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Make Sure You Are Counted! 2020 Census is Coming Soon

How many people live here in the Westbury neighborhood? How do we find out? The government does a population count every ten years, called a "census", and this is a census year. There are three ways to respond to the 2020 Census. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. See page 8 for more information. You will have three options for responding—Mail, Phone, Online.

The Census is hiring and the pay is GOOD! See page 8 for more information about working the census count.

Westbury Community Partners

The Westbury Civic Club is respected and known in the City of Houston and other civic organizations. We have been very active for over 60 years. We strive to enhance our relationships with an array of community partners. These vary from other neighborhoods, the SuperNeighborhood, commercial entities, civic organizations, management district, and many more. This month we focus on four of these community partners.

Brays Oaks Management District

All of Westbury is located in the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD). The management district mainly focuses on commercial properties and major thoroughfares. The BOMD has several monthly committee meetings that WCC board members attend. See page 12 for BOMD updates.

Southwest Houston 2000

WCC board members attend the bi-monthly breakfasts of this community partner. Each month there are speakers and awards. See page 12 to learn about the January Breakfast.

Super Neighborhood Alliance

Westbury has been a Super Neighborhood since 2005. The SNA was founded so that all the SuperNeighborhoods across the City can share information and provide feedback to the City. See page 13 for more information.

Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

The WAIC is the non-profit partner that seeks to improve the quality of life in the Westbury area, working with residents, businesses, schools, government representatives, and other non-profits. See page 13 for more information.



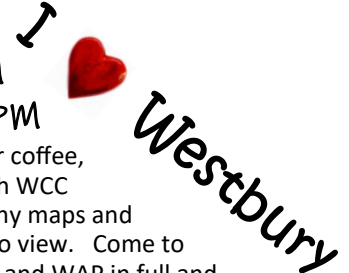
It's time to VOTE again! The Primary Elections will be held on March 3. Early Voting starts February 18. See page 8 for more information.

WCC Open House

Sat., February 15, 9-11AM

Thurs., February 27, 5-7PM

Stop by the Westbury Civic Club office for coffee, snacks, tours, and informal chat time with WCC board members. The WCC office has many maps and photos on the walls that are interesting to view. Come to the Open House and pay your 2020 Dues and WAP in full and get entered into a raffle. The WCC office is located at 5322 West Belfort, Suite 100. More about these fun events, see page 7.



Winter Fun at Willow Waterhole

February 9, 3-5PM

Free! Ten tons of snow plus thrilling snow slides. Bring the whole family out to the Willow Waterhole for a fun family event! See page 21 for more information. The Willow Waterhole is located at 5300 Dryad.



Family Fun Day at the Platou Center

Sat., February 29, 12-2PM

Look up close at the Day star (our Sun) and the Moon on Family Fun Day at Chimney Rock Park. Members of the Houston Astronomical Society will be out with their telescopes to offer everyone a chance to look at the sun and the moon. The moon will be visible by noon. Come ask questions, do a constellation craft, or find out where North is when you are in the park. The Platou Center is located at 11655 Chimney Rock.



HEAVY TRASH

February 2020

Thursday, February 13
JUNK WASTE

March 2020

Thursday, March 12
TREE WASTE ONLY

RECYCLING DATES

February 2020

Thursday, February 13
Thursday, February 27

March 2020

Thursday, March 12
Thursday, March 23

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE *NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

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WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appt.

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Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays

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

Visit our website at www.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

2020 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact the Westbury Civic Club at 713-723-5437 or westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

February is the new Westbury Civic Club "I LOVE Westbury" month. Each day in February on our Facebook Page, Westbury Houston, we will feature something (or someone) that we love about Westbury. To start off the month, we asked our Facebook friends to tell us why they love living in Westbury. Take a look on pg 7 to see what everyone had to say.

All Westbury residents are invited to the I ♥ Westbury Open House events at the WCC office. Come by the office on February 15 or February 27 and enjoy some coffee and treats, take a look around the office, and chat in an informal setting. Raffle prizes for residents that pay their dues in full at the Open House. More information on this fun event on page 7.

This time of year is fabulous for enjoying the many activities and events available to Westbury residents. There are many fun, exciting events this month and in coming months. On February 9 come out to the Willow Waterhole for a Winter Fun event, featuring ten tons of snow! See page 21 for more information. Then the Platou Center will host a Family Fun Day near the end of February, focused on astronomy and the sun and the moon. See page 4 for more information.

The Westbury Community Garden will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary in March. The first weekend of April will be the popular Annual Willow Waterhole MusicFest. Also in April, the Westbury Civic Club will hold the Spring White Elephant Sale and our annual Keep Westbury Beautiful Workday. The Friends of Westbury High School will host its annual Gala on April 18.

The spring also brings civic duties. I encourage all eligible Westbury voters to participate in the primary elections in March, so that your opinions are heard. The 2020 US Census is another important way to be counted. More information on these topics is on page 8.

We live in a special place. As you enjoy the benefits of living here in Westbury, I encourage you to consider the efforts by the Westbury Civic Club to provide a stable and desirable neighborhood with a strong sense of community. These activities take much time and effort and money. We need money to pay for our security patrol, money to pay for our monthly expenses, money to do projects, and money to pay for a staffed office. Residents with mandatory assessments have received a bill in the mail. For the more than 4,000 homes which do not have mandatory assessments, payment information about dues and security patrol fees is printed in every newsletter (page 6) and online at www.westburycrier.com. Paying early in the year will help us reduce our mailing and printing expenses.

Happy Valentine's Day! I will end this message with a few Valentine's Day cards I'd like to send out!

