are striving and struggling for their families and their homes. These Westbury residents are and have been amazingly resilient.

Having to focus so much attention on flooding year after year means that many projects we in the Civic Club have hoped to work on have been set aside. We are working regularly to be sure that

Westbury's flooding gets attention. We attend meetings, focus groups, task forces, and planning sessions. If flooding is on the agenda, you will likely find a representative from the Westbury Civic Club in attendance

I had the honor of being on the City's *Redevelopment and Drainage Task Force*, which was formed prior to Harvey, to study these issues and work toward finalizing a set of detention recommendations for the Administration and Public Works officials to consider adopting. On this task force were community representatives, developers, engineers, city and county employees, builders, and lobbyists. It was interesting to get a broad perspective across the City. Often it looks like nothing is happening, and goodness knows it takes a long, long time to get things done, but work is being done and the City cares deeply about this issue.

In late January, KPRC hosted a town hall entitled "*Making Houston Stronger*" where Mayor Turner and Judge Emmett fielded questions. Mayor Turner said mitigating flooding was important for ALL Houstonians and he specifically mentioned the middle class families who are tapped out and their savings gone while waiting on FEMA. Judge Ed Emmett said something else that was important: cost benefit analysis is not a good system and should be replaced by the number of people helped, **not** on the value of their homes. Why weren't any Willow Waterhole Bayou improvements included in Project Brays? The cost benefit analysis didn't work. There was not enough value in the adjacent properties to warrant spending the big bucks. I thought the message from the City and County was clear: mitigation has to be done; bayous with more capacity, more regional plans and more detention or you are just throwing money at a problem that you are not solving.

What did they ask of you and me? Write to your state and federal representatives and tell them we need money. Houstonians have a can-do attitude and things look okay from the outside, but thousands are still out of their homes and the rains will come again. We need relief and that is spelled M-O-N-E-Y!

Beyond the flooding, spring is on the horizon and I don't know about the rest of you, but I am ready for some warm weather! As you start your spring cleaning, remember, the earliest possible junk waste pick up ideally will be in April, and that is still not confirmed. If you have junk at the curb, please be a responsible neighbor and take it to the dump or put it out of sight. If you have flood debris at the curb, call 311.

Due to a set of extenuating circumstances and glitches, the statements we send out to solicit your dues payments are just now being sent. Please feel free to use the form in the Crier to send in your dues. And remember, **your dues and WAP monies stay here in Westbury to help keep the neighborhood safe, secure, and attractive which protects the investment in your home.**

Happy Valentine's Day!
Becky Edmondson



Ed Wolfe and HCFCF Jeff Lindner at the townhall mtg

WCC Board Meeting Notes—January 2018

- The January Westbury Civic Club meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.
- The next WCC board meeting is on February 21, 7PM, at Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft.
- Vacant positions on the WCC board: Section Directors for Westbury 3, Westbury 5, and Parkwest 1.

NEXT WCC Board Meeting
Wed., February 21, 7PM
Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft



FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Platou Community Center
11655 Chimney Rock Rd
Houston, TX 77035

Supervisor:
Jayla Godbolt 713.726.7107
Jayla.godbolt@houston.tx.gov



Family Fun Day at the Platou Center February 24, 11AM-1PM

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

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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Come In and Quilt at the Platou Center

The Quilt group is composed of nine people so far. We welcome others to join in. Large tables, irons and ironing boards are set up and two sewing machines are available. Expect friendship and advice as you work on your project. The picture shows a quilt being prepared for the actual quilting process.

Call Janie at 713-721-5526 for more information.



Meyer Library At Platou Center



Toddler Storytime

Thursdays @ 10:30am – 11:15am

While the Meyer Neighborhood Library is closed for repairs, come enjoy storytime with us at the Platou Community Center! Toddle 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.

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 FEBRUARY 2018

Sat 10	ECHOS Shred Day 9600 S Gessner— Episcopal Church of the Epiphany	9-12PM
Wed 14	Happy Valentine's Day	
Sat. 17	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—S. Willow	7AM
Mon 19	Brays Bayou Association Meeting The Gathering Place—5310 S Willow	7:30PM
Tues 20	Early Voting for Primary Election begins See page 6 for more information	
Tues 20	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Police Station—13097 Nitida	7PM
Wed 21	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Westbury Baptist Church— 10425 Hillcroft	8:30AM
Wed 21	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Sat 24	Family Day at Platou Center 11655 Chimney Rock See page 4 for more information	11AM-2PM
March 6	Primary Election See page 6 for more information	

Until further notice, the City of Houston is still **NOT** picking up heavy trash.



