



# Westbury Crier

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## HIGHLIGHTS:

- WCC Board Meeting: March 20 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist
- March's heavy trash is TREE WASTE ONLY. Pick up is March 14 for ALL of Westbury.
- If you have paid your 2013 dues, Thank You! If not, the 2013 Dues form on page 11

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## Do You Need to Have a Garage Sale? *April 20th is the Spring White Elephant Community Garage Sale!*

Two of the biggest events that the Westbury Civic Club provides its members are the fall and spring community garage sales. The Westbury White Elephant Sale allows residents the opportunity to sell unwanted items at a highly visible central location with security provided. Most crimes are crimes of opportunity, so the fewer non-residents that we invite down our streets on the weekends, the fewer weekday crime problems we have to contend with. Yard sales, garage sales, estate sales, moving sales, etc. are NOT ALLOWED at residential properties in Westbury. This applies to ALL sections of Westbury and Parkwest.

**Booth space will go on sale Tuesday March 12, for Westbury residents ONLY.** Booths will be on sale during the normal Civic Club office hours 9:30AM to 1:30PM. **The WCC office will have extended hours on Wednesday, March 13 till 7PM for booth space**

Westbury residents may also purchase booth spaces on March 20 at the WCC Board Meeting at Westbury Baptist from 7-9PM. You must be a paid current member of the Westbury Civic Club to purchase a booth. This means you had to have paid your 2013 WCC membership dues of \$40. The booth price for Westbury residents will be \$20-\$25. Booths will go on sale to non-residents on April 2. The booth price for non-residents is \$60-\$65. *The Civic Club provides security and publicity for the sale. The Civic Club does NOT provide tables, chairs or shade.*

So, have fun, make money, be safe and be a good neighbor. Plan on having a booth at the Westbury White Elephant Sale!

### IMPORTANT DATES

- March 12**— Booths go on sale for Westbury residents ONLY
- March 13**— WCC office open late till 7PM—Residents ONLY
- March 20** — Booths on sale at WCC Board Mtg @ Westbury Baptist 7-9PM
- April 2**— Booths on sale for NON-residents
- April 20**— White Elephant Community Garage Sale
- April 27**— Rain Date



2012 Spring White Elephant Sale

## City of Houston 311 Goes Mobile!

Are you sick of waiting on hold for a 311 operator forever? Are you tired of forgetting issues once you get home because you have to report online? Well, not anymore! The City of Houston has launched a 311 Smartphone app. The app is available for most smartphones. Help Keep Westbury Beautiful by reporting problems. Download the FREE app today! For more information about this great new feature, see page 6.

## SuperNeighborhood Feature

Ever wonder where the WCC gets most of their information or how the WCC gets things done? Learn all about the Westbury SuperNeighborhood and the SuperNeighborhood Alliance in this issue of the Crier. One of the main ingredients to our success is our great volunteers. See pages 17-19 for more details.

## WCC Office Hour Changes for March

**March 13:** 9:30AM-12PM, 1PM-7PM  
**March 22-April 1:** Office Closed

## Westbury Civic Club Board of Directors

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## Westbury Civic Club Office

**Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday 9:30AM— 1:30PM\*, Closed Fridays

**Address:** 5322 W Bellfort Ste. 107 Houston, TX 77035

**Phone:** 713-723-5437      **Office Manager:** Jennifer Edmondson

**Email:** Westburycc@sbcglobal.net

\*The office is closed on all major holidays, weekends (follows HISD calendar)

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## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

**Westbury Area Patrol Constable Dispatch**

**281-463-6666**

HPD Non-Emergency

713-884-3131

Power Outages (Centerpoint)

713-207-2222

Westbury HPD Storefront

713-726-7126

Platou Community Center

713-726-7107

Poison Control

1-800-764-7661

Street Light Repairs (Give pole number)

713-207-2222

District K Councilmember Larry Green

832-393-3016

District C Councilmember Ellen Cohen

832-393-3004

County Commissioner El Franco Lee

713-755-6111

## City of Houston 311 Hotline

**(for all Non-Emergency Issues)**

Forestry Department

Graffiti

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Heavy Trash

Neighborhood Protection

Parking Management

Recycling

School Crossing Light Repairs

Water and Sewer Repair

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# President's Message

In January I had the honor and pleasure of speaking at the Maplewood North/South General meeting. As I told them about all the wonderful things going on in Westbury and of all the great things in the works, I couldn't have been more proud of our neighborhood. Our Working on Westbury campaign has produced some wonderful things.

As I prepared for my talk I was thinking about our neighborhood in general. Did you know that if you take the 1300 homes in Maplewood North/South, the 210 homes in Barkley Square, the 436 homes in Marilyn Estates and the 2315 homes in Meyerland, then you still need 700 more homes to equal the 5000 single family homes of the Westbury subdivision? That's amazing, isn't it? If you look at the whole Westbury SuperNeighborhood, then you can add another 3000 residences that are townhomes, patio homes, or apartment homes.

As you know the Meyer Library is slated for replacement, which is a good thing. It is currently located between the Meyerland and Westbury subdivisions and

will need to move to a new location. In a letter to their residents dated December 5, 2012, the Meyerland Community Improvement Association (MCIA) asked Meyerland residents to write to City Council to protest the move and said the following. *"As a neighborhood, we are very concerned that the future of our Meyerland homes' equity may be at risk. Two profoundly successful marketing tools for promoting Meyerland properties could sadly soon be disappearing after 57 years. There is a real possibility that Meyerland will no longer be able to boast of having a community library, as well as no longer holding the significant claim that we are a neighborhood made up entirely of single-family homes with no multi-family structures within, or adjoining Meyerland....Losing our current library location would be a major negative for Meyerland residents, and especially our children."*

We disagree that moving the library a mile or two would harm any residents. The Meyer Branch Library is a city Public Library serving ALL residents of Southwest Houston, and it has served

ALL of us well. A recent Houston Chronicle article quoted me as saying "It is a very well used and well loved library for a lot of Southwest Houston residents." On pages 8 & 9 we share the history of the library with you, taken directly from the treasure trove of the 57 years of **Westbury Crier** publications. Residents of Westbury and the WCC have been strong supporters of the library from its very beginning.

Scanning of the past Criers has finally begun and I was thrilled to find out that the PDF copies are searchable and the text can be copied and pasted. Anyone wishing to help on this project, please call the office.

