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Westbury Civic Club Open House

Thurs., February 17, 5-7PM

Stop by the Westbury Civic Club office to tour the office, and have 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 2022 Dues and WAP in full and get entered into a raffle.

The WCC office is located at 5322 W. Belfort, Ste 100. More about this fun event, see page 7.



Attend the Open House and get a Westbury sticker

SUPPORT THE WCC TODAY!

Pay your 2022 Dues by using this handy QR code. The 2022 Dues form is on pg 6.



Pay your 2022 dues online www.westburycrier.com

WOW WORKING ON WESTBURY

Saturday, February 19
9 - 10:30AM

Join WCC board members at the Willow Waterhole for our monthly clean-up. This month we will host another litter pickup at the Willow Waterhole. Meet in the new parking lot on Dryad near the Gazebo on Saturday, February 19 from 9AM to 10:30AM. The WCC will provide trash bags and grabbers for you to use. This is a great volunteer opportunity for the whole family.



Keep Westbury Beautiful
Great Volunteer
Opportunity for the
Whole Family



“Gasmer Site” Open House February 12, TBD

We are excited to share that an Open House of the “Gasmer Site”, will be held on **Saturday, February 12**. The City purchased the 29-acre site of the old Shell Research facility which runs along the Willow Waterhole. This site will be home to the Levitt Pavilion, detention, and much more. The Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) is leading an effort to envision the future of this site, in association with the City of Houston, Lionheart Places, Natalye Appel + Associates Architects (designers of the fun St. Arnold Beer Garden and also the amazing Levy Park), and others.



The “Gasmer Site” Open House will allow the public an opportunity to learn more about the site and provide feedback and thoughts to the creative team. **Details were still being completed at print time, so please check the Westbury Houston Facebook page or the BOMD website, www.braysoaks.com for times and how to RSVP.**

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HEAVY TRASH

February 2022
Thurs., February 10
JUNK WASTE

March 2022
Thursday, March 10
TREE WASTE ONLY

RECYCLING

February 2022
Thursday, February 10
Thursday, February 24

March 2022
Thursday, March 10
Thursday, March 24



it's coming!

APRIL 9TH | SATURDAY 11AM - 7PM | FREE

willowwaterhole.org/musicfest

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035
Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

Westbury Civic Club Office Hours
Mon.-Thurs., 10AM-12PM
WCC Office Closed Friday–Sunday

NOTARY SERVICES— available to paid WCC members

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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.braysoaksm.org
Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksm.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

2022 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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Westbury 3.....Jonathan Hansen
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Westbury 4.....VACANT
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Westbury 5.....Donna Strom
Westbury South.....VACANT
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Parkwest 2.....VACANT
Parkwest 3Alan Hirshman

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Happy Valentine's Day! This is a month we celebrate with an "I LOVE Westbury" theme. There will be several community events this month that I encourage you to attend in the Westbury area. These events will allow you to help make Westbury a better place to live and to learn more about your community. The Westbury Civic Club will be hosting two of these events, and the other event will be an Open House at the "Gasmer Site" next to Willow Waterhole, which will be the future home of the Levitt Pavilion and other amenities.

The first WCC event will be an **Open House at the WCC Office on Thurs., February 17, from 5 to 7PM**. It has been two years since we hosted an Open House, just before COVID started. We will have some snacks and freebies, and you will have an opportunity to view some of our historic photos and meet members of the WCC Board. Drop by for a few minutes, we would love to chat with you! These days many of our residents prefer to pay their WCC dues by credit card via the Westbury Civic Club website (westburycrier.com) or to mail a check directly to our bank processing center in Dallas, but some residents still prefer to bring payment directly to the office. This is a great opportunity for people who find evening hours more convenient to visit the WCC Office. Support the WCC and pay your 2022 dues today.

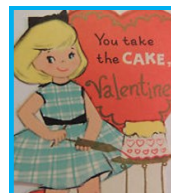
Last year we restarted our popular monthly Working on Westbury (WOW) events. The January event at Willow Waterhole drew about 45 participants to pick up litter.

The February WOW workday will be on Saturday, February 19, at 9AM. See page 1 for more details. Our projects seek to make our community more appealing and to make visible improvements to our public places. If you are associated with a group that is looking for a project, then please contact me. If you know any students who need volunteer hours, we would love to have them at our WOW events. For example, we are currently in discussions with coordinators of Bellaire High School's National Honor Society for student team projects.

I am really excited about the upcoming **Open House on Saturday, February 12 of the "Gasmer Site"** (a 29-acre site of former Shell research center) next to Willow Waterhole. See page 1 or 19 for more details. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the site and to provide your comments about what activities and amenities would be perfect on those 29 acres. I have been on tours of the site and am a member of the project team that is working with the architects and planners. The potential for that site is absolutely amazing! It will bring new focus to this corner of Houston, and our Westbury homes are right next door! If you are curious to learn more, I encourage you to attend the Open House. A survey will also be available to make comments.

Join us in making Westbury the safest, cleanest, best neighborhood in Houston! Happy Valentine's Day.

Cindy Chapman
wccpresident@westburycrier.com



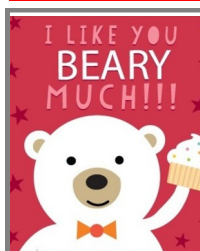
To the volunteers who serve on the WCC board and committees:
YOU TAKE THE CAKE!