Recycling in Westbury

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

February 2018 Recycling

Thursday, February 1

Thursday, February 15

March 2018 Recycling

Thursday, March 1

Thursday, March 15

Thursday, March 29

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

Planning Calendar

March 12-16 – HISD Spring Break

April 1 – Assessments due for

Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2

April 21 & 22 – Music Fest at

Willow Waterhole

TBD – White Elephant Sale (April or May)



Congratulations to BOMD for Planning Grant

Our community partner, the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD), has successfully applied for a Livable Center planning grant for \$200,000 from the Houston-Galveston Area Council to study transportation, flooding, and economic development issues in the district (which includes the Westbury area). BOMD will provide \$50,000 of funding (20% match), so the total funding for the planning study is \$250,000.



SWH2000 Breakfast – Spotlight on HBU

A breakfast on January 23 sponsored by SWHouston2000 and the Brays Oaks Management District focused on Houston Baptist University.

* **Engineering:** HBU will be dedicating a new College of Engineering building soon. The new engineering program will offer degrees in cyber engineering, electrical engineering, and computer engineering. There is a huge need for skills in cyber engineering.

* **Online Classes:** HBU offers online degrees in Management (BS), a graduate level Management degree, and in 2019 will offer a Master's degree in Healthcare Administration.

* In the fall of 2018, the "McNair Center for Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise" will open. Its offerings will include a new one year Master's program for non-business majors to learn how to think like a business owner. In 2019, HBU will open a Finance & Analytics Lab.

* **New retail businesses along Highway 59 side of campus:**

Retail tenants now include Salata, Chipotle, Firehouse Sub, Chik-Fil-a, and FedEx. The Mattress Firm building will be demolished and What-a-Burger will be relocating to the site.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS—MARCH 6, 2018

Do you ever step into the voting booth in November, look at the ballot and wonder how "person X" can possibly be a candidate? "Person X" was voted to be the party candidate during the spring Primary Elections for the Republican and Democratic parties. If you hope for a better roster of candidates, you need to take the time now to research the candidates and to vote during the spring Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. Texas has a period of "Early Voting", where a voter can vote at ANY of the approved Harris County locations. This begins on February 20 through March 2. If you want to vote on Election Day on

March 6, you must vote at your designated location for your specific precinct. Texas has open primaries, which means that you can vote in either the Democratic or the Republican primary; however, if there is a run-off election then you cannot cross over to the other party during the primary elections. The deadline for registering to vote in the March 6, 2018 Primary Election is February 5, 2018.

At <http://www.harrisvotes.com/> you can find links to help you find your polling location, voting hours, and see samples of the ballots of both parties. There are links to information on early voting, voting by mail, military and overseas voting.

Also, the League of Women Voters prepares excellent

non-partisan information about voting and candidates at <http://lwvhouston.org/>

One convenient early voting location for Westbury residents is at Bayland Park Community Center at 6400 Bissonnet.

Westbury is known for its high voting rates. Please do your part to maintain our democratic republic. Your input is needed in these primary elections. Please vote.



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Westbury Hot Topics

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.

What Happened to Recycling:

After 3 missed days of trash pick-up due to a City holiday on Monday for MLK day and then the ice storm, the City made the decision to cancel recycling for the rest of that week. Recycling continued the following week with the normal schedule. Unfortunately for Westbury we were in the unlucky half of the City in the Ice week. That meant recycling wasn't going to be picked up until February 1. Everything is now on schedule and normal with recycling! For future updates on trash schedule changes, follow Westbury Houston on Facebook or City of Houston Solid Waste Department.

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.

It's time to pay your 2018 Westbury Civic Club dues!

Your dues help support the WCC in many ways

- Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood
- Protects your home and family with the Constable service
- Improves the look of our greenspaces
- Keeps the doors to your Civic Club office open

The WCC works for you. Your support of the WCC is important. The dues form is located on page 17.



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What Do You Love About Westbury?



With Valentine's Day on the calendar this month, Westbury Civic Club board members were asked: What do you love about Westbury?

Katherine Wingfield: *I love our sense of community! We know several of the neighbors in our section, and we enjoy seeing them on our walks.*

Brandon Richard: *I love our leadership and its commitment to working with our local councilmen and politicians to improve our neighborhood and have our voices heard.*

Marcia Hartman: *I love that it's close to the center of town, the people are friendly, and it has a commitment to greenspace.*

Cindy Chapman: *I love the location, the trees, the diversity of people, and that people are interested and engaged in our neighborhood.*

Donna Strom: *The location is amazing and people are friendly like a small town within the big city.*

Jennifer Edmondson: *I love how it feels like we live in a small town in the middle of this giant city. I love walking into our neighborhood stores or the Little League and seeing the faces of friends, family, and residents I've met while working at the WCC Office. It seems like everyone knows everyone! It is a great community.*

Nancy Stewart: *My neighbors are so kind, and I love my quiet street, and seeing folks walk or run alone because they feel safe on my street. (I wish some of them had the sense to give cars the right of way, instead of assuming the whole street is a giant crosswalk on which pedestrians have right of way, but that's another matter!) I appreciate the commitment and time that some dedicated folks give to Civic Club issues, and I am grateful for all the folks who pay their dues so we can have the Area Patrol as much as we do.*

