



# Westbury Crier

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## Drive-Thru Event 2021 Dues Fundraiser Thurs. March 11, 4-6PM

Drive thru the WCC office parking lot and pay your 2021 dues and WAP in full and receive this new, fun Westbury sticker! Use the dues form on page 7 and pay with a check or we will have several tablets available to help you pay online. We tried to hold this event in February, but it was cancelled due to Winter weather. Support the WCC and our programs today.

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

## Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

### WOW Workday — Litter Pick-up

Come join us at the Willow Waterhole for our 2nd workday at Westbury Lake on Sunday, March 28, 2-4PM. Our February event was cancelled due to winter storm recovery. The WAIC, along with the WCC, will be hosting monthly regular workdays in Westbury. This workday will again focus on litter pick-up at Westbury Lake. The WAIC will provide trash bags and grabbers. You must wear gloves and a mask.

**What:** Working on Westbury (WOW) Workday

**When:** Sunday, March 28, 2-4PM

**Where:** Westbury Lake gazebo, 5300 Dryad

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## Celebrating 10 Years in WCC Office

Congratulations to the WCC Office Manager, Jennifer Edmondson, on her 10 year anniversary with the WCC. See more on page 18.



## WINTER STORM FREEZES ALL OF TEXAS Millions Without Power Including Westbury

The week of February 15-19 brought historic low temperatures across much of Texas, along with widespread power and water outages. This was yet another unprecedented weather event for the state in recent years. At one point the ENTIRE state was under a Winter Weather Watch or Warning. This was definitely not our normal weather.



*Drone photo looking at W. Bellfort and Chimney Rock from above Home Depot  
Photo by Mark Mulligan*

All of Westbury awoke Monday, February 15, to bitter cold temperatures and about an inch of snow/ice on yards and roads. We knew it was coming. Homeowners prepared their homes by wrapping pipes and turning off water to the home. We were told to expect rolling blackouts; they did NOT roll. Some areas in Westbury lost power Monday morning and did not get it restored until Thursday. Most Westbury homes lost power for approximately 24 hours. There was one point when all sections of Westbury were without power. All street lights were out as well as traffic signals. Cell service was very spotty and water pressure was very, very low. Most homes in Westbury had a small trickle at full pressure, while others had none.

**Winter Storm 2021 Special section on pages 8-11** features articles on the history of Texas electricity, what is ERCOT, rolling outages, photos, funny memes and more.

## HEAVY TRASH

**March 2021**  
Thursday, March 11  
**TREE WASTE ONLY**

**April 2021**  
Thursday, April 8  
**JUNK WASTE**

## RECYCLING

**March 2021**  
Thursday, March 11  
Thursday, March 25

**April 2021**  
Thursday, April 8  
Thursday, April 22

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE

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

**\*\*\*The office is CLOSED to the public. NO visitors.**

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## SECURITY

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Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131  
Southwest HPD Station .....832-394-0400

## CITY OF HOUSTON

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District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin.....832-393-3004  
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333  
Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107  
Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955  
**Houston Help & Information.....311**  
*For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes  
sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash  
violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services*

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222  
Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111  
Street light repairs.....713-207-2222  
*Make sure to give pole number*

## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111  
Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmd.org  
Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.org  
*Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use “report a problem” link*  
Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661  
Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000  
Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

# 2021 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact the Westbury Civic Club at 713-723-5437 or  
[westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

## Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

February was a month that sure surprised us this year! Usually February has moderate temperatures sprinkled with a few short dips into cold temperatures. So while many of us were purchasing Valentine's gifts and plotting how to celebrate Valentine's Day in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was startling to hear that an Artic deep freeze was headed our way for the evening of Valentine's Day. The deep freeze was predicted to last for several days as it pushed all the way to the coast and down to the border with Mexico. It was even more concerning to hear the pending chill was expected to have freezing precipitation and the lowest temperatures seen in Houston in decades. In Houston, we have learned how to prepare for hurricanes, but we have much less experience with winter storms. Winter weather is fickle. A small difference in temperature can mean rain, snow, sleet, or freezing rain. How many times have we been excited for the possibility of snow flakes and ended up with rain?

Well, THIS year we did get the freezing rain, and the snow, and a bone-chilling cold accompanied by frigid blasts of wind. I went to bed uneasy that first evening, wondering if power lines would fail from the weight of ice or icy branches and concerned that these cold temperatures could cause plumbing failures. I woke up the next morning to the news that the electrical grid in Texas was struggling - demand was high due to the cold, while some electrical providers had experienced shutdowns or could not start up as anticipated. Many homes in Westbury already had no electricity, due to blackouts ordered to keep the state electrical system running. Originally, these blackouts were described as "rolling blackouts," which would only last a few hours, but then we learned that the blackouts might last for a day or even several days.

Some homes in Westbury lost their power on Monday and didn't regain it until Thursday. My home lost power for 24 consecutive hours, so I was one of the luckier ones. There were no answers and no way to know or plan which homes in Westbury would lose power, or when, or how long the power might be out when it did go out. And then the City water pressure started getting lower and lower, until it was a mere trickle (if at all). For those who did have running water, a Boil Water order was mandated until Sunday afternoon of February 21. Wearing coats indoors and boiling water made it feel like we were doing "indoor camping".

Understandably under these conditions, schools and many businesses closed. The WCC canceled the February board meeting and the "I Love Westbury" drive-thru fundraiser event for our Precinct 5 Constable Patrol. We also canceled the Working on Westbury litter cleanup, so that we could instead give away packages of drinking water in the WCC parking lot. I want to thank our WCC Office Manager, Jennifer Edmondson, for researching and posting fact-filled advice and information for our residents on the WCC Facebook page during this challenging time. We are providing additional helpful information in this edition of the newsletter.