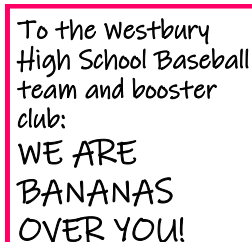
To everyone who pays their dues and contributes to the WAP Patrol:
YOU ARE DINO-MITE!



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



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



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



WCC Board Notes - January 2022

- ➔ The WCC board approved the 2022 Budget, see page 8.
- ➔ The WCC board voted to fill two vacant board positions: Andrew Jefferson as Section Director for Westbury 5 and Stephen Deavult as Director of Security.
- ➔ Harris County Flood Control District talked about the status of bridge construction and will work with WCC to hold a meeting to discuss area HCFCD flood mitigation projects. Other attendees represented City Solid Waste Dept, US Rep. Lizzie Fletcher's office, and 4 City Council districts.
- ➔ The board discussed a tax-credit apartment complex proposed near Glenshire subdivision on Riceville School Road. The board voted for the WCC to send a letter against the proposed site. The WAIC and the Westbury Super Neighborhood will also send a letter.
- ➔ The next Westbury Civic Club board meeting will be held via zoom on Wednesday, February 16 at 7PM.

NEXT

WCC Board Meeting

Wednesday
February 16, 7PM

Meeting will be held
via Zoom and
livestreamed on the
Westbury Houston
Facebook page.

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



Temporary Supervisor—Julia Soto
Email—Julia.Soto@houstontx.gov

What's Coming in 2022

- * **Westbury library**
- * **New Trails at the Willow Waterhole**
- * **WCC Office Open House**
- * **WOW Workdays**
- * **TWO White Elephant Sales**
- * **Flood Control Projects**
- * **Neighborhood 101 Classes**

Platou Center is OPEN for Adult Classes

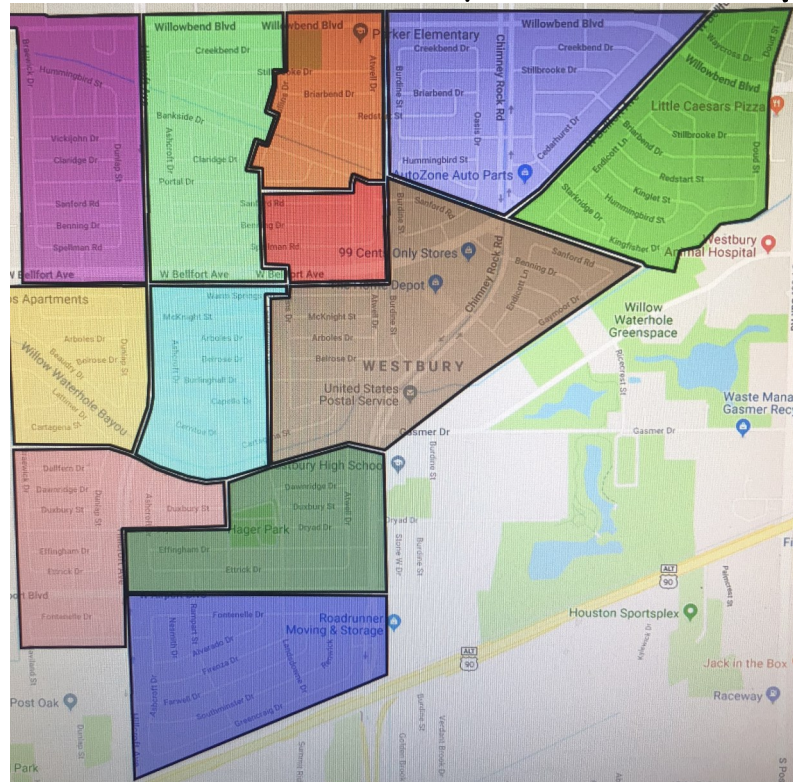
Adult Program Schedule
Programs will run from 9:30AM—1PM, Monday—Friday

- Exercise—M/W/F, 9:30-10:30AM**
- Quilting— Tuesday, 9:30AM –1PM**
- Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM**
- Ping Pong—Thursday, 9:30-10:30AM**

Temperature checks and social distancing will be enforced.
Face coverings are strongly encouraged.
Frequent cleaning and sanitizing will be maintained.
For the full City of Houston policy, please visit—
www.houstontx.gov/adminpolicies

Playground, basketball, and tennis courts are OPEN.


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

February 2022 Calendar Events/Meetings

Thurs 10	HEAVY TRASH PICK UP—JUNK WASTE	
Sat 12	"Gasmer Site" Open House More information on page 1 or 19	TBD
Wed 16	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Zoom Meeting	9:30AM
Wed 16	Native Plant Presentation St. Martin Episcopal, 717 Sage More information on page 17	9:30AM
Wed 16	Westbury Civic Club Meeting Zoom Meeting Live streamed on Facebook.	7PM
Thurs 17	Westbury Civic Club Open House 5322 W. Bellfort Ste 100 See page 7 for more information. 	5-7PM
Sat 19	Working on Westbury Meet at the Willow Waterhole parking lot on Dryad near the gazebo, see page 1 for more information	9 - 10:30AM
Sat 19	Audubon Society Bird Survey 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey	8-10AM

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 2022

Thursday, February 10
Thursday, February 24

March 2022

Thursday, March 10
Thursday, March 24

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 2022

JUNK WASTE
Thursday, February 10

March 2022

TREE WASTE ONLY
Thursday, March 10

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.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

PLAN AHEAD

Feb. 28 - March 20 —Houston Rodeo

March 14-18 — HISD Spring Break

March 27— WOW Workday

April 2—Keep Houston Beautiful

April 9 — 2022 MusicFEST

 **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY 

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 to the 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 **2022 Voluntary Dues is \$365**. That is well worth a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$305 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month

→ Zoom Meeting

→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

Next WCC Board Meeting

WCC Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 7PM

Topics - Committee updates, Commercial properties in Westbury, WOW events, and more.