Gail Reaben: *I love Westbury for many reasons and one is because we have a country setting within a big city. I love that in the midst of high stress traffic and Houston's high-wire energy, we can exit the craziness and, like magic, be in the midst of a country scape with a large lake, ducks, birds and even hills! Every time I've been to Willow Waterhole, I marvel at the tranquility of nature that lives within our neighborhood. It is such a great gift to us all.*

Lisa Placke: *Pretty much everything! It is a secret little oasis in a huge city. We have quiet streets and wonderful parks, but near instant access to four major freeways and to two of the most important areas in the city - The Galleria and Texas Medical Center, not to mention Reliant Park. It's full of wonderful, friendly, helpful people who appreciate the community and work together to keep it prospering... sometimes despite the odds. And, it has dedicated leadership that focuses on the community; helping it remain a vibrant community. That's why I've lived here my entire life, literally.*



NEW WESTBURY HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS OPENING SOON

In a few weeks, students at Westbury High School are expected to move into the new WHS campus additions. As part of the Houston Independent School District's 2012 Bond Program, Westbury is receiving a new two-story addition with 26 classrooms, flexible learning centers, two new gyms, and a multi-purpose dining/commons area.

The \$40 million dollar project will also include general renovations to the current building, including new administrative offices and a redesigned front entrance, which will be re-located near the highly visible atrium, creating a prominent, easily identifiable and secure main entry.

After work on the new addition is completed, demolition of the existing temporary buildings will follow, making room for new tennis courts and a new green space/practice field, which will also serve as a detention pond. That work is expected to run through the fourth quarter 2018.

Westbury's fine arts program is also slated to receive upgraded spaces from bond surplus funds approved by HISD trustees last spring. Those enhancements are in the early planning stage, and work is not expected to begin until after the current project is complete.



Photography from Westbury HS Displayed at Fine Arts Museum

Every year for the last 23 years, the Museum of Fine Arts Houston has collaborated with area high schools to document and celebrate Houston's diverse neighborhoods through photographs. The resulting annual exhibition, Eye on Houston: High School Documentary Photography, gives students the opportunity to reveal a glimpse into their daily lives, experiences, and personal stories.

64 photos were chosen from 300 submissions.

Congratulations to the four Westbury HS students, under the direction of Photography instructor Amanda Fuchs, whose works were chosen from among the 300 submissions.



Depression by Audry Guerra



Unbothered by Maria Casas



Today Society by Thomas Freeman



Feeling Festive by Brian Cruz Ventura

Big Changes Proposed at HISD for Funding and Magnet Programs

At press time, we do not have many details available about the proposed changes that HISD is considering making regarding magnet schools, campus funding, and schools in danger of being closed or being taken over. Fortunately, no school in the Westbury attendance zone has been in long-term "Improvement Required, IR" status by the state; therefore, no schools in Westbury are at risk of being closed or taken over. Westbury High School had been drifting in and out of IR status; however, an intensive multi-year effort by Principal Susan Monaghan and WHS students, faculty, and staff has resulted in WHS scoring high enough to get out of IR status.

The situation is in flux, but here are some PROPOSALS presented during the January 2018 HISD Board Retreat. This article is based on preliminary information.

- ➔ Change campus funding. Due to budget shortfalls related to Hurricane Harvey and possible lower property tax collection, HISD seeks to standardize spending at campuses and to reduce the amount of funds under direct control of the principal. *Editorial note: Individual principals would have less flexibility in allocating funds for their unique needs. This may have a negative impact on Westbury High School's ongoing improvement efforts and on other area schools. We do not yet know how all of our Westbury area schools would be affected, nor do we know what the final funding will be for each campus.*
- ➔ Reduce the number of magnet programs across HISD.
- ➔ Modify or establish "feeder pattern magnet programs" within 4

quadrants in HISD. Our Westbury neighborhood would be in the "South" quadrant and would include schools in the feeder patterns for Bellaire High, Madison High, Sterling High, Westbury High, and Worthing High. "A full feeder pattern (high school, middle school, and elementary school (s) must apply together with the same/similar theme".

- ➔ For the 2018-2019 school year: existing "feeder pattern magnet programs" remain in place if not duplicated in the quadrant. Some Individual magnet programs will be sun-setted (closed) at end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- ➔ "Allocations of funds and staff will be equivalent for all schools of the same instructional level offering the same/similar theme." *Editorial Note: This could hurt the music magnet at Parker Elementary here in Westbury which is one of the oldest and largest music programs in HISD and which has a brand new school building designed for its outstanding music magnet program.*
- ➔ Eliminate magnet funding for gifted and talented magnet programs.
- ➔ Priority in magnet applications will be given to students who live in the quadrant and low income students.
- ➔ "Choice Programs" include dual language programs, early college programs, gifted and talented programs, Montessori programs, International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. Choice programs will abide by the same process as magnet programs and schools, but no magnet funding or transportation will be provided.