In this newsletter, you will read about some of the many people who aided others during the challenges of February. Thank you! We appreciate all of you who have been "helpers", and are very glad that you have chosen to live in Westbury.

This month we are holding two events. We are redoing our "I Love Westbury" drive-thru dues event since it was cancelled due to the winter weather. The event will be held in the WCC parking lot on March 11 from 4-6PM. We are also holding a "Working on Westbury" (WOW)

activity on March 28. See more about these events on page 1. We look forward to seeing you!

Spring officially starts in March, so enjoy the great outdoors and the mild temperatures of March!

-Cindy Chapman



WCC President Cindy Chapman trying to stay warm and eating by flashlight during the 2021 Winter Storm



### WCC Board Notes - February 2021

- ➔ The February 2021 WCC Board Meeting originally scheduled for February 17 was cancelled due to the winter storm. Much of the area did not have power on Wednesday.
- ➔ The next WCC board meeting is Wednesday, March 17, at 7pm. The meetings are held via Zoom and live-streamed on Westbury Houston Facebook page.
- ➔ The following positions are vacant and open to eligible Westbury residents.
  - \*Volunteer Coordinator
  - \*Westbury 1 Section Director
  - \*Westbury 4 Section Director

If you are interested, please e-mail [wccpresident@westburycrier.com](mailto:wccpresident@westburycrier.com)

**GET INVOLVED**

**NEXT** Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting  
March 17 @ 7PM

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

# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd

713-726-7107

platou@houston.tx.gov



## Library News

### ➔ NEW Library Update

The City of Houston has formed a naming committee for the new library that will be located on Belrose. Several Westbury residents are on this committee. We will provide updates in the next Crier.

The Library Action Group should start meeting in March.

Look in future Criers for important library updates.



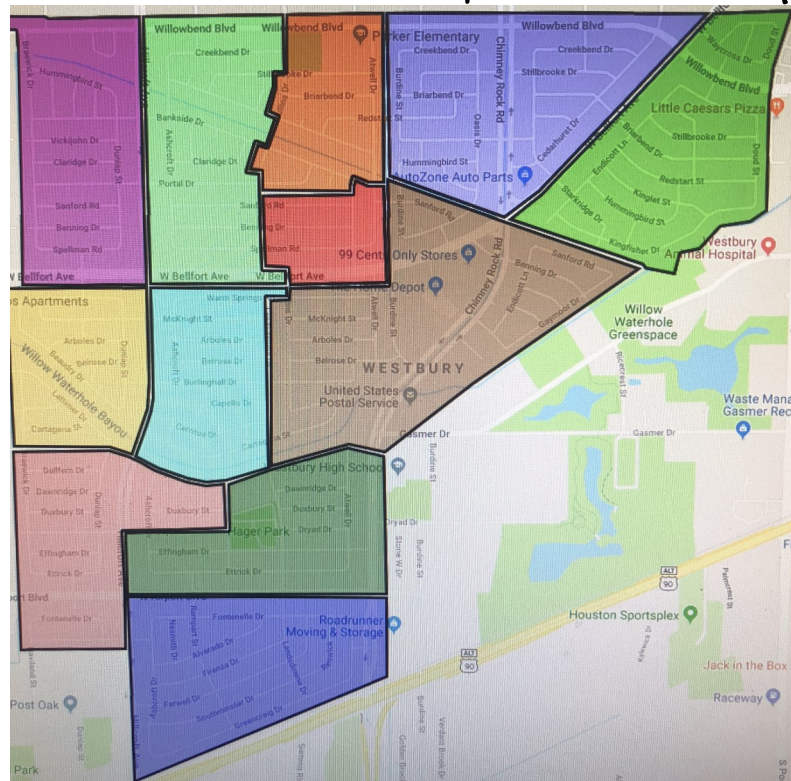
- ➔ **Supervisor: Ilea Balderston**
- ➔ **Assistant: Justin Thomas**
- ➔ **Weekly Classes/Groups CANCELLED**
- ➔ **Playground, Swings & Basketball courts CLOSED**

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



**Please do not use the equipment.**

## Map of Westbury by Section



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

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	443 homes
	Parkwest 3	311 homes
	Westbury 1	543 homes
	Westbury 2	530 homes
	Westbury 3	853 homes
	Westbury 4	834 homes
	Westbury 5	501 homes
	Westbury 5	150 homes
	Westbury South	563 homes

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## March 2021 Calendar Events/Meetings

<b>Tues 2</b>	Texas Independence Day 
<b>Thurs 11</b>	I Love Westbury Dues Event <b>4-6PM</b> Come by the WCC Office to pay your 2021 dues, meet the WCC Board and Constables
<b>Sun 14</b>	Daylight Savings Time Begins. Move your clocks ahead one hour at 2AM.
<b>March 15-19</b>	HISD Spring Break
<b>March</b>	Brays Bayou Association Meeting <b>To Be Determined</b>
<b>Wed 17</b>	Happy St. Patrick's Day 
<b>Wed 17</b>	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting <b>9:30AM</b> Held via Zoom Live streamed on Facebook, WAIC Houston
<b>Wed 17</b>	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting <b>7PM</b> Held via Zoom Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston
<b>Sat 20</b>	Audubon Society Bird Survey <b>To Be Determined</b>
<b>Sun 28</b>	Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole <b>2PM-4PM</b> Westbury Lake—meet at the Schwartz Gazebo See pages 6 and 17

## PLANNING CALENDAR

**May 9—Mother's Day**  
**May 31—Memorial Day**  
**June 11—Last Day of School, HISD**

## All About Trash

Trash, yard waste, recycling, and heavy trash are picked up by the City of Houston.



