



Westbury Crier

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White Elephant Garage Sale on April 29

Do you need to have a garage sale, yard sale or estate sale?

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides fall and spring community garage sale events for our members. The Spring White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, April 29, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church. The rain date is May 6.

Booth space will go on sale at 9AM on Wednesday, March 22, for individual Westbury residents ONLY *

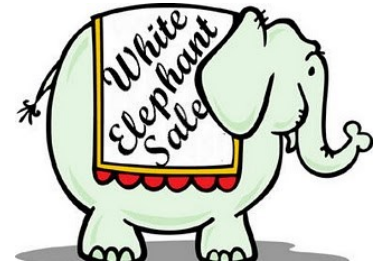
The WCC office will be open at 9AM on March 22 and close at 2PM. **The office will also be open from 5-7PM on March 22 for booth space purchase.** Booths may be purchased during normal office hours of 9AM to 1PM starting on March 23.

You must be a paid current member of the Westbury Civic Club to purchase a booth. This means you must have paid your 2017 WCC membership dues of \$50. If you

have not paid your 2017 dues, you may do so at the same time that you purchase your booth space. The booth price for individual Westbury residents will be \$20-\$25. Booths will go on sale to non-residents and groups/non-profit organizations on April 5, if space permits, on a first come, first serve basis. The booth price for non-residents is \$70-75.

The Westbury White Elephant Sale allows residents the opportunity to sell unwanted household items at a highly visible central location with security provided. **The WCC provides location, security, bathrooms, and publicity for the sale. The Civic Club does NOT provide tables, chairs or shade.**

Garage, estate, yard, moving sales, etc. are not permitted at Westbury residences by long standing policy of the Westbury Civic Club and the deed restrictions.



1st Day of Booth Sales for Westbury Residents ONLY
March 22 9AM—2PM
5PM—7PM

So why not have fun, make money, be safe, and be a good neighbor.

Plan on having a booth at the Westbury White Elephant Sale!

**Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space in March. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until April 5. Violators of this policy may not be allowed to participate in the current and/or future White Elephant Sales. All non-profit organizations and groups must register under their organization name. No individual may purchase a booth for a group or organization unless doing so under that organization's name.*

CITY OF HOUSTON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN MEETINGS District K : March 9

We would like to have a LARGE crowd from Westbury at the District K meeting.

Do you want better drainage? Better streets? Do you want a new library? Do you want a new community center? Do you want improvements made to Hager Park?

This is YOUR opportunity to tell the City what YOU want. For more information, see page 7.

**March 9, 6:30PM, Hiram Clarke
Multi-Service Center**



**Saturdays
in March
at 2PM**
March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25

**VegOut! Events with Westbury
Community Garden, Recipe for
Success, The Health Museum**
See page 23 for more information.

VEGGIES!
**30 WAYS IN
30 DAYS**
**TAKE THE
CHALLENGE!
IN MARCH**

VegOutWithRFS.org



HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

March – TREE WASTE ONLY

➡ Thursday, March 9

April—JUNK WASTE

➡ Thursday, April 13

May – TREE WASTE ONLY

➡ Thursday, May 11

*DO NOT PLACE TRASH ON CURB UNTIL
WEEKEND BEFORE HEAVY TRASH DAY*

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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use "report a problem" link

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Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

February was a month-long love fest -- loving our new WCC office space, loving new partnerships, loving the Super Bowl, and loving that spring will soon be here!

On page 23 you will read about a new and exciting partnership that the Westbury Community Garden has with the Houston Museum of Health. The collaboration between The Health Museum, Westbury Community Garden, and Plant it Forward will focus on nutrition, health education & awareness, sustainability, gardening, healthy lifestyles, and outdoor activities as means of supporting a healthy community. Don't all of us want to be healthy and learn ways to have a healthier, happier life? Well, Westbury residents will have a hands-on, in-our-neighborhood opportunity to do just that every Saturday in March. March is Nutrition Month. With an organic farm stand at the WCG and classes at the WCG, now is your chance to learn or tweak those healthy habits.

If you read my message last month, I talked about the power of showing up. My thanks to those of you who showed up for the Westbury High school community meeting. Tough questions were asked of HISD and we, as a community, will continue to press for answers. You can read about it on page 9.

Schools were on our radar in February and there are articles on the ongoing construction at Parker Elementary and Westbury HS, the Westbury PTO, and the District as a whole. See pages 8-11.

On March 9, Westbury needs YOU! Westbury needs you to attend the District K CIP meeting. This is the meeting where we advocate for big ticket items and we hear what the City has planned for our area. Do you want new streets and new drainage? Do you want less flooding? Then YOU need to show up on March 9! Won't you give a few hours of your time to just show up and be seen? Wouldn't new streets, new drainage, and less flooding be wonderful? Page 7 has the details.

Did you know that, in ALL of Westbury, parking a vehicle in your front or side yard is prohibited? District K Councilman Larry Green hosted a Neighborhood 101 Workshop on this ordinance in February. We are lucky to have such a community oriented Council person representing us. His monthly neighborhood workshops are open to everyone. His chief of staff, Donald Perkins, was our guest speaker at the February WCC monthly board meeting. The focus in that meeting was the upcoming CIP meeting.

In addition to our district council member, we are also represented on City Council by five at-large council members. Mike Knox, At-Large 1, visited the Westbury Civic Club office and then took a tour of Westbury. Cindy Chapman and I took him to see the good (Willow Waterhole), the bad (our streets) and the ugly (Westbury Square). We showed him the new ball fields at WHS, but we couldn't park at the ball field because all 27 of the parking places were taken. We showed him the apartments that HISD promised to acquire

as part of the Westbury HS campus. At the community meeting, it was reported that there was never any plan for that property. That is blatantly untrue. For decades, a regional sports facility for all of HISD had been proposed, including a natatorium. With these two new ball fields, cross country meets at the Willow Waterhole and the proposed tennis courts at WHS, those plans are already underway.

And speaking of sports, didn't Houston host an incredible Super Bowl? At-Large 3, CM Michael Kubosh, hosted a "Super" luncheon for the Super Neighborhood presidents during Super Bowl week. He has shown a lot of interest in matters related to Brays Bayou and we appreciate his attention. I had a chance to work with the NFL Environmental Team wearing both my Community Garden hat and my Keep Houston Beautiful hat. Westbury likes to recycle and it was fascinating and amazing to see all of the materials that were made available to Houston area nonprofits. Almost everything that was brought in to host the Super Bowl that wasn't being taken back was available to recycle, reuse, repurpose: 500,000 square feet of carpeting, 5 miles of fencing scrim, office supplies, banners, etc. For 25 years, the NFL has had a commitment to recycle rather than fill the landfills with all its Super Bowl trappings.