Read the Westbury Crier *ONLINE!*

Did you know that you can read the *Westbury Crier* online? Our website, www.westburycrier.com has an archive of past Criers starting with March 2011 all the way to the current issue. We are working on getting all the past issues scanned and online. There is great Westbury history in the old Criers. If you sign up for announcements on the website, you will get an email every month with a link to the Crier.

The WCC tries to get the Crier to residents as close to the 1st of the month as possible. Sometimes this is hard to accomplish as there are printer issues, weather delays, and schedule problems with our delivery team. We apologize for any inconvenience. Subscribe to WCC announcements on our website, and you will receive an email with a link to the online Crier each month.

Pay Your Dues Online

www.westburycrier.com

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

The available payment options one the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$60
- WCC Constables — \$305
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$365
- Custom Amount — You can enter your own amount

Once you get to the payment page, you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card.

Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing you 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

Please send this form in with your payment

2022 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$60	\$	
Westbury Area Patrol	\$305	\$	
Subtotal	\$365	\$	
Additional Contributions:			
Westbury Civic Club		\$	
Westbury Area Patrol		\$	
Total		\$	

Online payment:
www.westburycrier.com
www.paypal.com to email
westburycc@sbcglobal.net
 Make sure to include your address

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.
Mail to:
P.O. Box 975182
Dallas, TX 75397-5182

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.

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 annually by the most recently published annual percentage chage for the US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance with the deed restrictions.

The 2022 Mandatory Assessments of \$253.90. Due Date is February 1, 2022.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN INVOICE, PLEASE EMAIL THE WCC OFFICE AT WEST-BURYCC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

WESTBURY CIVIC CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, February 17, 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 an Open House event on Thursday, February 17, 5-7PM. We last had an open house in February 2020 before the pandemic started and we are excited to host this event again.

This Open House event is part of our "I LOVE Westbury" theme for February. Our office is located near the intersection of West Belfort 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. You can also pick up a fun "I Love Westbury" sticker.



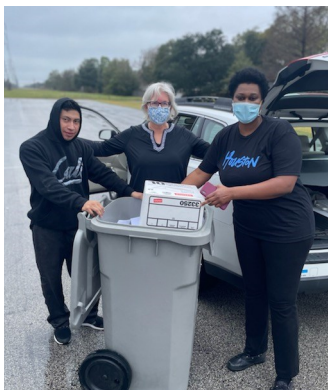
Are you curious about the Westbury Civic Club? We have interesting maps and historical items on display in the office. Do you want to purchase a "I LOVE Westbury" sign? Those wonderful signs are a senior class fundraiser for Westbury High School, and the WCC office will be happy to sell one to you for the modest price of \$5 each. Do you want to pay your 2022 dues in person? Bravo, we can help with that, too! Anyone who pays their 2022 dues in person at the open house will be entered to win a fun Westbury raffle prize!

If you have not recently visited our office, the Westbury Civic Club relocated five years ago into new office space at the Westbury Professional Building at 5322 West Belfort, 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.

Shred Day in Westbury

District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum hosted a Community Shred Day at Westbury United Methodist Church in January. Westbury and other area residents were able to have 7,500 pounds of documents safely shredded! That is almost 4 tons of paper.

It is important for people to dispose of documents properly to protect their privacy and to maintain adequate security for sensitive information and paperwork.



WESTBURY LEADERS TAKE ON CITY VOLUNTEER ROLES

Cindy Chapman was elected Chair of the Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA) in January. The Super Neighborhood Alliance is an organization comprised of the Presidents, or Chairs, of Super Neighborhood Councils and serves as a formal advisory board to the Mayor and city government on community matters. Cindy has been the president of the Westbury SuperNeighborhood for many years. She was the guest speaker at the WAIC's (Westbury Area Improvement Corporation) January meeting and talked about topics of interest at the January SNA meeting where Mayor Turner fielded questions from the SNA members. Looking forward in 2022, the Noise ordinance as well as the Sidewalk ordinance are hot topics as is the Solid Waste Department. All of these issues are important to the quality of life across the City as well as in Westbury.



Becky Edmondson was selected as Vice Chair of Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB). Becky has served on the Houston Clean City commission as the Council District representative for District K since 2015. Keep Houston Beautiful has been an important partner to the Westbury area. In 2005, Westbury received a Green Thumb grant and worked on the two miles of Hillcroft: planting 100 trees, removing the invasive Chinese tallow, creating a raingarden, creating a demonstration mulch trail and mulching all the existing trees. In 2010, Westbury received a grant through KHB from Scotts Miracle Gro to create the Westbury Community Garden. For two decades, Westbury has hosted a Keep Houston Beautiful Day event. Mark your calendars for this year's event on April 2.