## Regular Household Trash

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can.

## Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY week either on Thursday or Saturday or any day the City decides to come by. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



## Recycling in Westbury

All of Westbury recycles on Schedule A. Recycling is every other week. Recycling goes into the green trash can.

**March 2021**

**April 2021**

Thursday, March 11

Thursday, April 8

Thursday, March 25

Thursday, April 22

## Heavy Trash Schedule

All of Westbury is on the same schedule for Heavy Trash. Pick-up is on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE months.

**March 2021**

**April 2021**

**TREE WASTE ONLY**

**JUNK WASTE**

Thursday, March 11

Thursday, April 8

## Important Trash & Recycling Info

- 🗑️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- ♻️ Recycling is every other Thursday.
- 🗑️ Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- 🗑️ Yard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- 🗑️ NO Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- 🗑️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- 🗑️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags with City logo
- 📞 Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:  
**SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr - 10785 SW Frwy**  
 Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM;  
 Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center - 11500 S. Post Oak**  
 Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM.  
 Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- 🗑️ Refer to [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com) or [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more trash & recycling info



# Get Involved Today!

## Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

### WOW Workday — Litter Pick-up

Come join us at the Willow Waterhole for our 2nd workday at Westbury Lake on Sunday, March 28, 2-4PM. Our first work day in January had over 25 people and we picked up over 35 bags of trash. The WAIC, along with the Westbury Civic Club, will be hosting monthly regular workdays at the Westbury Lake. This workday will again focus on litter pick-up. The WAIC will provide trash bags and grabbers. You must wear gloves and a mask.

**What:** Working on Westbury (WOW) Workday—litter pick-up

**When:** Sunday, March 28, 2-4PM

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



## Eyes on Westbury

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



CAMERAS TO MONITOR  
WEIRS AND BAYOU

## WESTBURY ACTION COMMITTEES

### Westbury Flood Action Group

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

### Deed Restriction Revision Action Committee

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

### Library Action Committee

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

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

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## Why Support the WCC?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 463 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents.

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

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

## Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

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

## NEW ONLINE RESIDENT PORTAL COMING SOON

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

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

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

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

**Go to [westburycrier.com](http://westburycrier.com) then to the Dues and Assessments page.**

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

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

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

**Pay your 2021 dues  
ONLINE at [westburycrier.com](http://westburycrier.com)**

Please send this form in with your payment

### 2021 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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[westburycr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycr@sbcglobal.net)**

Make sure to include your address

### Want to send your support in multiple payments?

You may choose any amount to pay in any increment throughout the year.

Here are a few examples:

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

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

**Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club and our important programs. We can't do it without you! To contact the WCC Office, call 713-723-5437 or email [westburycr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycr@sbcglobal.net).**

*By filling out this form, you are giving the WCC permission to send you communications. We DO not sell your information or give it out to other entities.*

## ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

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

**The 2021 Mandatory Assessments of \$250.90 \*Due Date Extension-4/1/21 due to mailing issues.**

**We apologize for any inconvenience.**

## WATER SHORTAGES & WCC WATER GIVEAWAY

One unforeseen winter storm problem was water shortages and lack of City water pressure. Who knew a winter storm could wreak as much havoc as a Category 5 hurricane? Along with widespread power outages, many Westbury homes were without water for days. The water pressure throughout the City of Houston dropped dramatically, with some Westbury homes having a small trickle, while others had no water. People used water from pre-filled bathtubs, pool water and snow melt to flush their toilets. Neighbors helped neighbors. The City of Houston issued a boil notice on the morning of February 17; the boil notice was lifted on February 21. With freezing temperatures in Westbury lasting a straight 41 hours and then still more nights below freezing, many Westbury homes had pipes burst in attics or outside.

Drinking water was in short supply. Stores quickly ran out of what little stock they had. Water giveaway events started to pop-up around town. The Westbury Civic Club would like to send a very special, giant **Thank You to Westbury residents, Sarah and Richard Ball, and Detring Energy Advisors** for the donation of a pallet of water. Coupled with 40 cases of water given to us by Precinct 1 Commission Rodney Ellis' office, the Westbury Civic Club was able to distribute 130 cases of water over 3 days. Thanks to everyone who donated water and who helped distribute this water in the WCC parking lot, as well as deliver personally to those who could not reach us.

WCC water giveaway volunteers: Becky Edmondson, Jennifer and Connor Edmondson, Cindy and Walter Chapman, Lindsay Pollock, Mat Funk, Susan Brock, Precinct 5 Constable Sgt. Nick Derkowski, Roy and Shelley Johnson, Jane and Hailey Falk, Barbara Richards, and Trudy Holmes.



Everybody has toilet paper now, but no toilet water. Welcome to 2021 y'all.

I ❤️ Westbury

## Thank You Westbury Helpers

We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who reached out to help someone during the 2021 Winter Storm. We were reminded of the mantra from Mr. Rogers: **"When bad things happen, look for the helpers."**

So, to all the helpers out there who checked on their elderly neighbors, helped turn off water, cleaned up downed ceilings, shared food and water, or other acts of kindness - Thank You! You are so appreciated. We want to share part of a text that one helper received:

*"No one has been so kind to me in such a long time. Thank you for loving me yesterday when I thought no one even cared about me".*



So, thanks to all of you helpers and to all of you who reached out, your generosity and thoughtfulness warmed our hearts and so many others. You are the reason Westbury is such a great place to live.