-Cindy Chapman

WCC Board Meeting
Wed., February 19, 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church
10425 Hillcroft
GET INVOLVED



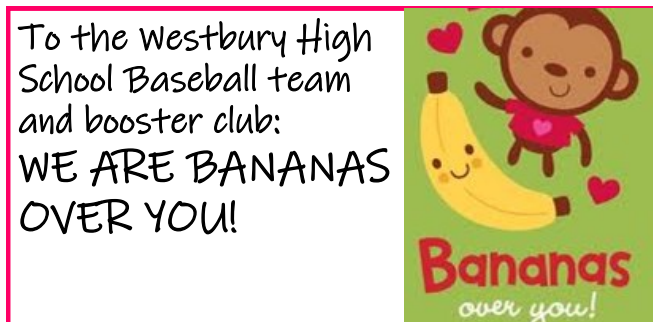
To the volunteers who serve on the WCC board and committees:
YOU TAKE THE CAKE!



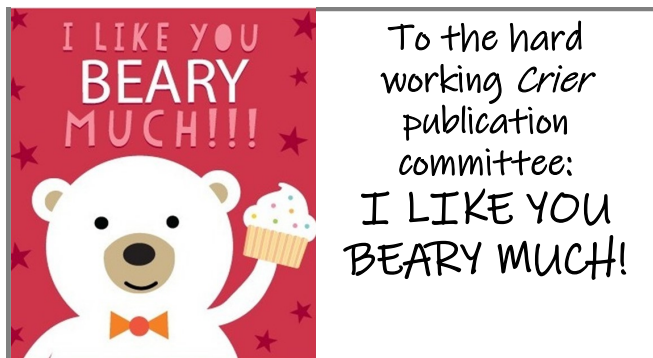
To everyone who pays their dues and contributes to the WAP Patrol:
YOU ARE DINO-MITE!



To our city council representatives and their staff:
YOU ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!



To the Westbury High School Baseball team and booster club:
WE ARE BANANAS OVER YOU!



To the hard working Crier publication committee:
I LIKE YOU BEARY MUCH!



To everyone who chooses to make Westbury their home:
ORANGE YOU GLAD?!?

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd
713-726-7107

platou@houston.tx.gov



Weekly Classes/Groups

Classes are FREE at the Platou Center

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, 6-6:45PM

Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 to register.

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays 6PM-7PM

A Weight Loss Support Group. Drop in to preview or call Dorothy -713-723-4441 or Naomi -713-988-2233

Family Fun Day

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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.



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What's Happening in Westbury

February 2020 Calendar Events/Meetings		
Sun 9	Winter Fest at Willow Waterhole 5300 Dryad See page 21 for more information	3-5PM
Sat 15	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	8AM
Sat 15	WCC Open House 5322 W Bellfort, Ste 100 See page 7 for more information	9-11AM
Wed 19	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St. John's Presbyterian—5020 W Bellfort	9:30AM
Wed 19	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church— 10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Mon 24	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort	7:30PM
Tues 25	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Station - 13097 Nitida	7PM
Thurs 27	WCC Open House 5322 W Bellfort, Ste 100 See page 7 for more information	5-7PM
Sat 29	Family Fun Day Platou Center— Chimney Rock See page 4 for more information	12-2PM

All About Trash

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



Regular Household Trash

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

Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY Saturday. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



Recycling in Westbury

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

February 2020

March 2020

Thursday, February 13

Thursday, March 12

Thursday, February 27

Thursday, March 26

Heavy Trash Schedule

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

February 2019

March 2020

JUNK WASTE

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, February 13

Thursday, March 12



- ★ Houston Rodeo — March 3-22
- ★ HISD Spring Break— March 16-20
- ★ Willow Waterhole Music Fest— April 4-5
- ★ Spring White Elephant Sale—TBA
- ★ Friends of Westbury HS Gala— April 18

♥ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday. Yard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- ♻️ NO Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ 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

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 463 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 2019. 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 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 residents' 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 strong 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.**

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.

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 have been mailed out.

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 _____

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

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

Online payment:
**paypal.com—Send Money to
 westburycc@sbcglobal.net**
 Make sure to include your address

Want to send your support in multiple payments?

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

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$50	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
Subtotal	\$335	\$

Additional Contributions:

Westbury Civic Club

\$

Westbury Area Patrol

\$

Total

\$

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.

By filling out this form, you are giving the WCC permission to send you communications. We DO not sell your information or give it out to other entities.

WCC Open House

Saturday, February 15, 9-11AM

Thursday, February 27, 5-7PM

Westbury residents are invited to drop by to say hello, enjoy some treats, and visit with us at the Westbury Civic Club office during TWO Open House events in February. This was a suggestion from some Westbury residents, and we are acting on their great idea!

These open house events are part of our "I LOVE Westbury" theme for February. For your convenience, we have scheduled one Open House on a Saturday morning and the other Open House on a weekday evening. Our office is located near the intersection of West Bellfort and Chimney Rock, so we are mere minutes away from your home. Consider dropping by for a few minutes while you are running errands or on your way home after work. We would love to chat with you in this casual and informal setting.

Are you curious about the Westbury Civic Club? We have interesting maps and historical items on display in the office. Do you want to purchase a "I LOVE Westbury" sign? Those wonderful signs are a senior class fundraiser for Westbury High School, and the WCC office will be happy to sell one to you for the modest price of \$5 each. Do you want to pay your 2020 dues in person? Bravo, we can help with that, too! Anyone who pays their 2020 dues in person at the open house will enter to win a fun Westbury raffle prize!

If you have not recently visited our office, the Westbury Civic Club relocated three years ago into new office space at the Westbury Professional Building at 5322 West Bellfort, moving from Suite 107 to Suite 100. Our new space includes a conference table, generously donated by Westbury resident, Susan Mellott, and allows us to hold meetings onsite. We have old photos and historical information dating back to our neighborhood's founding in 1956 and many maps on the walls. We look forward to seeing you.