This month's Crier has lots of good information that I hope you will enjoy. It is definitely a labor of love, labor being the operative word! We love our new extended format with 24 pages. If you have articles of interest or ideas for an article, then please forward them to us.

Wishing you a happy spring!  
Becky Edmondson

## Board Notes

- Donald Perkins, Chief of Staff District K, spoke
- Updates on crime from Deputy Addison
- Motion to donate money to WHS Tutorial Program
- Motion for WCC to be a sponsor for Jazz Fest at WWGC
- Cookies and water provided by Jackie Murray of Weichert Realtors

**WCC Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday,**  
**March 20**  
**7PM-9PM**  
**Westbury Baptist**

**HAVE A QUESTION, COMPLAINT, COMPLIMENT?**  
**I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! EMAIL ME**  
**WCCPRESIDENT@WESTBURYCRIER.COM**

## Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?

Yes, this is correct! We have you mail your payments directly to our Bank Lockbox. This allows your payments to be processed immediately and saves our office manager hours and hours of work.

**"Like" our Facebook page, Westbury Houston!**

## Will you do it?

"This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."



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# Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock

Monday-Thursday 12PM—8PM; Fridays 11AM-7PM

Supervisor: Dan Reilly, Daniel.reilly@houstontx.gov or 713-726-7107

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## "Feature Class" for March

### Ballroom Dance Class

Wednesdays. 6-7PM Advanced.  
7-8PM Intermediate. Call Marilyn at  
713-729-9425 for more information.  
**FREE** No partner required.

### March 11-15 Spring Break

Children's  
Program  
**10AM-2PM.**  
**Free Lunch**  
**will be served.**

### Classes/Groups/Meetings

**Line Dancing Class** Mon., 1-2PM. For more  
Information, call 713-726-7107.

**Clay Workshop** Weds 12:30-2:30PM. \$10 fee  
for 6 weeks. Call Dan at Platou Ctr at 713-726-7107

**Quilting Workshop** Tues., 10AM - 3PM  
Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

**Games** Wed., 10 AM  
Contact Wally at 713-729-9310

**Portable Projects** Thurs., 9:30- 11:30AM  
Any kind of handiwork: knitting, crochet, needle-  
point, card-making. Contact Hazel at 713-729-4568

**Westbury Community Garden**  
Mon., March 18 at 6:15PM. Public welcome! Come  
learn about the Garden and gardening.

**After School Enrichment** This is a **free**  
childcare program for kids ages, 6 to 13, from 3PM  
to 6PM. Call 713-726-7107 for more information.  
Free snacks & dinner.

## Spring Into Shape With the Platou Center

Join one of the **FREE** exercise classes at Platou TODAY!  
Call 713-726-7107 for more information.

**NEW Zumba Class** Thurs., 8-9AM

**Stretching Exercise Class** M, W, F 9-9:45AM

**Aerobics** Tues. and Thurs., 6:30-7:30PM

### Weight Loss Support Group

**TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly**

Every Tuesday @ 5:45-7PM Drop in or call  
Dorothy 713-723-4441 or Naomi 713-988-2233



Don't forget you can  
recycle cardboard/  
paper items at  
Chimney Rock Park!

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\$254,500



Your Home Could Be Here!!!



**5931 Portal**  
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**8302 Pontiac**  
\$319,900

# What's Happening in Westbury

## Events & Meetings Calendar March 2013

<b>Tues 12</b>	<b>Booths On Sale-White Elephant Sale Westbury Residents ONLY</b> WCC Office Open 9:30 –1:30PM More information, see page 1
<b>Wed 13</b>	<b>WCC Office Open Til 7PM for Booth Sales</b> Westbury Residents ONLY— more info, see page 1
<b>Sat 16</b>	<b>Willow Waterhole Monthly Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM</b> Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow
<b>Mon 18</b>	<b>Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:15PM</b> Platou Community Center— 11655 Chimney Rock
<b>Mon 18</b>	<b>Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM</b> The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow
<b>Wed 20</b>	<b>WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 8:30-10AM</b> Salem Lutheran—4930 W. Bellfort Open to all Westbury residents!
<b>Wed 20</b>	<b>WCC Board Meeting 7PM– 9PM ***NEW LOCATION***</b> Westbury Baptist Church—RM C103 Open to all Westbury residents!
<b>Thurs 21</b>	<b>Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Meeting 6:30PM</b> Hiriam Clarke Multi-Service Center—3810 W Fuqua
<b>Tues 26</b>	<b>SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM</b> Aramco Building—9009 W. Loop South
<b>22- 29</b>	<b>WCC OFFICE CLOSED</b> For emergencies, please email wccpresident@westburycrier.com or call 713-723-5437
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Booths on Sale open for non-residents for White Elephant Sale</b> WCC Office open normal hours 9:30AM-1:30PM

## Important Trash & Recycling Information

- 🗑️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM Thursday
- 🗑️ **Trash** cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- 🗑️ Yard waste **MUST** be in the correct biodegradable bags
- 🗑️ No heavy trash out before 6PM the Friday before pick-up date
- 🗑️ **YARD WASTE** is not considered tree waste & won't be collected with heavy trash. It is collected on regular Thursday trash day as long as it is in the correct recyclable bags
- 🗑️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- 🗑️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:  
**SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr -10785 Southwest Frwy**  
 Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste and Recyclables. Current utility bill needed.  
**Environmental Service Center - 11500 South Post Oak**  
 Hours: Tues/Wed. 9AM-3PM; 2nd Saturday 9AM-1PM  
 Accepts Hazardous Household Waste & Electronic Waste
- 🗑️ Refer to [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com) or [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) or more trash and recycling information

## Planning Calendar:

- April 6:** District K Clean-Up Day,  
see page 20
- April 20:** Spring White Elephant Sale,  
see page 1
- April 27:** Rain Date for WES
- April 27:** Friends of WHS Gala
- April 28:** Jazz Festival at Willow  
Waterhole, see page 10

## Heavy Trash & Recycling Calendar

March 2013	
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
<b>Thurs 14</b>	Heavy Trash— <b>TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY</b>
<b>Thurs 21</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
April 2013	
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Heavy Trash— <b>JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY</b>
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

## City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

<b>January</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>February</b>	Junk Waste	<b>August</b>	Junk Waste
<b>March</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>April</b>	Junk Waste	<b>October</b>	Junk Waste
<b>May</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>June</b>	Junk Waste	<b>December</b>	Junk Waste

Stay informed and up-to-date! Follow the WCC on Facebook at Westbury Houston or on Twitter @Westburyhouston

# 311 Goes Mobile

## What do you do when you need to report a problem to the city or if you have a question about a city service?

Originally when 311 was implemented in 2001, you could only call 311. Later on, some problems could be reported via a hard to use 311 website or by sending an email. Now, 311 users are able to submit service requests via a new Smartphone app, a redesigned website, email or by calling the 24/7 call center. "I am so proud of where 311 is today and look forward to where it's going in the future," said Frank Carmody, who oversees 311 Help & Info.