## High Water Bills Caused from the Winter Storm

The City of Houston has a process to request adjustment of a high water bill due to leaks or ruptures caused by weather. The request must be filed within 6 months of the leak. More information including the form can be found at [www.houstontx.gov/waterbills](http://www.houstontx.gov/waterbills). The WCC is unclear whether the City will automatically adjust the bills or if citizens must make the request.

The following is a statement from our District K City Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum; *"We understand this is a challenging time for so many families. If you receive an unusually high water bill caused by a leak during last week's #winterstorm, don't stress. Please pay what you paid on your last bill until automatic adjustments can be applied. Payments can be made online, through the automated phone system at 713.371.1265, or with a customer service representative at 713.371.1400. We will get through this together. Stay encouraged!"*



## WINTER STORM 2021 WIDESPREAD POWER OUTAGES IN TEXAS

As Texans across the state prepared their homes and businesses for the incoming winter weather, we thought we knew what was coming. Miserable cold, maybe some burst pipes, stuck at home, and rolling blackouts. We didn't expect MILLIONS of Texans to be without power for days. Temperatures plummeted to a low of 15 degrees in Westbury and were below freezing from 9PM on the February 14 until 2PM on the February 16. Many of us probably just got a major education on the Texas electricity. Learn about the history of the Texas power grid in the box to the right.

There are many questions about what ERCOT or the power generating companies were doing to get ready for the winter storm; What they should have done or did not do correctly. Lawsuits have already started, as well as investigations. Five members of the ERCOT board resigned on February 23. Several emergency items have been added to the Texas state legislature regarding ERCOT, winterization, and what happened to Texans during the 2021 Winter Storm.

### What is ERCOT?

If you live in Texas, chances are the electricity that gets delivered to your home is managed by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT. You may not have heard of ERCOT before the Winter Storm electrical outage disaster. But it is important to know who they are and what they do since they play a critical role in making sure the electricity in your home remains on.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) regulates the state's electricity industry, including independent electricity management agencies like ERCOT, public utilities like CenterPoint and Oncor, and retail electric suppliers. For the latest on what the PUC is doing to help Texans effected by the storm see page 11.

ERCOT, the state's largest electricity management agency, oversees the electric grid, which receives electricity from over 680 power generators and distributes it to homes and businesses along more than 46,500 miles of transmission lines. In all, ERCOT serves more than 26 million Texas customers representing 90 percent of the state's electric load and 75 percent of the state's land area.

### ERCOT's Main Functions

**1. Schedules energy transfers.** ERCOT ensures the electric grid can accommodate scheduled energy transfers from 680 generation units along transmission lines. ERCOT monitors transfer schedules from wholesale buyers and sellers on a daily basis, makes sure the grid can handle those schedules and makes sure that gaps in schedules can be filled.

**2. Maintains grid reliability.** ERCOT makes sure that electricity can be reliably transmitted to homes and businesses by managing the electricity supply on the grid and monitoring the flow of electricity between the power generation companies that put electricity into the grid and the public utilities that deliver electricity to customers.

**3. Manages retail transactions.** ERCOT serves as the central hub for retail power transactions. Not only does the agency manage the financial settlement for the competitive wholesale bulk-power market, but it also administers the process that customers undergo when switching their retail electric supplier to another. When electric customers switch, ERCOT ensures that all the information related to that transaction is accurately delivered to the appropriate companies in a timely manner.

For more information, visit [www.ercot.com](http://www.ercot.com)

## The History of the Texas Power Grid

The Texas electric grid is unique just like our great state! In the lower 48 states there are three electric grids. The Western Interconnection, the Eastern Interconnection and the Texas Interconnection. The separation of the Texas grid from the rest of the country evolved over a century. In the First World War, small Texas utility companies began to first link together. By the Second World War, several utilities had formed the Texas Interconnection System. This larger network allowed them to link to large dams and generate more power, which was used to run factories for the wartime effort. In 1935, FDR signed the Federal Power Act, which charged the Federal Power Commission with overseeing interstate electricity sales. By not crossing state lines, Texas utilities avoided being subjected to federal rules.

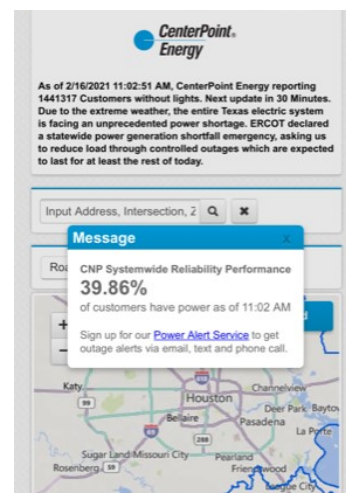
Texas had no rules at all until 1970 with the formation of ERCOT. It was formed in response to the major blackout in the Northeast United States in 1965. ERCOT was tasked with managing grid reliability in accordance with national standards. ERCOT assumed additional responsibilities following the Texas electric deregulation in 1999. The Texas grid remains beyond the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which regulates interstate electric transmission.

## What Happened to the Rolling Outages

Before the winter storm hit, ERCOT, and providers like Centerpoint, warned of likely rolling outages. They initially said these outages would only last up to an hour. And this was how it started, the very first outages in Westbury and surrounding neighborhoods were rolling. However, this quickly changed as the entire grid become unstable. The rolling outages became sustained outages that lasted anywhere from 24 hours to 3 days.

At a certain point, early Monday morning, February 15, the entire Texas grid became unstable. ERCOT has reported that the entire grid was only minutes from complete failure, which would have led to complete state-wide blackout that could have lasted weeks, if not months. Power generators were rapidly dropping offline due to weather issues. Within hours 40% of the power supply was lost. Throughout the Winter Storm event, 356 of the 680 power generators had problems and were out of service at some point. Centerpoint and other utility companies in Texas stated that they were unable to turn homes back on until more power generators were back online and ERCOT allowed them more megawatts.