Thanks to everyone who has been helping to keep the Westbury United Methodist Church parking lot paper and glass recycling areas cleaner.

Looking Forward to Spring!

Becky Edmondson

Westbury Civic Club Board Notes

- ⇒ Motion was APPROVED to: Support House Bill 714 to enable Park Houston (non-HPD parking enforcement) to cite parking violations related to vehicles parking in the yard.
- ⇒ Motion was APPROVED to: Have WCC write a letter to the State (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Local Representatives) urging reform of School Financing so that HISD does not have to send "recapture" funds out of our local area.
- ⇒ Meeting minutes from January 2017 were APPROVED.
- ⇒ There was much discussion about: Security issues, the upcoming CIP meeting about city improvement projects, and Westbury High School.
- ⇒ Donald Perkins, Chief of Staff District K, spoke about the upcoming CIP meeting, Westbury Drainage project, and upcoming District K events.
- ⇒ The next WCC Board meeting is Wed., March 15, at 7PM at Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft



Becky Edmondson working with the NFL Environmental Team at the ReUse Warehouse

NEXT WCC Board Meeting
Wed., March 15, 7PM
Westbury Baptist

Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock
 Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM
 Supervisor: Jayla Godbolt, 713-726-7107
 Email: Jayla.godbolt@houston.tx.gov

Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort
 Phone: 832-393-1840 /
 www.houstonlibrary.org

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

A Weight Loss Support Group, Tuesdays 5:45-7PM
 Drop in to preview or call Dorothy at 713-723-4441 or Naomi at 713-988-2233
 Read more about TOPS on page 16 in this month's Crier.

STRETCHING EXERCISE CLASS

Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9-9:45AM
 Improve your flexibility by joining this non-strenuous exercise class.
 No registration required.



MsBEEHAVEN QUILTERS -Tues., 10AM - 2PM
 For more information, contact Janie at 713-721-5526

GAMES—Wed., 10AM to 12PM
 For more information, contact Wally at 713-729-9310

LINE DANCING Mondays @ 1PM
 For more information, contact Platou Center, 713-726-7107

Ping Pong Leagues—Wednesday & Friday
 Open adult ping pong will be on Fridays from 11AM to 2PM.
 Open adult and teen play on Wed., from 6-8PM.

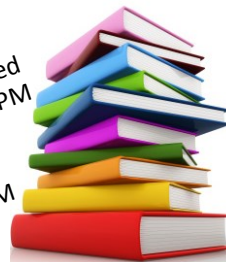
Story Time at Platou
 Tuesday, March 21,
 3:30PM with Ms. Lauren



Westbury Martial Arts

Mon. & Weds. 6-7PM
 Kids of all ages can learn martial arts, fitness & conditioning, confidence, and self-defense. Classes with WMA are a great way to become active in a fun and safe environment. Please visit the website, westburymartialartsandfitness.com or call 832-475-1554 for more info.

LIBRARY HOURS
 Sunday & Monday - Closed
 Tues. & Weds. 10AM-6PM
 Thursday 12PM-8PM
 Friday - 1PM-5PM
 Saturday - 10AM -5PM



WEEKLY EVENTS MARCH 2017

Baby Playtime
Tuesdays, 10:30am – 11:15am
 Come for creative and collaborative play!
 For children ages 0-18 months.

Toddler Storytime
Wednesdays, 10:30am – 11:15am
 Stories, songs, activities that will help develop toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. Intended for ages 18-36 months.

Preschool Playtime
Wednesdays, 1:30pm – 2:15pm
 Creative, collaborative play experience that will help prepare your child for school readiness. Intended for ages 3-5 years.

Kids Craft Time
Thursdays, 3:30pm

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What's Happening in Westbury

Events/Meetings Calendar MARCH 2017

Fri 3	Go Texan Day! 	
Sat 4, 11, 18, 25	VEG Out With the Westbury Community Garden See page 23 for more information	2PM
March 7-26	Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 	
Thurs 9	Capital Improvement Plan Meeting District K Hiram Clarke Multi Service Center	6:30PM
March 13-17	HISD Spring Break	
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Salem Lutheran Church— 4930 W. Bellfort	8:30AM
Wed. 15	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Sat. 18	Audubon Society Bird Survey Meet at the Gathering Place parking lot 5310 S. Willow	8AM
Mon. 20	Brays Bayou Association Meeting The Gathering Place—5310 S Willow See page 19 for more information	7:30PM
Wed 22	Booths on Sale - White Elephant Sale Westbury Residents ONLY See page 1 for more information.	9AM-2PM AND 5PM-7PM
Tues 28	SW PIP (HPD Positive Interaction Program) Meeting	
April 5	Booths on Sale for Non-Residents - White Elephant Sale See page 1 for more information.	

Heavy & Recycling Trash Calendar

March 2017		
Thurs 2	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS
Thurs 9	Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY	
Thurs 16	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS
Thurs. 30	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS
April 2017		
Thurs 13	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS
Thurs 13	Heavy Trash- JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY	
Thurs 27	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ 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
- ♻️ Heavy trash can be placed starting at 6PM the Friday before pick-up
- ♻️ YARD WASTE is not considered tree waste. It is collected on regular Thursday trash day
- ♻️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers: **SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr** 10785 SW Frwy / Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center** - 11500 S. Post Oak Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

PLANNING CALENDAR

April 8—Keep Westbury Beautiful Day & Keep Houston Beautiful Day
April 22-23—Willow Water-hole Music Fest
April 29—Friends of Westbury HS Gala



City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

April	Junk Waste	May	Tree Waste
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City & County News

Questions about Houston? Need a service request? 311 can help!

Need to report a pothole or traffic signal outage? Was your trash pick-up skipped? Have questions about a municipal court date or how to resolve a parking ticket? Want to check when libraries, parks, and city facilities are open?

Houston's 311 Help and Information System is the City's official information and non-emergency service center that operates as the central point of contact for a broad variety of city services and resources. 311 lets you contact the Houston City government with the touch of a button-via phone, email, website, or app-to answer questions, find the right department, or file a service request.

