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\$5,000 MATCHING WAP DONATION

A message from the WCC Treasurer

Thank you to all of you who have sent in your dues, assessments, and WAP Patrol. One generous Westbury resident has offered to match all WAP patrol donations over the requested \$300 amount up to \$5,000. In these uncertain Covid-19 times where property crimes are on the uptick, it's more important than ever to make sure that we collect enough to ensure the Precinct 5 constable program remains in place. We know that some residents are feeling the pinch of being unemployed or under-employed during the past year which makes this matching donation so timely.

I am humbled by the generosity of Westbury residents. As I read the notes that come with the payments, I am reminded again and again why I chose to stay in Westbury and make it my home. Westbury is a neighborhood full of friendly and giving neighbors.

Please continue to send in your contributions. Thank you.
Becky Edmondson, WCC Treasurer



I LOVE Westbury Drive-Thru Event 2021 Dues Fundraiser Thurs., February 18, 4-6PM

Drive thru the WCC office parking lot and pay your 2021 dues and WAP in full and receive this new, fun Westbury sticker! Use the dues form on page 7 and pay with a check or we will have several tablets available to help you pay online. Support the WCC and our programs today.



**Pay your 2021 WCC and WAP in full
and receive this Westbury sticker!**

Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

WOW Workday — Litter Pick-up

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What: Working on Westbury (WOW) Workday

When: Sunday, February 21, 2-4PM

Where: Westbury Lake—meet at the gazebo, 5300 Dryad



Community Partners

The WCC is respected and well-known in the City of Houston and by other civic organizations. We have been very active for over 65 years. We strive to enhance our relationships with an array of community partners. These vary from nearby neighborhoods, the SuperNeighborhood, commercial entities, civic organizations, management district, and many more.

This month we will highlight the **Westbury SuperNeighborhood (SN)**. What is a SN? What does the Westbury SN do? Why is the SN important? For answers to these questions and more, go to page 15.



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HEAVY TRASH

February 2021
Thursday, February 11
JUNK WASTE

March 2021
Thursday, March 11
TREE WASTE ONLY

RECYCLING

February 2021
Thursday, February 11
Thursday, February 25

March 2021
Thursday, March 11
Thursday, March 25

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035
Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager
NOTARY SERVICES are NOT available at this time.

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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*

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Make sure to give pole number

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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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

2021 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Happy Valentine's Day! February often provides great weather in Houston, so there will be TWO community events this month in Westbury.

The first event is an "I LOVE Westbury" drive-thru dues fundraiser on Thursday, February 18, from 4 to 6 PM. Come drive-thru the WCC office parking lot and pay your dues. We have fun, new Westbury bumper stickers for residents who pay their dues and WAP in full at the event! You can pay by check or online at the event. Meet our Westbury Area Patrol Constable deputies and members of the WCC board. For more on this event see page 1.

The WCC, along with the WAIC, will be hosting another Working on Westbury (WOW) event at the Willow Waterhole on February 21, see page 6 or 18 for more info. The January WOW event was a litter cleanup at the Willow Waterhole. It was great to see so many people, of all ages, working together to pick up 35 bags of litter! Our intent is to schedule at least one WOW every month, to keep our community looking attractive and to continue to make visible improvements to our public places. The Westbury Houston Facebook page will have the most up-to-date information as we get closer to the event date. If you know any students who need volunteer hours, then this is a convenient outdoor option. Masks and social distancing are currently required.

On a celebratory note, the year 2021 marks several anniversaries. Our Office Manager, Jennifer Edmondson, is celebrating her 10th Anniversary working at the Westbury Civic Club office. In addition to doing routine administrative work, like responding to inquiries and making sure the bills get paid, Jennifer has developed expertise on a wide variety of topics such as flooding, infrastructure

projects, and deed restrictions., Jennifer also is the creative force behind our award-winning monthly newsletter and somehow fits our meandering articles onto the pages in a well organized and informative way. Thank you, Jennifer!

Willow Waterhole is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year. I encourage you to visit Willow Waterhole and consider joining as a member or making a donation. My husband and I visit Willow Waterhole several times each month for a walk, or to bird-watch, or to simply enjoy some sunshine in the great outdoors. More and more people are visiting as the word spreads about Willow Waterhole, and it continues to get better every year. If you still haven't been out there to explore, consider joining us at the February WOW event on February 21.

The Westbury Civic Club is celebrating its 65th Anniversary this year! COVID-19 has put a crimp into planning for celebrations at the moment, but perhaps we will be able to organize a celebratory activity later this year. Westbury is a neighborhood which continues to attract new residents of all ages, and we are very proud of the efforts by the Westbury Civic Club and our many volunteers who have kept Westbury as a desirable community to live in. We had announced in December that the WCC is moving to a new software system which will provide improved payment options and communications to and from our residents. We are still in the process of converting our records to this new system, but in the interim you can continue to pay your WCC dues and Constable Patrol payments as in the past (see page 7 for more information). Join us in making Westbury the safest, cleanest, best neighborhood in Houston!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Cindy Chapman



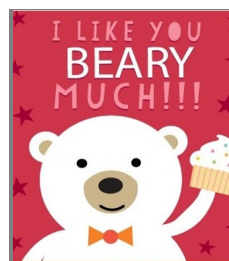
To the volunteers who serve on the WCC board and committees:
YOU TAKE THE CAKE!