The new smartphone Houston 311 mobile app rolled out on January 29, 2013. The free app works on the iPhone and on many Android smartphones. Before you can submit a report, you must first register by clicking the Settings button in the Main Menu and selecting "Login/Register". You only need to register once. The app can use GPS coordinates to identify the location of the problem. Also, you can submit a **photograph** of the problem with the service request.

## Q: Do I have to register? I want to remain anonymous.

A: Yes, registration is required in order

to use the application. However, you can create an account with just initials or an alias for a username.

## Q: How do I create a report?

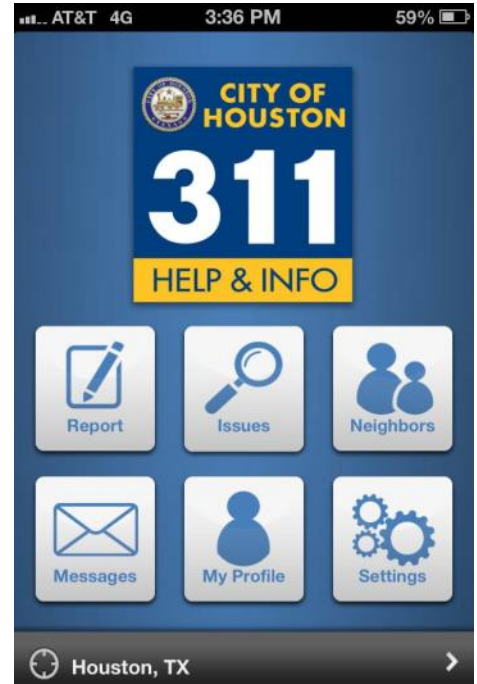
A: Click on the 'Report' button  
Set the location  
Select Issue Title  
Click 'Description' button and answer the secondary questions  
Click on the 'Camera' button to include a photo, if desired.  
Click the 'Submit' button

## Q: How can I check the status of a report?

A: Click on the 'My Profile' button, and in the My Profile screen click on the Issues Reported option. Look for the desired report, when you locate the report there is a small circle status indicator that will be green if the case is open and red if the case is closed. For more detailed information about the case status contact 311 or 713-837-0311 any time 24 hours.

## Q: The problem I wanted to report has already been reported. Should I report it again?

A: **YES!** The more calls an issue receives, the higher priority it gets within the 311 system. You can Vote on issues in the App and the ones with the most votes move to the top.



The Westbury Civic Club encourages residents to report problems to 311. In January 2013, there were 41 unique service requests made to 311 (not including duplicate requests for the same problem). Reporting problems to 311 helps document what types of problems are occurring in our community. Public Works and other departments use 311 data to determine where they need to concentrate resources. Please take the time to notify 311 of the problem.

Make sure to "Vote" on the issues in Westbury on the new 311 app!  
The issues with the most votes get moved to the top of the list!

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# Westbury Park Playground Demo Coming Soon!



By the time the Crier prints, city council should have already voted to authorize funds to demolish the existing playground at Westbury Park near Parker Elementary School. We are getting closer and closer to seeing a brand-new playground being built. Westbury residents, Bill Burhans and Melanie Rosen, continue to solicit donations to fund the playground extras such as the shade structures (as pictured below) which the city will not install. Now is the perfect time to make your contribution to this worthy cause. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**Donations as of  
2/21/13**

**\$15,448 from Westbury residents and businesses and \$1,375 in matching grants from employers.**

**Total= \$16,823**

Playgrounds are attractive assets to our community and play structures with shade will encourage our kids or grandkids to exercise outside even in hot weather. All amounts are appreciated and donors contributing \$250 or more will have their names engraved on a plaque placed at the playground as a permanent thank you.

Please use the form below. The WAIC is a 501(c)(3) organization which frequently partners with the Westbury Civic Club for improvement projects. If you would like more information about fundraising or would like to help with the effort, then please contact Westbury residents Bill Burhans ([burhans56@yahoo.com](mailto:burhans56@yahoo.com)) or Melanie Rosen ([rosenworks3@gmail.com](mailto:rosenworks3@gmail.com)).



Main Playground  
(Ages 6-12)

## Thank you Westbury Residents!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Friends of Westbury Greenspaces fund! We have raised almost \$17,000 through the Crier! We couldn't have done it without YOU!

### Friends of Westbury Greenspaces Donation Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \* (if amount is \$250 or more please fill out below)

\*Names on plaque: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail donations to: WAIC/Friends of Westbury Greenspaces, 5322 W. Bellfort, Suite 107, Houston, TX 77035.

Checks should be made payable to the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC)/Friends of Westbury Greenspaces.

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# A Library for SW Houston— Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow

The Meyer branch library opened more than 50 years ago, so many of us who live in Westbury today may not realize the vital role played by Westbury residents and the Westbury Civic Club in opening the Meyer Library. This library was built for the use of all residents of southwest Houston. In 2012, voters authorized the city to construct a replacement for the Meyer Library which has foundation problems and is situated on a site too small for modern needs. The Westbury Civic Club plans again in March 2013 to submit a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) request to build a new library consolidated with a community center to replace the aged Platou Community Center.

*As we ponder the needs of the future, enjoy this trip down memory lane as the current Meyer Library was being planned. Who knew that the Garden Clubs of Westbury helped with the landscaping at the Meyer library? Or that the passenger drop-off at the front of the library was built specifically at the request of the Westbury Civic Club? The following passages are taken from archived Criers at the WCC office.*

## **October 1960: THANKS TO MEYER LAND COMPANY, LIBRARY BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL**

Congratulations to the Meyer land Co. for donating a site for a Southwest area branch library. The City Council recently accepted the deed for the land, located in the shopping center at Post Oak and Belfort. The one acre site was valued at \$30,000. Construction is expected to start soon on the large branch and to be completed by Fall of 1961. Your Westbury Civic Club has been active for several years in urging the location of a branch library in this section of southwest Houston and feels it will be a major asset to the community. Our appreciation particularly to the Library Board and its director, Mrs. Harriet D. Reynolds, Director of Libraries, who we hope will favor us as guest speaker soon.