HISD Adding Minutes to Each School Day

HISD added extra minutes to the end of each school day for the remainder of the 2017-18 year to make up for lost instruction time after a winter ice storm which closed schools for two days on January 16 and 17. HISD will not need to add makeup days to the calendar, and no changes will be made to holidays, grading cycles, or the last day of school, which will remain June 1, 2018 for students and June 4, 2018 for teachers. By adding the makeup time to the end of each day, HISD can continue to provide students with safe and reliable transportation.

Note: Time added to the end of school days will vary based on current schedules at each campus. Please check with your campus DIRECTLY for specific schedule information.

- ➔ All elementary schools added 10 minutes to the end of their instructional day starting Jan. 29, 2018.
- ➔ All middle schools added 10 minutes to the end of their instructional day starting Jan. 29, 2018.
- ➔ High schools added between zero and 20 minutes to the end of their instructional day, depending on their current schedule, starting on Jan. 29, 2018. The majority of high schools needed to add 10 or fewer minutes to their schedules, and the changes at individual high schools have been communicated by the schools.

Five WHS Families Receive Harvey Relief Fund Grant

After the devastating floods caused by Hurricane Harvey, Westbury Church of Christ set up a Harvey Relief Fund on the church's Facebook page. Churches from across the country donated money for Harvey victims and many chose Westbury Church of Christ as a trusted place to donate.

Westbury Church of Christ felt joy and honor to help people during this time and established grants for Westbury families hard hit by the floods. Five Westbury High School students' families were each chosen as recipients of a \$500 grant to aid in recovering from the flood.

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Parker / Kolter Update

Last month, we had a long article discussing that HISD has been considering what to do with "Kolter North" Elementary (the temporary home of Kolter Elementary after the school flooded after Hurricane Harvey in August). HISD has decided to build a new, higher Kolter Elementary building on the same site as the school building which flooded. As we noted, HISD has future plans for the site of "Kolter North" to become athletic fields for Bellaire High School, so HISD has considered whether to keep "Kolter North" or to move Kolter students next year into the old building at Parker Elementary.

At this time, HISD has not announced a decision about what to do about Kolter students until their new school is ready. It is our understanding that the Kolter PTO prefers to stay at "Kolter North".

NEW Parker Move Date: Spring Break 2018



New Parker entrance along Stillbrooke is almost complete

Once again, the scheduled date to move into the new Parker Elementary Building has been delayed. The newest plan is for the move to be done during the HISD Spring Break vacation, March 12-16, instead of in February. Fingers crossed!

New Temporary Teacher/Staff Parking Lots

The Westbury Civic Club was notified by a Westbury resident and Parker parent about new parking lots being installed in the Centerpoint easement off Renwick behind the Willowbend homes. At the monthly Westbury Area Improvement Corporation meeting, Parker representative, Vice Principal Bryan Berry, said the lots were part of Phase 2 on the Parker construction when the teachers and staff lose their current parking lot. These are temporary parking lots for construction. Without these lots, all the teachers would have to park in the surrounding neighborhood streets.



Please Obey Traffic Signs and Laws

The never-ending construction at Parker is causing some traffic

headaches for parents and for neighborhood residents. The Westbury Civic Club would like to remind everyone that traffic laws and signs must be followed. The Constables have written several tickets to cars illegally u-turning, parking in the middle of Atwell, and blocking Willowbend. All streets and driveways must remain accessible.

We ask that everyone please remember that the construction will be done soon and hopefully, a new carpool/traffic plan will help alleviate some of the current concerns.



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Houston Paralyzed by Ice Storm

After an unusual snowfall in December 2017, the month of January again challenged Houston with a “wintery mix” of precipitation including freezing rain and sleet with several days of below freezing temperatures on January 16 and 17. As weather forecasts changed from possible to probable to definitely bad weather would strike the area before noon of January 16, county and city emergency management implored employers to allow students and non-essential workers to safely stay home to avoid icy highways, bridges, or overpasses. Temperatures continued to fall during the first day as the front of Arctic cold air pushed through all the way to Galveston and the Gulf Coast, a rare occurrence, which caused some water pipes to freeze and break in Houston and in Galveston.

Local schools and most businesses were closed on both January 16 and 17. Since the week also included the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday on January 15, that meant that most people had a very long “weekend” of 5 days and a short 2 day workweek. Yay! Amazingly, despite the icy weather and number of large trees in Westbury near overhead power lines, electricity continued working for most homes in Houston and Westbury during the event.

What were the impacts of the storm?

The storm disrupted the city trash collection schedule for the week since the trash trucks did not operate at all on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Trash collection was delayed in Westbury and the recycle crews did not collect any recyclables that week (including in Westbury) because city work crews were focusing their efforts on collecting residential trash. Due to school closures in the fall after Hurricane Harvey, schools did not have any additional weather days left in the schedule, so HISD decided to require longer school days to make up the time. Many people worried about whether their water pipes would freeze; some did have problems.