SAVE THE DATES for the WCC Open Houses

→ Sat., February 15, 9AM—11AM

→ Thurs., February 27, 5PM—7PM

I  Westbury

WCC Board Meeting Notes January 2020

- ♦ WCC welcomed: Mary Seymore and Justin Conception from TX Senator Borris Miles' office, and Hannah Cobb from At-Large 5 City Council Member Sallie Alcorn.
- ♦ Guest Speaker Howard Sacks spoke about Music Fest in April and the Levitt Pavilion that will host 50 free concerts a year.
- ♦ Public Safety: Sgt. Derkowski and Deputy Mendoza gave a Westbury Area Patrol update. Two burglary suspects have been arrested. Q&A about security issues and group homes. Cost of Precinct 5 Constables will go up by 4.9% in 2020.
- ♦ Yard of the Month resumes in March.
- ♦ Westbury Community Garden celebrating 10th Anniversary on March 28.
- ♦ The next WCC board meeting is on Wednesday, February 19, at 7PM at Westbury Baptist Church.

What Do You Love About Westbury?



On our Facebook page, we recently asked residents to tell us why they LOVE living here in Westbury. Here are some of the responses. Enjoy!

Melissa Dluhy: *I love the small community feel that has been created within our big city. I love that I grew up here and now I get to raise my kids here, I get to have old memories mixed with new ones. I love that so much is still the same but so much has grown and changed like our Willow Waterhole and our awesome farmers market!*

Jim Wilson: *I love our diverse neighborhood!*

Reagan Ladd Dunkin: *I LOVE the community spirit! My neighbors are always so social and willing to look out for each other. It feels like you're in the "burbs", but you're not! And we're starting to have little ones all over the place! Two of my neighbors have babies under 5 months old.*

Liz Oprea: *I love how close we are to the City but how we get to keep a small town feel where the neighbors know each other, and where we have yards etc. But I am only 10 mins away from museum district.*

Suzanna Parry Wilson: *Our local Platou Community Center with free classes and regular groups as well as summer holiday schedules for kids. We also live next to a beautiful nature area; the Willow Waterhole and we are conveniently located to the loop.*

Josh Sandler: *I love how kind everyone is to each other - my parents have the best neighbors!*

Susan Shafer: *I love our amazing fine arts school feeder pattern.*

Eric Post: *Other than being closer to work/town, residents take pride in maintaining their yards/homes.*

Shannon Marie Thorne: *We moved here for the affordable homes with big back yards. Our dog loves it and we cannot wait for our new baby to grow up with so much room to play as well.*

Lynn K. Circle: *I love the fact that we ... have responsible and caring neighbors from a host of different backgrounds*

Cappy Selig: *I love living in a neighborhood that is in close proximity to the greater Houston area. I love our diversity, and I love our wonderful and caring neighbors.*

Martha Castex Tatum (Vice Mayor Pro Tem and our District K Council representative): *I love how engaged the residents in Westbury are. Many times the people closest to the issues have the perfect solutions. I am happy to have residents who take their time to partner with the District K office to make our community one we can all be proud of!*

Primary Election 2020 Time to vote again!

In Texas, primary elections are conducted in the spring by the major political parties to determine their nominees for a given elective office, in advance of the general election in the fall. On March 3, voters will select from Democratic and Republican candidates in primary election races. Election choices will range from U.S. President down to local races (state and county), including judges. The last day to register to vote in the primary election is February 3. Early voting starts on February 18. Election Day is March 3.

A runoff election will be held on May 26 for any primary in which no candidate receives at least 50 percent of the vote. If a local race goes into a runoff, any eligible voter can vote if they did not vote in the primary. If you voted during the primary, then you can only vote in a runoff of the same political party. For example, if you vote in the Democratic primary in March, then you cannot switch parties and then vote in the Republican runoff in May.

The main Presidential Election will be on November 3, 2020.



It's Time to be Counted! US Census 2020

How many people live here in the Westbury neighborhood? How do we find out? The government does a population count every ten years, called a "census", and this is a census year. There are three ways to respond to the 2020 Census. By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding:

- **Online**
- **By phone**
- **By mail**

In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. Census Day is April 1, 2020.

Why respond? It's important that the count be correct because it affects funding, schools, voting districts, developers and others who rely on the data to make decisions.

Ten years ago, it is estimated that zip code 77035 was "under reported" by 24%. Zip code 77096 was "under reported" at 12%. When people do not get counted, then they are invisible. It is very important for Westbury, the City of Houston, and our state that as many people as possible here in Westbury get COUNTED.

Work for the Census

Good Pay, Work Locally

The US Census Bureau is employing Census Takers this Spring. You must be at least 18 years old. Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs. Harris County is paying \$22-\$24.50 per hour plus transportation. At press time, they still need more applicants from our area. The main areas that need applicants are between Chimney Rock and S. Post Oak, and from Brays Bayou South to Main.




**Earn Extra
Income**

**Work Flexible
Hours**

**GET PAID TO
HELP YOUR COMMUNITY**

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1-855-JOB-2020

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Only RAIN in the DRAIN!

As it rains in Westbury, water begins to build up along the street edges and gutters. It's here that it begins its long journey to the sea. The first destination on this journey is to the storm drain inlet on your street. Clearing the path to the storm drains is essential. Once it reaches the inlet it flows into the storm drains and eventually ends up in one of the drainage ditches or Willow Waterhole Bayou then off to Brays Bayou, then the Houston Ship Channel and ultimately to the Gulf of Mexico.

It's very important that you prevent debris from blocking the flow of the water to the storm drain inlet. It is vital to keep the water flowing in the storm drain pipes under the streets that we don't see.

