



# Westbury Crier

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## Upcoming Events in Westbury!

### Keep Westbury Beautiful Saturday, April 2, 9AM-Noon

Westbury Park, 5600 Stillbrooke  
Bring the whole family out and help keep Westbury Beautiful! The annual Keep Houston Beautiful Day is April 2. The WCC is once again hosting an event to help beautify the butterfly garden at Westbury Park.  
For more information, see page 8.



### MusicFEST 2022 Saturday, April 9, 11AM-8PM

Willow Waterhole, Parking at Westbury High School  
MusicFEST is a free, one-day music festival featuring live music, spring-themed activities, and great food at the Willow Waterhole. There is a great lineup of eight diverse professional bands and eight student-school groups.  
For more information, see page 18 & 19.



### Spring 2022 White Elephant Sale Saturday, April 23, 8AM – Noon

Westbury United Methodist 5200 Willowbend  
The Spring White Elephant Sale will be held on Saturday, April 23, from 8AM to Noon in the parking lot of Westbury United Methodist parking lot.



**Booths on Sale for Westbury Residents—March 22**  
Purchase booth space at the WCC office. Booths are \$20 for Westbury residents and \$40 for non-residents.  
For more information, see page 9.

## WOW WORKING ON WESTBURY

### Butterfly Garden Workday Westbury Park Sunday, March 27 2:30PM - 4PM

Join WCC board members at Westbury Park on Sunday, March 27, to prepare the butterfly garden for our Keep Houston Beautiful workday the following weekend on April 2.



We will prepare the butterfly garden and other beds in Westbury Park for the next weekend. This will include weeding, trimming, etc. The WCC will provide gloves and shovels. Meet at Westbury Park near the playground on Stillbrooke, near Parker Elementary, on Sunday, March 27, from 2:30PM to 4PM. This is a great volunteer opportunity for the whole family.

### Keep Westbury Beautiful

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## Traffic Alert—Hillcroft Bridge Replacement

The southbound bridge over the Willow Waterhole Bayou on Hillcroft is being replaced. Traffic is being diverted to one-way in the northbound lanes between Burlinghall and Ludington. Four-way stop signs have been installed on Hillcroft at Burlinghall and at Ludington. Construction is expected to be done by summer. Expect delays and find alternate routes. For more information, see page 10.



## SUPPORT THE WCC TODAY!

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



**Pay your 2022 dues online**  
[www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com)

## HEAVY TRASH

**March 2022**  
Thursday, March 10  
**TREE WASTE ONLY**

**April 2022**  
Thurs., April 14  
**JUNK WASTE**

## RECYCLING

**March 2022**  
Thursday, March 10  
Thursday, March 24

**April 2022**  
Thursday, April 7  
Thursday, April 21

## March WCC Board Meeting Wednesday, March 23\*, 7PM Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft

The board meeting will be live streamed on the Westbury Houston Facebook page.

\*This is a date change due to Spring Break conflicting our normal week

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE

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

**Westbury Civic Club Office Hours**  
**Mon.-Thurs., 10AM-12PM**

**WCC Office Closed Friday–Sunday**  
**WCC Office will be closed March 14—March 18**

**NOTARY SERVICES— available to paid WCC members**

## CONTACT US

WCC Office Telephone.....713-723-5437  
WCC Office Email.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net  
Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net  
WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

**Visit our website at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com)**  
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## SECURITY

**Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666**  
*Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch*  
Emergency.....911  
Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131  
Southwest HPD Station .....832-394-0400

## CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum.....832-393-3016  
District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin.....832-393-3004  
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333  
Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107  
Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955  
**Houston Help & Information.....311**  
*For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes  
sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash  
violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services*

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY

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

## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111  
Graffiti.....www.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

# 2022 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Volunteer Coordinator.....VACANT

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Westbury 5.....Donna Strom  
**Westbury South.....VACANT**  
Parkwest 1..... Angie Furnari  
**Parkwest 2.....VACANT**  
Parkwest 3 .....Alan Hirshman

**POSTED WCC BOARD VACANCIES CAN BE FILLED AT ANY REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.**

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

## *A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President*

Thank you to all the Westbury residents who dropped by the Open House at the Westbury Civic Club Office in February. This was our first indoor WCC event in 2 years! It was a fun event with lots of conversations, snacks, and a raffle for those who paid their 2022 dues in full at the Open House. Our District K City Councilmember, Martha Castex-Tatum made a surprise appearance! If you have not visited the WCC office before, we have a collection of maps, old photos, and historic memorabilia to view. Enjoy the photos on page 7. We hope to hold other community events at the office throughout the year.

Our March WCC board meeting will be a hybrid meeting – both in person and virtual. This will be our first board meeting in person in two years. We welcome Westbury residents to attend, either in person or via live streaming on our Facebook page. Date Change – please note that the board opted to change the date of the WCC Board Meeting in March to the 4th Wednesday on March 23. This date change avoids conflicts with school spring break vacation week and the Houston Rodeo. (In the remote possibility that we have to change the March 23 meeting from a live meeting to a virtual meeting, we will post an update on our Facebook page and our website.) We thank our host, Westbury Baptist Church, for being a great community partner and being so flexible and accommodating for our events.

Spring is always a busy time of year! The rodeo is in town, little league games are starting, school galas, and tons of fun

outdoor events. March and April are full of scheduled activities and events here in Westbury. I encourage you to join the fun and meet some Westbury neighbors. We will be “Working on Westbury” two weekends in a row at the Westbury Park Butterfly Garden, Sunday, March 27 and Saturday, April 2. Both of these events are family friendly and good volunteer opportunities. The April 2 event will be part of the city-wide Keep Houston Beautiful activities as our official Keep Westbury Beautiful event. More information is on page 1 and 8.

Come out to the MusicFEST at Willow Waterhole on Saturday, April 9, from 11AM to 8PM. Bring the whole family to enjoy live music and food trucks. This event keeps getting better every year. For more information, see page 19.

