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KEEP WESTBURY BEAUTIFUL

Saturday, April 6, 9AM –12PM
Westbury Park, 5630 Stillbrooke

Join the Westbury Civic Club at Westbury Park on Saturday, April 6, from 9AM to Noon for Keep Westbury Beautiful Day. We will be cleaning out the butterfly garden, spreading mulch, planting new plants, and picking up litter. This is a good service day for the entire family. The WCC will provide gloves, shovels, and pizza for volunteers. Read more about this volunteer opportunity on page 9.



THE FRIENDS OF WESTBURY HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

PRESENTS



The Sky's The Limit

2024 SCHOLARSHIP GALA DINNER & SILENT AUCTION



APRIL 27
SATURDAY @ 6PM

LEARN MORE ON PAGE 10

STAY INFORMED

Spellman Detention Basin Virtual Community Meeting March 28, 5:30PM

Learn more this topic and meeting on page 11.



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BRAES RESALE SHOP

NEW Location IN Westbury
5343 W. Bellfort
Store Hours—
Monday-Saturday 10AM-4PM

The Braes Resale shop is a donation oriented resale shop. For every dollar in profit that we make, we send that money to our pantry to help families in need and we are able to purchase food from the Houston Food Bank.

The new Braes Resale location is 5343 W. Bellfort, located in the same area as Chase Bank and the 99 Cent Store. For long time residents, this is old location of Eckerds and CVS drug stores.

Online Owner Portal

Have you joined the new owner portal? We have over 600 owners already registered. This portal isn't just about paying dues and assessments. It is two-way communication. You can message us, submit house plans, ask questions and it will remain in your history. We can email you the Crier newsletter, security notices, surveys, etc.

Join today and
 get connected!



HEAVY TRASH

March 2024
 Thursday, March 14
TREE WASTE ONLY

April 2024
 Thursday, April 11
JUNK WASTE

May 2024
 Thursday, May 9
TREE WASTE ONLY

RECYCLING

March 2024
 Thursday, March 21

April 2024
 Thursday, April 4
 Thursday, April 18

May 2024
 Thursday, May 2
 Thursday, May 16
 Thursday, May 30

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

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

Westbury Civic Club Office
Monday—Thursday—Appointment needed
WCC Office Closed Friday—Sunday

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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
County Commissioner Lesley Briones.....832-927-4444
Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmd.org
Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.org
Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use “report a problem” link
Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661
Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000
Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

2024 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WESTBURY CIVIC CLUB TREASURER

Dear Westbury residents,

Every now and then, the WCC President turns the monthly president's message over to the Treasurer. March is my month! First, I want to thank everyone who has paid their 2024 dues and give a special thank you to those who paid extra. Our budget is \$434,200 and to date we've collected \$177,000.

Our new online portal, PayHOA, is running and functioning. This is the best way for us to communicate directly with you and for you to communicate with us. You can activate your account without paying your dues online. It is first and foremost a great communication tool in this modern age.

Each month we email the Crier to those who have activated their accounts. We will soon be sending security updates and crime reports via email as well. Surveys and polls will be activated later this year. You can send requests to the civic club and they are documented in your account as well as our responses.

If you have not activated your PayHOA account yet, just visit our website www.westburyhouston.com and look for the owner portal tab. Please join us!

This is not a new plea. In fact, The WCC has been working for almost 70 years to make Westbury a desirable and viable neighborhood. I'd like to share the very first President's message that was published in that first Crier in July of 1956. Even now, 68 years later it still holds true.

"Although the WCC has been in existence only a few months, the remarkable progress that has been made by its committees exemplifies the enthusiastic spirit of the fine people of Westbury. Their untiring efforts, time and planning will continue to meet real needs in which to make a better community for us to live.

However, just a few individuals cannot accomplish the many needed proposals, projects and programs in such a rapidly growing area. It will take the best efforts of every family.

Membership is the lifeblood of any organization. We appeal to you now. If you are not already a member, please join immediately, or at least attend the next meeting. See for yourself what is being planned for your benefit.

By the end of August, let's have 100% membership of families living in Westbury, I know that we can count on you, because Westbury is a community of fine people.

Respectfully, Don Halbert, President"

So what do you say Westbury? Won't you log in and join the portal? Will you send in your dues to help keep the Constable program going strong? Will you join me in working to make Westbury the very best neighborhood it can be? I hope so, because, as Don Halbert pointed out 68 years ago, a handful of individuals cannot get it all done! We need you! Come to the next WCC board meeting!

Looking forward to meeting you,
Becky Edmondson
WCC Treasurer

Are You a Good Neighbor?

Written by Becky Edmondson

The majority of Westbury residents are good neighbors. I'd even go so far as to say Westbury has some of the best neighbors anywhere! I know I am blessed to have wonderful neighbors. But for some of you that have bad neighbors, it is constant stress. And sometimes, it's just the little things that annoy us. Here is a list of items that we hear a lot from residents that they wish they could tell their neighbors.

- ◆ Please mow and edge your lawn regularly.
- ◆ Please clean up the junk on your driveway and along the side of your house. No one likes to look at other peoples trash and junk all the time.
- ◆ Do not park in your yard or in the esplanade.
- ◆ Make sure your dogs are not constantly barking. Ask your neighbors if barking is an issue.
- ◆ Please park more thoughtfully.
- ◆ Please mind noise levels after 10PM.
- ◆ Please take down your holiday decorations in a timely manner.
- ◆ Do not run a business out of your home. It is a nuisance for neighbors, causing increased traffic and other annoyances.

And remember, I am your neighbor. If you need help, ask me. We all need help at some point.