Solid debris takes up space in the storm drain pipes making them less effective in transporting storm water to our ditches and bayous. Small sticks, leaves, newspapers, and other trash become wrapped together and could clog and slow the draining on your street. Our storm drains in Westbury are old. They are original to the neighborhood and should be treated with care. **Only rain in the drain!!!** Our trees are old and have huge roots that are bound to have popped through, combine this with leaves and other debris, and water just can't flow at the rate it should. If the rain is falling very rapidly (as it has many times in the past several years), our water on the streets needs to flow as fast as it can to the bayous.

Here are some things you can do to help.

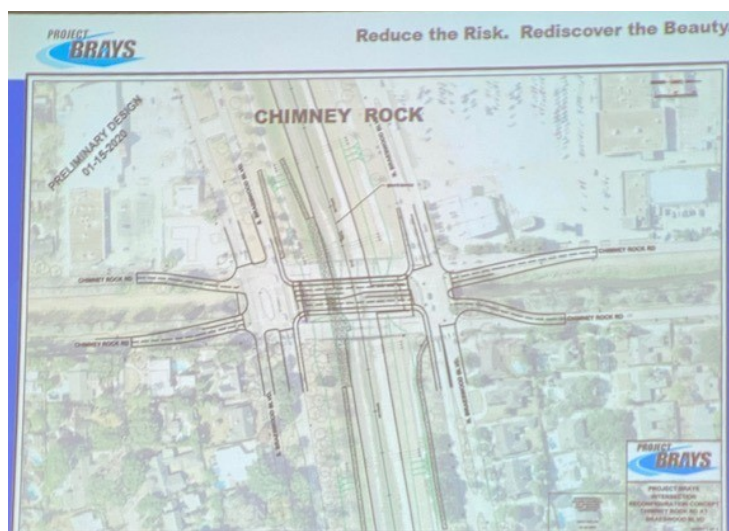
- ➔ Sweep & BAG your leaves out of the street.
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Brays Bayou Bridge Construction Work Update

Gary Zika, of the Harris County Flood Control District, gave an update about upcoming bridge work that will be done for the three adjacent bridges of Hillcroft, Chimney Rock and South Rice over Brays Bayou at the January meeting of the Brays Bayou Association.

Hillcroft Bridge – The work is scheduled to start this summer. The bridge will be elevated and the intersections and traffic signals will be modified. The work will take about 3 months to complete.

Chimney Rock and S. Rice Bridges – These two bridges will be worked on at the SAME TIME and will be modified in a similar manner. At each location, a NEW single BRIDGE will be squeezed in between the existing two-span bridges. The advantage of this enhanced design is that traffic disruptions will be less during construction since both existing lanes will stay in service during construction. Also, the future single bridge intersections at N. Braeswood and at S. Braeswood will be safer, by eliminating the double traffic signals that cause so much confusion with the existing design. Work is anticipated to start in about September of 2020 and will last about a year.



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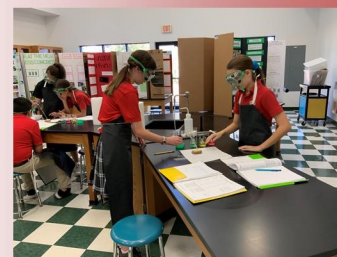
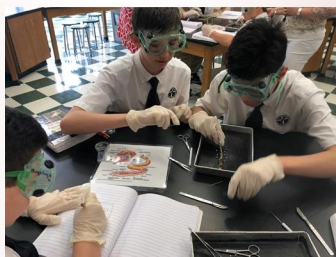
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Change the World Luncheon

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 Westbury United Methodist Church, located at 5200 Willowbend, is hosting the Change the World Luncheon on Sunday, February 23 at noon. All proceeds help support the church's local and global ministries of Braes Interfaith Ministries and the Haitian Assets for Peace International.

Tickets are \$15 for ages 12 and up; \$5.00 for children 3-11 and free for younger kids. The luncheon will include a silent auction and feature entertainment by Westbury High School's performing arts department. For tickets or for more information, please contact the church office at 713-723-0175.

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. Call the Westbury Civic Club Office at 713-723-5437. All deed restrictions are available online at westburycrier.com.

The Sky's the Limit - Support WHS

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, the Friends of Westbury High School will host "The Sky's the Limit", its annual gala and silent auction at Braeburn Country Club. It will be a fun-filled evening with dinner, silent auction, and the opportunity to get to know this year's ELEVEN scholarship recipients.

In addition, notable Westbury High School alumni and others will be honored. Did you know Westbury HS had two Olympians? Benny Brezell & Bayano Kamani will be honored. Dr. Sher Lu Pai and Mentors of Hope founder Sheila Howison will also be honored.

Won't you consider buying a ticket and coming to the dinner? It's an easy way to support Westbury High School and have fun doing it. For more information about the Friends of Westbury High School Foundation, to make a donation, or to purchase tickets for the 2020 Gala, go to <https://www.friendswhs.org/>

Thanks to the generous support of Westbury alumni, friends, and business partners, the Foundation from 1994-2019 has raised over \$400,000 for scholarships for Westbury students. In addition, the organization supports school projects; such as campus landscaping, mentoring, ROTC, serving on school committees, and maintaining the Foundation website. If you are a Westbury High School alumni, or are interested in getting involved with the foundation, make sure to join their mailing list!



WHS Gala - April 18
www.friendswhs.org

Parker Elementary Registration

***Zoned New Student Registration—March 23**
***Kindergarten Round-up—March 27, 8AM**

If you have a child ZONED to Parker Elementary who is starting kindergarten class in Fall 2020, it is time to register / enroll at Parker to make sure that you get a guaranteed seat at the school. The child must be five years old on or before September 2, 2020, to be eligible.



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Commercial Property Update: In & Around Westbury

HEB Meyerland Grand Opening—Jan 29

H-E-B Meyerland will have opened at 4700 Beechnut in Meyerland Plaza on January 29. There will be 95,000 square feet of shopping in the two story building along with 712 parking spaces on two levels. In addition to the traditional H-E-B products, there will be a large kosher section which will ease the loss of Belden's.