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



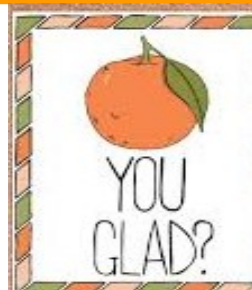
To our city council representatives and their staff:
YOU ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD!

To the Westbury HS 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?!?!



WCC Board Notes - January 2021

- ➔ Guests: Sgt. Nick Derkowski, Westbury Area Patrol; At-Large 5 CM Sallie Alcorn; Didi Chavis, Chief of Staff for District K; Allure Anoma for TX Rep Shawn Thierry; Richard Nguyen, Solid Waste Dept
- ➔ CM Alcorn discussed status of COVID vaccinations in Houston and urged eligible residents to sign up.
- ➔ Sgt. Derkowski, WAP Precinct 5 Constables, noted that there have been a lot of burglaries in garages or in vacant houses during the night. Additional patrols are being deployed to Westbury area.
- ➔ The WCC ended the year with a loss, even after taking steps to cut expenses. Additionally, the income for the Constable Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) was short. The WCC dipped into its reserves to cover both losses. In 2021, we need to focus of fundraising. The WCC is still transitioning to our new software system. A generous resident has offered to match \$5,000 of donations by residents above the basic "ask" for the Patrol Program.

NEXT Westbury Civic Club
Board Meeting
February 17 @ 7PM

**Held via Zoom Streamed LIVE
on Westbury Houston
Facebook page**

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd

713-726-7107

platou@houston.tx.gov



Library News

→ NEW Library Update

The City of Houston is forming a naming committee for the new library that will be located on Belrose. Check out District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum's newsletter for information on how to join. We will post an update once we receive one. The Library Action Group will be meeting in the beginning of February. Look for updates in March!



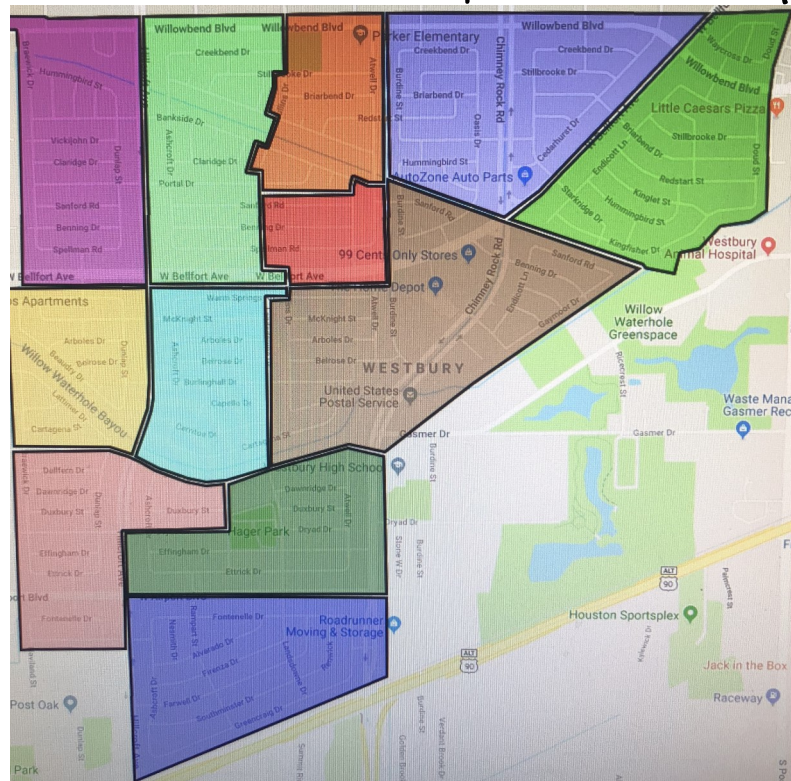
- **Supervisor: Ilea Balderston**
- **Assistant: Justin Thomas**
- **Weekly Classes/Groups CANCELLED**
- **Playground, Swings & Basketball courts CLOSED**

All activities, groups, and classes are cancelled at the Platou Center. The playground and basketball courts are CLOSED in accordance to the Stay Home, Work Safe order.



Please do not use the equipment.

Map of Westbury by Section



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

	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

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February 2021 Calendar Events/Meetings

Sun 7	Superbowl LV
Fri 12	Happy Lunar New Year! The Year of the Ox
Sun 14	Happy Valentine's Day!
Mon 15	President's Day
Mon 15	Brays Bayou Association Meeting To Be Determined
Wed 17	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 9:30AM Held via Zoom Live streamed on Facebook, WAIC Houston
Wed 17	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting 7PM Held via Zoom Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston
Thurs 18	I Love Westbury Dues Event 4-6PM Come by the WCC Office to pay your 2021 dues, meet the WCC Board and Constables
Sat 20	Audubon Society Bird Survey To Be Determined
Sat 21	Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole 2PM-4PM Westbury Lake—meet at the Schwartz Gazebo See pages 6 and 19

PLANNING CALENDAR

March 15-19—HISD Spring Break

May 4-23—Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

June 11—Last Day of School, HISD

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 week either on Thursday or Saturday or any day the City decides to come by. 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 2021

March 2021

Thursday, February 11

Thursday, March 11

Thursday, February 25

Thursday, March 25

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 2021

March 2021

JUNK WASTE

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, February 11

Thursday, March 11

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 with City logo
- ♻️ 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.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash & recycling info

♥️ **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY ♥️

Get Involved Today!