311 is a 24/7 operation, handling approximately 2.1 million contacts per year, covering a wide range of issues from responding to requests for general information, submitting requests for specific city services.

Examples of the variety of 311 requests citizens can make:

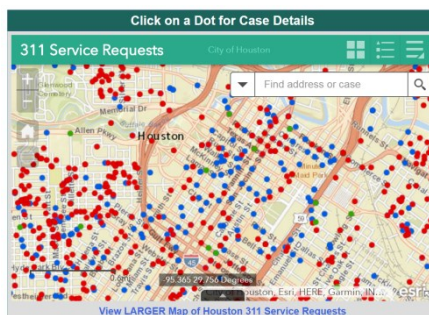
- ❖ Report a pothole
- ❖ Report traffic signal problems
- ❖ Municipal court questions including your court date or closures
- ❖ How to resolve a parking ticket
- ❖ Check hours of operation of our libraries, parks, and other city facilities

311 agents handle over 142 different types of service requests that are forwarded to the appropriate department for handling. These requests can be tracked from start to finish. Contact 311 for an up-to-the-minute status report on your service request. Not sure if someone has already made a report? Check the interactive map on the Houston 311 website www.houston311.com



How to use 311?

- ★ By phone: Dial 311 (or 713-837-0311 for non-Houston numbers)
- ★ On the web: www.houston311.com
- ★ Email 311: 311@houston311.com
- ★ Download the free Houston 311 mobile app: Submit service requests using your smartphone!



311 website allows you to view open and closed cases in the City

Harris County Flood Control Updates

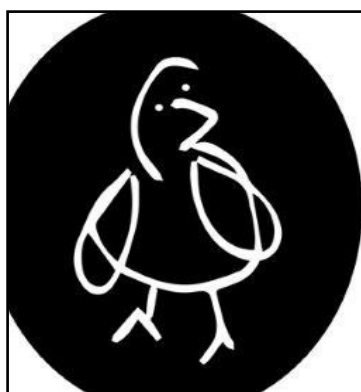
Notice to Property Owners

Attention Residents of Westbury 1 and 3 that live along Sanford, Gaymoor, and Kingfisher. If your fence has been extended past your property line and into the Harris County easement, it will be removed. If you are unsure if this applies to your property, contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437 or westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

The *Crier* announced this anticipated project in 2016. The work is now getting closer. HCFCD asked us to make another announcement. Letters will be sent to affected homeowners by HCFCD.

Braewick De-Silting Project

Harris County Flood Control District has been working at de-silting the Braewick ditch, south of the Willow Waterhole Bayou. This work is still on-going and has moved south of Ludington. We anticipate this project being completed soon. Thank you to HCFCD for all their on-going maintenance work on our bayou and ditches. It is important to report any dumping or blockages to HCFCD.



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Know Your Deed Restrictions

Do you know where your front property line is located?

Did you know that the city right-of-way/property line extends well into your front yard, and also into your side yard if you live on a corner lot? The city owns that land, not you, although you are required to maintain the land and sidewalk per city ordinance. Here is a photo of a house which recently sold in Westbury. The property surveyors have marked the "front property line" with a little orange flag. The sidewalk and the city water meter are located in the city right-of-way.



Why does this matter?

Every home in Westbury has a front and a side "setback distance" (and some also have a rear setback distance). Your

deed restrictions will list various items and how far they must be from the front, side, and back property lines. The front setback is NOT measured from the street curb; it is measured from the surveyor marks.

House Numbers

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

District K Capital Improvement Plan Community Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 6:30 PM – 8 PM
Hiram Clarke Multi-Service Center
3810 Fuqua, 77045

The City of Houston's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a 5-year plan that lists projects the City of Houston intends to construct. City representatives from the Public Works Dept., General Services Dept., and Parks & Recreation Dept. will attend the CIP meeting. The Mayor is scheduled to attend. Also, an update will be given of the ReBuild Houston initiative within District K.

These CIP meetings provide citizens the opportunity to participate in the budget process by contributing comments and suggestions about CIP-related needed services and improvements. In the past, Westbury has been very successful at lobbying the City at these meetings for much needed improvements to our streets, drainage, and parks.

Westbury residents are encouraged to attend this public meeting. If possible, please wear a shirt to the meeting that references the Westbury area.

To view the City's Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2016-2018, visit www.houstontx.gov/cip. The City will provide reasonable accommodations to citizens with disabilities and special needs by request in advance of the meeting date. To request accommodations, call the Department of Neighborhoods at 832-393-0955.



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Construction Updates for WHS and Parker Bond

Westbury High School Groundbreaking

In February, Westbury High School held a celebratory groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction as part of the voter-approved 2012 Bond Program. Westbury High School is programmed for a \$40 million addition and renovation that will feature 26 new classrooms, replace current portable buildings, add flexible learning centers, a commons area designed to serve a dual purpose as both a dining and gathering space, and two gymnasiums. Last month, WHS held a grand opening of the new baseball and softball fields that were included in an early phase of the overall school renovation project.

HISD sponsored a community meeting to address final design plans and provide an overview of what students, staff, and constituents can expect during the construction phase of this project. Read more about this meeting on the next page.

Westbury is among 40 schools, including 29 high schools, being renovated or rebuilt as part of the 2012 Bond program. Active construction is currently underway on roughly three dozen projects - more activity than at any other time in district history. For more information on HISD building programs, visit www.BuildHISD.org.



City, School, and Construction members attend the ceremony

Parker Elementary Construction Update *New School Opening Delayed Until January 2018*

The somber truth has been revealed and the HISD Bond team admits now that it was overly optimistic to say that the new Parker Elementary building would be ready for move-in by the start of school in August of 2017. The HISD construction team discussed that there have already been 95 rain-delay days on the Parker project. Even though it might be possible to move in for start of school in August 2017, while still finalizing construction, it is not recommended or desirable based on experiences at other schools. The new schedule is that the move will be made over the school break in December of 2017, and that students will start in the new building in January of 2018.

The Project Advisory Team (PAT) for the Parker Elementary School project met on February 15 to discuss the current construction status. School Principal Lori Frodine questioned why so little progress has been made. Construction was released in April 2016 for the new building, and the structural framing went up in October 2016. The owner for Patriot Construction and the site construction manager discussed that the rain delays have been significant. The slowest and most critical part of the project will be the completion of the utilities, mechanical, and heating/ventilation in "part C" of the building (the wing closest to the city park). The heating and ventilation systems must be working to do the sheetrock work.