Belden's Closed

Belden's, a staple of the Westbury area grocery store scene for over 50 years, closed its doors permanently on January 12, 2020. First located on Post Oak, it moved to Hillcroft and S. Braeswood before settling in at Chimney Rock and S. Braewood for the last 20 years. Citing a change in the neighborhood due to repetitive flooding, Belden's saw their longtime customers leave the area. It will be missed. We commend Belden's for donating all their remaining food and goods to charity.

Meyerland Plaza Closures

Dress Barn, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Pier 1 have closed or are in the process of closing at Meyerland Plaza. It's not all closures, as a new large nail salon opened last month.

Meyerland Plaza Changes

JC Penney's at Meyerland Plaza will have new easy access to the store through the HEB second floor parking garage. The Palais Royal will be re-branded and transformed into a Gordmans by its parent company Stage Stores, which is in the process of converting all of their specialty store brands into the Gordmans brand.

Still Vacant in Westbury

Westbury Square and Westbury Centerette remain undeveloped. The Westbury Civic Club is unaware of any new plans or updates for either of these properties. Vacant commercial lot on W. Bellfort next to the Budget Food Store has not had any movement, no permits or replats have been requested. The WCC continues to monitor these addresses for any possible changes or news.

Westbury Square in the News

The current condition of the Westbury Square complex was recently featured by KPRC, Channel 2: "There is no masking the fact that Westbury Square has seen better days. The property features dilapidated buildings, massive holes in roofs, crumbling facades, busted windows, exposed electrical sockets and plenty of chipped paint. Its vibrant color lost." A report is available at www.click2houston.com

Westbury Square was designed to be the commercial focus of the Westbury community and was modeled in the style of a European village shopping area. It opened in 1962 as a premier shopping center in Houston. Business slowed due to the opening of the Galleria and then the oil bust of the 1980s. Current owner, Alfred Antonini, purchased the property in the 1990s and sold part of the site in 1995 to Home Depot. After a long legal battle with the city, two buildings were demolished in 2014. City code enforcement showed up while Channel 2 was filming; however, the inspectors were not allowed by site management to do detailed inspections due to posted "No Trespassing" signs. The city Permitting Department plans to do a detailed onsite inspection in March, after it has obtained legal authority to do so. In the interim, Mr. Antonini has purchased a city occupancy permit and promised to make interim improvements to the stairwell of an occupied building.

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Brays Oaks Management District

BOMD is another community partner which the Westbury Civic Club interfaces with on a regular basis. All of Westbury is within the geographic boundaries of the Brays Oaks Management District. BOMD is paid by assessments from commercial property owners and most of its services are focused on commercial properties. However, some of its services are readily noticeable by Westbury residents. Perhaps you have noted work crews picking up trash or bandit signs along the major roads in Westbury. Every month, BOMD picks up thousands of pounds of litter along the major roads in BOMD. BOMD has also been painting esplanade curbs yellow in commercial areas and at major intersections. BOMD also maintains esplanades at key commercial locations, including at the commercial intersection of Chimney Rock and West Belfort in Westbury.

At the January board meeting, the BOMD board approved its budget for 2020. BOMD is placing much emphasis on Public Safety and on Economic Development. They have been selected to receive a grant to do a "Liveable Center" study, which will likely start in late 2020. In preparation for that upcoming study, the board approved: a Branding/Marketing Study for 2020; funding for a Streetscape master plan; and funding to update their Parks master plan. For Public Safety, BOMD will be paying off-duty HPD officers to target high crime commercial areas and they continue work with the Harris County Attorney's Office to pursue violations via civil nuisance laws.

SWHouston2000 January Breakfast

SWHouston2000 is a community partner focused on the southwest area of Houston. They organize a breakfast series (sponsored by the Brays Oaks District, SW District, and Houston Baptist University) to bring in speakers on a wide variety of topics. The WAIC or WCC sponsor a table each breakfast.

The January breakfast guest speaker was Dr. Robert Sanborn from "Children at Risk", an organization which evaluates every school in the state of Texas. Of interest to Westbury, he specifically noted that Westbury High School has great support from its surrounding community and with the leadership of the current principal (Susan Monaghan) is making significant improvements. He anticipates that Westbury High School will be soon classified as a "Gold Ribbon" school by Children at Risk.

The Honor Choir of Westbury Christian School provided musical entertainment for the breakfast guests. Another speaker was the principal from Jane Long Academy, an HISD medical magnet school, which provides its students the opportunity to obtain Medical Coding or Pharmacy Technician degrees, via dual credit with Houston Community College.

The March breakfast will feature Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital. Contact SWHouston2000 for more information about tickets at their FB page or email Secretary@swhouston2000.org



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Super Neighborhood Alliance

It was standing room only at the January 13 Super Neighborhood Alliance for the annual election of SNA Officers and comments by the Mayor of Houston, who was present to discuss priorities for the coming year. Cindy Chapman, Westbury Civic Club President and Co-President of the Westbury Super Neighborhood, stepped down after serving as SNA President for 2019. Jane West was honored for her many years of service to the SNA, including past service as ViceChair, Chair, and Secretary.



Incoming SNA officers are: Mike VanDusen as new Secretary, previous ViceChair Juan Sorto as new Chair, and Philip Salerno as new ViceChair

Mayor Sylvester Turner generously stayed longer than he was scheduled for the meeting, so that he could answer many questions from the attendees who represent neighborhoods from all across Houston. In particular, Mayor Turner talked about the priority of flooding and streets/drainage infrastructure issues for his next four years in office.