February 2024 Board Notes

- ◆ Public Safety – Sgt. Derkowski from Constable Precinct 5 discussed February crime stats. They had a team working speeding in Westbury and, in a 2-hour period, stopped 40 cars, all going 50 mph or higher.
- ◆ Traffic Study presented by Public Works regarding safety concerns and request by WCC for a traffic signal at West Bellfort at Burdine. A spirited discussion ensued. See page 7.
- ◆ Infrastructure updates – pending demolition of Spring Village Apt on Chimney Rock for greenspace/ detention, see page 11. New excess stormwater overflows installed along Willow Waterhole Bayou on 8 lots owned by city.
- ◆ Motion approved to support a grant request by WAIC/ Westbury SuperNeighborhood for public art in Westbury (two mini-murals painted on traffic signal control boxes proposed – new one near library on Chimney Rock and repaint an existing one at West Bellfort/Willowbend). The WCC submitted a letter of support.

NEXT
WCC Board
Meeting
Wednesday, 7PM
March 20
April 17
May 15
Westbury Baptist Church
10425 Hillcroft, Game Room

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



Supervisor— Dajai Tennard
Email—Dajai.Tennard@houstontx.gov

Platou Center is open from 11AM—7PM,
Monday—Friday

Coming Soon to the Platou
New Genealogy Classes
Need more people to start the class,
please contact host if interested.
Hosted by Pat Melcalfe
Contact Pat at 713-208-1083

SPRING ACTIVITY CLASS SCHEDULE

- Senior Fitness — M/W/F, 9:30-10:15AM
- Table Tennis — M/F, 10:30AM-12:30PM
- Quilting — Tuesday, 9:30AM –1:30PM
- Senior Games — Wed, 10:30AM—12:30PM
- Chair Yoga — Thursday, 10-11AM
- Line Dancing—Thursday, 11AM-12PM

2024 Platou Center Social Events

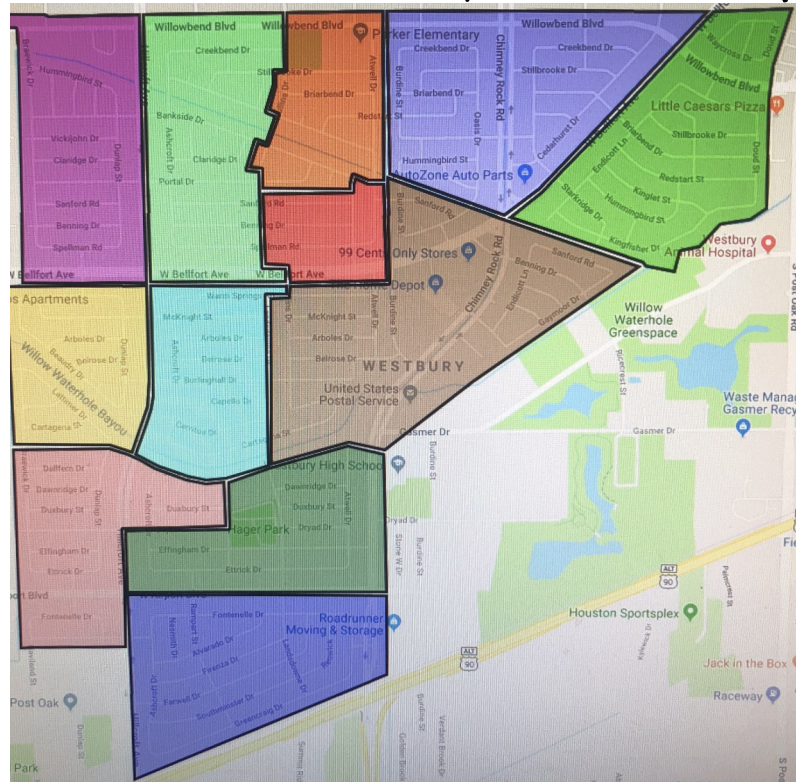
- ★ Spring Fling Brunch -April 17
- ★ April Family Day—Saturday, April 27
Painting in the park picnic style
- ★ Summer Daze- May 28

WESTBURY LIBRARY OPENING SPRING 2024

More information coming soon.



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.

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	445 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



March 2024 Events & Meetings

Thurs 14	Heavy Trash—Tree Waste ONLY	
Sat 16	Audubon Bird Survey Willow Waterhole, 5310 S. Willow See page 15 for more information	8AM
Wed 20	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting	9:30AM
Wed 20	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft, Game Room	7PM
Thurs 28	Virtual Community Meeting Spellman Detention Basin See page 11 for more information	5:30PM

April 2024 Events & Meetings

Sat 6	Keep Westbury Beautiful Meet at Westbury Park, 5630 Stillbrooke See page 1 and 9 for more information	
Thurs 11	Heavy Trash - Junk Waste	
Wed 17	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting	9:30AM
Wed 17	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft, Game Room	7PM
Sat 20	Audubon Bird Survey Willow Waterhole, 5310 S. Willow See page 15 for more information	8AM
Sat 27	Westbury High School Gala Braeburn Country Club For more information, see page 10	6-10PM



Follow Westbury Houston on Facebook for announcements, reminders, and updates

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.

March 2024

Thursday, March 21

April 2024

Thursday, April 4
Thursday, April 18

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.

March 2024

TREE WASTE ONLY
Thursday, March 14

April 2024

JUNK WASTE
Thursday, April 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.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

Support the Westbury Civic Club Pay your 2024 Voluntary Dues TODAY!

Westbury is a unique neighborhood with the majority of the 5,000 homes having voluntary dues. Only about 450 homes in Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2 have Mandatory Assessments. The active participation of volunteers and yearly dues contributions help the Westbury Civic Club achieve our goal and remain active in the City of Houston. The total voluntary dues requested for 2024 is \$385. This includes the WCC Dues and Westbury Area Patrol.

PLEASE NOTE: All homes are subject to the deed restrictions whether the dues are paid or not. All sections of Westbury and Parkwest have ACTIVE deed restrictions.