Once the roof is completed and the mechanical systems are working, then progress will go much faster.



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Questions? 713-551-8100 ext. 2013 or
SummerASAP@westburychristian.org

Westbury Christian School
10420 Hillcroft
Houston, TX 77096



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Westbury High School Community Meeting: HISD Bond 2012

Westbury Community Raises Many Concerns about WHS Bond Construction with Houston ISD


A concerned and dissatisfied audience filled the meeting room at Westbury High School (WHS) on February 8, 2017, to hear an update about the Westbury High School bond project. WHS Principal Susan Monaghan greeted everyone, and architect Scott Brady, from Joiner Architects, gave an overview of the ongoing WHS project.


Phase 1 has recently been completed and provides new baseball and softball facilities for the school. Phase 2 is in progress and provides site stormwater detention, a new school entry, two new gyms with locker rooms, new kitchen and dining area, and new classrooms to replace the 26 "temporary" buildings which have blighted the campus for years. Phase 3 will be selective interior renovations, for example, to create a fire training area and teacher workrooms. Phase 4 will build new tennis courts where the 26 temporary buildings are currently located. Approximate move-in for the new building will be March 2018.

The audience raised numerous concerns and questions about the WHS project scope and funding. Safety is a major concern.

 The audience was very frustrated that HISD has reneged on its Bond scope to acquire two apartment complexes, which separate the main campus from the new ball fields. HISD allocated more than \$11 million to expand the WHS campus as part of the 2012 Bond, and the Board of Trustees voted to acquire the properties; however, the project team and board later opted not to proceed with the WHS campus expansion. It was noted that a guiding principle for the WHS project is safety; however the current ballfield design "is unsafe" because students must walk about 75 feet from the main campus along a narrow sidewalk that crosses two busy apartment driveways. Also, the school has been on lockdown

several times this year due to shootings or major crime at those two apartment complexes. The situation was described as "a time bomb", and that a "student is going to be killed or injured". It was pointed out that HISD had acquired several other apartment complexes next to other high schools in HISD as part of the 2012 bond project, yet HISD had not fulfilled the Bond promise to expand the WHS campus.

 The audience was also frustrated that the WHS bond project does not currently plan to improve or build new Fine Arts facilities at WHS, despite the fact that WHS now has a Fine Arts magnet and the current Fine Arts facilities are subpar. For many years, the Westbury Community and supporters of WHS have advocated for a superior Fine Arts programs and facilities for WHS. Why? Because nearby Parker Elementary and Meyerland Middle School have Music or Fine Arts magnet programs and are feeder schools to WHS. Furthermore, music is becoming a well-known attraction at the adjacent Willow Waterhole Greenspace, which features an annual 2-day MusicFest. A future Levitt Pavillion outdoor performing center will soon start construction.

 There were many questions about the WHS project funding situation. If HISD had appropriated more than \$11 million to expand the WHS campus and then reneged on the promise, then why didn't WHS receive the full \$11 million for other improvements? Instead, WHS supposedly received 8 of that \$11 million to construct the new baseball and softball fields. Why didn't HISD already have money allocated

for those fields, especially since HISD was in litigation regarding Title IX disparities in facilities and programs at WHS and other schools in HISD? Where did the other \$3 million go? Why didn't HISD allocate enough funding to complete the tasks needed to bring WHS up to standard compared to the many new high schools being built as part of the 2012 bond?



Several parents stated that new sports facilities for WHS are good, but their higher priority is safety.



Concerns were also expressed regarding the student capacity for the new building wing. Will there be enough classrooms? The new wing is based on the current student population, but WHS anticipates an additional 150 students next year and we anticipate attendance to keep rising as the magnet program continues to excel and expand.



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HISD: State of the Schools Address

Speaking before a sold-out crowd of more than two thousand guests at HISD's "State of the Schools" address, HISD Superintendent Richard Carranza and HISD Board of Education President/District IX Trustee Wanda Adams urged business professionals and state lawmakers to see public education as an investment to ensure the future success of every student who walks through a school's doors.

"I am here to tell you that we must invest in every child," Carranza said, "regardless of where they live, where they were born, the color of their skin, their religion, or the language they speak. Every child at every school deserves a high-quality education that prepares them for a successful future ... They are our future leaders, teachers, engineers, entrepreneurs, computer programmers. They are the fulfillment of Houston's enormous potential."

The idea of investing was reiterated by Adams, who said, "Our investment in our students is this board's top priority. We set goals to improve student achievement in under-performing schools; to ensure that magnet programs are available for all students who wish to attend our specialty schools; and most importantly, to ensure that all children will be reading on grade level."

The program highlighted students, teachers, and schools from across the district. A combined Jazz Band from Parker ES, Meyerland MS (formerly known as Johnston), and Westbury HS under the direction of Al Campbell and Kyle Turner entertained the crowd during lunch. We are proud that our local schools have such excellent music students to be featured during the event.

Carranza addressed some of HISD's greatest challenges, including the state's school finance system, which has led HISD to being in "recapture" status.

Carranza called "recapture" today's most pressing issue for HISD. Although HISD serves 76 percent economically disadvantaged students, HISD is considered "property-wealthy" and is required to send millions of its local property taxes to the state to offset funds distributed to poorer school districts. However, in November 2016, Houston voters declined to authorize HISD to send \$162 million in local property taxes to the state of Texas. In May there will be another election to vote on recapture questions again.

The presidents of the WCC and WAIC, respectively Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman, attended as guests of Westbury High School. Edmondson said, "Supt. Carranza spoke about the need to BE ENGAGED in our public school system. For the majority of homeowners in Westbury, more than half of the property tax we pay each year goes to HISD. Shouldn't it stay in Houston? At our February WCC board meeting, a motion was passed to encourage the State legislature to look into school finance reform." Chapman said, "We, as the WAIC, believe supporting WHS is an important mission. During the February 2017 WAIC meeting, a motion was approved to pay more than \$3,000 to purchase outfits for the WHS Choir to wear during performances." Both Edmondson and Chapman had a chance to meet Supt. Carranza after the luncheon and told him that the Westbury community supports Westbury High School.



Westbury Area School News

Congratulations WHS Band

The Westbury High School Marching Band not only placed first in the Battle of the Bands competition on February 11 at The Battle against Hunger Fest, it also won the "Humanitarian Award". The five competing bands had been instructed to bring canned goods with the proceeds benefiting the Harbach-Ripley Community Program. Westbury brought the most canned items, **HELPING STOMP OUT HUNGER!** It was a great day all the way around.