Our popular White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, April 30, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist. Come shop 50 garage sales in one central location! If you are interested in participating in this event, see page 9.

Crime is a big concern on everyone’s mind in Houston. The Houston region has seen a huge surge in crime and violence, and this is not okay. Change is needed. I want to mention several steps to help make Houston (and Westbury) a safer place.

➔ The Westbury Civic Club pays for Precinct 5 Constables to patrol (“Westbury Area Patrol”) in our neighborhood and to respond quickly to reports of suspicious behavior. This patrol is the most expensive service of the Westbury Civic Club, but I

also believe it is the most important service provided by the Westbury Civic Club. Paying your assessments/dues helps fight crime in our area by keeping law enforcement officers on patrol. You can pay on our website by credit card (which provides confirmation of your payment) or you can send a check. See page 6.

➔ Please report suspicious behavior and crimes, even small property crimes. It is best to report right away, without delay. You are NOT wasting their time. This is what our Constables are paid to do. Reporting provides data (used by both HPD and the Constables) and it helps the Constables solve crimes and notice patterns. For example, if you see someone looking in windows of cars parked at the street at midnight, call the Constables and they will send a patrol car to that area seeking the suspicious person. If there is a dangerous emergency, contact 911.

➔ Report gunfire, even if you do not know exactly where the gunfire is happening, to both the Constables and HPD. Commander Hassig of the Southwest HPD Station has asked that gunfire be reported because the city has ordered more Shotspotter equipment, and data will be used to determine where to place this equipment that locates the source of gunfire.

Finally, the Houston Livestock & Rodeo runs till March 20. I hope you have a chance to enjoy it! With an east breeze, Westbury should be able to smell the barbecue.

-Cindy Chapman

### **WCC Board Notes - February 2022**

- ➔ The WCC board voted to move the March WCC board meeting to March 23 due to the spring break week.
- ➔ Public Safety – Sgt. Derkowski thanked Westbury residents for their support after the recent murder of a Precinct 5 Constable Deputy. Precinct 5 officers are working overtime to address crime in the City. They are also looking for fake license plates.
- ➔ Guests included representatives from: District C, District K, At-Large 2, AtLarge 4, County Commissioner Precinct One, State Representative Shawn Thierry office, and the Solid Waste Department.
- ➔ Reports Given: Office/Neighborhood Issues, Deed Restrictions, Operations, WCC Board Training, Yard of Month, Upcoming Events.
- ➔ The next Westbury Civic Club board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 7PM at Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft. The meeting will be livestreamed on Westbury Houston Facebook page.
- ➔ Interested in joining the WCC board? Contact Cindy Chapman at [wccpresident@westburycrier.com](mailto:wccpresident@westburycrier.com).

**NEXT**  
**WCC Board**  
**Meeting**  
**Wednesday**  
**March 23, 7PM**  
**IN PERSON MEETING**  
 Westbury Baptist Church  
 10425 Hillcroft  
**Meeting will be**  
**livestreamed on the**  
**Westbury Houston**  
**Facebook page.**

# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd  
713-726-7107 \* [platou@houstontx.gov](mailto:platou@houstontx.gov)



New Supervisor— Dajai Tennard

Email—[Dajai.Tennard@houstontx.gov](mailto:Dajai.Tennard@houstontx.gov)

Platou Center is open from 9:30AM—6PM, Monday—Friday

## Adult Classes @ The Platou Center

Exercise—M/W/F, 9:30-10:30AM

Quilting— Tuesday, 9:30AM –2PM

Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM

*New Members are welcome—Other times can be added if interested.*

Ping Pong—Thursday, 9:30-10:30AM

There is currently plenty of Room on the Platou Center Calendar. If you are interested in something particular, like games, exercise, line dancing, ping pong, genealogy, crafts and other great get together ideas, call Dajai Tennard at 713-726-7107. There are no bad ideas.

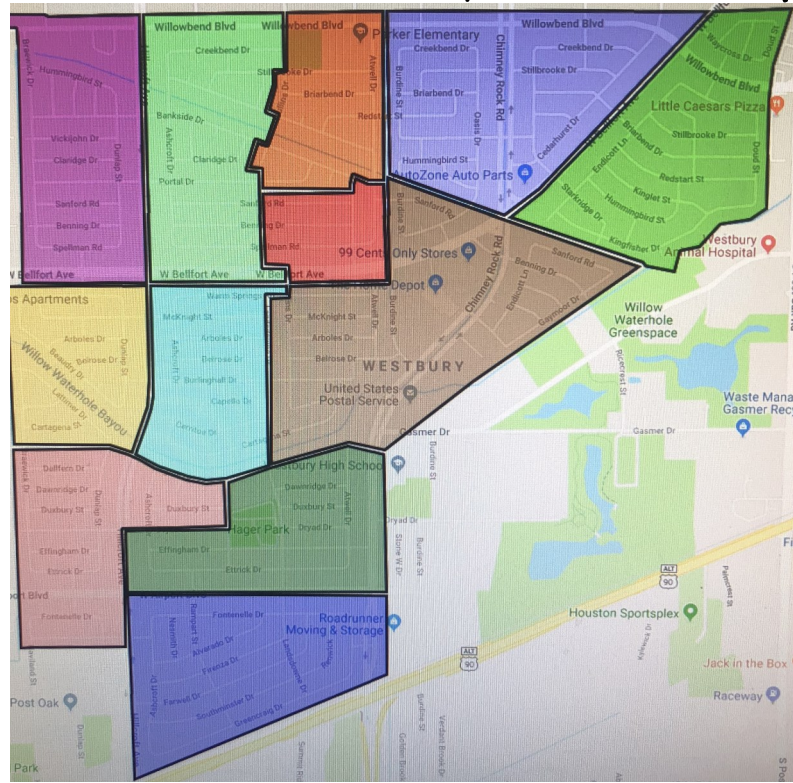
**Playground, basketball, and tennis courts are OPEN.**