The Westbury Super Neighborhood became a recognized city Super Neighborhood in 2005. The monthly Westbury SuperNeighborhood meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday, monthly, at the same time as the nonprofit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) meeting, which is chaired by Becky Edmondson. The public is welcome to attend the monthly Westbury Super Neighborhood meetings, and meeting info is published in the monthly WCC newsletter. See the column to the right for the WAIC January meeting notes.

Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

The first 2020 meeting of the joint meeting of the nonprofit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) and the Westbury Super Neighborhood had a full agenda. WAIC President Becky Edmondson welcomed everyone for the new year. Two newly elected at-large council members sent staff

(representing At-Large4 CM Letitia Plummer and At-Large5 CM Sally Alcorn), as well as a representative from District K Martha



Castex_Tatum and a rep from Texas Senator Borris Miles. We appreciate their outreach and desire to hear our concerns.

Juan Sorto, the newly elected chair of the Super Neighborhood Alliance(SNA), spoke about the upcoming year and the importance of connecting communities across the city.

Shad Bogany, working for the US Census, stressed the importance of being counted. Filling out the simple 10-question census form, on paper or online, will help those who use this data to make sure schools are the right size, that funding is adequate, and that voting districts are the right size. Zip code 77035 was under-reported by 24% last census; maybe that's one reason why it is hard to get development or investment in our area.

Bill Burhans presented data that our Westbury area parks have received NO city capital improvement project (CIP) funding in the last two bond cycles, despite Hager Park being labeled the worst park in Sector 8 in 2016 and its proximity to Westbury flooding.

Tinsley Elementary reported the good news that they were now rated B and the only "Primary Years Program" (PYP) elementary in our area. Their students feed into the "Middle Years Program" (MYP) program at Fondren Middle School, and will then be eligible for an IB (International Baccalaureate) program in high school. Westbury HS will have several students honored for their artwork at the Rodeo.

Alyce Coffey from Solid Waste confirmed that YARD WASTE in Westbury will continue to be collected on SATURDAYS (instead of the regular Thursdays), until further notice.

Willifred Santamaria from METRO brought thanks to Westbury voters for the recent bond passing and said that METRO will be seeking community input before the #8 West Belfort bus is changed into a "Boost" line (faster transit, but fewer bus stops).

HPD Sgt. Ortiz and Pct 5 Sgt. Derkowski from the Westbury Area Patrol provided crime updates. The Constables have brought in a Traffic Control unit that is working on Willowbend speeding.



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City of Houston Inauguration

The City of Houston 2020 inauguration occurred on January 2nd for our newly elected City Council members, city controller and mayor. Except for District B Council Member Jerry Davis, who remains in office until a delayed runoff election produces his successor, each official was sworn into office for a four-year term. The District B runoff will complete a 16-member council with nine new members and, for the first time, a majority of women.

After the ceremony, the new council confirmed District E Council Member Dave Martin as Mayor Pro Tem and Council District K Member Martha Castex-Tatum as Vice Mayor Pro Tem. Their duties will include representing the mayor when he is absent.

"Both council members are exceptional leaders and have been effective advocates for their respective council districts," Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "I fully expect Council Members Martin and Castex-Tatum to continue to demonstrate their commitment to serving all citizens of Houston over the next four years."

Council Member Dave Martin was first elected in November 2012 to represent the Kingwood and Clear Lake areas. CM Martin has served as Chair of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs, Chair of the Budget and

Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee on Debt Financing and Pensions, and a member of Economic Development; Ethics, Elections and Council Governance; and Transportation, Technology and Infrastructure.

The Mayor Pro-Tem serves as the acting mayor when Mayor Turner is unavailable. "Councilman Martin's relationships on the state and federal level will be helpful as Houston fights for flood mitigation, housing recovery and other projects to keep our city strong and resilient," the mayor said.

Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum won a special election in May 2018 and was re-elected for 2020. She currently serves on Budget and Fiscal Affairs, Economic Development, the Housing and Community Affairs and Transportation, Technology, and Infrastructure Committees. She is also the City of Houston's representative on the Texas Municipal League Board of Directors.

"Council Member Castex-Tatum is seasoned and knowledgeable of city services and operations," Mayor Turner said. "A record number of women will serve on the incoming city council. This is her time to lead, and I look forward to working with her over the next four years."

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Security - Constables Arrest Two Burglary Suspects

Here is good news from our Sgt. Derkowski of the Westbury Area Patrol(WAP). WAP is a **paid** security patrol via an annual contract between the Westbury Civic Club and the Harris County Precinct 5 Constable program. Westbury and our neighboring subdivisions of Meyerland, Maplewood South/North, Barkley Square, and Marilyn Estates all have a paid security patrol contract with the Precinct 5 Constables.

The patrols by the Constables have been working together to apprehend burglars breaking into garages and homes in the Westbury, Maplewood and Meyerland areas. When there is a crime spike like this, then Precinct 5 has special units that it deploys, in addition to the regular patrol officers. The Constables have arrested TWO suspects, as described below by Sgt. Derkowski:

"The hard working Deputies at Harris County Precinct 5 Constable's Office have been working together on multiple shifts and throughout multiple divisions to locate and apprehend suspects who have committed multiple burglaries within our communities.

We have arrested two Suspects, one for a Felony Drug Warrant and the other for Burglary. The Suspects are being looked at to be charged with some of the recent cases. The Houston Police Department is working with Precinct 5 and is filing two more charges against one of the Suspects.

Please check your garages for stolen items, as most of the burglaries were from garages. It is always possible that there are more criminals involved. If you have anything suspicious to report please contact the Harris County Precinct 5 Constable's Office at 281-463-6666."

We appreciate the concentrated effort by Precinct 5 to capture these two criminal suspects. Great work! As a reminder, please report ALL crimes, no matter how small. As Sgt. Derkowski explained during the January WCC Board meeting, crime reports are important to link suspects to crimes and to identify WHEN and WHERE crimes are happening.