For three days, fewer than 50% of Houston had power, over 1.4 million households. Most of Westbury lost power for 24 hours, but Westbury South and parts of Westbury 4 lost power for 3 days. At one point, all of Westbury was out of power including our street lights and traffic signals.



# WINTER IN WESTBURY 2021

Much of Westbury awoke Monday, February 15, to bitter cold temperatures and about an inch of snow/ice on all our roads. Snow is a rare event in Houston and brought many families outside. Kids had a blast—making snowmen, having snow ball fights, and making snow angels. Our streets were deserted, which is a rare sign. Check out the drone shots of Westbury taken by *Houston Chronicle* staffer, Mark Mulligan.



How often can you stand in the middle of Willowbend at 8am with no cars?



W. Belfort in Westbury. Photo by Mark Mulligan (Westbury Square is in bottom left corner)



Drone shot of Spellman cul-de-sac in Westbury 3 photo by Mark Mulligan



Snow at Westbury Park - February 15, 2021



Westbury 2 kids play in the snow.

Caspar Berry made a snow angel and colored ice balls, Connor Edmondson threw snow balls, Isaac made a great snowman, and Greer Wermuth and her dog Ginger had a blast sledding and swinging.

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# Funny Winter Storm Memes Keep Texans Entertained

A highlight of the Winter Storm were the memes that popped up on social media. You have to love Texans' ability to laugh at themselves. We hope you enjoy these as much as we did and that these bring you some laughter.



Never thought I'd ever say this.... but all I wanna do is my LAUNDRY and WASH DISHES 😊

The stars at night are big and bright  
🌟🌟🌟🌟  
cause there's no lights in texas

New question for my realtor if I ever move, "does this property share a power grid with a hospital?" 😊

I'm confident this is the longest our home has ever gone without an Amazon delivery.

"I wish we had a real winter."  
-said no one in Texas ever again. Ever.

## Protections for Electricity Customers

In an emergency open meeting on February 21, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) issued a series of orders intended to protect Texas electricity customers while they work with the Governor, the Legislature and ERCOT on solutions for the financial aftershocks of the winter storm grid event. The Commission strongly urged retail electric providers (REP) to delay invoicing for residential and small commercial electricity customers, including invoices with estimated meter reads.

The Commissioners ordered an immediate suspension of disconnections for non-payment until further notice, including ordering utilities not to process disconnections. They also ordered the continuation of the COVID-19 measure under which REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to customers when requested.

[NOTE: The orders are applicable to customers of investor owned-utilities (IOUs) across the state that fall under the PUC's jurisdiction (namely Oncor, AEP, CenterPoint and TNMP). They do not apply to municipally-owned utilities or electric cooperatives that reside outside the PUCs jurisdiction.



Literally Every Texan: Quietly removes Alaskan cruise from bucket list.



Alright..I'm going to call it.  
This one is broken too.  
Let's go ahead and just fast forward to 2022.

I'm done with the 7 day free trial of living in Alaska....

2020- Learn to stay home!  
2021- Same, but now let's test your survival skills!

May your winter layering successfully disguise that you haven't showered.

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On the plus side...  
There are no more mosquitoes in Texas

## Dealing with Stress

February was surprisingly stressful and full of uncertainty. The impacts of stress on your body may linger, even after the immediate cause is over.

- Here are some ideas to reduce stress, gleaned from several sources.
- Get Moving – Run. Walk. Exercise. Dance.
- Take Soothing Steps – Listen to calming music. Breathe deeply. Take a hot bath or shower. Drink herbal tea. Meditate. Count to 20. Do slow exercises like yoga or stretches.
- Take Care of Yourself – eat healthy, well-balanced meals. Get plenty of rest. Cut back on caffeine if it makes you jittery or anxious or impacts your sleep.
- Talk about your feelings and accept help. Give yourself a pep talk.
- Do something Fun— Laugh out loud. Interact with people.
- Be Creative—Enjoy a Hobby.
- Help Others – Volunteer or contribute to your community.
- Follow your normal routine as much as possible. Make To-Do lists. Remind yourself with notes, calendars, or timers – whatever works for you.
- Keep Calm & Carry On!



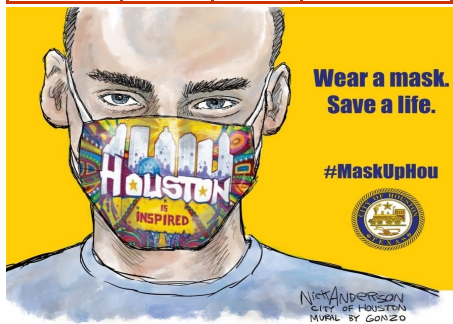
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**Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19**

(data from [publichealthharriscountytexas.gov](http://publichealthharriscountytexas.gov))

	77035	77096	Houston
4/23/20	54	59	2,975
5/21/20	108	85	6,188
6/24/20	334	183	16,253
7/27/20	748	492	45,145
8/26/20	1,102	700	62,097
9/26/20	1,255	817	72,684
10/26/20	1,360	894	82,999
11/23/20	1,504	1,026	93,988
12/20/20	1,779	1,240	110,445
1/26/21	2,238	1,659	150,091
2/23/21	2,613	1,943	170,667



**HPD Positive Interaction Program**

The Houston Police Department’s SW Positive Interaction Program meeting occurs the 4th Tuesday of each month in a Zoom meeting. At the January meeting, Commander Halliday gave an update on crime in our area. Aggravated assault was up 54% from 61 to 94 incidents comparing January 2020 to 2021. Property crimes were down except for burglaries of commercial buildings and auto thefts.