Fondren Middle School

The Houston Independent School District hosted their Annual Middle School Basketball Tournament January 5 through 7. The Fondren Mustangs Boys Basketball team rose to the occasion and was declared Tournament Champion. Eighth grader and team captain, Tyler Simon, was awarded Tournament MVP. "They deserved to win this tournament, they remained focused and disciplined every game," proclaimed Athletic Coordinator Brandi Justice.



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Westbury HS PTO

The acronym PTO stands for Parent-Teacher Organization. The Westbury High School PTO consists of parents and teachers working together to support and enrich all students. We support school staff, help promote student self-esteem, and assist efforts to solve school needs through volunteers and funding. The Westbury High School PTO is very excited to interact with parents, teachers, and the community.

Meetings are held monthly on the first Monday of the month at 7PM in the school library. We look at creative ways to get high school parents to attend our meetings. A special guest is always placed on the agenda. The role of our special guest is to provide beneficial information like helping students and parents with selecting a college and career after high school. Refreshments are usually served. This year there was a push to encourage WHS students in clubs and organizations to not only think about themselves, but also about helping others in their community.

The students were very excited and embraced two PTO community service initiatives: A Thanksgiving Day Food Drive and a Christmas Toy Drive. Both initiatives benefited our adoptive neighborhood school Anderson Elementary. In 2016-17 the PTO was excited that it was able to provide eight teachers with Teacher Grants totaling \$5,000. Teachers completed an application prepared by the PTO, in which funds were requested to help students in the classroom and around the school campus.

We are now looking forward to a successful 2017-18 school year. Additional information will be provided to the community for a major initiative that will take place in the 2017-18 fall school year. The PTO is looking forward to the community assisting it with the fall Homecoming Community Parade and Festival. Great things are happening at Westbury High School in Southwest Houston, TX, under the dynamic leadership of Susan Monaghan, Principal. She fully supports the efforts of the PTO Board. We encourage our community neighbors to join the PTO. There is an annual fee to join the Westbury High School PTO. A membership application can be downloaded at www.houstonisd.org/westburyhs. There are three more meetings remaining this year. There are on March 6, April 3, and May 8. Why don't you join us?

Maplewood Marlins Swim Team



Are you looking for a fun activity for the kids this summer? The Maplewood recreational swim team summer season is just around the corner. The team's long-time coach is the amazing Lisa Chilivets, who also teaches at Parker Elementary. The Marlins swim out of the Maplewood S/N pool located just north of Westbury at 10425 Rampart. You do not have to be a Maplewood resident to be on the swim team.

Registration starts March 1 for returning swimmers, April 1 for Maplewood S/N residents, and April 8 for ALL new swimmers. Swimmer eligibility, practice times and other information is available online at www.maplewoodmarlins.swimtopia.com.

The Maplewood Marlins are members of the Southwest Houston Recreational Swim League. The team consists of 200 children on the meet and practice teams.

The Southwest Houston Recreational Swim League is a summer swim league composed of community and subdivision swim teams in the Southwest Houston Area including Alief, Sugar Land, Missouri City, Meadows, Mission Bend, Stafford, Houston and Richmond. The SHRSL was organized to consolidate local swim teams, to standardize swim team rules and to foster competition through the divisions of teams of equal size and strength.



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Solid debris takes up space in the storm drain pipes making them less effective in transporting storm water to our ditches and bayous. Small sticks, **leaves**, newspapers, and other trash become wrapped together and could clog and slow the draining on your street. Our storm drains in Westbury are old.



They are original to the neighborhood and should be treated with care.

Only rain in the drain!!!

Here are some things you can do to help.

- ⇒ Sweep & BAG your leaves out of the street.
- ⇒ Clean the storm drain inlet in front of your home (if you have one)
- ⇒ Street gutters are city property. If your neighbor doesn't sweep, do it yourself. It's worth protecting your own home with a little street sweeping.

Illegal Dumping in Local Ditches and Bayous

If you see it, REPORT it.

Illegal dumping along our area waterways can cause flooding. If you see anything like this trashy mess, which was placed on the banks and down into the Braewick ditch, then please report it to 311 and to the WCC office.

Jennifer Edmondson, WCC Office Manager, saw this mess on February 8 during her weekly drive through Westbury. The WCC notified both HCFCD and the City of Houston Solid Waste department. The city sent out a crew to pull it to the curb for heavy trash pickup that next day. Thank you!



Debris and trash dumped along the Braewick Ditch at Ludington.



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Check out the next *Crier* for more information on times and meeting places.

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Community Outreach

We are lucky in Houston to be represented by some great people on City Council, in the legislature, and on the school board. In February, your WCC board had an opportunity to visit with our District K CM Green, and three of the At-large CMs: CM Knox, CM Kubosh, CM Robinson and even Steve Costello, the "flood czar".

Mike Knox visited the WCC office to see what issues were important to us. We discussed public safety (he is a former HPD officer), flooding, panhandling and homelessness, and derelict properties. Cindy Chapman and I then took CM Knox for a driving tour through Westbury Square, over to Westbury High and the new ball fields, through the Willow Waterhole and then down some neighborhood streets. He spent some of his growing up years in Westbury so he is familiar with the area.



As part of the Super Bowl hoopla, CM Michael Kubosh and Lowes hosted a "Super" lunch for the Super Neighborhood

leaders. WCC VP Marcia Hartman joined Cindy and Becky for the appreciation luncheon. It was good to reconnect with neighborhood leaders from across the city and have a chance to talk to both CM Kubosh and CM David Robinson.



CM Green was in the neighborhood for the WHS ball field dedication as well as the WHS groundbreaking. His chief of staff Donald Perkins attended the WCC board meeting. Our new State representative Shawn Thierry, WHS class of 1987, is busy in Austin but our new constituent rep Sheryl Taylor was at both the WCC and WAIC meetings. Mary Seymore, representing Senator Borris Miles, was also at both meetings. They hear our concerns and then take the news back to their respective bosses. We so appreciate this excellent outreach.



Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

Westbury Area Improvement Corporation Meeting

March 15, 8:30AM, Salem Lutheran

The Board of the 501c3 nonprofit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) approved the following donations at the February Meeting: \$500 to the upcoming MusicFest at Willow Waterhole, \$500 to community theater group Company On Stage, and \$3,136 will be used to purchase performing clothes for the Westbury High School Choir. Additionally, the board approved the purchase of up to \$1,000 from the Westbury HPD Storefront account for a refrigerator to replace the broken one.