How To Pay Your Dues/Assessments

There are several ways to pay your dues or assessments.

1. Activate your NEW online portal and pay directly online either via credit card or bank account.
*Once your account is activated (the WCC office must approve), you can view invoices, make payments, setup payment plans, make requests, view calendar and much more. Use the this handy QR to start your online account today!
2. Hand deliver* or mail a check to the WCC Office.
5322 W. Bellfort, Suite 100, Houston, TX, 77035
Make checks payable to the Westbury Civic Club
*There is a drop slot located at the bottom of the WCC office door.
3. Pay via PayPal. You may choose a specific amount or use the custom payment option to enter any amount or additional donation. You can find the link to our paypal page on our new website, www.westburyhouston.com.



2024 WESTBURY VOLUNTARY DUES

Westbury Civic Club Dues - \$60

The WCC has been vital in keeping Westbury a desirable neighborhood over the past 60 years. The WCC helps maintain 7 miles of esplanades, issues the Westbury Crier monthly newsletter, enforces deed restrictions, provides community events and acts as a very important liaison with the City of Houston while advocating for Westbury. In a City the size of Houston, it is important to make sure you have someone representing you and your neighborhood. The WCC has done a good job of maintaining Westbury for over 60 years. Your contribution helps covers everything needed to operate and maintain the services we provide, this includes office rent, utilities, insurance, postage, printing, legal and professional fees, salary, etc. The WCC has one employee and all other work is done by Westbury board member volunteers, this allows us to keep our costs lower.

Westbury Area Constable Patrol - \$325

The WCC has a contract with Harris County, Precinct 5, Contract Deputy Program to patrol Westbury and provide 24-hour response. This program is referred to as the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). The WAP currently consists of three Constables (2 Deputies and 1 Sergeant) that are assigned patrol Westbury daily. The Contract Deputy Program is designed so that even when a Westbury deputy is unavailable, the next closest Pct. 5 Constable will be dispatched. Several of our bordering neighborhoods (Meyerland, Maplewood, and Marilyn Estates) also participate in the Pct. 5 Contract Deputy Program, so deputies are typically nearby at all times.

The Harris County Pct. 5 Constables are certified peace officers, licensed by the State of Texas to enforce the laws of the State of Texas. The deputies are uniformed, armed and drive distinctively marked, emergency equipped, law enforcement vehicles. The Constables provide high visibility, rapid response to emergency and non-emergency calls, vacation watches, alarm monitoring, and home security checks. The WCC gets regular crime reports from our Sergeant to ensure that the WCC is kept up to date with crimes in our area.

2024 MANDATORY ASSESSMENTS

2024 Mandatory Assessments - \$290

Owners in Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2 revised their deed restrictions in 1993 & 1994 to include Mandatory Assessments.

→ Properties in Parkwest 1 that have a new owner of record after the January 1, 1993, are subject to the Mandatory Assessment clause.

→ Properties in Parkwest 2 that have a new owner of record after the January 1, 1994, are subject to the Mandatory Assessment clause.

The Mandatory Assessments are due annually on February 1. The 2024 Mandatory Assessments are \$290. The WCC has launched our NEW online owner portal. This now makes it easy to view, track, and make payments online. The 2024 invoices for Mandatory homes will be mailed in January to the address on record. If you do not receive your invoice, please sign up for your new online owner portal (use the handy QR code to the left) to view a copy or email westburycc@sbcglobal.net. If you have past due assessments and would like to set up a payment plan, please email the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Westbury Civic Club Voluntary Dues Form

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Included payment is for the following:

- WCC Voluntary Dues - \$60
- WAP Westbury Area Constable Patrol - \$325
- Mandatory Assessments - \$290 (2024)
- Extra Donation (please specify WCC or WAP)
- _____

WESTBURY IS A DEED RESTRICTED COMMUNITY.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WCC Monthly Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday of each month at 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church Game Room
Next Meetings—Wednesday, March 20
Wednesday, April 17

CONTACT THE WESTBURY CIVIC CLUB

WCC Office— westburycc@sbcglobal.net
713-723-5437

WCC President—
wccpresident@westburycrier.com

Owner Portal— Send general request
through your account

Social Media—
Facebook—Message Westbury Houston

WCC Office FAQ

House Plan Review - Form is online at
www.westburyhouston.com. Submit
plans and completed form to the WCC
office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Statement of Account - Email the WCC
office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Resale Certificates - Info and form is
online at www.westburyhouston.com

Deed Restrictions, Policies, By-laws
www.westburyhouston.com

Account Balance - Set up your PayHOA
account today.

Join the WCC Board?

Come to the next meeting and join this
great group of volunteers maintaining
and making our neighborhood a great
place! We welcome any Westbury
homeowner to join! We need YOU!

Open Board positions*

At Large directors (two positions)
Security director
Westbury 2 Section Director
Westbury 4 Section Director
Westbury 5 Section Director
Parkwest 1 Section Director

**Must be the listed owner of record for
your Westbury property in order to be
on the WCC board. Section directors
must live in the section representing.*

Join the WCC Green Team today!

Work on keeping Westbury Green!
Help maintain our esplanades and sign
gardens, and much more! Sign up today,
www.westburyhouston.com

W. Bellfort Traffic Study and City Recommendations

The City of Houston performed a traffic study on W. Bellfort from Chimney Rock to Hillcroft with a focus on the intersection of Burdine. The Westbury Civic Club requested a traffic light on W. Bellfort at Burdine with a dedicated left turn signal onto Burdine. We also asked to see if they could close the Atwell median as it is too close to the Burdine intersection and is currently a very unsafe area.

Mayor Pro-Tem and District K Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum reached out to the City on our behalf to ask them to conduct a study. City of Houston Public Works attended the February 2024 WCC board meeting and presented their findings and recommendations.