Sgt. Antonio Gracia, from HPDs Vice Human Trafficking Division, made a presentation on human trafficking here in Houston. In Texas, they estimate 313,000 people are victims with 234,000 in labor trafficking and 79,000 in sex trafficking. Texas had 15 new criminal human trafficking cases in 2019 making the 65 active federal cases the highest in the US.

Who are the victims? Minors and usually female. There was an uptick of runaways during the first months of COVID. Like all potential crime, if you see something, say something, do something.

There is a Human Trafficking hotline 24 hours a day: 888-373-7888  
 To contact the HPD Southwest Division at 13097 Nitida : 832-394-0400  
 Commander Halliday [Jonathon.hallidau@houstonpolice.org](mailto:Jonathon.hallidau@houstonpolice.org)

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 Sgt. Ortiz (DRT) [Michael.ortiz@houstonpolice.org](mailto:Michael.ortiz@houstonpolice.org)  
 HPD Non-emergency number: 713-884-3131

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**\*Minute Maid Park -** Downtown. City of Houston. Drive thru and walk-up. Mouth self swab. Curative test. Open Monday - Sunday.

**DO YOU HEAR SIRENS?**  
 Go to <http://cohweb.houstontx.gov/ActiveIncidents/search.aspx> to check current incidents listed by Police and Fire. The listed is updated frequently.

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# Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

January 25 - February 25, 2021  
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

## KEY

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

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
10800	Atwell	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	1/28	12PM	Parkwest 2
10900	Atwell	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	1/25	12AM	Parkwest 2
5800	Benning	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	2/18	11AM	Parkwest 2
6000	Dryad	Aggravated Assault	2/13	1AM	Westbury 4
5800	Ettrick	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	1/28	7PM	Westbury 4
5800	Firenza	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	1/31	9AM	Westbury South
5900	Fontenelle	Robbery	2/25	9AM	Westbury 4
11400	Gaymoor	Counterfeit/Forgery	2/1	2PM	Westbury 3
5600	Greencraig	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	2/1	3AM	Westbury South
11500	Landsdowne	Theft of Motor vehicle parts	1/30	8AM	Westbury 3
5900	Ludington	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	1/25	11AM	Westbury 4
12300	Mullins	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	2/12	12AM	Westbury 4
5700	Sanford	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	2/1	8PM	Parkwest 2
5200	Spellman	Theft from a motor vehicle	2/10	2PM	Westbury 3

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

They are in alphabetical order by street.

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



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### Vacation Watch

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

You can register for a vacation watch online at <https://constablepct5.com> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

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Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	1	5	1	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	7	1	2
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	3	4	2	0
Robbery	1	4	4	2
Simple Assault	0	8	2	0
Shoplifting	0	0	12	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	1	0	0
Vandalism, Damage	2	6	4	0
Auto Theft	0	4	0	0
Fire, Arson	0	0	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	1	7	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	1	0
Counterfeit, Forgery	1	0	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>

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# Brays Oaks Management District

All homes in our Westbury neighborhood are located within the geographic boundaries of the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD), which extends roughly from South Post Oak west to the Southwest Freeway (US 59). The boundaries are irregular and confusing. There are 2,925 businesses located in the district and an estimated population of 102,502 people per the 2010 Census. The Brays Oaks Management District funds projects and programs through an assessment which is solely collected from COMMERCIAL PROPERTY owners within the district, including apartment complexes. Single-family residential property is NOT assessed, so this means that our Westbury homes do NOT pay any money to BOMD. The assessment rate for the businesses is ten cents for every one hundred dollars of valuation. The approved budget for 2020 was approximately 1.5 million dollars.

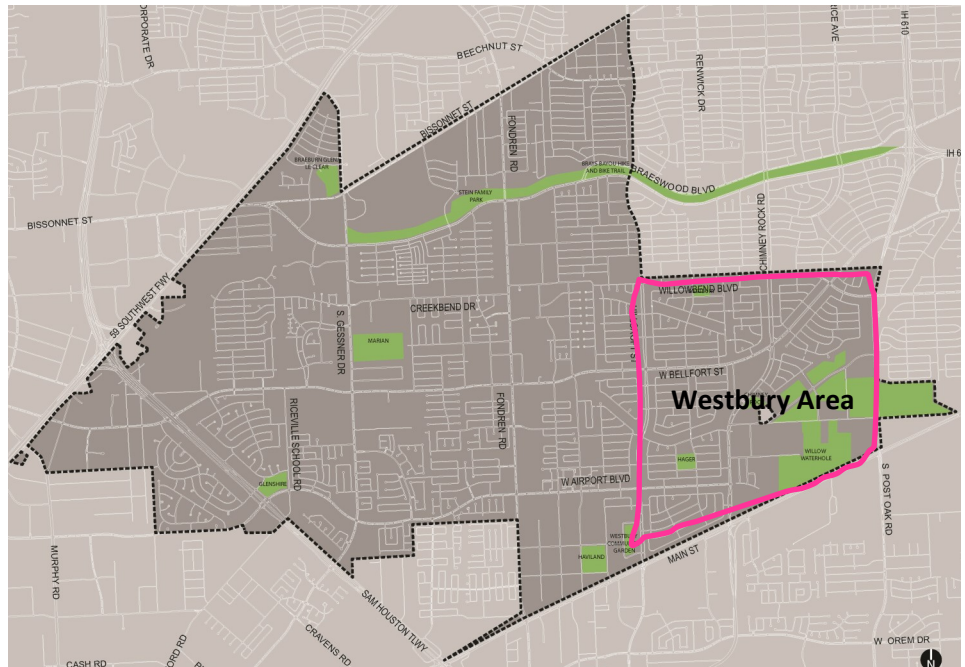
The purpose of the District is to: conduct business, invest, and enhance the physical, social, and economic well-being of the community it serves. BOMD focuses on four primary services for the businesses located in the district: Public Safety, Economic Development, Beautification and Urban Design, and Mobility & Transportation. The board of BOMD is made up of 11 unpaid volunteers who have been appointed by the City of Houston. BOMD Board members with a Westbury connection are Cindy Chapman, who is the current President of the Westbury Civic Club, and Ralph Rieger, who owns a commercial building on Chimney Rock in Westbury.