The Board approved creating a committee to work with the WCC regarding CIP requests on behalf of the Westbury SuperNeighborhood.

Public Safety – Officer Vick said that the Westbury HPD Storefront officers are getting bike certified to be able to patrol bayous. Almost every day HPD is contacting local panhandlers with Homeless Outreach to see who needs services. Most are panhandlers. Do not give cash.

Westbury Community Garden Project – Master Plan is finished; engineering drawings are being prepared for site drainage. The Garden is partnering with the Health Museum, starting with a 30 day "VegOut" challenge every weekend in March.



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Crime & Security

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37* 30 days February 15, 2017

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	13	0	0	0	13
Theft	4	10	7	5	26
Auto Theft	2	2	2	1	7
Robbery	3	1	2	1	7
Assault	0	1	1	0	2
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	14	12	7	55

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

Single Family Residential Crime

Locations by block number, not exact address. Stats for 30 days preceding Feb. 15, 2017

Block #	Street	Crime
12500	Ashcroft	Burglary
10900	Atwell	Burglary
6000	Cartagena	Burglary
10600	Clematis	Auto Theft
5900	Duxbury	Burglary
5700	Effingham	Burglary
11100	Endicott	Burglary
11400	Gaymoor	Burglary
10800	Hillcroft	Auto Theft
11600	Hillcroft	Burglary
11700	Hillcroft	Robbery
12000	Hillcroft	Burglary
12100	Hillcroft	Burglary
5100	Kingfisher	Robbery
5200	Kinglet	Theft
12400	Landsdowne	Theft
5600	Ludington	Burglary
5700	Ludington	Theft
6000	Ludington	Robbery
5900	W. Airport	Theft
5900	W. Bellfort	Burglary
5000	Willowbend	Burglary



Westbury Area Patrol 281-463-6666
Westbury HPD Storefront 832-394-7520
HPD Non-Emergency 713-884-3131

Westbury is a huge neighborhood covering 1800 sq. acres. The security issues happening in one section of Westbury can be quite different than one several miles away. In addition to the Constable Precinct 5 program offering security checks on your home, they are also available to host meetings for a group of homeowners. Several streets in Parkwest 2 came together to hear Lt. Mitch Hutter, a Crime Prevention specialist with Pct 5, speak and answer questions.



Ted Heap, the newly elected Pct 5 Constable, has already improved services by adding an investigation division to complement their undercover teams. He had the following tips:

- ★ Do not let age, race or gender cause you to lower your guard. More females are committing crime.
- ★ If you are home, answer through the door if someone knocks so they know you are home. DO NOT open the door unless you know them. If you have children/grandchildren, teach them to answer and say, "My dad (or mom) can't come to the door." Give them the Constable number and program it into their phone.

★ As to door to door salesman, if no one buys anything they will stop coming. If you call them in as suspicious and the constables stop them, Westbury will get the reputation as a security conscious neighborhood. Lt. Hutter reminded us, that with the internet, there is so much personal information available online that someone could use your name or a neighbor's name as a ruse.

★ Most home break-ins occur weekdays between 10 AM and 2PM. Set the alarm when you leave. Set alarm when you are home. When you have workers, keep valuables out of sight. Your alarm is like a stopwatch. The thieves have to get in and out quickly. Heap said Pct 5 response time for non-emergency is 5 minutes and 2 minutes for emergencies.

★ **Call anything suspicious in to dispatch and to put their number in your phone: 281-463-6666.**

Don't forget Vacation Watch!

For residents who pay the WAP patrol dues, a special Vacation Watch may be requested from Pct 5. The form is available online. Sign up at www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/ If you want to request a Vacation Watch, but do not have access to a computer or internet, please call 281-463-6666 for assistance.

As part of the service provided by your Civic Club and the Super Neighborhood, we monitor the monthly 311 service calls submitted for the Westbury area. The WCC receives a monthly report which helps us monitor trends in missing trash pickups, broken water mains, nuisance properties and other items.



Please call 311 or use the handy 311 app for all your City of Houston questions and concerns. If you would like the WCC to monitor a situation after you have reported it to 311, please send an email to westburycc@sbcglobal.net with the Service Request (SR) number you have received. Provide a brief description of the problem.

Houston Police Department News

The January PIP meeting generated some questions about the new police station for our area. Officer Amber Vick of the Westbury HPD storefront responded to the concerns about police response time in our District 15 when the station moves. She said, "Rest assured that HPD's response time will in NO WAY be negatively impacted by the physical move of Southwest patrol to the Nitida location. There may be a misconception that the police sit at the station until we get a call (similar to the Fire Department); however, this is NOT the case.

Southwest is broken into two districts, 15 and 16, and each district is broken into 4 beats. Each beat has units assigned to them and those units stay in those beats or adjacent beats the entire shift, thus allowing for quick response by patrol units within their respective beats. The Police Station is mainly for administrative work, handling walk-in reports, and where officers begin their shift, attend roll call, and pick up their vehicles and equipment. The Southwest Division will continue to provide quality customer service and police response to all of you."

Becky Edmondson, president of the WCC, had an opportunity to meet the new Chief of Police Art Acevedo. After visiting the current Beechnut Station, Chief Acevedo said he knew why everyone is looking forward to moving to a newer, larger, modern, and more pleasant environment for officers and citizens alike.



Additionally, a free community room (capacity of approximately 120 people) will be available for use by community groups for meetings, trainings, etc.

Prohibited Yard Parking



In 2009, Houston City Council passed an ordinance enabling neighborhoods to petition to prohibit parking in yards. Parking in yards is defined as parking a vehicle on an unimproved surface in the front or side yard (for example, parking in the grass). The ordinance creates a criminal offense and a penalty of \$150 for any person who parks a vehicle in a front or side yard. Westbury successfully petitioned the City in 2009 and all of Westbury is now in a prohibited yard parking area. The deed restrictions in several sections of Westbury specifically prohibit the practice, as well.

District K's Larry Green held a "Neighborhood 101" workshop in February about yard parking issues. WCC Board members Cindy Chapman and Eugene Sirls attended on behalf of Westbury. At this time, only HPD officers can write a ticket for this offense and they must ticket the person parking the vehicle (or the property owner or home occupant where the illegal parking has happened). State Representative Gene Wu is sponsoring a bill (House Bill 714) in the Texas Legislature to allow this offense to be handled like any other parking offense, so that the vehicle may be ticketed rather than the person violating the ordinance. Also, the change would allow ticketing by civilian parking enforcement. In the meantime, continue to report yard parking to the Westbury HPD Storefront.