## **February 1961: COUNCIL CONSIDERS LIBRARY FUNDS**

As the Crier goes to press, the City Council still has under consideration an allotment of \$240,000 for construction of the proposed George B. Meyer, Sr. Branch Library to be built at W. Belfort and Balmforth. It will be the largest branch library in the City, with room for over 75,000 books. The Council has indicated it will vote in favor of the project, but as yet no formal action has been taken.

## **May 1961: MOBILE LIBRARY**

As you may know the Houston Mobile Library now makes a stop at the entrance to Westbury once per week. We are pleased to report that effective June 6, 1961, this Mobile Library will now make an additional stop in Westbury at Anderson School, Landsdowne & Ludington, every Tuesday 10:45 to 12:45.

## **May 1961: NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The proposed Houston Public Library to be built on West Belfort and Balmforth, is apparently proceeding on schedule. The architect's plans are due into the City by

July 1, 1961, and this wonderful facility should be completed before the year's end.

## **June 1961: NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The plans for the Library to be located at West Belfort & Balmforth are completed and Mrs. Harriet Reynolds, who is in charge of Houston Public Libraries has invited your Officers to her office to go over the plans. As you already know, this Library is scheduled for completion before year's end and we have been assured that it will be." It is only through the efforts of those Officers and members who have worked so diligently in the past, that we will soon be able to make use of a fine neighborhood Library. Our thanks to all of them.

## **July 1961: NEW BRANCH LIBRARY**

Several representatives of your Civic Club were present at a meeting with Mrs. Harriet Reynolds and Mr. Charles Chan, Architect, for the new Library, a few weeks ago. The new Library is certainly going to be something we will all enjoy. There will be a special section for small children, an informal area for teenagers, and a periodical section for adults. We were told that present plans call for having more reference and technical type material available than some libraries now have, due to the increased interest among teenagers here in this area. Due to several reasons this Library will probably not be finished until early February of next year.

## **Aug 1961: NEW LIBRARY - MORE DELAYS**

It now is estimated that the new Library will not be completed until late April or early May. This Library is certainly something worth waiting for and will be the only one of its kind in the City. Your Club will stay behind this project and attempt to prevent any further delays.

## **Sept 1961 LIBRARY**

The new Houston Public Library to be located on W. Belfort & Balmforth is going to be a showplace as we have said before. Your President met with an enthusiastic, "We'll be glad to help" reply from the Garden Club representatives with whom he met a few weeks ago, when help was requested on landscaping the new Library. The City, of course, plans to do the basic landscaping, but for that added touch of beauty, we called on the Garden Clubs of Westbury and they are all ready to start "green-thumbing".

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**Summer Fun!**  
at **Day Camp**  
for kids grades K-6

Weekly Sessions  
from June to August!

Activities include:  
skating, crafts, gaga ball,  
Bible study, field trips,  
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# A Library for SW Houston— Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow

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## **November 1961: GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR NEW LIBRARY TO BE HELD**

Some of you will receive this "Crier" in time to attend the official ground-breaking of the new George B. Meyer, Sr., Branch of the Houston Public Library, this Tuesday, November 14th at 11:00 a.m. All are cordially invited to witness this long-awaited ceremony. It is well known that without the efforts of many of our past-Officers and you members, this library would probably be no more than a thought today. Our "hats" are off to all of you. The ceremonies will be held on the site itself which is located at West Bellfort and Balmforth. Mayor Lewis Cutrer, Councilman Lee McLemore, City Librarian Mrs. Harriet Reynolds and others will be present. The Houston City Council has awarded the \$123,700 contract to Epko Constructors, Inc., to build the library and has approved an initial appropriation of \$60,000 for new books.

## **May 1962: LIBRARY NIGHT**

This Thursday, May 17th is Library Night! Your Club is endeavoring to obtain Miss Harriet Dickson Reynolds, Director of the City of Houston Libraries, as our speaker. We also hope to have personnel scheduled to staff our new library in attendance. This will be your opportunity to obtain information on the formal opening of the new facility and hours of operation. As you may have noticed, the new branch will be the finest in the city, without exception. We have been window-peeping and we admit it! And what we saw strengthened our conviction - only the best for the Westbury area. And did you notice the covered walkway to the parking area as well as the paving in front to allow a safe place to pull in and out of the traffic to deposit books and leave off

passengers. These features were installed at the specific request of your Civic Club. Come to the meeting and demonstrate your support of our new facility - because only use will insure its full operation, staffing and full complement of books. Remember, Thursday night, 7:30 P. M., May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Chimney Rock Recreation Center, 11655 Chimney Rock Road. If you are new to our area, come and meet your neighbors. If you are an old resident, schedule this night to come and see your neighbors and to keep abreast of the activities in Westbury.

## **June 1962: LIBRARY NEWS**

We have been advised that books for the Geo. B. Meyer Library are processed and ready for use and are now in storage at the Carnegie Branch. The furniture has already been ordered and received and is being held ready for shipment to the new library when it opens. Mrs. Helen Satterlee, formerly librarian at the Looscan Branch and now at the Heights Branch, has been appointed the new librarian for the Geo. B. Meyer Library. We understand it will take at least two weeks to move the books and train the employees, after completion of West Bellfort, which will enable the library to open. Until our new library opens, the bookmobile will stop at Anderson School, Ludington and Landsdowne, each Tuesday morning from 10:45 A. M. to 12:30 P.M.

## **July 1962: GRAND OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE GEO. B. MEYER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE HELD JULY 24**

Everyone is invited and urged to attend the ceremonies inaugurating the fort and Balmforth at 7:30 P. M., Tuesday, July 24. Mayor Lewis Cutrer, Councilman Lee McLemore and other city or library officials will be present at 5 PM. ceremonies which will include a musical introduction followed by recognition of

officials and to conclude with the introduction of the new staff at the library. Please mark your calendar and be sure to support this opening since this is such a great improvement to the area and one which your civic club has worked very hard to obtain. Everyone is urged to come out and show their appreciation to the mayor and other city officials.