In this location, Burdine is a short street that goes from Chimney Rock to W. Bellfort. There are no single-family homes facing the street, just several businesses and the entrance to a townhome complex. Burdine usage mostly is a mix of vehicles for the Westbury neighborhood and the Fire Department. There are many high school students crossing W. Bellfort at Burdine to reach the bus stops on the north side of W. Bellfort. The students must cross 6 or 7 lanes of traffic to get to the bus stop. W. Bellfort curves near this intersection, making it very dangerous to cross.

There was a fatal car wreck at W. Bellfort and Burdine in December due to speeding and lack of visibility. With the new library opening and the increased traffic, the WCC requested a new traffic signal in this location. At this time, the City of Houston will NOT put a traffic light at this intersection. Surprisingly, their proposal was to block the median completely at Burdine, not allowing any turns onto Burdine from the westbound side of W. Bellfort nor could any traffic turn left on to W. Bellfort from Burdine. The City did NOT take the Westbury Fire Department usage into consideration with this proposal. The fire department uses this route to get to W. Bellfort and to Hillcroft. Closing the Burdine median would increase response times for emergencies.

The City is proposing to funnel ALL traffic that would normally go down Burdine to travel down Atwell. This is what we were trying to stop! It is very frustrating that the City wants to increase the amount of cars in our residential neighborhood versus having them travel on a non-residential road.

The City proposed updating the existing crosswalks on W. Bellfort and adding new signage. As a whole, updating the crosswalks is good idea, however, the proposal by the City lacked actual knowledge of our area and usage. The City did NOT track or account for the number of WHS students that cross W. Bellfort and where they actually cross. The City did NOT run usage numbers for the bus stops or track the number of pedestrians crossing W. Bellfort at each location. Because the City did not actually study our pedestrian use, the recommendations do not accurately reflect what is needed and where it is needed to be. For example, the City is proposing big HAWK crosswalk (stops traffic with red light when button pushed to walk) at a location with very low usage versus at Burdine where a crosswalk more people cross. Another example is the City proposed moving one crosswalk to the opposite side of median but the reason it is on other side is for safety, visibility, and most direct route to bus stop.

Overall, the WCC board and residents in attendance were very against what the City is proposing at W. Bellfort and Burdine. Many comments spoke out against the City's proposals. It was very clear to those in attendance that the people who did this "study" never visited the site in person, nor did they speak with the community to gain any understanding before issuing proposals that would be detrimental to Westbury residents.

The Westbury Civic Club has written to the City and to our City Council Member voicing our concerns over the proposals. We asked that the City NOT do any of these items without further studies and meetings with the community. The WCC will ask for another traffic study once the library opens and new traffic trends start.

Lifeguards Needed

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department is hiring lifeguards for the summer 2024 season. There is a \$500 incentive bonus to work throughout the summer. Candidates must be 16 years old by May 31, pass a swim evaluation, have a government issued picture ID, and submit an online application. More information is available at 832.395.7129 or www.houstontx.gov/parks/swimming.html

Yard Parking is NOT ALLOWED in Westbury

In Westbury, you are not allowed to park any type of vehicle in your front yard or side yard. Any person who violates the Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined up to \$150 each day a violation occurs.

Why is there a city ordinance about Yard Parking? Due to numerous complaints across Houston about yard parking, the City created a program that allows for neighborhoods to apply for a city ordinance that bans yard parking in their neighborhoods.

In 2009, the Westbury Civic Club applied to the city Prohibited Yard Parking program. A public hearing was held to review the application by the WCC, and then City Council approved the WCC application to create a Prohibited Yard Parking area in November of 2009. It is in effect until 2029. ALL homes in ALL sections of Westbury (Westbury sections 1 - 5, Parkwest sections 1-3, and Westbury South) are located in a Prohibited Yard Parking zone under the City of Houston ordinance.

"The Prohibited Yard Parking Program is intended to protect neighborhood property values, prevent damage to the City of Houston's underground infrastructure, and to stop the degradation of the aesthetic appearance of single-family residential areas. Parking of vehicles on any unimproved surface in the front or side yard within single-family residential areas will be prohibited where a Prohibited Yard Parking Requirement Area has been established."

Complaints about yard parking are handled by the City (primarily the Houston Police Department, although City parking officials or neighborhood protection officials are authorized in the ordinance.)

Reception Honoring Mayor Pro-Tem Martha Castex-Tatum

Kicking off Black History Month, a reception was held for our District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum. CM Castex-Tatum is the first African American female to be named Mayor Pro Tem in Houston. She has been the District K Council Member since 2018. CM Castex-Tatum was re-elected at the end of 2023 and will continue serve District K and the City of Houston until 2027.

Mayor John Whitmire spoke about his choice for Mayor Pro-Tem as he looked at the strengths that each council person would have brought to the position. He was impressed with District K's commitment to constituent services and how important he felt constituent service is. Here in Westbury, we know firsthand her commitment to constituent services: from cleaning up illegal dumping, getting rid of bandit signs, advocating for a world class library, working on solutions for traffic issues, and so much more. WCC President Cindy Chapman and WAIC President Becky Edmondson, along with leaders from all over the City, were on hand to celebrate.



WCC President Cindy Chapman and Mayor Pro-Tem Castex-Tatum



WAIC President Becky Edmondson, Mayor Pro-Tem Castex-Tatum, WCC President Cindy Chapman, District K Melvin Hopkins

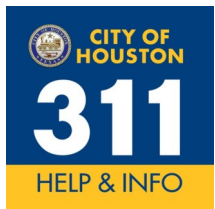
District K Newsletter and Contact Information

District K Newsletter— District K has a monthly newsletter that is emailed to anyone that signs up. It is full of helpful information regarding City services and events happening in town. The WCC recommends signing up for the District K Newsletter. Sign up by emailing districtK@houstontx.gov.