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Westbury Civic Club 2022 Approved Budget

General Income

Associate Sponsorship	\$3,650
Mandatory Assessments	\$95,000
Voluntary WCC Dues	\$46,000
Westbury Area Patrol Voluntary (Restricted)	\$197,335
Community Garage Sale	\$2,000
Crier Advertising Fees	\$36,000
Refinancing Fees	\$6,000
Transfer Fees	\$35,000
Resale Certificates	\$1,000
Interest Income	\$500

Total General Income

\$422,485

Program Expenses

Crier Printing & Expenses	\$46,560
Community Garage Sale Expense	\$2,000
Programs and Hospitality	\$1,000
Water, Plants, Supplies, and Equipment	\$5,000
Harris County Constable Fee (3 Deputies)	\$265,475

Total Program Expenses

\$320,035

General Expenses

Books, Subscriptions, Dues	\$100
Postage, Mailing Service	\$3,500
Printing and Copying	\$2,500
Supplies	\$500
Training and Education	\$100
Bank and PayPal Fees	\$5,600
Computer and Software	\$9,000
Insurance	\$6,000
Payroll Expenses	\$50,000
Contact Services—Accounting/Legal	\$7,000
Facilities and Equipment (Rent, Utilities)	\$18,150

Total General Expenses

\$102,450

TOTAL: Program + General Expenses

\$422,485

2022 Budget Discussion

In October, the WCC board created a Budget Committee, chaired by Treasurer Becky Edmondson, to review the current budget and make recommendations for next year's 2022 budget. The Budget Committee members were: Becky Edmondson, Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, Tony Robert, Jonathan Hansen, and Lindsey Pollock.

The committee made several recommendations during the November WCC board meeting to increase income or to adjust expenses. The committee and the board were very concerned that the 2021 year would have a deficit and would need to draw from past savings.

Recommendations were made to increase income: Bring back the associate sponsorship program to solicit contributions from the business community and other supporters of the WCC. Increase advertising rates in the monthly newsletter and add more advertising. Increase the recommended voluntary payments from the current \$360 to proposed \$365 annually. Send a postcard mailout with a payment QR code to all owners in January. The board approved a motion to increase the voluntary payment rate from \$360 to \$365 as recommended, with a discussion that it is preferable to make a small increase each year rather than a larger increase every couple years.

Recommended adjustments to expenses include: Increase budget for Greenspace activities from \$2,000 to \$5,000 plus plan to use volunteers as much as possible; add more costs for printing for additional billing mailouts for contributions during 2022; and do 3 billing mailouts. Computer software costs are anticipated to be lower.

The Budget committee also recommended setting up a separate committee to review WCC Operations with the purpose of implementing continuous improvements. The WCC board approved a motion to create the committee, to be chaired by Lindsay Pollock. Office Manager Jennifer Edmondson will be a key member in the WCC Operations committee.

The 2022 budget, as seen to the left, was approved at the January 2022 Westbury Civic Club board meeting.



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Westbury High School Proud!

There is a lot of good news coming out of Westbury High School even though COVID has challenged attendance for both students and teachers.



In the January Battle of the Bands competition, held in Arlington, both the Westbury Marching Band and the Blue Diamonds took first place! Congratulations!

In the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art competition, Westbury High School had 6 winners/ finalists. One student, Jocelyn Ajucum, will have her work displayed at NRG and is in the running for a big prize. Congratulations to art teachers Ms. Kennison-Lewis, Ms. Fuchs and the talented students!



In sporting news, Ludreche Bouanga, a 2016 Westbury graduate now working at Westbury High School as an hourly lecturer and assisting in the IT department and in Track and Field, ran in the Houston marathon, his first marathon. He finished with a 6.04 min/mile which placed him 137 out of the 6,688 runners. He is now qualified to run in the Boston marathon. Congratulations, Ludreche Bouanga!



Calling all zoned Kindergarten students for 2022-2023!!

It's time to register/enroll at Parker!!!

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year will begin on **February 15, 2022.**

All forms will be available on the Parker Website: www.houstonisd.org/Parkerelem
All forms must be submitted for the registration packet to be complete.

Kindergarten Round-up
will be on March 10, 2022 at 8:15 A.M.

Virtual or Face to Face to be announced.
Please check the Parker Website for updates.
For questions contact the main office at 713-726-3634.

Theresa Pollard Burkart (1964-2021)

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Theresa Pollard Burkart. She passed away on January 20 leaving behind her husband, Ernest, and son, Orion. Theresa was a lifelong Westbury resident, graduating from Westbury High School in 1983.

Over a span of more than 30 years, hundreds of Westbury youngsters were introduced to the sport of swimming by Theresa. Theresa Pollard was only a teenager when she started coaching the Westbury Swim Team at the City Pool at Westbury Park. "The city started up a free swimming program and the lifeguards weren't crazy about doing it, so I volunteered," she said in an interview back in 2007. Little did she know that nearly 30 years later, she'd still be team coach. Even though the City of Houston discontinued its free summer swim league program around 2004, Pollard and some dedicated parent volunteers took it upon themselves to make sure Westbury's swim team didn't dissolve. In 2006, when the City wanted to fill in the swimming pool at Westbury Park and replace it with a splash pad, Theresa was one of the voices who successfully insisted that having a public swimming pool and teaching children to swim was important. The swimming pool at Westbury Park was kept and improved.