## **August 1962: LIBRARY OPEN FOR BUSINESS - AND LOTS OF READERS**

Our sparkling new library opened for business on July 25, the day after the dedication services. In the remainder of July, in the reading doldrums supposedly, 10,483 books were circulated! The evidence of support and need is obvious - and we would not be a bit surprised to see your Civic Club continue its library work by exerting every effort to increase the present inventory of 23,000 books. And if you have yet to visit our new branch, what are you waiting for? Go down and obtain your library card, introduce your children to the world of reading, so that when school opens they will be able to seek out the reference books they need. And be a little selfish, take the time to pick up that reference book on your favorite hobby or the current best seller you have been wanting to read. Remember, there are more books to be bought for our branch, and the areas of interest of our residents as evidenced by the book borrowings now, will determine the pattern of future book purchases.

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### Willow Waterhole is Seeking Volunteers

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The WWGC is also looking for a volunteer to serve as a Historian.

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# Crime/Security

## Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37\* 30 days preceding February 17, 2013

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
<b>Burglary</b>	8	1	2	0	11
<b>Theft</b>	15	6	4	5	30
<b>Auto Theft</b>	2	3	0	0	5
<b>Robbery</b>	0	1	1	0	2
<b>Assault</b>	1	2	0	1	4
<b>Rape</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Murder</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	26	13	7	6	52

\*Area bounded by: S. Post Oak, US 90/S. Main, utility easement north of Willowbend and drainage bayou, west of Braewick

## Westbury Deputy Helps Catch Burglary Suspect

On Friday, Feb. 15, the garage of a home in the 10700 block of Braewick in Westbury was being burglarized as the resident was returning home. The vehicle description and plate number were called in to Pct 5 dispatch along with a description of items stolen. Westbury Deputy Addison gave the information to HPD about the vehicle. At that same moment, an HPD officer pulled over the suspect on an unrelated charge and was able to connect the suspect to the crime. The property was identified and returned to the Westbury resident. The suspect was arrested and charged with Burglary of a Habitation.

While this situation is not typical, the reporting and the speed in which information can be shared is. If you have been broken into, please report it; even if you think it was only a few insignificant items. The more reporting we do, the better chance we have of catching them. Call Precinct 5 dispatchers at **281-463-6666**.

**Please support the Westbury Area Patrol and Deputy Addison, pay your dues, see form on page 11.**

## Single Family Residential Crime Locations (30 days preceding 2/17/13)

10700	Braewick	Burglary
11600	Braewick	Burglary
10800	Burdine	Theft
5600	Cartagena	Theft
11000	Cedarhurst	Burglary
5100	Creekbend	Theft
6000	Dellfern	Burglary
10800	Doud (x2)	Theft
10900	Doud (x3)	Theft
5600	Duxbury	Assault
5600	Effingham	Theft
10800	Endicott	Theft
10900	Endicott	Auto Theft
5700	Fontenelle	Theft
5800	Greenraig	Theft
5100	Kingfisher	Theft
5700	McKnight	Auto Theft
10600	Moonlight	Theft
5600	Sanford	Burglary
5200	Spellman	Burglary
5800	Warm Springs	Burglary
5600	W. Airport	Burglary
5700	Willowbend	Theft

## Westbury 1 Resident Thankful for Precinct 5 Deputies

The WCC Office received a phone call from a Westbury 1 resident who wanted to express her dismay that not all her neighbors paid for the Constables. She wanted everyone to know what happened to her and that the Constables can save your life! On Monday, Feb 11, around noon, someone threw a brick through the back window while the homeowner was home. The homeowner immediately ran to the bathroom, locked the door, and called Precinct 5. The dispatcher took the call and Deputy Lawrence from Meyerland immediately called the homeowner back and stayed on the line while en route to the address. He arrived less than 5 minutes after the initial call before HPD arrived. If the homeowner had called HPD instead of Pct 5, the

response time could have and most likely would have been much longer.

Even if the Westbury Deputy is on another call or off that day, you will always get a Pct. 5 Deputy, whether it's someone from Maplewood, Meyerland, or Marilyn Estates. Always call Pct. 5 when you see something suspicious.

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# Letter to City Officials Regarding Ch. 42

## Chapter 42 – Letter Sent to Mayor and City Council by Cindy Chapman on January 29, 2013

Dear Mayor Parker AND Council Members  
Larry Green, Ellen Cohen, Stephen  
Costello, Andrew Burks, Melissa Noriega,  
Brad Bradford, and Jack Christie, plus CM  
Wanda Adams (Chair of the Housing,  
Sustainable Growth and Development  
Council Committee):

I am a resident of Westbury (which sits in  
both District K and C) and am Past  
President of the Westbury Civic Club and  
current Director of Community Relations  
for the Westbury Civic Club. I am a  
member of the board of the Westbury  
Area Improvement Corporation which  
hosts the monthly Westbury  
SuperNeighborhood meetings. I am also  
involved with community advocacy groups  
SWHouston2000 and the  
SuperNeighborhood Alliance.

I am writing to offer my comments about  
the proposed changes to Chapter 42. First  
of all, I understand and agree that more  
housing will be needed to accommodate  
new residents in the future, and also that  
a stable and growing tax base is vital to  
the long-term finances of Houston. I also  
agree that it is healthy for communities to  
offer a variety of housing choices across a  
selection of prices and types. Further-  
more, I agree with the intent behind  
Chapter 42 to encourage ownership of  
single-family housing. **However, I  
strongly support the concerns identified  
by the SuperNeighborhood Alliance  
(SNA) and I strongly OPPOSE the current**

**version of amendments proposed for  
Chapter 42 by the city.**

The Westbury SuperNeighborhood  
reflects in many ways what the city is  
trying to achieve with regards to single-  
family housing in the proposed revisions  
to Chapter 42. We are a diverse  
community. We have stable and vibrant  
single-family communities here in  
Westbury, spanning a variety of types and  
sizes and price ranges. The Westbury  
Civic Club represents almost 5,000 single-  
family homes ranging in price from  
\$66,000 (with 1500 ft<sup>2</sup>) to \$350,000 (with  
3100 ft<sup>2</sup>) per the [HAR.com](http://HAR.com) site House Sale  
Listings today on January 29, 2013,  
although houses have sold for more or  
less than this price range. There are three  
other single-family communities in the  
Westbury SuperNeighborhood. The  
Stones Throw community offers 2 and 3  
bedroom patio homes and also some  
duplexes at recent sales prices ranging  
from about \$40,000 to \$140,000. And the  
Westbury Square Townhomes and the  
Westbury Garden Townhomes  
communities offer townhome housing  
from 1 to 3 bedrooms with recent sale  
prices ranging from \$25,000 to about  
\$90,000.