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When: Sunday, February 21, 2-4PM

Where: Westbury Lake at Willow Waterhole—meet at the gazebo



Eyes on Westbury

Do you wish you could see the detention basins and weirs at the Willow Waterhole? Do you want another way to monitor flooding? Let's get cameras! Join this new group to help get "Eyes on Westbury." This group will research camera options, contact HCFCFCD for access questions, fundraise if needed, look into other options with cameras and lights. If you are interested in joining the "Eyes on Westbury" group, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.



CAMERAS TO MONITOR
WEIRS AND BAYOU

WESTBURY ACTION COMMITTEES

Westbury Flood Action Group

Westbury needs new infrastructure (storm drains) and better flood control along our bayous and ditches. Recent work at the Willow Waterhole basins and weirs helps with some rain events, but Westbury needs real answers to the repetitive flooding. In the 1980s, Westbury had a very active Flood Action Group that was instrumental in getting changes and action. The WCC board reactivated this group at the October WCC board meeting. Parkwest 3 Section Director, Lisa Placke, will head this group along with Jennifer Edmondson, Director of Flood Control/Infrastructure. If you are interested, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Deed Restriction Revision Action Committee

Westbury's deed restrictions are outdated and need to be revised. This group will start meeting in March 2021. If you have already emailed regarding this group, please email us again, we have lost some data with a computer change over. If you are interested in joining, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Library Action Committee

Westbury is getting a new library. The WCC started a Library Action Committee. This committee will focus on getting up to date information, meeting with the City, and more. This group is currently full. Thank you to all the residents that emailed the WCC office! Look in future Criers for committee announcements.

**JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY!
GET INVOLVED TODAY!**

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Why Support the WCC?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood. 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 voluntary financial contributions from residents.

Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. The past several years contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and Westbury Area Patrol have been down. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. We all want a safe, flood free neighborhood with great schools and nice neighbors!

The total amount for the **2021 Voluntary dues are \$360**. That is less than a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$300 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas. This allows your payments to be processed immediately. You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office or pay online at www.westburycrier.com

NEW ONLINE RESIDENT PORTAL COMING SOON

We have heard from our residents that they would like to have better options for communications with and payments to the Westbury Civic Club. We agree! We are excited to announce that the WCC is transitioning to a new property management software which adds some features that you residents have been requesting.

We will have a single portal where homeowners can make online payments, view payment history, view important documents, submit requests, and update contact information. The new system will make it easier for you to contact us, and for us to contact you and to be able to track your requests or concerns. There will be more payment options available, including the ability to set up auto-pay scheduled payments.

The office is currently working on the transfer of data and we should have the new system up and running for you early in 2021, Future Criers will have detailed instructions on how to access and use the new system.

In the meantime for those of you that like to pay your dues early, please continue to use the dues form below or paypal.com. You can still pay your dues through our website, www.westburycrier.com.

Go to westburycrier.com then to the Dues and Assessments page.

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- ➔ WCC Dues — \$60
- ➔ WCC Constable — \$300
- ➔ WCC Dues + Constable— \$60 + \$300 = \$360
- ➔ Additional Donation of \$100 or more

Once you get to the payment page you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card. If you would like to pay a different amount, please use paypal directly and send funds to westburyccl@sbcglobal.net.

Pay your 2021 dues ONLINE at westburycrier.com

Please send this form in with your payment

2021 Westbury Civic Club Dues

DO NOT USE FOR 2020 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:
www.westburycrier.com
www.paypal.com to email
westburyccl@sbcglobal.net
 Make sure to include your address

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$60	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$300	\$
Subtotal	\$360	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol		\$
Total		\$

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 \$180 is \$360/yr
 3 payments of \$120 is \$360/yr
 4 payments of \$90 is \$360/yr

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

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. These assessments may be adjusted by the most recently published annual percentage change for US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance to the deed restrictions.

The 2021 Mandatory Assessments of \$250.90 are due 2/1/2021*.
Invoices will be mailed in December.

***Due Date Extension-3/1/21 due to mailing issues.**

WOW! Working on Westbury

1st Monthly Workday at the Willow Waterhole

The first Westbury Civic Club and WAIC cleanup around Westbury Lake in the Willow Waterhole Greenway was a huge success in January. Thanks to the many volunteers who came out to clean up what others leave behind. They started at the entrance to the Willow Waterhole and the Westbury Little League complex filling a dozen bags with trash. Earlier that morning, Westbury resident Brett Byers took a weed-eater to the high grass along Dryad at the entry making it much easier to pick up the trash. The volunteers then moved into the park and filled another 25 bags with trash as they walked along the entrance and along the trails.

A special thanks to our CM Martha Castex -Tatum for donating a dozen trash grabbers. Her commitment to making District K the cleanest district is really making a difference. Her Chief of Staff, Didi Chavis, joined us, as did At Large CM Sallie Alcorn and her staffer, Hannah Cobb. We so appreciate our elected officials who come out for community work days.

Westbury residents were among the many volunteers: Cub scouts from Westbury United Methodist Troop 705; Brownies from Parker Elementary; couples; parents with children and some just out on their own. One woman, who walks her dog at the WW, wanted a chance to give back to the park that she values.

Fourteen National Honor Society (NHS) students from Bellaire High School came with their two advisors; one of whom is Jennifer Kuhleman, who has worked many a Westbury workday in the past with her awesome NHS students from Westbury, Sharpstown and now Bellaire.