## What's Coming in

# 2022

- \* **Westbury library** Starting 3rd Quarter
- \* **New Trails at the Willow Water-** Starting May 2022
- \* **WCC Office Open House** ✓
- \* **WOW Workdays** March 27 & April 2
- \* **TWO White Elephant Sales** Spring Sale—April 23
- \* **Flood Control Projects**
- \* **Neighborhood 101 Classes**

## 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 |

## March 2022 Calendar Events/Meetings

|                    |   |             |
|--------------------|---|-------------|
| <b>Thurs 10</b>    | <b>HEAVY TRASH PICK UP—TREE WASTE ONLY</b>  |             |
| <b>Sun 13</b>      | Daylight Savings Begins<br>Spring Forward one hour at 2AM   |             |
| <b>March 14-18</b> | HISD Spring Break<br>WCC Office Closed  |             |
| <b>Sat 19</b>      | Audubon Society Bird Survey<br>5310 South Willow<br>Monthly bird survey   | 8-10AM      |
| <b>Tues 22</b>     | Booths on Sale for White Elephant Sale<br>Westbury Residents ONLY - \$20 for booth<br>See page 9 for more information | 9AM-1PM     |
| <b>Wed 23</b>      | WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting<br>Zoom Meeting   | 9:30AM      |
| <b>Wed 23</b>      | Westbury Civic Club Meeting<br>Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft— IN PERSON MEETING!<br>Live streamed on Facebook.    | 7PM         |
| <b>Sun 27</b>      | Working on Westbury<br>Westbury Park, 5600 Stillbrooke<br>See page 1 for more information                             | 9 - 10:30AM |
| <b>Tues 29</b>     | WCC Office OPEN LATE for Booth Sales<br>\$20 for Westbury Residents<br>See page 9 for more information                | 5-6:30PM    |
| <b>April 2</b>     | Keep Westbury/Houston Beautiful Day<br>Westbury Park, 5600 Stillbrooke<br>See page 8 for more information             | 9AM-Noon    |
| <b>April 5</b>     | Booths on Sale for White Elephant Sale for non-residents<br>See page 9 for more information                           |             |
| <b>April 9</b>     | 9th Annual MusicFEST<br>Willow Waterhole, Parking at Westbury HS<br>See page 18-19 for more information               | 11AM-8PM    |

## 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 2022

Thursday, March 10  
Thursday, March 24

#### April 2022

Thursday, April 7  
Thursday, April 21

### 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 2022

TREE WASTE ONLY  
Thursday, March 10

#### April 2022

JUNK WASTE  
Thursday, April 14

## Important Trash & Recycling Info

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

## PLAN AHEAD

April 23—Westbury White Elephant Sale  
April 30—Rain Date - White Elephant Sale  
May 1—WOW Workday at Hager Park



# Why Support the WCC?

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

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

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

## Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month at 7PM  
Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft  
→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

## Next WCC Board Meeting

### WCC Board Meeting

**Wednesday, March 23, 7PM**  
**IN PERSON MEETING**

Topics - Committee updates, WOW events, traffic, crime and more.

## Read the Westbury Crier *ONLINE!*

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

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

## Pay Your Dues Online

[www.westburycrier.com](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 Constables — \$305
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$365
- Custom Amount — You can enter your own amount

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

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

You are mailing you payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas. This allows your payments to be processed immediately.

You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office or pay online at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com)

## Please send this form in with your payment 2022 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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 Make sure to include your address

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**P.O. Box 975182**  
**Dallas, TX 75397-5182**

|                                  |              |    |
|----------------------------------|--------------|----|
| <b>Westbury Civic Club Dues</b>  | <b>\$60</b>  | \$ |
| <b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>      | <b>\$305</b> | \$ |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                  | <b>\$365</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 [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).**

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

## ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

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

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

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

# Westbury Office Open House

The Westbury Civic Club hosted an open house event at the WCC office on Thursday, February 17. This was our first indoor event in two years and it was delightful to see all the residents who stopped by to say hi and pay their 2022 dues.

Thank you to everyone who was able to drop by to chat and enjoy the snacks. We enjoyed chatting to those that visited the office and showing them our collection of historical photos and memorabilia. Those who paid their WCC dues in full during the Open House were entered into a raffle; the winner received an HEB grocery store gift card, and an I LOVE Westbury sign.

Our guests were really excited that District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum dropped by our Open House for a while. She was able to talk directly to residents and address or listen to their concerns. Thank you, Martha, for stopping by our event!

This community event was hosted by members of the Westbury Civic Club board, and we thank the WCC board members who were present during the event: Cindy Chapman, Stephen Deavult, Becky Edmondson, Jennifer Edmondson, Angela Funari, Marcia Hartman, Alan Hirshman, Andrew Jefferson, Lindsey Pollock, and Tony Robert.

Thank you to all who visited. We look forward to hosting other small events or classes at the WCC office. If you have a suggested event or class, please email Jennifer at [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).



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## Keep Westbury Beautiful Day

For the 11th consecutive year, District K and Westbury are partnering with Keep Houston Beautiful to clean up and beautify our Westbury neighborhood at the annual "Keep Westbury Beautiful Day". This is a great way to meet neighbors, introduce your kids to volunteer work, enjoy the great outdoors during the best time of the year in Houston, and help improve our Westbury community.

### WHEN

**Saturday, April 2, 9AM to Noon, Rain or Shine**

### WHO

**Everyone is welcome!**

### WHERE

**Westbury Park, 5630 Stillbrooke,  
next to Parker Elementary**

Our main focus this year will again be the butterfly garden at Westbury Park. We created this garden 7 years ago and it was thriving until the freeze in 2021. We replanted most of the plants but the butterfly garden still needs much TLC; we will be weeding, mulching, and planting new butterfly plants. The other beds around the park also need some weeding and mulching.

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

All volunteers for our Keep Westbury Beautiful Day event will first register at Westbury Park. Wear shoes appropriate for outdoor work. Bring garden gloves if you have them.