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2022 Primary Elections

We take great pride that voters in Westbury are engaged and vote at a higher rate than is typical in Houston and Texas. The 2022 Texas primary elections for the Democratic and Republican parties are Tuesday, March 1. We encourage you to research the candidates and select your choices in the 2022 primary elections. The League of Women Voters Houston is non-partisan and publishes a Candidate Guide which displays info provided by candidates.

During the 2022 primary elections, Republicans and Democrats will choose which of their candidates will run in the main November election. This primary election will focus on primary candidates for federal, state, and county contests.

What primary do I vote in?

Texas is an open primary state, so registered voters may vote in either primary without declaring a party affiliation until you arrive at the voting center.

Can I vote in both primaries?

No, you may only vote in one party's primary. If there is a primary runoff election, you can only vote in the runoff for the party you voted in during the primary. So if you voted in the Republican primary election, you cannot then vote in a Democratic primary runoff or vice versa.

Can I vote in a runoff election if I did not vote in the primary election?

Yes, you can.

What is on the Primary Ballot?

Federal primary races are for US Representatives.

Statewide primary races include Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of the General Land Office (GLO), Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, State Senators, State Representatives, many judicial positions, and more.

County primary races include County Judge, District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and many judicial positions.

Go to harrisvotes.com to see a copy of your sample ballot.

How do I know which elections I vote in?

Some contests are statewide, such as Governor. But for local representation races, your address determines which races you will vote in. The State of Texas and Harris County have redrawn the political maps used in elections, so most Westbury residents are now in different districts than in the past. Maps and information will be available at the Harris County Elections website at www.HarrisVotes.com.

What do I need to bring to vote?

State law requires registered voters to present one of 7 forms of identification in order to vote in person at a polling location. They include: Texas driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS, Texas personal identification card issued by DPS, Texas license to carry a handgun issued by DPS, US military ID card containing person's photograph, US citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph, US passport.

Who can vote via mail?

The State of Texas only allows registered voters to cast a mail-in ballot in certain circumstances. To be able to vote by mail in Texas you must meet one of the following requirements: be 65 years or older; be sick or disabled; be out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance; be expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day (this is new change to State law). Please be aware that State law has changed about ID to request a mail in ballot and to return your ballot – you must provide either your Driver's License Number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number, and the information you provide must match information already on file. Consider providing both.

Where are the primary polling locations?

This information was not available when the Crier went to print. You can vote at any polling location in Harris County for Early Voting or for Election Day. This means you can vote near home, near work, near school, or anywhere in Harris County. As we learn more details about locations, we will post the information on the WCC Facebook page. You can also **check www.harrisvotes.com for the most up to date information from the Harris County Election.**



Important Dates

January 31

Last day to register to vote.

February 14—February 25

Early voting in person at any early polling location in Harris County

February 18

Last day to apply for a request for ballot by mail to be RECEIVED (not postmarked, but RECEIVED by Harris County election). To qualify for Ballot by Mail, you need to be over 65 or qualify for certain specific reasons.

March 1

Election Day. You can vote at any valid polling location within Harris County.

March 1

Last day for mail-in ballots to be postmarked. If they are postmarked by March 1, they need to be received by the county by March 3.



Polling Machine Information

Harris County is using new voting machines. Voting is now a 2-step process. First you will select your choices on a touchscreen and print out a copy of your vote. Then for step 2, you will take your printed ballot to the machine where the vote will be recorded. This process is a bit more time consuming than using the previous machines and more issues were reported at the last election. Bring your patience to the polls!

You can vote at any polling location in Harris County for Early Voting and for Election Day!

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Animal Regulation Changes in Houston

In good news for our furry friends, city council in January unanimously approved changes to Houston animal regulations. “For the most part, all of these changes were really supported by the animal welfare community,” said At-Large Council Member Sallie Alcorn, who led the committee which crafted the revisions. This was the first revision since 2014. Here is a summary of the changes.

Mandatory Microchipping: Currently, the City of Houston requires all pets to be licensed. Now pet owners will have to microchip pet dogs and cats. This change will make it easier to return lost pets to their owners and eliminate the need to bring rescued pets to the shelter for intake and care. While the ordinance changes will be effective immediately, the Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC) is committed to a year-long education effort on the new requirement. Federal funds are being requested to host several free microchipping events citywide. For more information on how to microchip your pet, consult your vet or the BARC website.

Updating “Adequate Shelter” Standards: In line with recent changes to state law, this requires that outdoor animals always have access to clean drinking water and a shelter that is clean, sturdy, and provides protection from the weather.

Puppy Mill Retail Sales: This revision will require all pet stores within city limits to sell only dogs and cats sourced from a humane organization or municipal/county animal shelter. City officials and advocates said most reputable breeders do not sell their animals to pet stores, which means they will not be affected by the changes.

Aggressive and Dangerous Dogs: By updating this ordinance to mirror changes in state law, the procedure to designate a “dangerous dog” will be streamlined, strengthening the response to animals that attack other animals and keeping Houston neighborhoods safe.

Stray Animals: This revision reduces the hold time on strays at BARC from 72 to 48 hours to allow for adoptions or transfers for animals without microchips. Also, all animals will be required to be spayed or neutered before leaving BARC’s possession.