And from the hard working Westbury Civic Club board: Cindy Chapman, Jennifer Edmondson, Donna and Tony Robert, Jonathan Hansen, and from the WAIC board Becky Edmondson, Kathryn Noser

It was great to be out at the Willow Waterhole. It was great to be able to hold a safe outdoor event where everyone was masked and social distancing. It was great to meet so many wonderful people willing to give a few hours of their time to make the neighborhood a little nicer!

Join us next month!



Thank you Volunteers!

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WOW! Working on Westbury

A Special Thank You to All the Volunteers!



Come to the next WOW! Working on Westbury Workday on Sunday, February 21, from 2-4PM.
Meet at the gazebo at Westbury Lake!
We hope you see you there!
For more information see page 1 or 6.

Bandit Sign Update from District K Keeping Westbury Clean

People who staple signs to telephone poles and crowd them at intersections, sidewalks, and esplanades aren't only creating eyesores in neighborhoods, they're breaking the law. These signs are called "bandit signs".

Bandit signs are typically small and placed in large quantities along public spaces such as esplanades. These signs include political, real estate, developer, and garage sale signs, etc. and are placed upon a public street, public sidewalk, public right-of-way, on any public building, or on any structure of any kind belonging to the city (such as street light poles, telephone or power poles, street signs).

Perhaps looking around Westbury you don't think that there is much of a problem with bandit signs, but that is only because much effort is devoted every month to collecting these illegal signs. Bandit signs are collected by Westbury Civic Club volunteers, the District K "Hot Team" clean up crew, and by the Brays Oaks Management District. For example, the Brays Oaks District collected 1,728 illegal signs during the year 2020 along major roads in BOMD, which includes all of Westbury. BOMD also collected 1,869 large bags of trash in the district. Several members of the Westbury Civic Club board participate in monthly BOMD committees to help provide input and oversight into this program, which helps keep our major Westbury streets looking attractive.

District K Council Representative Martha Castex-Tatum notes: *"When I kicked off our #CleanStateofMind campaign two years ago, our District K Hot Team and management districts were routinely picking up over 600 bandit signs a month from our community. These nuisance signs were posted on telephone poles, traffic signs, in the city esplanades and on every corner of every intersection. This visual spam contributes to the debris in our drains and litter on our roadways.*



Our consistent removal, calling and citing of these repeat offenders has led to a decreased number of bandit signs in District K. In 2020 I submitted a budget amendment that allowed the city legal department to file a law suit against repeat offenders, who continued to plaster their predatory signs in our communities, and fine them up to \$1000 per sign.



Today I'm happy to report Senator Borris Miles has filed a bandit sign bill that would increase the civil penalty even more. Protecting our neighborhoods and removing unnecessary blight takes a lot of effort and costs thousands of dollars a month. Help us keep our community clean and beautiful. I'll keep you posted on the bill. Inbox me if you want the info to follow the bill this legislative session. We are committed to making our community one we can all be proud of."

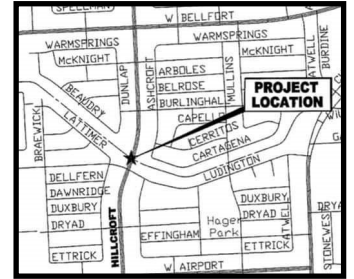
Work Coming Soon: Hillcroft Bridge over Willow Waterhole Bayou



The southbound bridge on Hillcroft that goes over the Willow Waterhole is one step closer to being replaced. This bridge is deficient and had temporary emergency repairs made several years ago so traffic could continue to use it.

In January of 2021, the Westbury Civic Club was informed that Houston City Council voted to appropriate funds for an agreement between the City and TXDOT to acquire Flood Plain Permits for the replacement or rehabilitation of 10 structurally deficient bridges in Houston. One of these bridges in Westbury along Hillcroft at the Willow Waterhole Bayou.

City of Houston has plans to improve the southbound bridge on Hillcroft which goes over the Willow Waterhole Bayou. The Westbury Civic Club does not yet know when the bridge project will begin.



Happy Birthday Barbara Hite

Happy Birthday to Barbara Hite, Director of Constituent Services for District K. Barbara has been getting answers for Westbury residents for decades, first for CM Mark Goldberg, CM Anne Clutterbuck, CM Larry Green, and now CM Martha Castex-Tatum. She has also served on her own property owner's association in nearby West Belfort POA and knows what it takes to keep neighborhoods with a good quality of life. Barbara is truly a treasure in the District K office.



Links for Lost & Found Pets

- Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com
- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
- Houston Cares - Contact at <https://houstoncares-rescue.org/>



Chimney Rock Waterline Replacement Inspection

On January 7, Jennifer Edmondson, Becky Edmondson, and Cindy Chapman, from the WCC, met outside along Chimney Rock with Melvin Hopkins (Director of Constituent Services for District K), District K Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum, and Nancy Serag-Eldin, an assistant project manager with Houston Public Works. The purpose of the meeting was to review the work the city had done (replaced a major water line along Chimney Rock) and to review the status before the contractor warranty was going to expire. The group first reviewed the project scope and work completed on paper. After this talk, Becky Edmondson joined Nancy Serag-Eldin and Melvin Hopkins as they walked the work area and noted issues that possibly warranted some concrete repair work.