*Keep Westbury Beautiful 2021  
Volunteers planting in the  
butterfly garden*



**Keep  
Houston  
Beautiful**

**April 2, 2022  
Westbury Park  
9AM-Noon**

## Ways You Can Help Keep Westbury Beautiful

There are many ways in which you can help keep Westbury beautiful. If we all pitch in and do our part, together we can Keep Westbury Clean and Beautiful.

- ➔ **Picking up trash in our parks or on our esplanades.** Westbury has 7 miles of esplanades, 3 City parks (Chimney Rock Park, Hager Park, and Westbury Park) and the Willow Waterhole.
- ➔ **Start with your own yard!** Improve the aesthetic appearance of your front yard by changing its contours, adding ornamental features, or planting trees and shrubs. Landscape gardening increases the value of your property.
- ➔ **Plant a tree!** Planting trees can have tremendous influences on communities. It improves our environment, can enhance our quality of life, and improve our health. Plant on your property or join us for a tree planting event.
- ➔ **Curb and gutter cleaning.** Sweep in front of your home. Get your neighbors together & clean the whole street. Clear your storm drains.
- ➔ **Collect litter around bus stops.**



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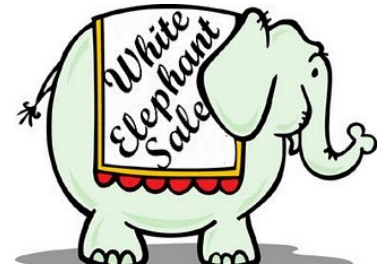
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# 2022 Westbury Spring White Elephant Sale

## Saturday, April 23, 8AM – Noon



The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides fall and spring community garage sale events to our members. **The Spring White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, April 23, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend.** The rain date is April 30. Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian or in the surrounding neighborhood.

**Booths will go on sale to Westbury residents ONLY on Tuesday, March 22, at 9AM at the Westbury Civic Club office.** The WCC office will be open late on Tuesday, March 29, from 5PM to 6:30PM for resident booth purchases. Payment is cash or check. The booth price for individual Westbury residents is \$20.

*\*Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space before April 5. 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.*

Booths will go on sale to non-residents, groups, and non-profit organizations on **April 5\***, if space permits, on a first come, first serve basis. The booth price for non-residents and groups is \$40.

Booths consist of 4 parking spaces—2 for selling and 2 for parking vehicles.

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.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**March 22** → Booths on sale for Westbury residents ONLY

**March 29** → WCC Office open late for booth sales, 5PM-6:30PM.

**April 5** → Booths on sale to non-residents, groups and non-profits.

**April 23** → Spring 2022 White Elephant Sale

**April 30** → Rain Date

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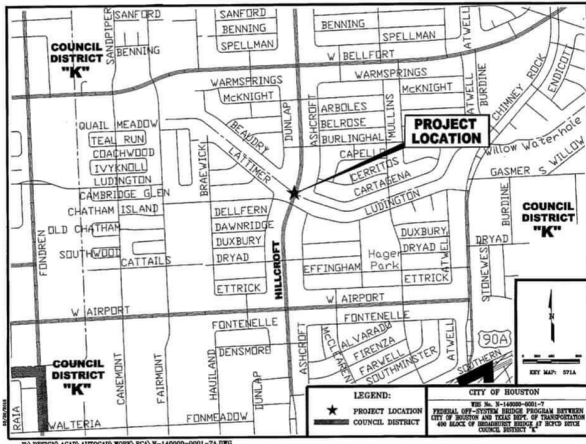


# Traffic Alert – Hillcroft

TXDOT is replacing the southbound bridge over the Willow Waterhole Bayou on Hillcroft. Traffic is being diverted to one-way in the northbound lanes between Burlinghall and Ludington. Four-way stop signs have been installed on Hillcroft at Burlinghall and at Ludington. Major delays are to be expected. Avoid the area and plan alternate routes.

Construction is expected to done by summer.

This is a much needed project as this bridge has been substandard for years and has been on the replacement list. Several years ago, the City did some minor fixes to the bridge that were meant to extend to life to get to the replacement.



## What in the World is that New Digital Freeway Sign on W. Bellfort?

This is a very good question. The same type of sign magically appeared on Hillcroft and on Chimney Rock in Westbury last year. The civic club was never able to get official answers as to what the signs are and the purpose. We were never informed—not the usage or the installation.



After much research and digging, and lucky chance to see a truck with the company name, brought us to TransCore. Here is what they have to say on their website,

*“The City of Houston has awarded TransCore a \$33.6 million contract to design and build an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) that will be deployed across 489 intersections throughout the city. The new system will be fully integrated with the City’s multi-agency partnership, Houston TranStar, and the City’s traffic management center, enabling traffic engineers and emergency operators to immediately detect, respond to, and share real-time information with the traveling public.*

*The project includes - 91 new dynamic message signs, 113 roadside cameras, 144 solar-powered, mid-block radar detection sites, 489 traffic signal detection sites.*

*“Our population is expected to grow by 50 percent over the next 20 years. This equates to another two million travelers on our local roads,” said Alanna Reed, Public Information Officer for the Department of Public Works and Engineering, City of Houston. “This smart technology infrastructure will enable us to prepare for this growth and provide the residents of Houston greater mobility across the region.”*

*The ITS system will continuously monitor some of Houston’s busiest streets. Through real-time data collection and monitoring from roadside equipment, traffic engineers can stay abreast of current traffic conditions and even predict those locations and times that have a greater likelihood of incidents. The system will immediately dispatch emergency personnel when needed, as well as alert motorists of changing roadway conditions by automatically posting updates on dynamic message signs.*

The Westbury Civic Club has some major concerns and reservations about these signs. The large scale of these signs appear to be more appropriate for freeways and highways than for the city residential streets of Chimney Rock, West Bellfort, and Hillcroft which have a speed limit of 35 mph. Our Westbury streets are already so hazardous due to speeders and this will add to the perception that our roads are highways when in fact they are RESIDENTIAL streets with HOMES facing the street.

The Westbury Civic Club has once again inquired about these signs. What is the plans for these signs? How were the locations chosen? Will more of these signs show up in our community? We assume that these large signs are among the 91 “dynamic message” signs that will be installed across the city.