District K email— DistrictK@houstontx.gov

District K Phone— 832-393-3016

**MISSED TRASH PICKUP?
OVERGROWN YARD WITH WEEDS
OVER 9 INCHES NEXT DOOR?
VISIBLE TRASH / JUNK STORED ON
YOUR NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY?**



Report these issues to the City of Houston via 311. You can call 311, email 311@houstontx.gov, report through the City website or use the 311 app.

If it is a long-time or chronic issue, please send the Service Request number to the WCC office.

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April 6, 2024
Westbury Park
9AM-Noon



Keep Westbury Beautiful 2022

Keep Westbury Beautiful Day

For the 13th consecutive year, District K and Westbury are partnering with Keep Houston Beautiful to clean up and beautify our Westbury neighborhood at the annual "Keep Westbury Beautiful Day". This is a great way to meet neighbors, introduce your kids to volunteer work, enjoy the great outdoors during the best time of the year in Houston, and help improve our Westbury community.

WHEN

Saturday, April 6, 9AM to Noon, Rain or Shine

WHO

Everyone is welcome!

WHERE

Westbury Park
5630 Stillbrooke
next to Parker Elementary

#KeepHoustonBeautiful #KHBDay2024

Keep Houston Beautiful Day is a city-wide service day spanning various locations throughout the community. The event kicks off the national Great American Cleanup and celebrates the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off in Houston. Keep Houston Beautiful Day is held annually as part of the Great American Cleanup on the first Saturday in April. Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) has held an annual cleanup day in partnership with the Mayor of Houston and City Council for over 30 years.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP KEEP WESTBURY BEAUTIFUL

- **Picking up trash in our parks or on our esplanades.** Westbury has 7 miles of esplanades, 3 City parks and the Willow Waterhole.
- **Start with your own yard!** Improve the aesthetic appearance of your front yard. Landscape gardening increases the value of your property.
- **Plant a tree!** Improve our environment, enhance our quality of life, and improve health. Plant on your property or join us for a tree planting event.
- **Curb and gutter cleaning.** Sweep in front of your home. Get your neighbors together & clean the whole street. Clear your storm drains.
- **Collect litter around bus stops.**
- **Place your trash on the curb on the correct day.**

Our main focus this year will again be the butterfly garden at Westbury Park. We created this garden 9 years ago and it was thriving until the last two freezes. We have replanted most of the plants, but the butterfly garden still needs much TLC; we will be weeding, mulching, and planting new butterfly plants. The other beds around the park also need some weeding and mulching.

In addition to the butterfly garden, we will also be hosting a Westbury-wide trash pickup for anyone who would like to go collect trash. Have you noticed litter or bandit signs on our esplanades, corners, sidewalks, bus stops, and parks? Do you weed by a mess and think to yourself, "I wish someone would clean that up?" Now is your chance to help make Westbury shine. Sign in at Westbury Park, collect your trash bag and grabbers, and then head out anywhere in Westbury to collect trash or bandit signs. After cleaning up, bring your bags of trash and bandit signs back to Westbury Park at noon and enjoy a pizza lunch.

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5910 Dryad - 3/2/2•\$290's



5510 Briarbend - 3/2/2•\$340's



5722 Stillbrooke - 3/2/2•\$340's



5819 Portal- 5/3/2•\$550's



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2024 WESTBURY HIGH SCHOOL GALA

Saturday, April 27
Braeburn Country Club

The Friends of Westbury High School Foundation Scholarship Gala is back after a four year COVID hiatus! The foundation has still been awarding scholarships each year, but without a community celebration. Now, more than ever, Westbury High School and its students need your support. Thanks to the community's generous support we have been able to offer support and scholarships to the students and teachers of Westbury since its founding in 1992 and have awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships!

On Saturday, April 27, 2024, the Friends of Westbury High School will host their annual gala and silent auction at Braeburn Country Club. It will be a fun filled evening with dinner and a silent auction. The 2024 WHS student scholarship recipients will be introduced, and their scholarships awarded. Mayor Pro-Tem Martha Castex-Tatum will be honored as a community member and Jeri Brown as beloved Westbury HS staff from 2016-2023, along with remembering WHS Alumni Fred Arnold '68, and Rusty Howard '67.

On behalf of the entire Friends of Westbury High School Foundation, we hope you will join us in our efforts to contribute to the further education of the students at Westbury High School. Buy a ticket, a table, or a sponsorship and invest in a Westbury youth's future.

Get your Ticket Today



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Congratulations Westbury High School



Reach Higher presented the fifth annual Excellence in College Counseling Award (EICC). The EICC award is given each year to a counselor or college access team at a school that supports a high percentage of students from low-income families and is located within the host state of the College Football Championship game. We are thrilled to recognize the Go Center team at Westbury High School in Houston, Texas, as our 2024 EICC recipients!



The Westbury Choir and Jazz Ensemble were invited to perform at the Texas State Capitol for their Black History presentation to the State Board of Education members. Al Campbell shared that they received a five minute standing ovation. Members of the State Board said they had never witnessed a performance like the one given by Westbury High school students.

Spellman Detention Update

On February 21, Houston City Council approved a \$14.7 million contract to begin construction work on the Spellman Detention Basin. This new detention basin will be located immediately upstream of the Westbury area, near West Belfort and the “Fondren Diversion Channel” (the big drainage channel located midway between Hillcroft and Fondren). When the water level is high in the Fondren Diversion Channel, then excess water will overflow into the new detention basin, which would reduce water heading toward the Westbury area during a major rainfall event. According to Community Impact, total funding for the project is \$16.5 million. Completion is expected in 2025 and the project will add 208 acre-feet of detention. Most of the funding is coming from a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.