Although our Westbury homes do not pay an assessment to BOMD, all businesses and residents in the district enjoy certain benefits provided by BOMD. For example, it is important that the district be clean and appealing; therefore, BOMD pays a contractor to remove litter from every major road in the district on a routine basis (approximately every other week), including along Chimney Rock, Hillcroft, West Belfort, West Airport, and South Post Oak in Westbury. The District also pays to maintain some of the esplanades in commercial areas, for example, the intersection of Chimney Rock and West Belfort is now maintained by the District.

For public safety purposes, the District removes graffiti and pays HPD officers overtime to investigate and monitor crime

“hot spots” in the District. The District also pays for participating apartment complexes in the district - this involves screening prospective renters for felonies and misdemeanors in Texas and a credit history report. The District has paid for training and equipment for the two HPD stations (Southwest HPD station and South Gessner HPD station), which serve the District.

The District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and is subject to the Open Meetings and Open Records acts. The regular meeting of the Board is the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon. Currently the meetings are being held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [www.braysoaksmid.org](http://www.braysoaksmid.org) for more information about meetings and to sign up to their mailing list.



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## Amazing New Naturescape Garden

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy is celebrating it's 20th Anniversary this month. Two decades of advocating for less flooding and more greenspace. To commemorate this occasion, Conservancy members funded a project to create a Naturescape Garden at Westbury Lake near the gazebo. The members commissioned the renowned tree carver, James D. Phillips, to turn live-oak logs into amazing sculptures. Mr. Phillips is known for his work carving trees in Galveston after Hurricane Ike and in many public spaces throughout the area. This is a beautiful addition to the Willow Waterhole and one we think will bring joy to many for years to come.

A special thanks to Will Winters with Novus Wood Group for donating the seven extremely large and heavy logs for this project. Alex Schwartz, a Boy Scout from Troop 740, completed his Eagle project by constructing permeable foundations for each of the pieces

Conservancy members commissioned each piece and worked with the artist to create unique pieces. This incredible greenspace means so many different things to different people.

1 - Donna and Tony Roberts commissioned a piece that really captures the nature found at the Willow Waterhole, with turtles basking on a log.

2 - Becky and Bill Edmondson along with Walter and Cindy Chapman commissioned a piece to represent friendship and capture their love of reading.

3 & 4 - Russell and Janie Schexnayder commissioned two pieces, one representing birding and scouting with an large eagle, and the other representing fishing with a catfish carving.

5 - Bill and Kelly Burhans commissioned a piece to represent the great birding at the Willow Waterhole.

6 - Bruce Krewinghaus commissioned a piece in honor of all the Scout projects completed at the park.

7 - Barbara Richards commissioned a piece in memory of her mother with a tribute to wildflowers.







## NEW Scenic Selfie Photo Stand

Photography stands placed at scenic overlooks in parks around the country are very popular. The Willow Waterhole now has two as a result of Aidan Kelley's Eagle Scout project and a generous donation from Willow Waterhole Conservancy member Jay Broadfoot. Shown below are Aidan (far right) and his Troop 99 friends from St. Thomas More. One photo stand is placed at the scenic overlook at the Schwartz Gazebo, and another is at the Gasmer Road entrance to Westbury Lake.

Aidan becomes the 60th Scout to complete an Eagle or Gold Award project at the Willow Waterhole. Thanks to Aidan and all Scouts who have done projects to improve one of our finest community assets!

This project is another fine example of how improvements over at the Willow Waterhole are being funded by donors and members of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. For more information about making donations or becoming a member, see their website at [www.willowwaterhole.org](http://www.willowwaterhole.org)



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## Links for Lost & Found Pets

- Nextdoor Westbury - [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)
- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
- Houston Cares - Contact at <https://houstoncaresrescue.org/>



## Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

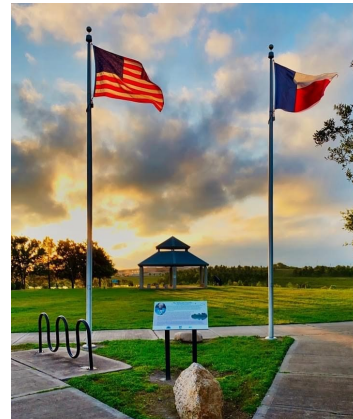
### WOW Workday — Litter Pick-up

Come join us at the Willow Waterhole for our 2nd workday at Westbury Lake on Sunday, March 28, 2-4PM. Our first work day in January had over 25 people and we picked up over 35 bags of trash. Our February event was cancelled due to the Winter storm recovery. The WAIC, along with the Westbury Civic Club, will be hosting monthly regular workdays at the Westbury Lake. This workday will again focus on litter pick-up. The WAIC will provide trash bags and grabbers. You must wear gloves and a mask.

**What:** Working on Westbury (WOW) Workday

**When:** Sunday, March 28, 2-4PM

**Where:** Westbury Lake gazebo, 5300 Dryad



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# Congratulations Jennifer! Ten Years in the WCC Office!