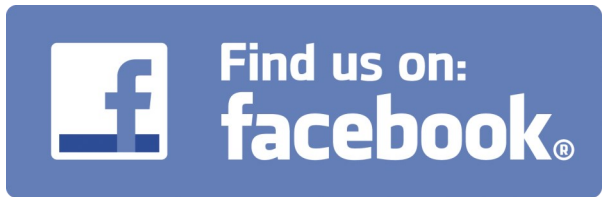
We want safe streets and safe neighborhoods. We are all sick of people speeding and cutting down our streets to avoid traffic and lights. The speeding is completely out of hand. How do these signs help? Are they going to redirect traffic into our neighborhood to avoid traffic? Give traffic times to the Beltway or 59? Who are the signs for exactly? Will any of the solar-powered radar detection sites be in Westbury?

Look in future Criers for more information. You can also call our City Council office and the Mayor and voice your opinions and ask questions. While the need for this type of work is necessary, we question why these streets were chosen as they are clearly residential in these locations.



## STAY INFORMED

Like and follow the Westbury Houston Facebook page for updates on trash, commercial properties, road construction, weather, meetings and more.



# Westbury High School Baseball

2020-2021 RECORD: 8-12

The 2021-2022 Westbury Huskies Varsity Baseball team is looking to build on the momentum from the last two seasons, and is showing tremendous improvement. Coach Williams, in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year, is trying to bring back the competitive baseball Westbury was known for. Behind his senior leaders, Josiah Jackson, Isaiah Riascos, and Kevin Ramirez, along with key returning starters, Jakob Ewoldt, Joshua Duplessis, and Avery Robinson, the Westbury Huskies are looking to improve upon their record from last season and ultimately bring playoff baseball back to Westbury High School. The Huskies have already started their season strong with a 7-6 win over area rival Stafford High School. Come out and support your local area High School baseball team! "WE LOVE REPRESENTING WESTBURY!"



## District Games at Butler Stadium in Westbury

- March 14, 10AM—Westbury vs Lamar
- March 15, 10AM— Westbury vs Lamar
- March 22, 5PM—Westbury vs Bellaire
- March 25, 5PM—Westbury vs Bellaire
- March 29, 5PM—Westbury vs Westside
- April 9, 10AM — Westbury vs Sam Houston
- April 14, 7:30PM—Westbury vs Heights
- April 22, 5PM—Westbury vs Chavez
- April 26, 5PM—Westbury vs Carnegie



## HISD Announces New 5-Year Plan

HISD Superintendent House recently announced a new 5-Year Strategic Plan. "Every HISD student deserves access to a school that meets all of their needs, all of the time," said House.

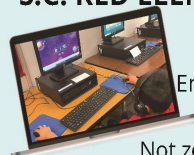


Under the plan, HISD will create a baseline of expectations for student experiences by defining and funding essential positions/ functions that guarantee a basic standard for student health, safety, and well-being at every campus. All schools will have counselors, social workers, librarians, media specialists, nurses, fine arts, co-curricular activities, and athletics.

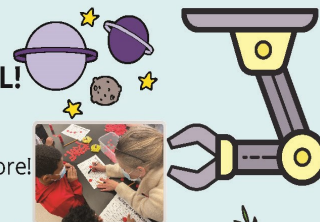
The plan will build a talent culture in HISD that compensates employees fairly and increases the base compensation for all employees to be competitive with surrounding districts. All HISD employees will see a pay increase through this plan. New teachers will be offered a monetary incentive to commit to the district. Teachers and other staff in critical shortage positions will be offered stipends. In addition, a new educator evaluation system will be implemented for teachers to have clear expectations and benchmarks and recognize excellent instruction.

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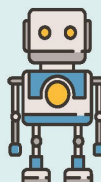
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## Neighborhoods Press For “No More Crime”

Houston residents are frustrated with the ongoing crime spike. A "No More Crime" press conference was organized by the MacGregor Super Neighborhood and Riverside Civic Association on February 21.

Westbury was represented by Cindy Chapman, current Chair of the Houston Super Neighborhood Alliance. Among those attending were Mayor Sylvester Turner, HPD Chief Troy Finner, Andy Kahan of CrimeStoppers, CM Alcorn, CM Shabazz, and Super Neighborhood representatives and community leaders.

Part of the discussion was that law enforcement and other enforcement entities need better tools at their disposal to address dangerous and repeat problem properties. This means city ordinances and state laws and policies need to be revised (or created) and strengthened so that bad-actor businesses with high complaint records or a history of crime or violence do not breed more crime and violence.

The MacGregor Super Neighborhood suggested several changes to city and state rules:

- \* City of Houston should suspend occupancy permits at a bar, club, or convenience store immediately after a violent occurrence until an investigation is completed by the authorities.
- \* City of Houston should deny occupancy permits to bars, clubs, or convenience stores that heavily rely on shared parking arrangements or do not have adequate parking, excluding neighborhood parking, to meet city requirements.
- \* State legislation should be written to require that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) end the practice of liquor licenses for a location in perpetuity, so that the license can't be used by the next bar or club at the same address.
- \* City of Houston adopt a zero-tolerance policy to violations of the city's noise ordinance.

NOTE - Although noise and parking violations may not be directly related to crime, these are issues that have adverse impacts on communities, and businesses that ignore these rules tend to ignore other problems or criminal activity on their property

## Constables Meet with Cub Scouts

Constable Ted Heap's deputies joined the Lion Cubs of Cub Scouts Pack 99 for their meeting at St. Thomas More Catholic Church near Westbury on Hillcroft. The boys and girls were learning about those who provide services to their community, and we were happy to talk with them about how we protect their neighborhoods and families. Many of our deputies were scouts when they were young and we are always happy to partner with both boy and girl scouts in Precinct 5.