This project is an example of how long advocacy can take to be implemented into a construction project. The Westbury area had several flooding events in 2015 and 2016. The Westbury Civic Club was frustrated that, despite the millions of dollars being spent to directly reduce flooding along Brays Bayou and the millions of dollars being spent to create the Willow Waterhole detention, some homes in Westbury were being flooded by water overflowing from the Fondren area. In response, Councilman Larry Green, the first to represent District K, advocated for the city to apply for a Community Block Grant to provide some detention upstream of Westbury. It can take a long time to submit a grant application, do the engineering and environmental studies, and then construct the project.



Virtual Meeting- Spellman Detention Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 5:30 PM

Houston Public Works invites you to a Virtual Community Meeting about the Spellman Detention Basin project to discuss construction preparation and learn more about this project. The meeting can be accessed through the City’s Engage Houston website.

www.engagehouston.org/spellman-detention-basin

Stick around after the presentation for a live Q&A session. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors. Everyone’s input is valuable!

Feel free to send any questions or comments before the meeting to Engage@houston.tx.gov or post them on EngageHouston.org

We look forward to your participation and valuable insights!

Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 5:30 PM

Spring Village Apartment Update

The Spring Village Apartments at 10000 Chimney Rock is part of the Multifamily Buyout program from Hurricane Harvey and has been vacant since 10/31/23.

We reached out to District K with our issues about the property being unsecured and noticing people going in and out of the vacant units.

We were told that the City is currently working to finalize procurement for the demo / abatement contractors. Then it will go before City Council for approval of the demolition expense. Then the actual demolition will take place, hopefully within the next few months. In the meantime, HPD and City inspectors are checking on the property more frequently since our reports.

Raising Kids in Today’s Culture: From MTV to TikTok

A series of Parent Seminars hosted by Westbury Baptist

March 20 and April 17 at 6PM

Most parents raising children today are children of the 80’s and 90’s. We are Generation X, the latch-key kids. We drank from the water hose, stayed out until the street lights came on, and sat by the radio and waited for the DJ to play our favorite song so we could hit record on the cassette player. And now we’re raising kids who carry access to the entire history of the world in their pockets, hang out with their friends without ever leaving the house, aren’t really interested in getting their driver’s licenses, and can listen to any song they want in a split second. But there’s a big difference between the culture that was MTV and the culture that is TikTok.

Raising children is not for the faint of heart. There’s a lot of truth to the old saying, “It takes a village.” Out of our desire to

be an integral part of our community, we want to be a part of that village with you. We want to walk alongside you as you venture down this parenting journey, not assuming we have all the answers, but simply to remind you’re not alone.

In March and April, we will continue with the last 2 parts of a three-part parenting seminar on Raising Kids in Today’s Culture. Again, this is not about us trying to give you all the answers, because we’re on this journey with you trying to figure it out as well. However, this is an opportunity to talk about the foundational elements we can provide for our children in order that we effectively raise up the next generation. It’s also a time to establish a deep community of parents who are helping each other along the way.



HCFCF Planting 429 Trees

Harris County Flood Control will be planting 429 trees in the Brays Bayou area from 610 West to Atwell starting Tuesday, March 12. The trees are mitigation for the beloved old oaks and other trees sacrificed to construct the higher bridges crossing the bayou at S. Rice, Chimney Rock, and Hillcroft.

Many trees will be planted in the medians along S. Braeswood, and along the bayou on N. Braeswood. Additional trees will also be planted near the detention basin in Meyerland off S. Braeswood near 610, along the south side of the bayou close to S. Rice, and along the west side of the Chimney Rock ditch north of the bayou.

A mix of large trees and understory are included to provide shade and beautify the area while also increasing habitat for the many birds and other wildlife species in the bayou corridor. Overstory species include various oaks and elms, red maple, loblolly pine, sweet gum, bald cypress, green ash, and river birch. The understory includes eastern redbud, yaupon, and wax myrtle. Many of these species are already planted near the detention basins by 610 and coming into their spring growth and flowering.

All About City Sidewalks

Who is responsible for sidewalks?

Once sidewalks are constructed, the property owners of the adjoining sidewalks are responsible for the repair and maintenance of the sidewalks, as per City ordinance. That means Westbury homeowners are responsible for repairing the sidewalks along their property. This also means you could be found to be legally liable should someone trip and fall on an uneven sidewalk; which is why sometimes your insurance company will ask you to repair your sidewalk.

New ramps along Mullins

The City of Houston has a Sidewalk Program that constructs new sidewalks and ramps along streets leading to schools and major thoroughfares to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. We are not sure if this improvement was requested through the school sidewalk program or the pedestrian accessibility program, but we were glad to see this improvement.



How can we have ramps added to other corners?

Requests can be made through the Pedestrian Accessibility Review Program. The request provides up to 1,500 feet of improved sidewalk accessibility for people with disabilities to safely travel to the bank, bus stop, educational facility, employment, grocery store, home, medical facility, METROLift, pharmacy, vehicle or place of worship.

WESTBURY AREA IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

SUPERNEIGHBORHOOD #37

The WAIC and Westbury Super Neighborhood meeting was held at Anderson Elementary on February 21.

The following motions passed at the February WAIC Meeting—

- ◆ Accept the January 2024 meeting minutes.
- ◆ Motion to support a SuperNeighborhood grant application by WAIC was approved – for a public art project with Mini-Murals on two traffic control signal boxes in Westbury, one near the new library and other to repaint the existing faded mural at West Belfort/Willowbend. (The WAIC is a non-profit community partner that works for improvements in the Westbury area).
- ◆ Motion to authorize funds from WAIC, if needed, if project costs exceeds city grant for the Mini-Mural projects

Anderson Elementary—The WAIC meeting was held in the school library where they still have books and children are allowed to check out books. Anderson Elementary gave a presentation about the HISD “New Education System” (NES) that will take effect at Anderson next school year. Learning what changes NES will bring to our Westbury schools is important. The presentation was in depth and many questions were asked and answered. Anderson has already implemented some of the NES protocols. The campus looked well cared for, despite the fact that it is in desperate need of being replaced as one of the oldest remaining schools in the area. Home Depot had a grant that painted the large A in the courtyard. A new mural adorned the cafeteria wall.