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WAIC Reviews Westbury Square Proposal

A developer made a presentation to the monthly Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) / Westbury Super Neighborhood Meeting in January for discussion about a possible 100 unit "Tax Credit" senior



apartment complex to be built on about 2.1 acres at Westbury Square on a site bounded by Burdine, the Home Depot, Westbury Square Townhomes, and a private access road to the Home Depot. The project would have provided 80 affordable units and 20 market units.

There was a long question and answer session about the economics of the proposed complex, the tax credit program, the proposed building design, drainage issues, the quantity of existing apartment units in the area, and the history of Westbury Square. There was discussion that Westbury Square was originally designed by the developers of the Westbury neighborhood to be the commercial heart of our community. There are approximately 16,000 apartment units currently in the Brays Oaks Management District area, which includes the Westbury area.

This type of project is highly competitive at the state level. More developers propose projects than there is funding available, so endorsement and support by the local community and elected officials is needed to score more points in the competitive process. After discussion, the board of the WAIC opted to not support this specific project proposal. The board of the Westbury Civic Club had not yet discussed the project as of press time, but both the WAIC and the Westbury Civic Club must support a proposal for the proposal to have the official support of the Westbury Super Neighborhood.

New Aldi's Coming to Westbury

A new Aldi supermarket is planned to be built on the site of the old Westbury Centerette at the corner of W. Bellfort and Chimney Rock. Readers of the *Crier* might remember that the old Centerette was torn down in 2015. Plans for a LA Fitness location on the site didn't work out. Since then, not much has happened on that lot.

The site plan shows 2nd building site for a 4,500SF store/store and parking. There is no tenant lease for that spot yet. The Westbury Civic Club has reached out to the developers to find out more details. More to come in future *Criers*.

Construction on this site is delayed until a natural gas utility line can be relocated, which is expected to occur this Spring. The store is slated to open in 2019.



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30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

January 1- January 31, 2018

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
11900	Ashcroft	Theft	1/23	12AM	Westbury 4
12300	Ashcroft	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle	1/23	1PM	Westbury South
5700	Belrose	Burglary of habitation	1/22	8AM	Westbury 3
11400	Braewick	Theft	1/6	11AM	Parkwest 3
5900	Dellfern	Burglary of habitation	1/5	7PM	Westbury 4
10900	Dunlap	Theft - US Mail	1/21	12PM	Westbury 5
12000	Dunlap	Theft	1/15	1PM	Westbury 4
5700	Effingham	Aggravated robbery with deadly weapon	1/23	8PM	Westbury 4
6000	Ettrick	Burglary of habitation	1/17	12PM	Westbury 4
5700	Fontenelle	Aggravated robbery with deadly weapon	1/8	11AM	Westbury South
6000	Fontenelle	Burglary from a motor vehicle	1/7	3AM	Westbury South
5700	GreenCraig	Aggravated robbery with deadly weapon	1/15	2PM	Westbury South
5900	Lattimer	Burglary of habitation	1/23	12PM	Parkwest 3
12000	Landsdowne	Theft	1/25	8AM	Westbury 4
12300	Mullins	Burglary from a motor vehicle	1/21	10AM	Westbury South
5700	Portal	Burglary from a motor vehicle	1/19	12PM	Parkwest 2
6000	Spellman	Theft	1/21	3PM	Westbury 5
5000	Willowbend	Burglary from a motor vehicle	1/6	3PM	Westbury 1

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
11500	Chimney Rock	Theft	1/14	1PM	Commercial
11500	Chimney Rock	Theft - Shoplifting	1/7	11AM	Commercial
11500	Chimney Rock	Theft - Shoplifting	1/14	5PM	Commercial
11500	Chimney Rock	Theft- Shoplifting	1/26	4PM	Commercial
11600	Chimney Rock	Aggravated assault with deadly weapon	1/11	2PM	Commercial
11800	Chimney Rock	Auto Theft - Van or Truck	1/17	9AM	Apartments
11800	Chimney Rock	Burglary of a motor vehicle	1/3	12PM	Apartments
11800	Chimney Rock	Theft	1/3	2PM	Apartments
5400	Dryad	Burglary of a motor vehicle	1/7	8AM	High school
12500	Dunlap	Aggravated robbery with deadly weapon	1/20	11AM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Theft	1/20	11AM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Theft	1/25	8PM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Burglary of habitation	1/17	12PM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Burglary of habitation	1/24	9PM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Burglary of habitation	1/27	2AM	Apartments
12600	Dunlap	Burglary of a motor vehicle	1/11	4AM	Apartments
12600	Dunlap	Aggravated assault with deadly weapon	1/27	9AM	Apartments
5200	Gasmer	Auto Theft - Car	1/12	8AM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Robbery	1/22	4PM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer (x2)	Burglary from a motor vehicle	1/16	7AM	Apartments
12400	Hillcroft	Aggravated robbery with deadly weapon	1/17	8PM	Commercial
12500	Hillcroft	Burglary of building	1/22	12AM	Commercial
10800	S. Post Oak	Theft	1/29	9AM	Commercial
10800	S. Post Oak	Burglary of a motor vehicle	1/19	11AM	Commercial
10800	S. Post Oak	Burglary of a Coin operated machine	1/9	10AM	Commercial
10800	S. Post Oak	Theft - Shoplifting	1/13	3PM	Commercial
10800	S. Post Oak	Theft from building	1/6	8AM	Commercial
10800	S. Post Oak	Theft from building	1/10	6AM	Commercial
5200	S. Willow	Theft - Other	1/8	1PM	Commercial
5400	W, Bellfort	Aggravated robbery with deadly weapon	1/25	12AM	Food Store
5400	W. Bellfort	Burglary from a motor vehicle	1/18	2PM	Commercial