Here are my thoughts about several of the  
Top Issues identified by the  
SuperNeighborhood Alliance in the  
current draft of Chapter 42  
amendments.

**1. The SNA proposes that the “Urban”  
design standards should be extended in  
stages across the city, rather than all at  
once as currently proposed by the city.**  
I agree with the SNA 100% on this point. I  
don’t expect Houston to look like  
DisneyWorld – perfectly manicured and  
artificial. It never has and never will look  
like Disney World. However, it is  
well-known that the current Urban design  
standards in Chapter 42 created many  
problems inside the Loop, and any  
revisions to Chapter 42 will likely create  
both anticipated and unanticipated  
problems. Applying new “Urban”  
design standards across the entire city  
would not merely double or triple the  
amount of land following under the  
“Urban” design standards; the affected  
area would increase from less than 100  
square miles to more than 600 square  
miles!

Also, the proposed draft amendments do  
nothing to encourage development in the  
areas of Houston which most sorely need  
it. To have a strong tax base and strong  
communities, we need to think creatively  
about how to improve our declining  
commercial corridors and obsolete  
multi-family tracts. Too many  
communities here in Houston continue to  
languish with flat or declining property  
values – often due to conditions at nearby  
rundown properties.

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Additionally, many existing communities, including my own beloved Westbury, have gaps in their deed restrictions or perhaps do not have any deed restrictions at all - which could cause vulnerabilities if Chapter 42 is approved as it currently stands. A time frame of six months to amend or implement deed restrictions is laughably too short and does not adequately protect existing homeowners and taxpayers. Furthermore, deed restrictions are constantly under assault and can be a fragile and expensive protection to rely upon. Even the best of communities in Houston have had difficulties with enforcing deed restrictions in a litigious society.

**2. Improve Drainage.**

Houston is flat and Houston gets lots of rain. The SNA points out that current city ordinances lead to inadequate infrastructure for handling storm water. I agree. It makes sense that the overall drainage infrastructure in an area should be considered when projects are built. Also, the "grandfathering" of detention exemptions shifts flooding burdens to taxpayers and adjacent property owners. I participated in a walking tour in the Washington Avenue area organized by Jane West to see some

issues resulting from the "Urban" classification and was shocked to see streets where developers had paved over culverts and had not built stormwater drains for the newly curbed streets. It is no surprise that those streets now flood since the water has no place to drain. Also, covered culverts convey less stormwater than open culverts, so paving over culverts to create parking for new developments ends up diminishing the overall stormwater drainage capacity in an area, thus creating a higher flooding risk.

**3. Adopt Modern Street Standards**

I agree with the SNA that well-designed streets are attractive to residents. It is vital for creating community spirit and for fostering good health that streets are designed for pedestrians, dog-walkers, parents pushing strollers, and senior citizens walking to maintain healthy bodies and minds. It is also important for persons with disabilities to be able to participate in these activities via appropriate ramps (which are also helpful for people pushing strollers). It is a lost opportunity when new sidewalks are built and they are not designed to be useful and accessible to people – ALL our people.

**4. Keep the Public Right-of-Way Public, Walkable, and Green.**

It makes no sense for a PUBLIC sidewalk to

be obstructed for private use. A public sidewalk is not public if it is allowed to be blocked for private use - such as when a developer does not provide a place for trash bins to be collected by the city and the residents of that development must then put their trash bins on the public sidewalk or in the street. New developments must be expected to place utilities and mailboxes and trash collection points and other private uses onto the private land rather than on public spaces and sidewalks.

I am proud to live in Houston. Houston dreams big and looks forward to the future. I think we need to have a bigger and better vision for our future than what is currently proposed by the city. We can and we must protect our existing vibrant communities, while continuing to create desirable new housing.

Best regards,  
Cindy Peden Chapman

Westbury Civic Club – Director of Community Relations, Past President  
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## WCC Speaks Up to Defend Neighborhoods – Chapter 42

Three members of the WCC Board joined a delegation of representatives from the SuperNeighborhood Alliance (SNA) to advocate on behalf of neighborhoods as city council considers proposed revisions to the city land development ordinance (Chapter 42) affecting new single-family homes, townhomes, and condominium complexes. WCC President Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman were two of the official speakers for the SNA during a very long city council committee meeting on January 30, 2013.



During the committee meeting, At-Large CM Jack Christie commented that revisions to Chapter 42 may be one of the most important topics which will affect the future of Houston and that issues of quality of life are important. District K CM Larry Green noted that District K had three SuperNeighborhood Presidents (including our own Becky Edmondson from Westbury) in the audience, plus other residents of District K.

## Asking Westbury Residents to Attend 2013 CIP Meeting for District K

What is a CIP meeting and why might you be interested in attending one? CIP stands for the city Capital Improvement Program. The Meyer Library is slated for replacement and the Platou Community Center is small and inadequate for the needs of our community. Since the library needs to be rebuilt on a larger site anyway, we think it would be a fantastic idea for the city to build the new library in Westbury and combine the library with a larger multi-purpose building. What could be combined with such a building? How about classrooms and meeting rooms for a better community center? How about a new location for the Westbury HPD Storefront office? How about space leased to a restaurant or coffee shop in the same building?

The Mayor, CM Larry Green and various city officials will be at this meeting. Although CIP requests are now submitted online, it is a tradition for the President of a community to stand at the annual district CIP meeting and tell the Mayor about a high priority request or concern. People from Westbury can stand up while our President is speaking to show the Mayor who in the audience is from Westbury. This is an election year for city officials.

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This month we feature the SuperNeighborhood Alliance (SNA) in a continuing series of stories about our community partners. The City of Houston has identified 88 SuperNeighborhoods where residents, civic organizations, institutions and businesses work together to address the needs and concerns of their community. The Westbury SuperNeighborhood (SN) is bounded by S. Post Oak, South Main/US 90A, the utility easement located north of Willowbend, and the flood control easement west of Braewick. The Westbury SN meets monthly, hosted by our 501c3 nonprofit partner, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation.

Each recognized SN may send one voting delegate to the monthly SNA meeting downtown. The SNA serves as a formal advisory board to the Mayor and city government on community matters, so city departments often discuss pending ordinances or programs with the SNA to get feedback from the delegates, who tend to be knowledgeable and experienced community activists. A Westbury delegate, Cindy Chapman, is one of the officers of the SNA and serves as Secretary.