WAP Constable Calls February 2017



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Alarm	16	Open Door/Window	4
Animal-Aggressive	2	Contract Check	550
Burglary Home	9	Robbery—Aggrvated	3
Burglary Car	3	Stranded Car	4
Child Custody	0	Suspicious Person	46
Criminal Mischief	0	Traffic Stops	44
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Illegal Dumping	0	Stolen Vehicle	2
Meet the Citizen	26	Welfare Check	6

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Westbury Area News

In anticipation of Go Texan Day on March 3 and the 2017 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, here are two character building cowboy codes.

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- A cowboy never takes unfair advantage, even with an enemy.
- A cowboy never betrays a trust.
- A cowboy always tells the truth.
- A cowboy is kind to children, old folks and animals.
- A cowboy is free from racial or religious prejudices.
- A cowboy is helpful and, when anyone is in trouble, lends a hand.
- A cowboy is a good worker.
- A cowboy is clean in person, thought, word & deed.
- A cowboy represents womanhood, parents and laws of the country.
- A cowboy is a patriot.

COWBOY CODE

- If it's not true, don't say it.
- If it's not yours, don't take it.
- If it's not right, don't do it.
- ~Anonymous~

Actor James Drury, who played the Virginian on the TV show by the same name many years ago, is the source of this code. We might add this: 25 years ago at a Cub Scout Pack 99 meeting, James Drury recited this code and Barbara Haverkamp, on the publication committee wrote it down. Thanks Barbara!

Be Texas proud all year 'round!

New Home for Company On Stage

Company on Stage held its open house on January 27th to showcase their new home. Dozens of people were on hand to see the renderings of the new space. Stacy Bakri, the Artistic Director for the last 25 years was beaming as was Executive Director, Kathryn Noser Hartzog. Salem Lutheran pastor, Reverend Steve Kelly said he was proud to have Salem Lutheran supporting the arts in Westbury. For ways you can help and learn more about the capital campaign please visit companyonstage.org



Photo: Marcia Hartman, Becky Edmondson, Paul Antolik, Kathryn Hartzog, Cindy Chapman, Rev Kelly, Stacy Bakri

Links for Lost & Found Pets

- Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com
- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
- Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.




Westbury Meet & Eat

Come out to Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant at 6579 W. Bellfort every 1st Thursday of the month to meet Westbury residents. This event is open to anyone who lives in Westbury.


March Meet & Eat: Thurs, March 2, 6PM

April Meet & Eat: Thurs., April 6, 6PM

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Mission of the WCC

The purposes of the Westbury Civic Club, Inc. (the "Club") are to improve the appearance of the Westbury area and promote the civic, cultural educational, health, and general welfare of the residents of the Westbury and Parkwest subdivisions in Harris County, Texas (collectively, the "Community").

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- Keeps the doors of the Civic Club office open and staffed.
- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
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Westbury Civic Club Dues*	\$50	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
Subtotal	\$335	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
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*The Westbury Civic Club Dues encompasses all operations, programs, and services including greenspace, of the Westbury Civic Club, except patrol services.

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Flood Mitigation and Greenspace: A Three Part Series

This is the first in a series of three articles about how the Brays Bayou Association, the Willow Waterhole Project (March) and the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (April) came to be and how they have impacted life in Westbury.

Willow Waterhole Project

Source: an article by Bob Schwartz

In late 1996, Russell Schexnayder made a proposal to the Westbury Area Improvement Corp. and the Brays Bayou Association that a stormwater detention site be constructed adjacent to the Willow Waterhole Bayou. There had been flooding in parts of Westbury along the WWB. This site would help revitalize the unrestricted commercial/light industrial area of the Westbury Super Neighborhood, and it would reduce the risk of flooding in the entire watershed.

The Brays Bayou Association was sold on the idea and voted to fund a technical and economic feasibility study with a local engineering firm. When brought to Harris County Flood Control District's attention, Director Art Storey said he would fund the study with some of his discretionary funds. Stormwater detention facilities were viewed at that time as "a hole in the ground with a fence around it". Since detention facilities are dry most of the time, Schexnayder also suggested replacing a park on the facility. Kevin Shanley of the SWA Group, who had been advocating this dual-use concept for several years, was engaged by the BBA to prepare sketches illustrating how the concept could be implemented in the unrestricted part of Westbury. These sketches would soon prove very valuable

For the purposes of the study, the 31 miles of Brays were broken into some 15 "reaches". Each was evaluated with

scenarios to determine the best plan. The detailed cost/benefit analysis showed that a large detention facility on the Westbury site, along with channel-widening and bridge replacements from the mouth of Brays west to Fondren Road, produced the best results for the downstream part of Project Brays. When the Corps of Engineers approved the resulting Project Brays, it became eligible for federal reimbursement. In May 2000, Commissioner's Court approved Project Brays.

Project Brays consists of more than 75 individual projects throughout the entire 31 miles of Brays Bayou. The three major techniques being used are channel modifications, bridge modifications, and the construction of regional stormwater detention basins. Each component contributes to reducing flood levels and the risk of flooding; together they form the strategy for Project Brays. As one of Project Brays' four large stormwater detention basins, the Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin is designed to reduce flooding and bring much needed greenspace to area residents and businesses in southwest Houston.

HCFCF began construction on the Willow Waterhole Stormwater Detention Basin in May 2004, and construction of the basins is now complete. The control structures are the final piece, and construction will begin second quarter of 2017 and will be completed by third quarter 2018. The basins will hold a lot of storm water: 600 million gallons; 5,478,282 cubic yards or 1,865 acre-feet of stormwater storage.

The Willow Waterhole consists of 6 separate compartments that will be connected together to provide stormwater detention. The true effect that the Willow Waterhole basins will have on Westbury and the Willow Waterhole Bayou aren't fully felt yet. We got a glimpse during the 2016 Tax Day flooding. Westbury saw significantly less flooding during the Tax Day flood and subsequent rain events that would have normally flooded the homes along the east side of Hillcroft. The biggest reason for the decreased flooding is that compartments 1 and 6, which abut the Willow Waterhole Bayou and have a spill over wall, were partly excavated and held a great deal of water. The expectation is that once all the basins are connected, even more water will be stored in the basins during large flooding events.