Connect with Precinct 5 here:

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## Request a Vacation Watch

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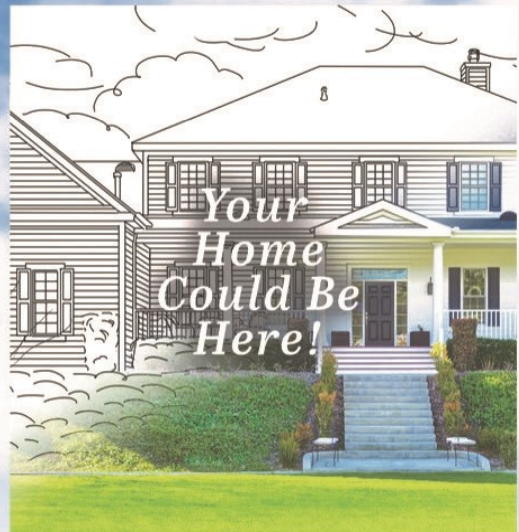
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




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# Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

January 25, 2022—February 25, 2022  
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

## KEY

| Block | Street       | Crime                          | Date | Time | Section of W   |  |
|-------|--------------|--------------------------------|------|------|----------------|--|
| 10800 | Ashcroft     | Auto Theft                     | 1/30 | 9pm  | Parkwest 2     |  Theft from Motor Vehicle |
| 10900 | Ashcroft     | Vandalism, Destruction, Damage | 2/4  | 3am  | Parkwest 2     |  Auto Theft               |
| 10900 | Ashcroft     | Theft—other                    | 2/17 | 3pm  | Parkwest 2     |  Theft—other              |
| 12500 | Ashcroft     | Robbery                        | 2/7  | 4am  | Westbury South |  Burglary                 |
| 12300 | Atwell       | Burglary, Breaking & Entering  | 1/26 | 8am  | Westbury South |  Robbery                  |
| 5800  | Benning      | Theft—other                    | 1/25 | 8am  | Parkwest 2     |  Assault                  |
| 11100 | Burdine      | Theft—other                    | 2/2  | 7pm  | Westbury 3     |  Property Damage          |
| 5700  | Cartagena    | Simple Assault                 | 2/2  | 4am  | Westbury 3     |  |
| 11100 | Cedarhurst   | Vandalism, Destruction, Damage | 2/13 | 4pm  | Westbury 2     |  |
| 10800 | Hillcroft    | Simple Assault                 | 2/24 | 10pm | Parkwest 2     |  |
| 5900  | Hummingbird  | Burglary, Breaking & Entering  | 1/27 | 2am  | Westbury 5     |  |
| 5200  | Kinglet      | Theft from Motor Vehicle       | 2/6  | 10pm | Westbury 1     |  |
| 5900  | Lattimer     | Burglary, Breaking & Entering  | 2/20 | 2pm  | Parkwest 2     |  |
| 5600  | Ludington    | Theft from Motor Vehicle       | 2/11 | 9pm  | Westbury 4     |  |
| 5600  | McKnight     | Theft—other                    | 1/25 | 4pm  | Westbury 3     |  |
| 5400  | Spellman     | Theft from Motor Vehicle       | 2/4  | 2pm  | Westbury 3     |  |
| 5200  | Starkridge   | Auto Theft                     | 2/4  | 7am  | Westbury 1     |  |
| 6000  | Warm Springs | Theft—other                    | 2/9  | 3pm  | Parkwest 3     |  |
| 5900  | W. Airport   | Simple Assault                 | 2/11 | 2pm  | Westbury 4     |  |
| 5900  | W. Belfort   | Burglary, Breaking & Entering  | 2/1  | 12pm | Westbury 5     |  |
| 5800  | Willowbend   | Auto Theft                     | 1/27 | 6pm  | Parkwest 2     |  |

The crimes listed took place between January 25 and February 25, 2022. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

## Crime by the Numbers

| Crime Type               | Homes     | Apts./TH  | Comm./Business | Park/Public |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| Aggravated Assault       | 0         | 10        | 1              | 1           |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 3         | 5         | 3              | 3           |
| Burglary                 | 4         | 0         | 1              | 0           |
| Robbery                  | 1         | 2         | 4              | 1           |
| Simple Assault           | 3         | 11        | 4              | 1           |
| Shoplifting              | 0         | 0         | 1              | 0           |
| Drugs, Narcotics         | 0         | 1         | 1              | 1           |
| Vandalism, Damage        | 2         | 4         | 0              | 1           |
| Auto Theft               | 3         | 1         | 1              | 1           |
| Theft of Vehicle Parts   | 0         | 1         | 2              | 3           |
| Theft—Other              | 5         | 1         | 1              | 1           |
| Sexual Offense           | 0         | 0         | 0              | 0           |
| Sexual Assault           | 0         | 0         | 0              | 0           |
| DUI                      | 0         | 0         | 0              | 0           |
| Disorderly Conduct       | 0         | 1         | 1              | 0           |
| Murder                   | 0         | 0         | 0              | 0           |
| Theft from Building      | 0         | 0         | 0              | 0           |
| Arson                    | 0         | 0         | 0              | 0           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>21</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>20</b>      | <b>13</b>   |

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## SW Houston HPD Meeting

It was a packed house at the HPD Southwest Division PIP (Positive Interaction Program) February meeting. It was an opportunity for the community to meet the new HPD Commander Chris Hassig.

He delivered a State of the Division report for the Southwest Division, looking at the annual crime figures comparing 2020 to 2021. Violent crime was up, with aggravated assault having the largest increase. Nonviolent crime was down. BMVs (Burglary of Motor Vehicles) were way up. Catalytic converter thefts accounting for the largest increase from 137 in 2020 to 729 in 2021! Toyotas were most often targeted. For 2022 - BMVs and Vehicle thefts were up again this month with more catalyticconverter thefts.

There are 188 employees stationed in the Southwest Division: 1 Commander, 5 Lieutenants, 23 Sergeants, 145 officers, and 7 civilians. They fielded 71,560 calls for service in 2020 and 71,503 in 2021.