The SNA has been a strong advocate on behalf of neighborhoods in a continuing debate about the proposed revisions to the city land development ordinance "Chapter 42" (see article on page 15-16). The proposed changes to the "Urban" development standard would now apply to ALL land in Houston, instead of only applying to land inside Loop 610. This means that Westbury and all land outside the Loop would be newly affected by an "Urban" development standard, instead of falling under the old "Suburban" development standard. The SNA points out that the proposed changes and related ordinances do not adequately address valid and serious concerns about flood prevention infrastructure. The SNA continues to insist that new sidewalks should be usable and accessible, plus new developments should provide ways to collect trash without having trash containers blocking roads or sidewalks. The SNA continues to advocate that existing neighborhoods are important and that mechanisms need to be provided to help existing neighborhoods protect their character. The SNA is concerned about potential block-busting or lot-by-lot development inside existing neighborhoods. The SNA also points out that many areas of Houston either do not have deed restrictions or have vulnerable deed restrictions.



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# The Westbury SuperNeighborhood

Westbury became a recognized SuperNeighborhood (SN) in March of 2005. This is the mechanism by which the City of Houston disseminates information on many of their programs. Each SN has its own bylaws, but here is an overview of how the Westbury SN works. We have a two-part council, and official SN proclamations are approved by the boards of both organizations – the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation and the Westbury Civic Club, both of which meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

Our non-profit 501c3 partner, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) hosts the morning Westbury SN meeting at 8:30 AM at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month. Since this meeting occurs during business hours, this is the meeting attended by representatives from the local businesses, apartments, schools, churches, and community organizations. Schools are an important part of our neighborhood and the Principal or Assistant principals from Parker Elementary, Anderson Elementary, Johnston Middle, and Westbury High bring updates about their schools.

Most months we also have constituent representatives at the meeting on behalf of local politicians: District K Council Member Larry Green

(Barbara Hite), Texas House of Representative Borris Miles (Mary Seymore), US Congressman Al Green (Bessie Swindle), and the Mayor's assistance office (Veronica Hernandez). The Department of Neighborhoods (DoN) sends an inspector so that we can discuss long-standing nuisance problems. In February we had the Chief inspector of DoN as well as the area supervisor. We have had METRO, Public Works, the Parks dept, Solid Waste and others visit in the past.

Community people at the meeting represent different organizations in the neighborhood. Many of these people do double, triple and even quadruple duty. Bill Burhans represents Friends of Westbury Greenspaces and Westbury Little League; Marcia Hartman (WCC V-P) for the Westbury Community Garden; Cindy Chapman (WCC Community Relations and past president) for SWHouston 2000 and the BOMD; Becky Edmondson for the WCC and co-president of the SN; Russell Schexnayder for SWHouston 2000 and the Brays Bayou Association; Jennifer Edmondson for the WCC office; Evelyn Mica for Stones Throw HOA (the patio home community located just south of Westbury High School); and Rita Woodward for Friends of Westbury High school. Cappy Selig is a former principal at Parker Elementary. Presiding over this group

is Dabney Kennedy, the president of the WAIC and co-president of the SN, a past president of the WCC, and an officer of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. Margaret Greene, a past board member of the WCC, is Treasurer. Edith Smith (a past WCC president) is the secretary, and David Roschke, Pastor of Salem Evangelical Lutheran, is the VP.

The second half of the SN meeting takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7PM at Westbury Baptist Church at the monthly WCC meeting. The members of the WCC board attend and all residents are invited to come. Often we have guest speakers. In February our guest speakers included Deputy Addison (one of our constables), Donald Perkins (Chief of Staff for District K CM Larry Green), and WHS Principal Tim Wainwright. To give you an idea of the responsiveness of our SN, someone posted on the WCC Facebook page about unruly WHS students; we forwarded it to the principal and that same evening he attended the WCC meeting just to address the issue!

**Come to a SN Meeting!**

**March 20**

**8:30AM—WAIC / SN Meeting**  
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**7PM—WCC Board Meeting**  
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# Area News & Happenings

## District K Clean-Up Day: April 6, 8AM to Noon

Keep Houston Beautiful and District K City Council Member Larry Green are jointly sponsoring a "District K Clean-Up Day". Have you ever known Westbury to pass up participating in any type of activity where we can get neighbors Working on Westbury and making Westbury a better place? Of course not, so Westbury is pleased to announce that several locations in Westbury will be participating in the District K Clean-Up Day.

**Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve** -- Westbury residents Russell Schexnayder and Hazel Potvin are organizing this activity for the Willow Waterhole. Volunteers will register and sign a waiver at The Gathering Place at 5210 S. Willow. Activities will include planting native shrubs, spreading mulch, removing weeds from a crushed granite trail, and removing litter. Check [www.wwg.org](http://www.wwg.org) and the April *Crier* prior to the event for last minute information.

**Westbury Community Garden** – Clean up will focus on the common areas of the garden. If you have been interested in learning more about the garden, then this is a good time to visit. Check the April *Crier* prior for last minute information. Those who are not already members of the garden will need to register and sign a waiver. The garden is located at the corner of Dunlap and Fonmeadow (turn at O'Frenchy's from Hillcroft onto Dunlap).

## Westbury United Methodist Church Outreach Day 2013

Twice a year, members of Westbury Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend, join together to lend a hand to the community in their immediate vicinity by donating their time to clean-up and beautify different indicated locations. On Saturday, March 23, a crew of volunteers of many ages will give five hours each to work at Westbury Community Garden to weed, tidy up, and spread mulch. The garden, as nice looking as it is, always needs tending and the members of the garden are very grateful for extra help.

Two years ago Westbury Methodist volunteers raked up leaves in Chimney Rock Park and helped with a project at Anderson Elementary School.

**Thank you, Westbury Methodist, for caring about the surrounding communities.**

## Student Registration at Parker Elementary

Parker Elementary has a renowned music magnet program. Parker wants to make sure that zoned students are not turned away due to high enrollment. Children must be 5 years old by September 1, 2013, to enroll in Kindergarten.

If you are **NOT Zoned** to Parker or you missed the March 1 meeting, then your Kindergarten Visit Day for children and parents will be held on March 28, 2013 at 8:30 AM. If you have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, then the school tour and information session will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. Call the school at 713-726-3634 for questions.