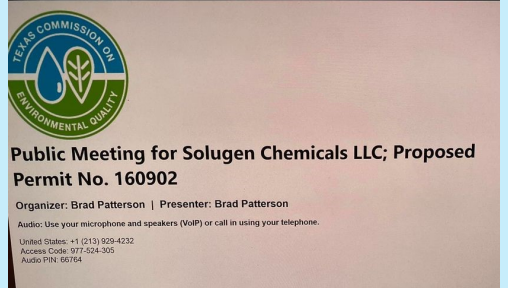
As CM Martha Castex-Tatum noted: *"It's so important to inspect what we expect in our community. As we complete projects in our district, we are also checking them again prior to their warranty expiring. There are so many moving parts in the district and I appreciate residents who make time to learn about projects and what to look for when projects are complete. Today we walked the water line replacement project along Chimney Rock with the project inspector."*

This project meeting was very informative and we thank CM Martha Castex-Tatum for setting up the meeting. Nancy Serag-Eldin, the project manager, said that she will be working on the upcoming Street and Drainage project in Westbury, so it was great timing to meet her and establish a working relationship for the future.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARING WITH TCEQ

As reported in the January 2021 Westbury Crier newsletter, Solugen Chemicals (located at 14539 Minetta, to the west of the Westbury Community Garden), has made an application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an environmental air permit (permit #160902). The WCC was made aware of this air permit request in the Spring of 2020. Concerned about the safety of the nearby community, we asked our elected officials to request a hearing. Both Senator Borris Miles and State Rep. Shawn Thierry requested a public hearing.

The Public Hearing was held online on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Information about this meeting was published in the January Westbury Crier newsletter and on the WCC Facebook page, Westbury Houston.



This public meeting was a chance to see government representation at its best. TX Senator Borris Miles, TX Rep. Shawn Thierry, and District K City Council member Martha Castex-Tatum were all at the meeting asking important questions. Melvin Hopkins, Field Services Director for District K, had even visited the plant to see it firsthand. In the informal part of the hearing, many questions were asked by those in the virtual audience relating to safety issues and emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) to the air. Representing the local Super Neighborhood Councils #36 (Brays Oaks SNC) and #37 (Westbury SNC) were: Sylvia Rivas, Cindy Chapman, and Becky Edmondson. Associate Professor of Environmental Management, Dr. Lisa Gossett, who lives nearby, was also on hand to ask questions.

With Haviland Park, Foerster Elementary, homes, apartments, and a community garden nearby, it is important to know the long term effects of any air emissions from VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds). It's also important to have safety protocols in place to be able to notify the surrounding community if there is an accident. The previous chemical plant in this location had a violent explosion in 2004. The Houston Chronicle just reported another cluster of childhood leukemia cases in an industrial area in east Houston. We want to make sure that this new chemical facility won't be harming the people who live and work and go to school nearby.

At the end of the informal session, there were still unanswered questions. Senator Miles, in his formal comments, requested a thirty day extension to get those answers. We are happy to report a 30 day extension was granted by the TCEQ.

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	77035	77096	Houston
4/23/20	54	59	2,975
5/21/20	108	85	6,188
6/24/20	334	183	16,253
7/27/20	748	492	45,145
8/26/20	1,102	700	62,097
9/26/20	1,255	817	72,684
10/26/20	1,360	894	82,999
11/23/20	1,504	1,026	93,988
12/20/20	1,779	1,240	110,445
1/26/21	2,238	1,659	150,091

Westbury Area Patrol Crime Report

Sgt. Nick Derkowski of the Precinct 5 WAP Constable’s Patrol provided an update to the Westbury Civic Club board meeting in January. He said crime is up, not just in Westbury, but across the city. The jail is a revolving door and one recent arrest was the same man whom they had arrested just six months earlier. Extra patrol units from Precinct 5 Constables have been allocated, along with a drone unit that makes looking for fleeing suspects easier. The majority of the break-ins have been of garages and in unoccupied homes that are for sale or lease or under renovation.

Precinct 5 is continuing its motorcycle traffic patrols on Willowbend and other areas. The other trend has been an increase in calls related to domestic violence.

Welcome Westbury Area Patrol Deputy Richardson

We welcome our newest deputy with the Precinct 5 Constable Patrol. Deputy J. Richardson is a native of Kansas City. After graduating from High School in 2009, he served in the U.S. Army as an Infantryman stationed at the 101st Airborne Division in Ft. Campbell, KY. After the military, he decided to pursue a career in law enforcement and moved to Houston where he graduated from Houston Community College Police Academy in June of 2019. Deputy Richardson also holds a BA in Criminal Justice from Liberty University.

Deputy Richardson enjoys helping people and being involved in the community. He loves sports and motorcycles. He is an avid rider and a die-hard Kansas City Chiefs fan. Deputy Richardson feels honored to serve the community of Westbury and looks forward to doing so.

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





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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

December 23, 2020 - January 25, 2021
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5800	Alvarado	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/6	5PM	Westbury South
12500	Ashcroft	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/13	3AM	Westbury South
10900	Atwell	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/25	12AM	Parkwest 1
11600	Braewick	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/24	12AM	Parkwest 3
5200	Briarbend	Drugs, Narcotics	12/29	11AM	Westbury 1
5500	Dawnridge	Theft from Motor Vehicle	12/24	2PM	Westbury 4
5900	Densmore	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/24	6PM	Westbury 4
6000	Dryad	Vandalism, Damage, Destruction	1/13	7PM	Westbury 4
10900	Dunlap	Arson	12/31	11PM	Westbury 5
11100	Endicott	Aggravated Assault	1/7	11AM	Westbury 1
5900	Ettrick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/9	2AM	Westbury 4
5700	Farwell	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	12/23	2AM	Westbury South
5800	Farwell	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/5	6AM	Westbury South
11100	Fonda	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/13	10PM	Westbury 1
5900	Fontenelle	Auto Theft	1/15	5AM	Westbury 4
6000	Fontenelle	Vandalism, Damage, Destruction	1/11	12AM	Westbury 4
12000	Hillcroft	Aggravated Assault	12/30	11PM	Westbury 4
5600	Hummingbird	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/24	9PM	Parkwest 1
5900	Ludington	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1/25	11AM	Westbury 4
12300	Mullins	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/7	1AM	Westbury 4
5400	Sanford	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/4	7PM	Westbury 3
5800	Spellman	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/10	9AM	Parkwest 1
5900	Vickijohn	Arson	1/3	6AM	Westbury 5
6000	Vickijohn	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	12/27	4AM	Westbury 5
6000	Vickijohn	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/12	2AM	Westbury 5
6000	Vickijohn	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/16	9PM	Westbury 5