Harris County Pct 4— Harris County Commissioner Precinct 4 (Briones) is working on park master plans for Bayland and Burnett Bayland parks. They will be having a call for project ideas/partners later this year.

WESTBURY HIGH SCHOOL

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SUPPLIES NEEDED CURRENTLY:
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SPRAY FOAM, OLD PAINT, 100% SILICONE GLUE (CLEAR
OR BLACK), ZIP TIES, MASKING TAPE, CARDBOARD,
LARGE AMOUNTS OF TRINKETS OR “JUNK”




goFundMe

Community Updates—

- ◆ School art car projects happening at Parker and Westbury HS
 - Parker—Theme will be in honor of Shannon Walker
 - Westbury—Has a go Fund Me (see above)
- ◆ Discussion of concerns by communities along Brays Bayou about a TXDoT project that Harris County Flood Control District is learning the impacts of.
 - ◆ Crime / Traffic—PIP Meeting on Feb. 27 at SW HPD station. Discussion about speeding and traffic speed indication signs for Westbury. The City presented proposals for W. Belfort at the WCC February meeting.
 - ◆ Update about status of Spring Village Apartments that are pending demolition by the City.
 - ◆ New community outreach program by Westbury Community Garden to the adjacent apartment complex.

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes—February 1—March 15, 2024

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
11100	Ashcroft	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/5	12pm	Parkwest 2
5600	Benning	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/21	12pm	Westbury 5
5900	Benning	Theft—other	3/11	12pm	Westbury 5
11500	Braewick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/15	7pm	Parkwest 3
12200	Braewick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/16	1am	Westbury 4
5900	Dellfern	Theft—other	2/11	4am	Westbury 4
11000	Endicott	Theft—Other	3/6	10am	Westbury 1
5500	Ettrick	Simple Assault	2/27	11am	Westbury 4
5800	Firenza	Simple Assault—Intimidation	2/24	7pm	Westbury South
10600	Hillcroft	Auto Theft	3/12	10pm	Westbury 5
5100	Hummingbird	Simple Assault	3/3	12pm	Westbury 1
5900	Lattimer	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	2/20	8am	Parkwest 3
6000	Lattimer	Simple Assault	2/25	2pm	Parkwest 3
5800	Ludington	Simple Assault—Intimidation	2/3	1am	Westbury 4
12300	Nesmith	Simple Assault—Intimidation	3/8	8pm	Westbury South
5700	Portal	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	2/8	11am	Parkwest 2
11500	Renwick	Simple Assault	2/14	8pm	Westbury 3
6000	Sanford	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/8	7pm	Westbury 5
5800	Spellman	Theft from Motor Vehicle Parts	2/5	12pm	Parkwest 2
5500	Stillbrooke	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	3/4	8pm	Parkwest 1
5600	W. Airport	Simple Assault	2/20	5pm	Westbury 4
5900	W. Airport	Drugs, Narcotics	3/12	2pm	Westbury 4
5100	W. Belfort	Aggravated Assault	2/24	3am	Westbury 1
5900	W. Belfort	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/24	10pm	Westbury 5
5900	W. Belfort	Theft—other	3/7	10am	Westbury 5
5600	Willowbend	Simple Assault—Intimidation	2/2	2pm	Parkwest 1
6000	Willowbend	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	3/5	4pm	Westbury 5

- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Vandalism
- Robbery
- Burglary
- Simple Assault
- Theft—other

The crimes listed took place between February 1 and March 15. They are listed in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are color coded by crime type. Please see key above.

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/Public
Aggravated Assault	1	8	0	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	0	3	0
Burglary	4	2	1	0
Robbery	0	0	2	0
Simple Assault	9	23	6	1
Shoplifting	0	0	4	0
Drugs, Narcotics	1	1	0	3
Vandalism, Damage	0	3	0	0
Auto Theft	1	3	1	1
Theft of Vehicle Parts	1	1	0	0
Theft—Other	4	3	4	0
Theft from Building	0	0	1	0
DUI	0	1	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	27	47	22	8

Security & Crime Update

Two DWI arrests were made during traffic stops. One was for a man asleep at the wheel on Burdine at West Belfort. Thirty-seven traffic stops were for speeding on Hillcroft, Willowbend and W. Belfort, Chimney Rock with four tickets issued. The Constables handled a dangerous animal call, several mental health and welfare checks, silver and vacation watches. They responded to alarm calls and had over 100 contact checks.

Having deputies ON our streets is important. A deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop for driving with no headlights on. The driver fled the scene and drove off into a field at 5900 W. Belfort and ran on foot. Deputies and HPD units searched the area and were unable to locate the male who fled. The driver turned out to be a juvenile who had stolen his mother's car and she declined to press charges.

Please do not leave anything of value in your car when you visit our neighborhood parks or any Houston park for that matter. Thieves know women tend to leave their purses behind. Each month, there are several car break-ins at the Willow Waterhole. In one burglary, a vehicle had the front passenger window broken out and the purse was stolen which reportedly contained a cell phone, credit card, gift cards.

Be Smart. Be Aware. Be Alert.



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.

SPRING HERBS: HERBS TO GROW NOW AND HOW TO USE THEM

Saturday, March 23, 10AM

The Herb Society of America will discuss spring and summer herbs and their growing requirements. We will share both culinary and medicinal uses for herbs in our garden. Recipe demonstrations and suggestions for use will be highlighted. Free event open to the public. Event is located at the Westbury Community Garden.