Project Brays tag line is "Reduce the risk, rediscover the beauty". In March 2000, Texas Parks and Wildlife published an urban parks initiative, indicating it wanted to move quickly to award grants. City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department grants-writer Karen Cullar incorporated Shanley's plans into a grant application and, just five months after the program was announced, a \$750,000 grant was formally accepted by Houston City Council in August 2000. So in addition to the detention purpose, the Willow Waterhole became an urban destination for walking, bird watching and festivals. Next month, we will continue the series as the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy forms in 2001.

Brays Bayou Association Meeting Notice

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 7:30PM

The Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow Dr.

At press time, the Speaker has not been determined. Please check our Facebook page, Westbury Houston, for updates.

The Brays Bayou Association's purpose is to help reduce flooding in the Brays Bayou watershed. Westbury is located within the Brays watershed. The BBA was formed after rains flooded over 1,800 homes in 1983. The rain in 1983 was NOT a hurricane. The BBA holds monthly meetings with a range of speakers to keep the neighborhood informed of drainage/flooding concerns in our area.



Part Three: Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy will appear in the April Crier

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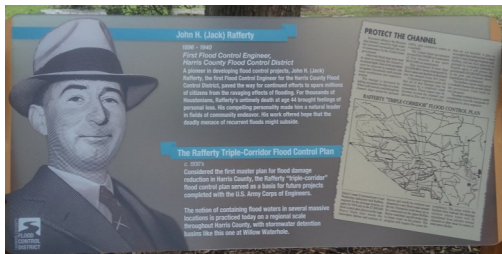
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New Signage at Memorial

A new sign was installed in January honoring Jack Rafferty, Harris County Flood Control District's early leader who initiated the concept of building detention basins to offset urban development. The Rafferty Memorial is located under the large live oak tree near Ricecrest Street at Triangle Lake Trail.



New Barricade Gates Installed

Three additional gates were installed in January at the Willow Waterhole Greenway to help keep unauthorized vehicles off hiking/biking/running trails and lawns. They will prevent destruction of these areas,



which has often occurred after rains when people go "mudding" with 4 wheel drive vehicles. Thanks to Brays Oaks Management District for funding these new gates. NO motorized vehicles are allowed inside the WW greenway.

Another Eagle Scout Project Completed

Warren Billiard from Troop 500 completed his Eagle Scout project on February 18 at the Willow Waterhole. He was assisted by fellow troop members and friends from Westside High School. His project consisted of planting 5 large live oaks and 5 loblolly pines. This will provide a natural screen in front of industrial sites across Gasmer Road.



Pocket Prairie Planting

Community volunteers and students from YES Prep helped prepare the soil for planting at the new prairie pocket area on S, Willow in the Triangle Lake area. The next morning Members of the Westbury Garden Club led by Hazel Potvin and Noreen Hoard planted over 400 plants of 15 prairie species. This will be a great edition to the greenway!



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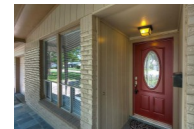
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Westbury Arbor Day

Arbor Day at Westbury Park

On a cold morning in January, Westbury Park celebrated Arbor Day with a clean-up and tree planting. On hand from the WCC were new Greenspace director, Matt Funk, and Green Team members Marcia Hartman, Cindy Chapman, Donna Robert, and Becky Edmondson. The O'Hayer family joined the workday for the second year in a row with 3 year old Quinn (photo to right) in tow. He helped plant a tree and two bushes with the help of his parents, Carli and Warren. Students from Sharpstown High School's National Honor Society and Key Club along with their teachers and advisors really made the work day productive. It is always a pleasure to work with Jennifer Kuhleman and her students.



Arbor Day Event at Westbury Park

Trees Planted at Willow Waterhole

Trees for Houston (TFH) sponsored a tree planting at the Willow Waterhole Greenway on February 3. They brought 50 trees, all the supports, a water truck, and recruited volunteers to the workday. Friends of TFH, local residents, and a large group of students from Sharpstown High School completed the project on the banks of Triangle Lake. The trees included loblolly pines, cedar elms, bur oaks, sycamores, and live oaks. Trees for Houston, is a tremendous organization that has improved not only the Willow Waterhole, but many of the Westbury esplanades through many plantings over the years. TFH is a great partner and a friend of our Westbury community.



Feb 3 Event with Trees for Houston at the Willow Waterhole

Arbor Day at Willow Waterhole

Volunteers from the Westbury High School Honor Society and the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy planting 150 hickory pecan seedlings near the border with Texas Iron Works and Southern Crushed Concrete. The seedlings will ultimately turn into a forest and provide a natural screen of the industrial sites. Thanks again to the NFL, Houston Super Bowl Host Committee, Trees for Houston, and Verizon for their donations. Thanks to members of the Conservancy, and those at HPARD, and HCFCO for promoting our local greenspace and consulting on projects.



January 28 Arbor Day Event at the Willow Waterhole

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Join us at the Westbury Community Garden each Saturday in March for a series of fun, delicious, and educational events where you will learn more about how to keep a balanced diet, growing your own vegetables, and other topics. In addition, guest chefs will demonstrate recipes you can try at home. You won't want to miss the final event on March 25th, which will feature a Veggie Party.

VegOut! Events with Westbury Community Garden, Recipe for Success, The Health Museum Saturdays— March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 2PM



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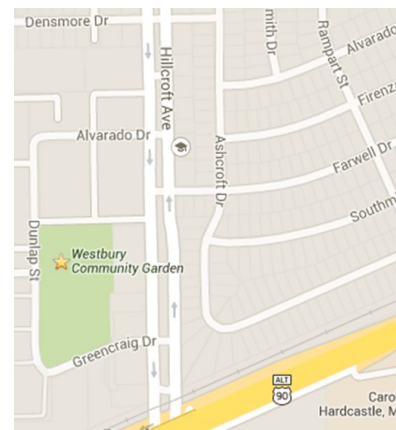
If you are new to organic gardening, the WCG will partner you with an experienced mentor to get you started and offer garden advice when needed. A garden bed at the Westbury Community Garden is approximately 25 ft by 4 ft totaling about 100 square feet of area. Consider inviting a friend or neighbor to share a bed to split the work and the rewards.

Check our website www.WestburyCommunityGarden.org or contact our Membership Chair, membership@westburycommunitygarden.org



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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



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