	Theft from Motor Vehicle
	Auto Theft
	Property Crime
	Burglary
	Assault, Simple or aggravated
	Robbery

The crimes listed took place between December 23 and January 25, 2021.

They are in alphabetical order by street.

The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.



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Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	2	5	2	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	2	3	1
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	13	5	3	0
Robbery	0	4	2	0
Simple Assault	0	8	2	0
Shoplifting	0	0	4	0
Drugs, Narcotics	1	2	2	0
Vandalism, Damage	2	6	3	0
Auto Theft	1	1	3	0
Fire, Arson	2	0	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	2	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	2	0	0
Theft—Pocket Picking	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	26	37	26	1

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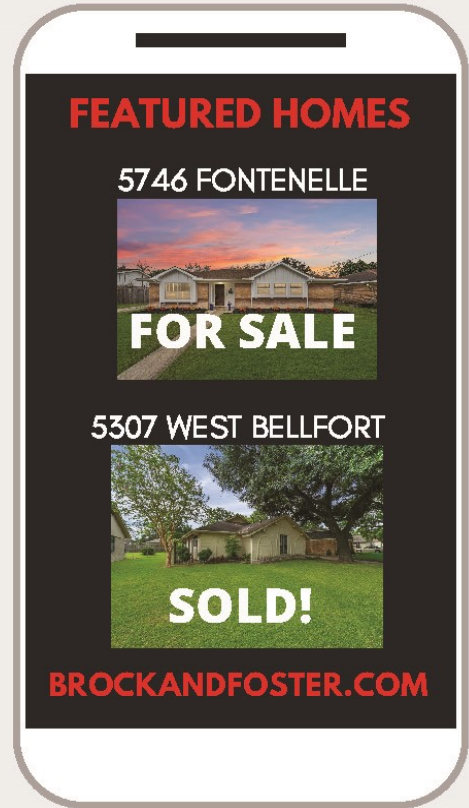
Houston single family existing home sales hit an all-time record of 96,151 closings in 2020, up 10.5% over 2019. The median sales price of \$260,000 was up 6.1% while the average rose 5.9% to \$324,069.

Interest Rates are still at historic lows and inventory is low. If you are considering buying - the rates are favorable for you to acquire property for less overall expense. If you are considering selling - the market values are increasing and demand is high due to fewer homes on the market.

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Westbury SuperNeighborhood



Westbury became a recognized SuperNeighborhood in March of 2005. SuperNeighborhoods (SN) are geographically designated areas where residents, civic organizations, institutions and businesses work together to identify, plan, and set priorities to address the needs and concerns of their community. Activated SNs are recognized entities of the City of Houston. The City created this program to be the mechanism by which they disseminate information to neighborhoods, businesses, etc. There are over 900 individual HOAs, civic club, and property association groups in the City of Houston, the SNs make it easier to all groups to have access to information.

Each SN has its own bylaws, and Westbury is a very unique SN since we are such a large neighborhood. Here is a overview of how Westbury SN works. We have a two-part council, one part is the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) and the other is the Westbury Civic Club (WCC). Official SN proclamations are approved by the boards of both organizations – the WAIC and the WCC, both of which meet on the 3rd Wednesday.

The WAIC, a non-profit 501c3, meets at 9:30am on the 3rd Wednesday. This meeting is currently being held via Zoom and live streamed on the WAIC Houston Facebook page. The WAIC meeting is regularly attended by representatives from the local businesses, schools, churches, and community organizations. Schools are an important part of our neighborhood and the Principal or Assistant principals from Parker Elementary, Anderson Elementary, Meyerland Middle, and Westbury High bring updates about their schools. Most months City representatives also attend the WAIC meeting. District K City Council office as well as Mayor’s Assistance Office send reps each month. This is a direct line to the City. Other City Departments have visited in the past or given presentations. They included the Department of Neighborhoods, Public Works, Parks Dept., and Solid Waste, and others. The Sergeant for the Westbury Area Patrol also attends the WAIC meeting.

The WCC meets at 7PM on the 3rd Wednesday. The WCC meeting is currently being held via Zoom and live streamed on the Westbury Houston Facebook page. The meeting is regularly attended by City Council members or their employees. District K and At-Large 5 are common visitors. Solid Waste sends a rep to the monthly WCC meeting as well. The WCC meeting is considered the 2nd half of the SN meeting.

Most SN consist of multiple neighborhoods and HOAs, however, the Westbury SN is so large that it is mainly just the Westbury subdivision. There is one tiny neighborhood south of WHS that is included.