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# Railroad Quiet Zone

Long time residents living near the South Main/Highway 90 railroad tracks know that train horns have been a part of their daily lives since they moved into their homes. Today there is more train traffic (about 30 trains each day) and the Westbury Civic Club began lobbying for a Railroad Quiet Zone over a decade ago. We were elated when a Railroad Quiet Zone was finally implemented in June 2012. Unfortunately, the quiet did not last long because Union Pacific (UP) then approved a 43 million dollar project to add a second set of tracks alongside the existing track. UP track crews work one week off, one week on. They do some work at night and sometimes leave their equipment out. The train horns blow whenever workers or equipment are near the railroad tracks. **This is not a violation of**



**the Quiet Zone; this is a safety measure during construction.** Some weeks are quieter than others due to the construction schedule. Work in Westbury may be completed in about a month, but work at railroad crossings to our west will continue for several more months.

When we as residents in our homes think about a railroad Quiet Zone, we think of peace and quiet and not being awakened at 3 AM or having our children awakened. When the train companies think about Quiet Zones they think about safety. Even in a Quiet Zone, there are rules requiring that train horns MUST be used under certain conditions:

- ⇒ To warn animals, vehicle operators, pedestrian, trespassers or crews on other trains
- ⇒ To alert employees who are working on or near the track
- ⇒ When approaching or passing another train in the vicinity (this may cause more horns in the future for Westbury)
- ⇒ At crossings known to have malfunctioning warning devices
- ⇒ When starting a train from a stopped position
- ⇒ In an emergency situation when an engineer believes such action is appropriate in order to prevent injury, death or property damage.

Federal regulations provide public authorities the option to maintain and/or establish quiet zones provided certain supplemental or alternative safety measures are in place and the crossing accident rate meets FRA standards. That is what the City of Houston did for the crossings through Westbury. Union Pacific believes quiet zones compromise the safety of railroad employees, customers, and the general public. While the railroad does not endorse quiet zones, it does comply with provisions outlined in the federal law. Even when the construction work is finished and the Quiet Zone is fully back in place, we may still hear horns. The WCC has a contact at HPD to report horns to and they will investigate for any possible violations.



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# Neighborhood & Area News

## 1st Annual Talent Fest

On April 13, Johnston Middle School will host their 1st Annual Talent Fest Carnival Celebration and Talent Competition from 5PM to 9PM.

This is a free event will stuff for the whole family. Wristbands will be available for purchase for carnival rides and activities.

More information about this event will be available in the *April Crier*

## Audubon Society Bird Survey

Saturday, March 16 at 8AM  
Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot at 5310 S. Willow  
Bring your binoculars and good shoes for walking. Come prepared to see many species of birds!

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## Remodeling your home? Adding On?

**Remember, please let the Westbury Civic Club office look over your proposed plans before you start construction.** We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen, and without a doubt you would like to find out before wasting money on construction that later has to be modified or demolished. Obtaining a city construction permit requires your written acknowledgment that the plans comply with your deed restrictions.

## Be Careful about Walkers and Bikes

Westbury is a safe, friendly community where neighbors enjoy walking, jogging, walking the dog, and riding bikes. Remember that Texas law says that pedestrians should walk on the LEFT side of the road facing traffic. Bicyclists are supposed to ride on the RIGHT side of the road going with traffic flow. In both cases, pedestrians or bicyclists may be sometimes be found in the middle of the road as they cross intersections or make turns. Whether you are driving, walking, jogging, or riding a bike, please be attentive and safe.

## Parker SpellingBee Champion

Christine Bowyer, a 3-year Spelling Bee finalist, is the FIRST Parker student to win the HISD champion title and move on to the PBS city-wide competition to be held on March 23, 2013. **Congratulations, Christine!**

## March Volunteer Opportunities

\*Scanning Historical Documents at the WCC office, call Jennifer at 713-723-5437

\*Deed restriction revision committee, call Jennifer at 713-723-5437 for more information

\*Street light check, call WCC office, 713-723-5437

## Congressman Al Green: Guest Speaker

Congressman Al Green will be the guest speaker at the March 12, BiMonthly Breakfast jointly sponsored by our community partners SWHouston2000 and the Brays Oaks Management District. Congressman Green represents most of our Westbury residents. The WCC sponsors a table and has a limited number of seats available. Contact us as soon as possible for a seat. Seats are also available at the event for the price of breakfast. For more info, [www.braysoaksmd.org](http://www.braysoaksmd.org)



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# Legal Happenings In & Around Westbury

## Lawsuit Against Foxy's Nightclub on S. Post Oak

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan has filed a lawsuit against Foxy's Cabaret, an adult entertainment club located in the 11100 block of South Post Oak Road on the perimeter of the Westbury SuperNeighborhood, to stop criminal activity occurring at the club. Ryan said in a press release that Foxy's Cabaret, has been the location of crimes, including prostitution and narcotics offenses. Ryan is seeking court orders against the owner of the property and the owner of the cabaret. Ryan said the orders would require the owners of the club and property to take steps to make sure the law is followed. The county attorney is requesting that the court order the club to:

- ⇒ Hire four security guards. The guards would be required to report to HPD any sex acts or illegal drug activity.
- ⇒ Require background checks for all employees, as well as drug tests. Employees found to be convicted of a felony in the past 10 years must be fired.
- ⇒ Have surveillance cameras inside the club, including the Champagne Lounge. The recordings must be made available to law enforcement.

HPD said they have received more than 100 calls about incidents at Foxy's in the last two years, including 12 prostitution cases. In November 2012, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission suspended the club's alcoholic beverage license for four days for prostitution offenses. TABC has also cited the club for drug offenses occurring in the club.

Ryan said that the cabaret is located within 500 feet of an elementary charter school (Varnet School), and is next door to the Christian Assembly of God church. The club does not have a Sexually Oriented Business license from the city of Houston, which requires a 1,500-foot distance between a sexually-oriented business and a church or school.

## Are you wondering what's up with 5822 Cartagena?



You are not alone! This home has been reported to the City of Houston multiple times over the last 20 years. The property changed ownership on April 2012 and the WCC was hopeful that the new owner would clean up the property. This has not been the case.

The process is moving forward to get something happening on this property. The key word being PROCESS. And it's a slow process as the surrounding neighbors can attest too. If you live behind this home, please contact the WCC office at 713-723-5437, we need your help!

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