Sergeant Ortiz of the Differential Response Team (DRT) made a presentation about his team. They handle inspections of convenience stores, game rooms, massage parlors, and food trucks. They handle illegal dumping and illegal yard parking. The neighborhood works closely with the DRT on neighborhood issues that arise.

### Do you hear Gunshots?

If so, call and report them. Why? There is new technology available to track gunshots. It will be placed in areas where there are reports of gunfire. Call HPD non-emergency 832-394-0400 or 311.



WCC Leaders with new SW HPD Commander, Chris Hassig

### Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19

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

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|----------|-------|-------|---------|
| 4/23/20  | 54    | 59    | 2,975   |
| 5/21/20  | 108   | 85    | 6,188   |
| 6/24/20  | 334   | 183   | 16,253  |
| 7/27/20  | 748   | 492   | 45,145  |
| 8/26/20  | 1,102 | 700   | 62,097  |
| 9/26/20  | 1,255 | 817   | 72,684  |
| 10/26/20 | 1,360 | 894   | 82,999  |
| 11/23/20 | 1,504 | 1,026 | 93,988  |
| 12/20/20 | 1,779 | 1,240 | 110,445 |
| 1/26/21  | 2,238 | 1,659 | 150,091 |
| 2/23/21  | 2,613 | 1,943 | 170,667 |
| 3/29/21  | 2,752 | 2,069 | 182,440 |
| 4/25/21  | 2,837 | 2,126 | 189,585 |
| 5/19/21  | 2,863 | 2,152 | 192,238 |
| 6/28/21  | 2,842 | 2,153 | 192,674 |
| 7/28/21  | 2,920 | 2,216 | 197,088 |
| 8/24/21  | 3,409 | 2,675 | 233,287 |
| 9/28/21  | 3,927 | 3,139 | 271,395 |
| 10/25/21 | 4,053 | 3,252 | 281,913 |
| 11/22/21 | 4,124 | 3,332 | 287,932 |
| 12/29/21 | 4,465 | 3,713 | 312,298 |
| 1/24/22  | 5,997 | 5,187 | 399,987 |
| 2/26/22  | 6,629 | 5,869 | 441,000 |

## One Safe Houston Plan

The Mayor has just released his One Safe Houston Plan to combat this disturbing uptick in violent crime. Copies were available at the February PIP meeting and it is available on the City website. <http://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/press/2022/ combat-violent-crime-plan.html>

Here is an excerpt that sums up how many of us feel: "Houstonians, it is time to take our city back. Every Houstonian deserves to feel safe. Safe at home, safe at work, safe while driving down the street, safe while shopping and safe with their families in our parks. Since the beginning of the year, our city has felt anything but safe. At times, we have felt like a city under siege because of a violent crime wave that is sweeping across the country and impacting us in Houston.

Let's be clear: Violent Crime is a public health crisis made worse by the pandemic and too many guns on our streets. Domestic violence cases have more than doubled since 2019 and more people are experiencing mental health distress .... leading to interactions with police resulting in dangerous or deadly outcomes."

## District K and Crime

Vice-Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum was on the agenda at the February PIP meeting. She spoke about projects happening around District K. In 2021 over 90 community projects totaling over \$450 million dollars were initiated and completed. She reiterated her commitment to continue to tackle crime, speeding, neighborhood issues, illegal dumping, bandit signs, donation boxes, and other issues important to our residents. Her commitment to stopping illegal dumping elicited a strong round of applause for all the work her team has done.

She reminded attendees that the City's Summer Job program for youth aged 16-24 years will have enrollment open until March 11. A good way to keep our youth out of trouble is to get them working.

Highlighting the support for public safety, At-Large Council Members Sallie Alcorn and David Robinson were in attendance, as was former HPD Police Chief Bradford, who now works for the Harris County District Attorney's office.

CM Castex-Tatum opened the floor for questions and dozens of residents had the opportunity to ask about items of concern: speeding vehicles, lack of police patrols, park problems, sidewalk issues, other concerns.



WCC leaders with HPD Sgt. Ortiz

## Westbury Post Office NOW OPEN

The Westbury Post Office, located at 11805 Chimney Rock resumed retail and P.O. Box services, on January 12. The post office was closed to allow for needed repairs due to building damages caused by a fire in late May. Repairs have been completed and the lobby is NOW OPEN to the public.

### Hours of Operation Westbury Post Office

Monday - Friday — 9AM - 5PM  
Closed Saturday and Sunday



## Post Office Theft and Arrest

A seasonal USPS worker from the Westbury Post Office on Chimney Rock has been accused of stealing checks and depositing them into her account, according to police. Police said there had been a fire at the Westbury Post Office on Chimney Rock, so Jasmine Marie Brown was assigned to stand at the door where customers leave mail. Brown was in charge of placing the mail in the appropriate bins.

Four victims ranging from ages 64 to 74 claimed lost checks through the mail totaling in \$3,000. Those checks were in fact cashed by a mobile deposit. The 74-year-old victim told police he mailed a rent check by leaving it in his community mailbox and it was never received by the intended recipient.

Another victim, 64, told police he handed a check to a female employee at the Westbury PO that was meant to be mailed to his brother, who never received the money.

Police say, the 67-year-old victim also handed an envelope to a woman employee at Westbury PO. When his brother received the envelope, it was cut open.

A 66-year-old victim sent a check through the community mailbox which the recipient never received.

Brown posted a bond of \$2,500. Brown is no longer working for USPS.

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When you park your vehicle in your driveway, do you block the sidewalk? Did you know it is a violation of city ordinance to block a public sidewalk? You can be ticketed and have to pay a fine for parking your vehicle so that it blocks a public sidewalk.

Be a good neighbor and keep the sidewalks open for pedestrians. Avoid having to pay a parking violation ticket.



## Garden Beds Available at the Westbury Community Garden

- Do you like eating fresh, homegrown vegetables, but the organic aisle is not in your budget?
- Have you ever tried growing vegetables in your back yard, but your shade trees and pets had other plans?
- Are you hearing the call to start a garden adventure?
- Are you wanting to improve your health and nutrition?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Westbury Community Garden can help!