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Next Westbury SN Meeting

Part 1—WAIC—February 17, 9:30AM

Live Streamed on WAIC Houston Facebook page

Part 2—WCC—February 17, 7PM

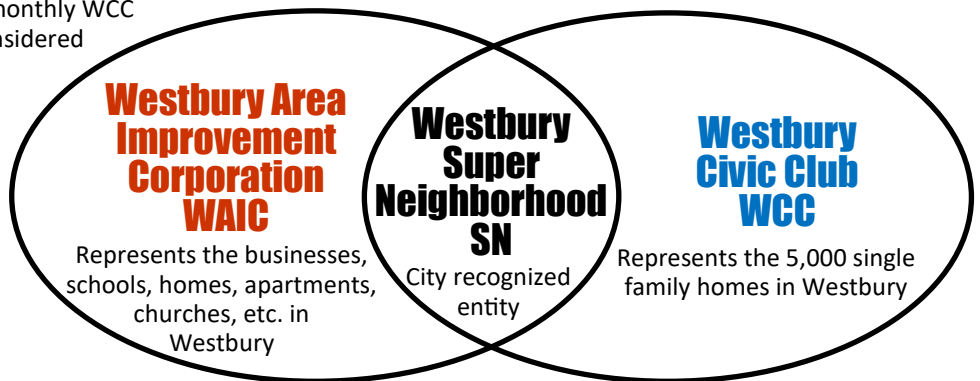
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What is a SuperNeighborhood?

A SuperNeighborhood is a geographically designated area where residents, civic organizations, institutions and businesses work together to identify, plan, and set priorities to address the needs and concerns of their community. Activated SuperNeighborhoods are recognized entities of the City of Houston.

The boundaries of each SuperNeighborhood rely on major physical features (bayous, freeways, etc.) to group together contiguous communities that share common physical characteristics, identity or infrastructure.

The super neighborhood elects a council comprised of area residents and stakeholders that serves as a forum to discuss issues and identify and implement priority projects for the area.



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Westbury Worm

Have you seen the new rock worm trend? Painted rocks are placed in a line along the sidewalk and Voila! A rock worm is born! The trend started in Scotland and was recently done in Cypress, TX. It allows neighbors to safely create art together. Westbury residents, Courtney and Michelle Lindsay, have started their very own Westbury Worm!

The Westbury Worm is located in the 5500 lock of Creekbend near Checkerboard.



Come by and add your own special rock to the worm. We will follow back up with the Westbury Worm to see how long it has grown! Let us know if other sections in Westbury have painted rock worms.

Westbury is Destination for Scout Service Projects

Scouts, both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, have been doing service projects for years to benefit our Westbury community. Whenever there is a trash cleanup or a tree planting, there have been Scouts involved. In January, we had both Cub Scouts and Brownies from Parker Elementary participating in the "Working on Westbury" cleanup event held at the Westbury Lake area of the Willow Waterhole.

The Willow Waterhole has been the site of over 60 Scout projects! Scouts have built and installed information kiosks, benches, bird houses, trail markers, and plant markers. They have created, maintained and repaired trails. They have facilitated many tree plantings. The Willow Waterhole is also home to one of the first female Eagle Scout projects in Houston. Visit the Dabney Kennedy Scout Pavilion on South Willow at Willow Waterhole to see a list of the names of the many Scouts who have completed projects there.

The original concrete street marker signs still standing in some areas of Westbury were straightened, refurbished, and repainted as an Eagle Scout project during the 60-year celebration for the Westbury Civic Club. Both an Eagle project and a Girl Scout Gold project have been completed at the Westbury Community Garden.

We greatly appreciate the work that these Scouts have completed over the years. Read the adjacent article about this month's Girl Scout Gold Project.



Braeswood Farmer's Market

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Westbury Volunteer Spotlight Al and Hazel Potvin

Volunteers are the lifeblood of non-profit organizations. And, Westbury is blessed with so many incredible volunteers. This February we would like to show some special love to two in particular, Allen and Hazel Potvin. The Westbury Civic Club salutes you and wants you to know just how grateful our neighborhood is for your many years of service.

Back in 2010, Hazel Potvin hosted a meeting around her kitchen table where the "Working on Westbury" (WOW) initiative was born. As a Master Gardener and lover of all things green and growing, Hazel has left the evidence of her green thumb all over Westbury. She was a member of the WCC Green Team that measured and cataloged our esplanades and worked on plans to improve them with more trees and plants. She was instrumental in starting the first wildflower garden, which was originally at Chimney Rock and West Bellfort, and later was relocated to the Westbury Community Garden. She is the force behind the native plant demonstration area at the Willow Waterhole along South Willow. As President of the Friends of Chimney Rock Park, she and her friends planted the wildflowers and other native plants which grace those grounds. Hazel has been a member of the Westbury Community Garden since its inception in 2010. Her passion at the garden is the Pocket Prairie (a small prairie) where she and Noreen Heard have identified many prairie species and set up a walk to introduce people to the importance of prairies. Hazel, thank you for all your efforts to keep Westbury green and native and educated about prairies.