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Thank You to the Constables

from a Westbury Resident

"Just wanted to say Thank You to our awesome Constables!! This morning we saw a young male walking the neighborhood seemingly casing houses. We called in a description and location. Sgt Hernandez arrived in less than 4 minutes. He drove around without luck - and then called us directly for a better description and location. He stated he would stay in the area for a while. After about 45 minutes he called back to say he located the individual. A crime had not yet been committed - but they spoke with him and took him back to school.

I'm glad this individual learned that our neighborhood is watching and that our constables are present :) ...and I'm glad he's back in the classroom!"

Southwest PIP Meeting Gets New Location and Date

The monthly Houston Police Department Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meeting is changing to a NEW location and a NEW meeting date from now on. The PIP meeting is the perfect opportunity to see the newly built Southwest Division HPD police station.

WHEN: Second Tuesday, 7pm, every month

WHERE: the new SW HPD Division substation located at 13097 Nitida.



Don't forget Vacation Watch!

For residents who pay the WAP patrol dues, a special Vacation Watch may be requested from Pct 5. The form is available online. Sign up at www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/ If you want to request a Vacation Watch, but do not have access to a computer or internet, please call 281-463-6666 for assistance.



Safety Reminders

Most local crimes are crimes of opportunity, without much planning. The criminals are seeking easy items of value, especially items near the street.

What can you do to reduce crime?

- ❖ Be aware of your surroundings.
- ❖ Make sure you are not being followed, especially after leaving a bank or purchasing valuables. Even if you didn't withdraw money, the criminals don't know that.
- ❖ If possible, park your car inside your garage. If you must park on the street or driveway, don't leave items visible in your car, valuable or not. Set up a home security evaluation (call the constable dispatch number to make an appointment). Have packages delivered at a location where someone is available to accept the package, or post a note to not leave packages.
- ❖ Secure your home and set your alarm when you are away. Request a vacation watch. Get to know your neighbors. Exchange contact information with your neighbor. Call the WAP dispatch anytime you see something that seems suspicious. "See something, say something!"
- ❖ Remember to financially support our constable security patrol program. Vigilant and observant neighbors who report suspicious activity need a fast response for their concerns. The constable patrol (WAP) provides fast response for suspicious activity reports that would be low-priority, non-emergency ser-

When Should I Call Law Enforcement?

Precinct 5 Westbury Constables

Call ANYTIME you see suspicious person(s) or vehicles in the single-family residential areas of Westbury and Parkwest. Call to report minor crimes. Call to report minor vehicle accidents. Call to set up an appointment for a home security review.

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Westbury Area News

HEB Announces NEW Meyerland Store

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



In late December, HEB finally made the official announcement that it's new store in our area would be located in the Meyerland Plaza shopping center at the corner of Endicott and Beechnut. The new grocery store will be two stories with a first floor parking lot 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 Bellarie 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 westburyccl@sbcglobal.net.

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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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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.

WARNING: COYOTES SEEN IN WESTBURY

We have received reports of coyote sightings in Westbury. The animals were probably displaced by the heavy rain and flooding of Hurricane Harvey. Although coyotes are not likely to attack a human, personal pets such as dogs, cats, rabbits, etc. would be fair game to a coyote.

A written report stated:

...there are coyotes prowling about in Westbury. ... I have lived here 21 years and have never seen a coyote in our neighborhood until the past couple of weeks. I have spotted them twice now along the Kinder easement that runs parallel to Bankside between Atwell and Ashcroft. Once at 5:30 a.m. and then another time at 9 a.m. on a sunny day. Both times there were three together.

I ... (recently) saw one alone crossing Checkerboard right near Willowbend. There was no aggressive behavior towards me and they looked like they were simply moving through the area. The one sighting at 9 a.m. was the most startling since I was with my dogs and coyotes are generally nocturnal animals.

Residents of Westbury, be advised to be mindful as you walk your dogs or let your cat out to roam the neighborhood. Our area has unexpected new predators.



Watch your pets when outside, especially small dogs and cats.