More money has been allocated to help reduce the pet population. In December, City Council approved an additional \$500,000 to BARC for expanded spay and neuter services across the city. In January, Mayor Turner announced plans to allocate an additional \$1 million (from federal funds) to spay and neuter 10,000 more pets. Given the sheer size of Houston and the fact that thousands of stray animals roam the streets each day, a strategic approach is critical to ensuring a true reduction in pet overpopulation across the community over time.

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If you have questions, email houspayneuter@houstonpetset.org

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Westbury MailBag

The Westbury Civic Club gets hundreds of emails and calls a month and many people have the same questions. This monthly feature will contain current hot topic and questions!



Q: What is going on with trash collection? Why is the City always late?

A: The City Solid Waste Department is extremely understaffed. They do not have enough drivers to handle all the routes and collection days. In order to still collect all of our trash, the City consolidated some of the schedules temporarily. It is unclear how long this staffing shortage will affect them. Westbury's scheduled recycling collection day is Thursday. Due to the City driver shortage, Thursday recycling is currently being collected on Saturdays or Sundays. The WCC recommends that you still place your recycling can on the curb for Thursday collection, but be aware that the City is likely going to be late.

Q: Why did my recycling get picked up by a blue truck?

A: The color of trash truck does NOT indicate what type of trash is being collected. Many years ago, the recycling trucks were all green, but that has not been the case for several years. If a blue truck collects your recycling can, it does NOT mean it is not being recycled. It just means that is the truck the City is using to collect the recycling that day. If you ever see a City trash truck collect your black and green can in the same truck at the same time, then you should assume it is not being recycled, but the color of truck no longer indicates the type of trash being collected.

If you have any questions you would like featured in the Crier, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Message from Ted Heap, Pct. 5 Constable

Constable Ted Heap and the entire Precinct 5 family mourn the loss of one of their own, Corporal Charles Galloway, who was shot and killed in January in Southwest Houston. Corporal Galloway joined the Precinct 5 family in 2009, serving the residents of Harris County for more than 12 years, most recently in the Toll Road Division, where he served as a Field Training Officer. He was 47 years old.

"Corporal Galloway did not have an opportunity to defend himself in this brutal attack," said Constable Heap. "We cannot have people like this on our streets. I do not want to raise my family, my grandchildren, in a county where this type of crime is running rampant."

"Corporal Galloway was very much loved by the men and women he served with," said Constable Heap. "There's a lot of broken up officers who he meant a lot to in their lives."

The Houston Police Department is investigating. The suspect has not been apprehended as of print time.

How do I contact the Constables?

Call the Precinct 5 Constables Dispatcher at **281.463.6666**. When you call dispatch, be sure they get the correct name and spelling of your street. Have them repeat it back to you. Many streets have similar sounding names. Be sure to tell them you are in the Westbury contract.

Request a Vacation Watch

Going on a vacation? Well, if you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables. This is a great service that is included in our contract. A deputy will check out your property at least once a day to make sure it is secured and nothing suspicious is going on.

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






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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

December 24, 2021— January 24, 2022
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
12200	Ashcroft	Theft—Other	1/11	10AM	Westbury 4
11500	Atwell	Theft— other	1/10	7PM	Westbury 3
6000	Benning	Theft from Motor Vehicle	12/28	8PM	Westbury 5
10700	Clematis	Auto Theft	12/27	2AM	Westbury 1
11000	Doud	Auto Theft	1/15	10PM	Westbury 1
11400	Dunlap	Robbery	12/24	12PM	Parkwest 3
11500	Gaymoor	Theft of Motor Vehicle parts	12/27	11AM	Westbury 3
11100	Hillcroft	Theft— other	12/29	2PM	Westbury 5
12000	Hillcroft	Auto Theft	12/29	2PM	Westbury 4
6000	Hummingbird	Simple Assault	12/30	5PM	Westbury 5
10700	Kirkside	Theft from Motor Vehicle	12/30	2PM	Westbury 5
10700	Mullins	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	1/4	6PM	Parkwest 2
10900	Mullins	Theft— other	12/28	8PM	Parkwest 2
5700	Southminster	Vandalism, Destruction, Damage	1/16	1AM	Westbury South
5100	W Belfort	Auto Theft	1/2	12AM	Westbury 1
5100	W Belfort	Theft of motor vehicle parts	1/8	2PM	Westbury 1
5400	Willowbend	Theft—other	1/12	12AM	Westbury 2

-  Theft from Motor Vehicle
 -  Auto Theft
 -  Theft—other
 -  Burglary
 -  Robbery
 -  Assault
 -  Property Damage
- The crimes listed took place between December 24, 2021 thru January 24, 2022. 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/ Public
Aggravated Assault	0	10	1	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	5	1	3
Burglary	1	4	0	1
Robbery	1	1	3	0
Simple Assault	1	13	7	0
Shoplifting	0	0	3	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	1	1	0
Vandalism, Damage	1	6	1	0
Auto Theft	4	7	0	0
Fraud/Identity Theft	0	0	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	2	6	0	0
Theft—Other	5	1	0	0
Sexual Offense	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0
DUI	0	0	0	3
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	1	0	0
Theft from Building	0	0	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	17	48	18	8

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Commercial Updates

Hobby Lobby - The Hobby Lobby craft store on the West Loop frontage road near Meyerland Plaza closed in January. Rumors continue that this will become an Academy Sporting Goods store.