Westbury Community Garden has sunny raised beds perfect for your family's fresh vegetables. Whatever your level of experience, we have a diverse community of gardeners who are learning, growing, discovering and sharing what we learn. You, too, can have that garden-to-table goodness you thought was only possible at grandma's. Let's talk or come by the garden any time, walk around and take a look. Questions? Contact us at membership@westburycommunitygarden.org or call/text 713-701-9628.



## 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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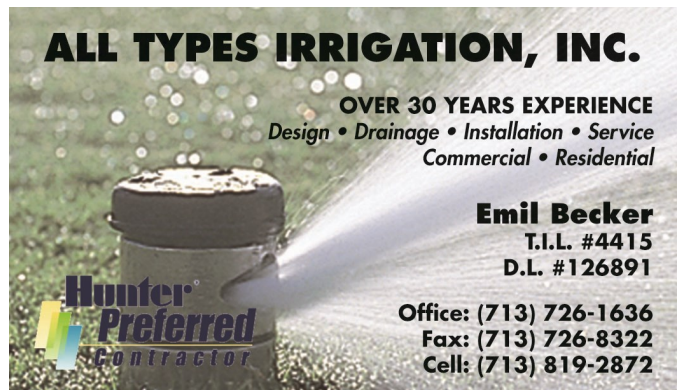
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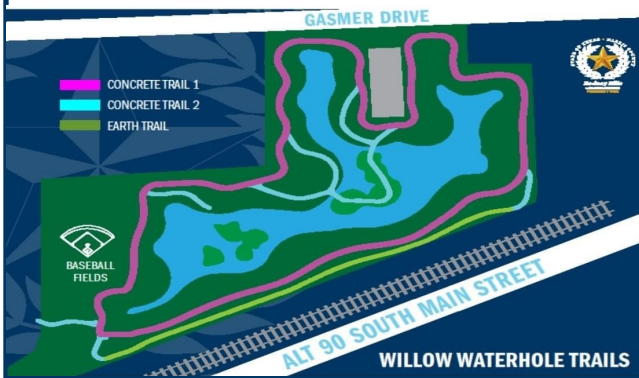
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## New Trails Coming Soon

Harris County Precinct 1, Rodney Ellis, is funding new trails at the Willow Waterhole. The project work includes concreting the existing trails and adding new ones. The new concrete trails will be 10 ft wide. By expanding the existing walking, jogging and biking trails around Willow Waterhole Detention Basin to a total of 3.5 miles, residents will have additional areas to stay active while maintaining the vital flood protection of the basin. Combining flood protection with new parklands and recreational areas helps communities become more resilient. This project is currently scheduled to begin in May 2022. Weather permitting, the completion date will be November 2022. To keep up with the project visit:

[www.hcp1.net/WillowWaterholeTrails](http://www.hcp1.net/WillowWaterholeTrails)



## 9th Annual MusicFEST April 9, 11AM to 8PM

MusicFEST is a free, one-day festival featuring live music, Spring-themed activities, and great food. Come join in the fun!



There is a great lineup of eight diverse professional bands and eight award-winning student-school groups.

The bands include:

Eric Demmer (Country and Blues)  
Bill Solley, Kim Prevost, Brennan Nase (Jazz)  
Groove Adhesive (Contemporary)  
Ronnie Coleman (Contemporary Funk)  
Rick Marcel Band (R&B)  
Shareal Starr (Reggae)  
Cro Cro y su Tumbaka (Latin)

And, of course, the lineup of food trucks is equally diverse with even a Vegan option and dessert! Food trucks include (but could change last minute) Soul Cat (Cajun), Houston Sauce Pit (vegan), Coffee Que (BBQ), Friohanna (Hawaiian shaved ice), Kicpop (frozen desert).



**Bring the whole family to MusicFest on April 9!**

## Gasmer Site Open House Recap

The old "Shell property" on Gasmer is set to become the site of the new Levitt Pavilion and many other things are possible on this 28 acre site, such as a theater, parking, learning spaces, etc.

On February 12, three open house events were held with over 100 people in attendance at the Willow Waterhole. The Gasmer Redevelopment Group, led by Lionheart Places and Natalye Appel +Associates Architects, wowed the crowd with all the possibilities that the 28-acre site could be. These possibilities included reimagining current structures into unique areas such as performance stages and areas to view movies or hang out, nature centers, museum about energy or flooding/drainage, theater, cafes, restrooms, parking, and more.

If you didn't make it out on Saturday, you can still provide your feedback on the Brays Oaks website, [www.braysoaksmid.org/accountability/gasmer-drive-site-redevelopment/](http://www.braysoaksmid.org/accountability/gasmer-drive-site-redevelopment/). Several questions were posed and your feedback is wanted!

Houston is the "Energy Capital of the World" and this site played an important role in researching energy to drive industrial growth. **How do you want this site to energize OUR community?**

Building resilient, lasting places means creating habitat where creatures can thrive. Being in nature also makes people feel better emotionally and physically. **What parts of nature do you want to experience here?**

The industrial artifacts and buildings here are one of a kind! **How could you imagine transforming these into places for playing, exploring, or relaxing?**

Music, Arts, and culture open our minds to new ideas and bring people together. **What kinds of arts would you like to see here?**

Houston is the most diverse city on the USA. **Are there traditions, activities and events from your community that we can include in this site?**



## Audubon Society Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

**What:** Audubon Society Bird Survey

**When:** Saturday, March 19, 8-10AM

**Where:** The Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

For more information, visit the Houston Audubon website, [www.houstonaudubon.org/](http://www.houstonaudubon.org/).



## Spring White Elephant Sale

Saturday, April 23, 8AM- Noon

Location – Westbury United Methodist parking lot

See page 9 for more information.



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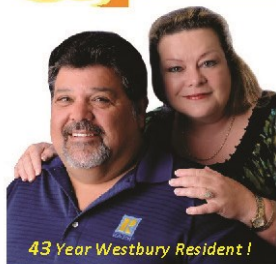
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