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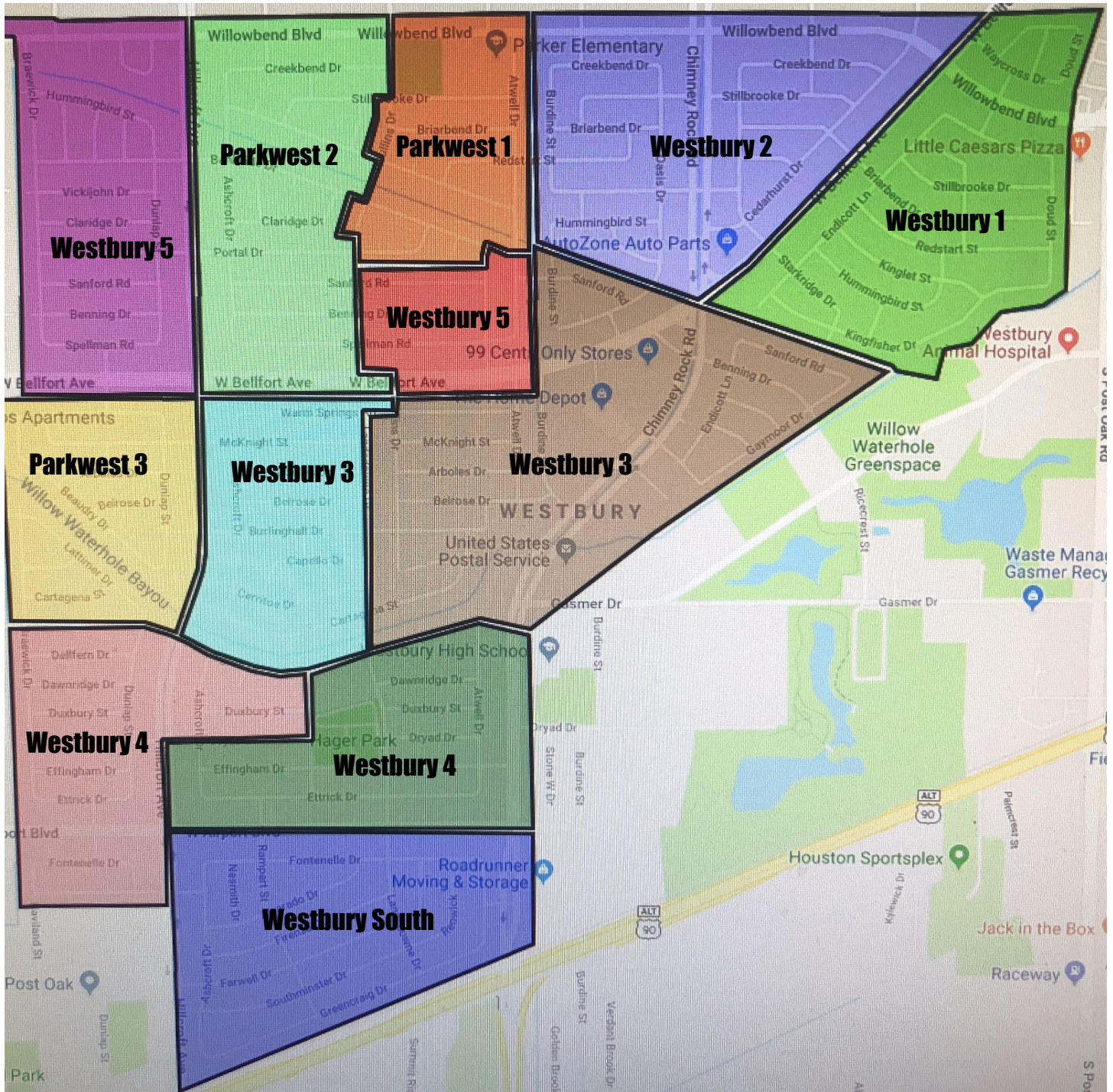

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Westbury History
 One of Westbury's assets are our beautiful tree lined streets. Did you know almost all of the trees you see planted on the esplanades were planted by volunteers through the WCC? Since 2005, the WCC has planted or given away over 5,000 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

December 13-January 24, 2019
 Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5900	Alvarado	Aggravated Assault	1/5	6PM	Westbury South
5800	Bankside	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	12/17	11AM	Parkwest 2
5600	Benning	Assault	12/26	6PM	Westbury 5
12300	Braewick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	12/31	11AM	Westbury 4
11100	Cedarhurst	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	12/17	11PM	Westbury 2
5700	Firenza	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	1/4	11AM	Westbury South
10600	Glenfield Crt	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/10	3PM	Westbury 5
5800	Greencraig	Auto Theft	1/18	7PM	Westbury South
10900	Hillcroft	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	12/17	6PM	Westbury 5
12000	Hillcroft	Theft from Motor Vehicle	12/21	3PM	Westbury 4
5200	Kingfisher	Theft from Motor Vehicle	12/24	12PM	Westbury 1
6000	McKnight	Simple Assault	12/23	7PM	Parkwest 3
5200	Sanford	Destruction, Vandalism, Damage	1/17	7PM	Westbury 3
6000	Willowbend	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/7	1PM	Westbury 5

KEY

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

The crimes listed took place between December 13 and January 24. 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	1	5	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	3	3	0
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	1	3	1	0
Robbery	0	1	2	0
Simple Assault	2	5	1	0
Shoplifting	0	0	6	0
Arson	0	0	0	0
Theft, other	0	0	0	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	2	1	0
Vandalism, Damage	1	8	2	0
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Theft from Building	0	2	0	0
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The WCC currently has a contract for 3 deputies to patrol Westbury and we would like to increase this number. We can only do this by raising additional funding. A neighborhood our size should have more deputies.