WCG 14 YEARS OLD AND GROWING!

Happy 14th birthday to the Westbury Community Garden! What started as an idea to help build community and garden, has grown into an amazing seven acre space. Every year it grows a little more and 2024 will be a year of expansion. The Gardening Within Reach fundraising was expanded to include the needed driveway and parking. For three years WCG's year-end crowdsourcing fundraiser, The Seed Money Challenge, has been earmarked for the new raised beds, driveway, and parking. In 2023 and 2024, our accumulated fundraisers, several small grants and gifts will coalesce to finally make the first section of the new driveway a reality. We are almost at the financial goal line. If you'd like to contribute to the Gardening Within Reach Project, checks may be sent to WCG, 5322 W. Bellfort, Suite100,Houston, TX 77035.

WCG Food For Families Project

A pilot project called, "Food For Families" has launched at WCG. WCG hopes to broaden our reach, build community, and interest new neighbors in growing food with easy container gardening at home.

Ten participants from the Heights At Post Oak Apartments (and friends) have signed up for a mini-tomato planting class and have received a 10 gallon grow bag, amended potting soil, a MicroLife fertilizer sample, and a dwarf Husky Cherry Red tomato plant. Participants will share their progress with the group by texting photos and tallying the number of tomatoes produced throughout the season. Further instruction and discussion will be offered in monthly meetings.

Thanks to Home Depot and San Jac Environmental/MicroLife for donations to this project.



Westbury Community Garden site in 2010



Westbury Community Garden NOW!



Photo—Mark Mulligan, Houston Chronicle

Willow Waterhole

More than Just Flood Control

TRAILS * BIRDS * WILDFLOWERS

Visit the Willow Waterhole TODAY! The main Westbury Lake trails and gazebo are easily accessible via the new parking lot at the end of Dryad near Westbury High School.

www.willowwaterhole.org

Willow Waterhole News

New Grants Awarded

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy announces two grants received in February. The first grant is a \$7500 grant from the Bellaire Rotary Club for two park benches at the pier. The second grant is a \$25,000 grant from the River Oaks Garden Club to go towards environmentally sensitive development of the Coastal Prairie Preserve. Both are great organizations that support the community and are friends of the Greenway.



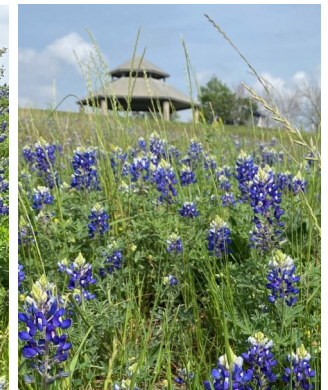
New Trees

February was a big month for trees at the Willow Waterhole. As the paved trails have been completed, 300 new trees were added in February. You will see new trees along South Willow and South Post Oak, on the Highway 90 berm and the boundary with the crushed concrete plant. Fourteen large live oaks and seventy-five assorted sycamore, pine, elm, and cypress were planted by the new trail at Willow Lake. Thanks to Trees for Houston, TFH and Conservancy volunteers, and SMC Landscaping.



BLUEBONNETS ARE BACK!

A time old tradition in Texas is to take photos of your children in bluebonnets. For years, many of us have driven out of Houston for this experience. Now, you can visit our very own Willow Waterhole to get your yearly bluebonnet photo. While there, make sure to take a walk around the basins and enjoy the trees and birds. We are extremely lucky to have this beautiful gem located right here in Westbury.



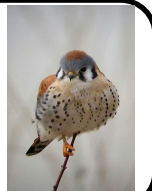
Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

Saturday, April 20. 8AM

Saturday, May 18, 8AM

Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

For more info., visit houstonaudubon.org/



WESTBURY SPRING CHECKLIST FOR HOUSE AND YARD

House—

- Inspect and Clean Gutters** — Clear out debris to prevent clogs during spring showers.
- Check Your Roof** — Look for loose or damaged shingles and address any issues promptly.
- Service Your HVAC System** — Schedule inspection and cleaning to ensure optimal performance during summer.
- Inspect Windows and Doors** — Check for drafts, replace weatherstripping, and ensure proper insulation.
- Spring Cleaning** — Declutter, deep-clean, and organize your home. Focus on areas like windows and carpets.

Yard —

Plant drought-tolerant landscaping with native plants

Native plants are well-suited for Houston's climate. They naturally occur in the region and thrive in local conditions. Consider incorporating species like native Lantanas, Texas Sage, Agave, Red Yucca, Southern Wax Mrytle, Yaupon, Dwarf Yaupon, Passion vines, Coral Honeysuckle, American Beauty Berry, native trees such as Redbuds, Pines, and Oaks.

These plants thrive in local conditions and use less water once established, making them a sustainable choice. Benefits include water conservation, reduced maintenance, biodiversity support, increased resilience, and aesthetic appeal.

Prepare Your Yard for Spring

- Aerate the Soil** — Winter compacts the soil, so aerate it to promote healthy root growth.
- Mow the Old Grass Low** — Especially important for warm-season grass. (As it gets hotter, don't mow as low)
- Fertilize and Prevent Weeds** — Feed your lawn and prevent weed growth.
- Reseed, Prune, and Spot Treat** — Address any specific needs.

Low-Maintenance Landscaping Ideas

Ground Cover Plants — These can suppress weeds and add greenery without constant mowing.

Mulching — Helps retain moisture and reduces weed growth.

Xeriscaping — A water-efficient landscaping approach using drought-tolerant plants and efficient irrigation.

Trim Trees — Prepare trees for hurricane season.

Clear out street gutters and street drains from leaves, sticks, and debris.

Remember, spring is a time of renewal, so take advantage of the pleasant weather to spruce up both your yard and home!

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