Her husband of over 50 years, Allen Potvin, is Westbury's trail advocate. For many years, Allen has mowed trails along the bayou that runs between Hummingbird and Bankside; the Burdine easement from Willowbend to West Bellfort; and the banks along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. Allen donates hundreds of hours a year maintaining those areas and keeping our waterways cleaner by making sure debris, that could cause flooding, is removed. Some people are happy just to throw their trash and limbs and other debris over their fences and onto the flood control easements. Allen either moves this debris or works with the Harris County Flood Control District to get it removed. In 2020, Allen was the person who was able to get the Hummingbird/Bankside trail opened by working with the owners whose fences blocked the access, and he then removed undergrowth and trash trees that had filled some of that area. Thanks to Allen, residents can now walk the entire length of this unimproved trail all the way from the city water tower at Braewick to the Willow Waterhole complex. His nickname "Boots on the Ground Potvin" is one he has definitely earned. But it's not just his labors, as a retiree of Exxon, his volunteer hours earn real dollars for the nonprofits that he volunteers for! His volunteer hours have benefited the WAIC, the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, and the Westbury Community Garden.

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Local Westbury Girl Scout Creates Nature Trail

It is a pleasure to announce that Westbury resident and Girl Scout Morgan Lipman has developed a nature trail along the Bankside/Hummingbird bayou. This is the bayou which runs between Bankside Dr. and Hummingbird St.

The Westbury Nature Trail is in the segment between Mullins and Ashcroft. After living near this bayou for as long as she can remember and enjoying, with her mother, the birds and reptiles found there, Morgan decided it would be good to make information available to children and their parents and other walkers. With the permission of some Hummingbird homeowners, she posted signs on their fences naming the trail and giving information about the wildlife. You can take a picture of the QR Code with your cell phone and then read about the animal on the sign.



Assisting Morgan in opening the trail were her friends Meg and Liv Rubenstein and Isaac Dagenhart. They also did litter removal from the bottom of the ditch. This project entitles Morgan to the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award. Helen Ryder and her son Jacque were the first to use the trail and have a sign posted on their fence.



Take a look at this improved trail segment sometime when you are out walking. This is a great idea and was very well done by a talented and generous Westbury resident. Thank you, Morgan, for your contribution to Westbury and nature awareness.

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Fence in Water Removed

Good news for those who like to fish or kayak at the Greenway - no more fence in the water at Westbury and Triangle Lakes! Harris County Flood Control District is removing all of them shortly. The fences were installed many years ago to protect wetlands vegetation per a federal permit. However, this method did not prove effective for a variety of reasons, so the fences have been removed.



Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

WOW Workday — Litter Pick-up

Come join us at the Willow Waterhole for our 2nd workday at Westbury Lake on Sunday, February 21, 2-4PM. Our first work day in January had over 25 people and we picked up over 35 bags of trash. The WAIC, along with the Westbury Civic Club, will be hosting monthly regular workdays at the Westbury Lake. This workday will again focus on litter pick-up. The WAIC will provide trash bags and grabbers. You must wear gloves and a mask.

What: Working on Westbury (WOW) Workday

When: Sunday, February 21, 2-4PM

Where: Westbury Lake at Willow Waterhole—meet at the gazebo

Tree Planting at Willow Waterhole



Fifty Cub Scouts from 6 dens from Pack 46 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church planted trees at the Willow Waterhole Greenway the weekend of January 16-17. Each den planted a large wax myrtle as a community service project and then they went on a nature walk at Westbury Lake. Thank you to all the cub scouts who helped plant the trees.



Follow Westbury Houston Facebook for event updates.



This drone panoramic view of the two mile loop around Westbury Lake is courtesy of Christopher Lindsey.

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Volunteers Help Plant New Pollinator Garden at the WCG

On Wednesday, January 20, a group of gardeners and volunteers from KIPP-MOSAIC planted 16 trees and 9 shrubs for a new pollinator garden along the east side and north side of the 7-acre garden site. Trees For Houston donated the trees for the garden, and taught the volunteers how to properly plant the trees.

KIPP-MOSAIC is a new campus of the KIPP charter school system. It is located at the corner of S. Main (HWY 90) and Hillcroft. School principal Ryan Pressley and other staff from KIPP-MOSAIC volunteered during the January work-day at the garden.



As these trees and shrubs develop, they should help shield the garden from the lights of the gas station near the garden. But more importantly, these newly planted native trees will be good for all kinds of birds and pollinators. Shumard Oaks grow straight and tall and will drop their leaves in the fall after turning red. Drummond Red Maples will also turn red in the fall and drop leaves. Two Southern Magnolias will keep their shiny green leaves, as will the seven Loblolly pines that were planted. In between the trees, you will notice Wax Myrtle shrubs have been planted. Wax Myrtles also keep their shiny green leaves all year, and their berries are popular with birds.



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

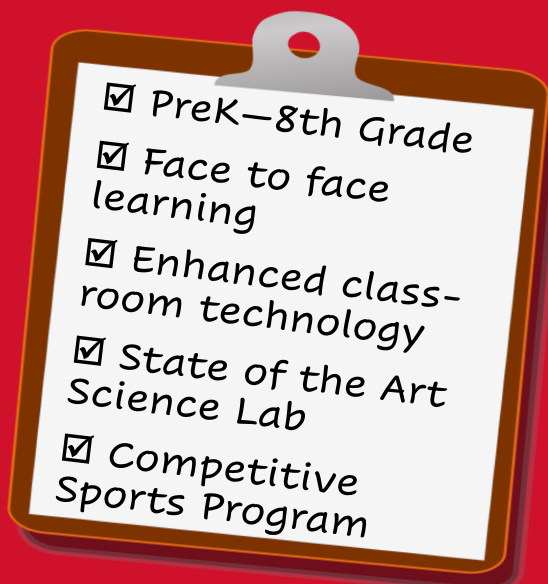
12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main. Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Greencraig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible. Street parking.



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