JoAnn's Fabrics Store – A future JoAnn's Fabric and Craft store is depicted on the map of Meyerland Plaza by the shopping center owner Fidelis, lease pending. The site is shown where the former SteinMart was located next to the Office Depot, across from Target. JoAnn's is a fabric and craft store.

Spec's – The Spec's store, near Stella Link and Braeswood, is the last tenant remaining at that shopping center before the center is torn down. Rumors continue that it will be moving into the old Best Buy store location at Meyerland Plaza, across from the Target.

Dick's Sporting Goods – Dick's is currently remodeling the former Bed Bath and Beyond space facing Beechnut. March 2022 is the projected opening.

Car Wash on SPO - A sign is posted that a CarWash is coming at the site of the former CiCi's Pizza, located on South Post Oak near Willowbend.

Gas Stations/ Convenience Stores – There are 3 in progress in Westbury. The store at the corner of West Airport/Hillcroft is nearing the completion of its expansion/remodel and looks like it may open soon. The building at the corner of West Bellfort near the Autozone is in progress and the pad for its future car wash was recently poured. This building will have a convenience store, a deli, and a Sonic drive thru. The building on West Bellfort across from the Home Depot driveway is progressing, it will be a gas station and convenience store.

FREE COVID N95 Masks

The US government will distribute 400 million "N95" masks from the national strategic stockpile. These masks will be free, while supplies last. The masks will be shipped to pharmacies and community health centers. Pharmacies which have agreed to distribute the free masks include: CVS, Target, Walgreens, and WalMart. The masks distributed will be masks designed for adult faces. The White House said that, "to ensure broad access for all Americans, there will be three masks available per person."

Free COVID Testing Kits

The federal government has launched COVIDTests.gov, the website for Americans to order free COVID test kits. Each household can request four at-home COVID-19 tests, with orders expected to ship beginning at the end of January via the US Postal Service. Order your tests now so you will have them when you need them. These are rapid antigen at-home tests, also referred to as self-tests or over-the-counter tests. Go to the website to order the testing kits: www.COVIDtests.gov

Health insurance providers became responsible for covering eight at-home COVID tests per month per individual. Customers can be reimbursed for COVID kits up to \$12 per test, or receive free tests at no cost from participating in-network pharmacies.

Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19

(data from publichealthharriscountytx.gov)

	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
2/23/21	2,613	1,943	170,667
3/29/21	2,752	2,069	182,440
4/25/21	2,837	2,126	189,585
5/19/21	2,863	2,152	192,238
6/28/21	2,842	2,153	192,674
7/28/21	2,920	2,216	197,088
8/24/21	3,409	2,675	233,287
9/28/21	3,927	3,139	271,395
10/25/21	4,053	3,252	281,913
11/22/21	4,124	3,332	287,932
12/29/21	4,465	3,713	312,298
1/24/22	5,997	5,187	399,987

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Join us as we look back twelve years....



Twelve years ago there was an unused weedy 7-acre tract of land a block from Hillcroft near South Main



A group of intrepid gardeners wanted to start a community garden in Westbury.



Working with Keep Houston Beautiful and Leadership Houston Class XXVII, the Westbury Civic Club, and the WAIC, this dream came to life with the garden ground breaking in February 2010.



In March 2010, 40 raised garden beds were built during a huge workday with hundreds of volunteers.



A native-plant water-smart demonstration garden was added along with the June Holley Leadership Houston Educational pavilion and an orchard of fruit trees in April 2010.



The Westbury Community Garden NOW 2022!

Native Plant Presentation

The Westbury Crier has run articles in the past encouraging residents to use native plants in their yard. There will be a presentation by nationally-renowned speaker, Dr. Douglas W. Tallamy, speaking about "Nature's Best Hope" at the 2022 Thomas Horticulture Lecture sponsored by The Garden Club of Houston. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Tallamy's first book, "Bringing Nature Home", changed the conversation about gardening in America, specifically noting how wildlife populations are in decline because the native plants they depend on are fast disappearing. His solution? Plant more natives. His second book, the New York Times bestseller "Nature's Best Hope", urges homeowners to take conservation into their own hands by creating home gardens that bridge the gaps between parks and preserves in providing habitat for native species. His latest effort to encourage using native plants in home landscapes is "Start a New Habitat: Homegrown National Park" – www.homegrownnationalpark.org

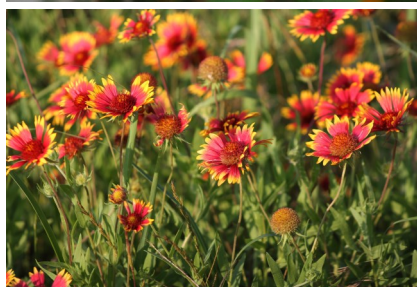
Wednesday, February 16

9:30AM — Doors open

10:00AM — Presentation

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Bagby Hall
Woodway at 717 Sage Road, 77056

What is an easy step recommended by Dr. Tallamy to make your yard more enticing and helpful to wildlife? If you intend to add a tree in your yard, consider using a native tree. For example, he says that an Oak tree can support more than 534 different species of moths and



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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Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to the January WOW: Working on Westbury litter cleanup at the Willow Waterhole. Approximately 45 volunteers came out to clean up litter, including a large group from the Bellaire High School National Honor Society. It was a great afternoon and we look forward to our next WOW event in February.

The next Working on Westbury event will be held at the Willow Waterhole on Saturday, February 19 from 9 to 10:30AM. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Dryad. This is a great volunteer activity for the whole family. We look forward to seeing you at the next WOW event.