What to Do about Coyotes

Relax: Most coyotes avoid people. "Seeing a coyote out during the day is not a cause for alarm, especially in the spring and summer when they're looking for food for their pups," says Lynsey White Dasher, Humane Society director of humane wildlife conflict resolution.

If a coyote displays no fear of people, he's probably been fed. You can re-instill his fear by raising your arms and yelling to drive him away. This is called hazing. Coyotes may mistake small, unattended pets as prey or attack large dogs they view as threats to territory or dens. To keep your animals safe, take two simple steps:

- 1) Watch your pets. Keep cats indoors, and never leave small dogs outside unsupervised or let any dog out of your yard off leash.
- 2) Secure food sources. Store garbage in wildlife-proof containers and feed pets indoors.

The best way to protect your pets is to let them outside only when you are with them—especially at night—and to keep pet food and water inside.

Although "attacks" on larger dogs are rarer, coyotes will sometimes go after a large dog when they feel that their territory is threatened. This generally occurs during the coyote breeding season, which takes place from January through March. During this time, it is especially important not to let dogs outside unattended and to keep them on leashes when in public areas.

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Westbury Trail System

by Al Potvin, Westbury resident
 The current Harris County Flood Control (HCFCD) work on the Westbury portion of Willow Waterhole Bayou provides an opportunity to update everyone on ongoing and future trails project in Westbury. The trails have grown from a somewhat informal effort to mow and clear the easement, that runs parallel to Hummingbird Street, to a more concerted effort to maintain a natural trail along the north bank of the Bayou, and clear it of any tree waste and trash that periodically appears. The diagram shows the several trail segments with names that reflect the streets they parallel.

It's worth noting that the portion of the Gaymoor Trail from the Westbury Gardens complex eastward will not be fully accessible while the flood control construction work is underway. The same is true of the Kingfisher Trail segment while the new drainage pipe is being installed from the W. Belfort intersection to the Bayou. Once all the HCFCD construction work is complete, towards the latter part of 2018, local groups will work together to fund a paved trail along the Kingfisher easement. That trail will allow access to a pedestrian walkway atop one of the HCFCD control structures spanning the Bayou at that point. When complete, this will provide one of the key

links to the existing Willow Waterhole Greenspace (WWGC) trails that will eventually connect to the future Levitt Pavilion. Expect to see some improvements along the Gaymoor segment as a result of the flood control work; but the final development of the Ludington and Gaymoor Trail segments will have to await funding in future years.

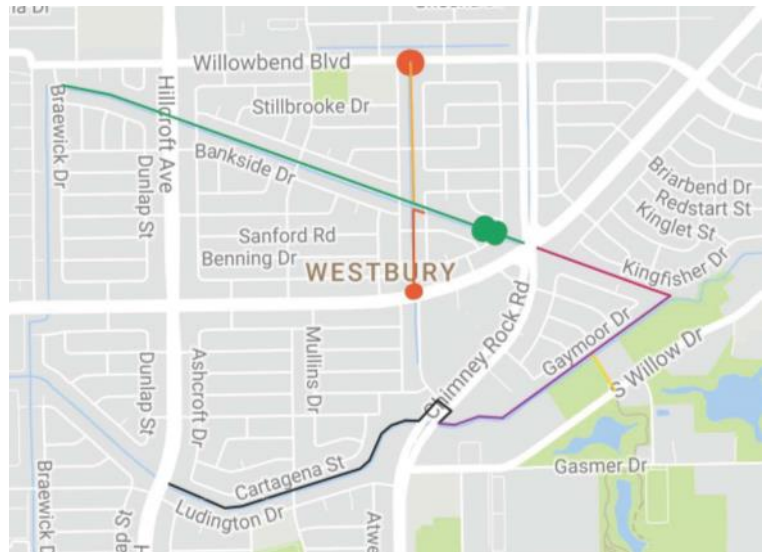
Thank you to several of the neighbors who abut the trails for mowing behind their fences and helping to keep their portions clear of refuse and tree waste. Unfortunately, there seems to be a culture among some folks that it's OK to just throw trash and limbs over their fences. Up to now, volunteers have done their best to clean up such trash, since it can inhibit drainage along the easements and bayous.

Starting in 2018, violators will be reported for any occurrences of waste disposal to the COH Department of Neighborhoods for investigation and (if appropriate) issuance of a citation. Chapter 39 of the COH Code of Ordinances discusses the control of illegal dumping, littering and solid waste disposal. In several sections, it points out that the responsibility for such negative actions lies directly with the associated property owner; no matter who might have been responsible for depositing the waste. Please cooperate in cleaning up any such waste that might occur on or behind your property to avoid fines that can range from \$50 to \$2000 for the first offense.

If you'd like to help with mowing and/or brush/trash removal along the trails, please contact Al Potvin (713.292.3223).