See page 6 for the dues form including information about how to send an online payment by PayPal or where to send your checks to our bank deposit lockbox in Dallas. Thank you for supporting WAP security patrol and for supporting our Westbury neighborhood!



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Thank you Schexnayders & BOMD

As it begins 2020, the Willow Waterhole Greenway Conservancy is pleased to give a huge thank you to Russell and Janie Schexnayder and to the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD). They have jointly funded another year of conservation workdays, Scout projects, and maintenance activities to sustain the Greenway. The Conservancy is the "Little Engine That Could", relying on donors and volunteer labor to get things done. The Schexnayder's and BOMD continue to support the mission of making the Willow Waterhole a better place for the community, while engaging youth, neighbors, faith organizations, and corporate groups. It is teamwork and pride of ownership at its best! Happy New Year to all who contribute their time, talent and monies!



What is Happening at the Waterhole?

Winter Fest—February 9, 3-5PM

Oh! What Fun It Is To Ride! Especially down a hill in the middle of Houston with ten tons of snow! Snowbirds rejoice! Winter Fun, your favorite Houston snow ride, is back. Come slip and slide with us on Sunday, February 9 at the Willow Waterhole by the Schwartz Pavilion (at the end of Dryad).

Warm your bones with a cup of hot chocolate or steaming Joe. All the fun starts at 3PM on Sunday, February 9. Come and enjoy a great afternoon outdoors -- hot drinks, a walk, great scenery, and a ride down a hill with TEN TONS of SNOW!

Important Tip: ALL riders under 18 years of age must present a signed Parental Consent Form before riding the snow slide. Save time by printing and signing your consent forms before you arrive. The forms are available from their website, www.Willowwater.org

Willow Waterhole Monthly Bird Surveys

The next bird survey will be held on

February 15 at 8AM

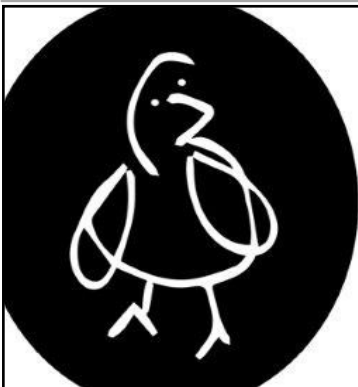
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ALL ABOUT TREES

Trees along Property Lines

The WCC office gets many calls about tree disputes between neighbors. If you have a tree that grows into your neighbor's yard or over their house; it is well within their right to prune it away from their property. It would be advisable to speak to your neighbor beforehand as they may want to trim it themselves. They might not even realize it has encroached onto your property.

Dangerous Trees

Do you have a dangerous tree on your property? Please have it removed before it damages your property or someone else's. We recommend that if your neighbor has a tree that you feel could endanger your property to put them on written notice if they are unwilling to take care of the problem. Please be a good neighbor!

Street Trees

All the trees located on City Easements are protected. Did you know all the trees located in front of your sidewalk belong to the City of Houston? Most Westbury property lines begin behind the sidewalk. If you witness the removal of a city tree from a street easement, please call 832-395-7200 immediately to report it so the City can minimize tree loss. This phone line is monitored 24 hours a day.

Tree Stump Grinding

Has the City removed a tree from the right of way in between the sidewalk and street in front of your home? Call 311 to request tree stump grinding

Do I Have to Mow THAT part too???

Did you know that city ordinance requires you to maintain not only your own lot but adjacent property?

City of Houston Municipal Code Section 10-451.10 describes yard maintenance responsibilities. In simplified terms, Residents are responsible for maintaining your entire yard within your property boundaries.

Residents are also responsible for maintaining your yard out to the curblin of the street adjacent to your yard (for example, if your house is on a corner, then maintain out to the curb for both your front and side streets).

If an adjacent property does not have a curblin (for example, a drainage easement), then residents are responsible for maintaining the adjacent property for 14 feet beyond their property line. This is why homeowners are responsible for maintaining the area between the sidewalk and the street. A big thank you to all who mow a portion of the easements.

House Numbers

Take a look at your house numbers today. Do you have house numbers on your house and are the numbers readily visible from the street? Did you know that the city requires EVERY home to have a visible house number, so that emergency vehicles can respond quickly to the correct address. A house number painted on the curb is helpful, but it can be obscured by a parked car. The ordinance says a house number should be placed either on the primary door or within 18 inches from that door. If your house was built before 1979, then the numbers have to be at least 2" tall. If your house was built between 1979 and 2010, then the numbers have to be at least 3" tall. If your house was built after January 2010, then the numbers should be at least 4" tall.



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Westbury Community Garden News



10th Anniversary Celebration

March 28, 10:30AM-2PM

Save the Date of Saturday, March 28. You are invited to help celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Westbury Community Garden! From the beginning, the Westbury Community Garden has been about community, with a motto of "Growing Community Through Gardening". The Garden celebration will offer a variety of fun and learning experiences for all ages and interests.

The day will include a proclamation by Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum followed by all kinds of activities and fun for the whole family. Come learn about bees, butterflies, bugs and worms. There will be all kinds of arts and crafts projects for kids, plus live music, food trucks, a Moonwalk bouncy house, giant Jenga and Corn Hole games, Art Cars and more!

We will have an organic honey sale to raise funds for a future apiary (beekeeping area) on the Westbury Community Garden grounds. Plan to buy a jar of honey to support our bees.

In the evening we'll come back at dusk for a movie on the back lot. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join the fun!

All this is free and open to the public. Please make plans to join us!

The garden is located at 12581 Dunlap. The March *Crier* will have more details. See the garden website for map and other information about the garden, www.WestburyCommunityGarden.org.

JOIN the garden TODAY at
www.westburycommunitygarden.org

Contact us today at
membership@westburycommunitygarden.org

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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