Top: Early group of volunteers at the January WOW event

Right: The Mulligan family came to Work on Westbury



NEXT WOW Event

Saturday, February 19
9-10:30AM

Litter Clean-up at the Willow Waterhole

UPCOMING



***Sunday, March 27
2:30-4PM**

***Saturday, April 2
9-12PM**

*Look for more information in upcoming Westbury Criers.

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Levitt Pavilion Houston Update

Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD), with Lionheart Places and Natalye Appel + Associates Architects, is leading the master planning for the 29-acre "Gasmer Redevelopment Site", formerly Shell Technical Center @ 5521 Gasmer Road. Lionheart held a kickoff meeting in December with a steering team assembled by BOMD. Additional steering team meetings and two public open houses are scheduled for first half of 2022. The District has already completed a survey of the site. See page 1 for Open House Tour on February 12.

"We see this being repurposed as a lifestyle center," said Ben Brewer, retiring Executive Director of the District. "The four key components of this plan will be to honor the past history of the site; to serve as a detention area for flood waters; to place the Levitt Pavilion Houston, an outdoor music pavilion, in this location; and to reuse and re-purpose the rest of the area." Eventually, the fences separating Willow Waterhole Greenway and the Gasmer Redevelopment Project will be removed, resulting in one contiguous green space.

Concurrent with master planning, the Levitt Pavilion Houston Board continues to develop the Pavilion's design with Studio Red Architects. "We plan to open in 2024 on two to three acres and share parking, restrooms, and other amenities with the redeveloped Gasmer site," said Howard Sacks, Levitt Pavilion Houston Board Chair.

As planning continues, finding funding sources is paramount. The recently announced Kinder Foundation Gift to Willow Waterhole Greenway of up to \$4M is transformative for its financial impact and serves as a catalyst for other donors to consider the full vision:

Willow Waterhole Greenway, Levitt Pavilion Houston, and Gasmer Redevelopment Project.

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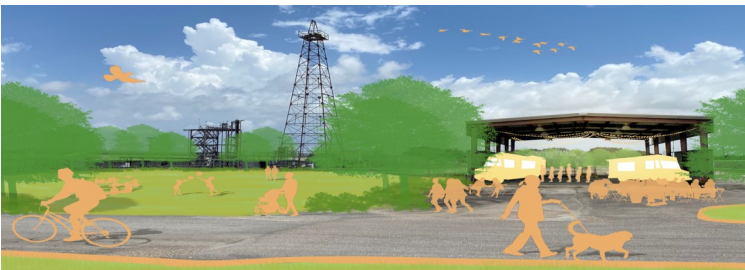


Gasmer Site Open House Saturday, February 12, TBD

Details were still being worked out as the Crier went to print, but we are excited to share that an Open House of the “Gasmer Site”, next to Willow Waterhole, will be held on **Saturday, February 12**. This site will be home to the Levitt Pavilion and more.

The Brays Oaks Management District is leading an effort to envision the future of this site, in association with the City of Houston, Lionheart Places, Natalye Appel + Associates Architects (designers of the fun St. Arnold Beer Garden and also the amazing Levy Park), and others.

This Open House is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the 29-acre Gasmer site and to provide their thoughts and input to the creative team. For more details about times and RSVP process, check out the Brays Oaks Management District website, www.braysoaks.com and the Westbury Houston Facebook page.



New Trees Planted

Twenty-five trees were planted at Willow Lake along Gasmer to create a green screen of Waste Management and the crushed concrete operations. The Conservancy requested new trees from HCFCD. Their Forestry Department responded in a big and very generous way! The size and positioning of the trees provided instant results, they will also benefit a future trail planned around Willow Lake.



KEEPING THE WILLOW WATERHOLE CLEAN

Litter throughout the Willow Waterhole is always a challenge. Every month, volunteers come with trash sacks and grabbers to pick up what inconsiderate litter bugs leave behind for others to clean up. In January, volunteers from Congregation Beth Yeshurun brought with them an amazingly enthusiastic group of children who helped fill 16 bags with trash! The Westbury Civic Club also hosted a cleanup at Westbury Lake on Sunday, January 23.



THANK YOU TROOP 99!

Scout Troop 99 at St. Thomas More is a big partner of the Willow Waterhole Conservancy. Scouts have completed 20 Eagle and Gold Award projects at the Willow Waterhole. Additionally, they help maintain the Bayou Trail. The past two winters, the scouts have cleared non-native and fast-growing invasive brush from the tree groves along the trail. In January, 30 scouts and their parents worked through blustery conditions to remove a huge volume of brush, rake the trail, and apply sealant to tree ID posts. This should allow native plants that have been crowded out by the invasive plants to now flourish.



Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

What: Audubon Society Bird Survey

When: Saturday, February 19, 7-9AM

Where: Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

For more information, visit the Houston Audubon website, <https://houstonaudubon.org/>

Westbury Civic Club Open House Thursday, February 17, 5-7PM

Come visit with WCC board members, tour the WCC office, and see historic photos of Westbury!



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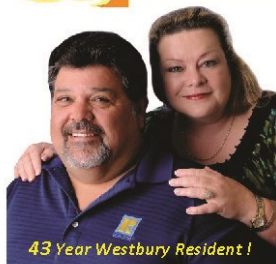


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