January 25 marked Jennifer Edmondson's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the job as the WCC Office Manager. In these last 10 years, she has taken, what to a large degree had been mostly a secretarial position, and expanded it into a wealth of knowledge on flooding, infrastructure, city regulations, and deed restrictions.



Jennifer has spent hundreds and hundreds of hours working with residents, with the city, and with the county advocating for projects and solutions to reduce the risk of flooding along Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) after repeated flooding for homes along WWB from 2013 to 2017. That advocacy has brought capital improvement monies to the table for Street and Drainage reconstruction projects in Westbury, and the acquisition of multiple properties for flood detention projects to help protect Westbury homes. There is more work yet to be done to ensure that these projects make it off the paper and that the work is completed.

Jennifer took the Westbury Crier newsletter, that had always been a source of information since July of 1956 and a great source of historical data, and turned it into an award winning publication.

It's not an easy job. And often it's a thankless job. Please join us in thanking Jennifer for her commitment to Westbury, the neighborhood that she was born in, raised in, and is now raising her own family in. Living in the neighborhood means she is never off duty! Westbury is finer, greater, better, for her service.

## WESTBURY RESIDENTS IN THE NEWS

### Jennifer Blessington

Congratulations to Jennifer Blessington whose book, **Moxie**, has been made into a movie! Jennifer had this to say "The film is on Netflix globally on March 3. I think you will LOVE it. I really am just like a high school teacher. I'm a mom, I live in Westbury, I'm 44 years-old, it's kind of overwhelming sometimes."

Photo: With Amy Poehler on set



### Dabney Kennedy

Former WCC President, Dabney Kennedy, received Boy Scouting's highest national award, the Silver Buffalo.



### Walter Chapman

Walter Chapman, husband of WCC president Cindy Chapman, was presented a Texas House resolution in honor of his research that produced SAFT (Statistical Associating Fluid Theory) from Texas Rep, Shawn Thierry.



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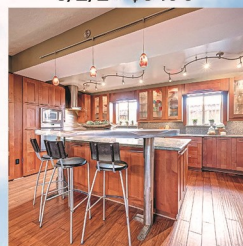
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### Tips for Freeze Damaged Plants

Here are a few tips from Urban Harvest to help your garden recover from the freeze:

- Water your plants well.
- Prune any mushy plants ASAP.
- Do not prune woody plants, including fruit trees, give them **time** to heal and recover before pruning.

### Tomato & Pepper Season

Now that daytime temperatures are warmer and sunnier, and nighttime temperatures are out of the danger zone for tomatoes and peppers, it's time to plant your tomato and pepper plants.

If the nighttime temperature is expected to drop below 45 degrees, place 5-gallon buckets over them and remove in late morning. **THE SOONER YOU PLANT, THE MORE TOMATOES.** There is a small window for production before temperatures reach 90 degrees. There are many great varieties of tomato plants. Cherry tomatoes produce the most fruit and are less prone to pests.

Good places to purchase transplants:

- Southwest Fertilizer on Bissonnet Street
- Another Place in Time on 11<sup>th</sup> Street in the Heights
- Buchanan's on 11<sup>th</sup> Street in the Heights
- Wabash Antique and Feed on North Shepherd in Garden Oaks

### Plant It Forward Farm Needs Your Support

Plant It Forward Farms (PIFF) suffered great losses in the 2021 Winter Storm, as much as 75% of their crops may have been lost. There are 3 PIFF urban farms in the Westbury Community Garden. Whether or not you want to donate, buy a t-shirt, subscribe to a farm share, or volunteer, you should visit their website just to see this incredible program. It was started by a family who saw the number of Congolese refugees coming into SW Houston and came up with a plan to take their agricultural backgrounds and craft an urban market farming project. Today there are 9 farms supporting 13 farmers. You can read the farmers bios and read about our Westbury PIFF friends, Sarment, Pierre, Fatuma, and Alimasi. More information at [www.plant-it-forward.org](http://www.plant-it-forward.org)



## WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

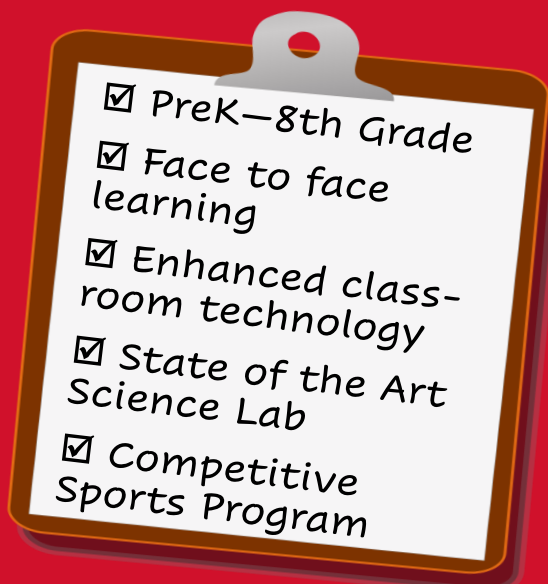
12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main. Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Greencraig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible. Street parking.



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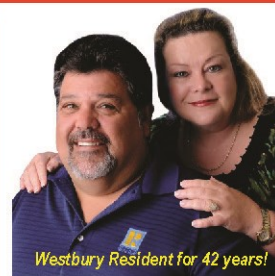
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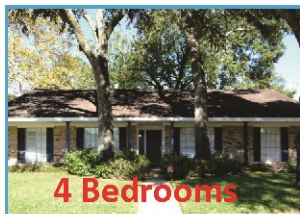
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