Trail Overlay

-  Hummingbird Trail
-  Private Fence 1
-  Private Fence 2
-  Kingfisher Trail
-  Burdine Trail North
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-  Stone Wall
-  Chain Link Fence
-  Gaymoor Trail
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Large Flock of Pelicans

Longtime trail volunteer Allen Potvin saw an incredible sight at the Willow Waterhole in January. He was working on the Boy Scout trail that runs from S. Willow down to the Willow Waterhole Bayou when he spotted a large flock of white pelicans.

With an impressive 9 foot wingspan, the American White Pelican is one of the largest birds in North America. Adult American White Pelicans are snowy white with black flight feathers visible only when the wings are spread. The massive beak is yellow-orange as are the legs and feet. During the breeding season, adults grow a horn on the upper mandible near the tip of the bill.

American White Pelicans migrate here for the winter from northern breeding grounds often travelling in large flocks, sometimes flying long distances in V-formations. Winter residents are common in the southern half of the state, especially along the coast and on inland reservoirs in the northern half and Trans-Pecos region.

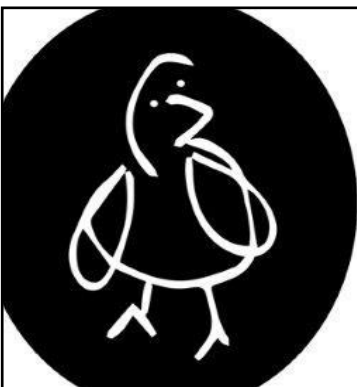
According to the Houston Audubon Society, American White Pelicans can be found on coastal bays, inlets, estuaries, and sloughs where they can forage in shallow water and rest on exposed spots like sandbars. The Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary, Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Park, and Arthur Storey Park are great places to observe these majestic birds this winter. We can now add the Willow Waterhole to this list!



Audubon Society Bird Survey

Saturday, February 17 , 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.



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Eagle Scout Project Hotspot!

Gabe Arnold, a scout from Troop 222 affiliated with Bellaire United Methodist, completed his Eagle project at the Greenway on December 9th. Fellow troop members, classmates from Carnegie High School, parents, and members of the Conservancy all worked to finish the last phase of the Chimney Swift Habitat project. Westbury Home Depot also donated metal edging, cement, and weed block for Gabe's project. Advisors included Jed Aplaca from the City of Houston Parks Department and Mary Ann Beauchemin from the Houston Audubon Society. Ben Nisley, Brandon Battle, and Noah Heverly completed earlier phases to build the Habitat and were shown in previous issues of the Crier. Thanks to all who participated in this project, it is absolutely beautiful work that complements nature and the environment!



Sharrief Bellow, a scout with Troop 500 affiliated Brentwood Church, completed his Eagle Project on MLK Day, January 15th. Sharrief built and installed six wooden tree identification posts along the Willow Waterhole nature trail near the Rafferty Memorial. The six ID posts built by Sharrief were for Live Oak, Water Oak, Eastern Red Cedar, Bald Cypress, Hackberry, and Pecan. When completed, the nature trail will be 250 feet of crushed granite weaving through tree groves with native understory plants. There are six more scouts signed up to complete future phases with a grand opening hopefully in April.

Shown with Sharrief behind one of the posts are his brother, mother, and father.



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Westbury Community Garden News

GARDEN BEDS AVAILABLE FOR SPRING

The Westbury Community Garden has beds available for spring planting! Sadly, some of our gardeners are moving away from the area. We will miss them. But happily, we know they will find a new garden home and continue spreading the WCG mission of finding joy in growing healthy food. We look forward to new gardeners joining this wonderful community.

If you have ever wanted to know how to grow good food sustainably, there is no better place in Houston to do it. Our soil is healthy. Our gardeners are knowledgeable, and it is wonderful eating your own homegrown veggies! Consider gathering together a group of neighbors to share the experience and the food. Perhaps you are a young family with a shady backyard looking for a family gardening opportunity. The sunny WCG awaits.

February thru March is a great time to begin gardening. If you have a friend or neighbor who has been dreaming of growing their own fresh produce, have them contact. *Betsy Longoria, longoria.betsy@gmail.com*

Come enjoy gardening & fun events with us!

Starting the Spring Garden

by **Hazel Potvin**

Thinking about your spring garden? Or have you ever wanted to start one. Here is a check list to ensure your success.

1. Winter plants removed.
2. Weeds removed.
3. Soil loosened to aerate it. Don't plant into hard compacted soil.
4. Microlife fertilizer worked in. Maybe a bag of composted manure will help.
5. Soil raked smooth and well watered.
6. Garden plan drawn on paper.
7. Markers for seed rows and plants.
8. Trellis or wire cages should go in when you plant.
10. Daily visits to your garden to water while your seeds germinate and plants adapt to their transplant.

Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26 are the ideal days to plant many of your spring seeds and bedding plants you may have bought. Tomatoes like a jump on upcoming hot weather, but need protection if there is another cold snap.

Let's all have good productive spring gardens.



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. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible. Street parking.

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