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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Westbury White Elephant Community Garage Sale — Sat. April 21 @ 8AM
- Willow Waterhole Discovery Walk, Sat. April 14 @ 10AM, see pg. 13
- WCC Board Meeting: April 18, 7PM @ Westbury High School
- Become a member of the Westbury CERT team, see pg. 7
- April's heavy trash is JUNK WASTE

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It's time for the Spring White Elephant Community Garage Sale!

- When:** Saturday, April 21, from 8AM-Noon
- Where:** Westbury United Methodist Church Parking Lot (5200 Willowbend)
- Rain Date:** Saturday, April 28, from 8AM - Noon
- Parking:** St. John's Presbyterian (5020 W. Belfort) Handicapped parking available at the event parking lot

The White Elephant Sale is great because you get to shop over 50 "garage" sales in one location! There are always super deals and steals to be had. The Westbury Civic Club provides its residents with spring and fall community garage sale events since garage sales, estate sales, and yard sales are NOT allowed at Westbury residences.

Booths are on-sale in the WCC Office. PLEASE CALL 713-723-5437 FOR BOOTH AVAILABILITY.



Great Backyards of Westbury Tour VII

Despite challenging subtropical weather here in Houston, we love our gardens. Either we relax in them on comfortable patio furniture with a big glass of something refreshing or we work in them getting dirt under our nails and filling lots of recycle bags. The 7th annual Westbury garden tour is a chance to explore the hidden and beautiful spaces in our neighborhood to admire and garner inspiration for our own yards. The Great Backyards of Westbury Tour will be on **Saturday, May 5, from 1 to 4:30 PM**. The cost is only **\$10** to see all five backyards plus a wildflower area! Tickets and maps may be purchased the day of the tour at 5111 Stillbrooke. This year's tour will feature five beautiful yards and a wildflower area on a pipeline easement. **You won't want to miss it!**

Shhhhhh! Railroad Quiet Zone Update

Good news! The contractor is scheduled to finish construction of the devices at Haviland mid May 2012, barring any weather related delays. Once construction is completed, the quiet zone can be established. The target date, is June 2012. As the time nears, the city will provide the exact date for us.

The WCC does NOT Act on Anonymous Complaints

Please do not send letters or leave voicemails of complaint without giving your contact information. Your information is confidential. We will NOT give your name out to neighbors. It is helpful to be able to talk to you and get more information before acting on complaints.

Correction & Apology

The WCC Office and Crier Staff would like to apologize to all Westbury residents for the error in the recycling dates in the March Crier. We apologize for our error and any inconvenience this may have caused. Please note that April's recycling dates are April 5 & 19 and that's correct!

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

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713-207-2222

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713-726-7126

Platou Community Center

713-726-7107

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1-800-764-7661

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713-207-2222

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832-393-3016

District C Councilmember Ellen Cohen

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ANONYMOUS
COMPLAINTS.
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YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

The WCC Office will be closed April 6th and 9th.

President's Message

I was thinking today about what a difference people make and have made, especially here in Westbury. I was thinking about those early residents who moved here in the 1950 and 1960s and realized going to church or synagogue meant driving into town. So they banded together and raised money to buy land to build their houses of worship. They met in peoples' homes or at Parker Elementary until the churches were built. Do you think any neighborhood has the religious diversity and choices that Westbury has? Most of these churches have been going strong for 50 years and have added on multiple times to their original structures. Several have added preschools and schools and educated thousands of neighborhood children. We owe a lot to those early residents who gave their time and money to create such lasting institutions.

I was at a meeting last year where a long time real estate agent told me that Westbury had remained a viable and desirable neighborhood thanks to its active Civic Club. When I look through the Westbury Criers dating back to that first issue in July of 1956, I am awed by the amount of work that has been done. There have always been challenges and opportunities and Westbury has always risen to meet them.

My thanks go to ALL volunteers, but I have to thank several for their work in March:

Cindy Chapman for going down to City Hall, once again, to voice our concerns about changing Westbury and other neighborhoods between the Loop and Beltway 8 from the "Suburban" to "Urban" classification.

Hazel Potvin and her band of gardeners for their devotion to all things green in Westbury, from caring for our roses and planting trees on the esplanades to the Butterfly Garden at the Westbury Community Garden. **Kevin Douglass** for stepping up to help form Westbury's Citizens on Patrol program. **Active Westbury residents** for showing up at the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) meeting, that the Mayor hosted in March, and asking for street repairs, drainage improvement, new water mains, park improvements and other projects.

Many of you don't have any extra hours to give. That's understandable. I lived here for over 20 years before I became involved. Those of you who do have a free hour or two please think about joining the Citizens on Patrol; think about becoming a block captain; think about becoming a section director; think about working on a committee like Deed Restriction Revision, Greenspace, Yard of the Month. I think you'll be surprised and pleased to find out what a difference you can make in Westbury.

Becky Edmondson

Board Mtg. Notes

- Wanda Adams, candidate for Texas State Rep District 131, attended and talked about her accomplishments
- Austin Chen was nominated and elected as Section Director for Westbury 2. Thank you Austin!
- Discussed the CIP meeting, METRO and railroad quiet zones
- Cindy Chapman, Director of Community Relations, has completed her CERT training
- We thanked HPD's Captain Martain for installing a temporary speed monitor on W. Bellfort
- Passed a motion to create a storm water mitigation land bank within Brays Bayou Watershed

WCC Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 18
7PM-9PM
Westbury High School

2012 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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Subtotal	\$295	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Greenspace Beautification		\$
Westbury Area Patrol		\$
Westbury HPD Storefront		\$
Total		\$

Thank You Westbury!
 We greatly appreciate the residents who used the past *CRIER* issues to submit their 2011 dues. Here's a chance to submit your 2012 dues and help pay for our much needed Westbury Area Patrol.

Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock
 Monday-Thursday 12—8PM ; Friday 9AM-6PM
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Programs at Platou Community Center develop because of community interest. Call or visit the acting supervisor, Charles Herrigan, to discuss programs of interest

Enrollment is open for the Houston Parks Dept. Youth Summer Enrichment Program. Come in to learn more about this program for children ages 6-13. Tour the Platou Center. Older teens may sign up to volunteer.

After School Enrichment

Monday-Friday, 3-6PM
 This is a FREE homework and playtime program for neighborhood children ages 6-13. Space is available.

Westbury Quilting Bee

Tuesday, 10AM - 3PM
 Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

Games

Wednesday, 10 AM
 Contact Wally at 713-729-9310

Portable Projects

Thursday, 9:30- 11:30 AM
 Any kind of handiwork: knitting, crochet, needlepoint, card-making, etc.
 Contact Hazel at 713-729-4568

FREE BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

A NEW BEGINNER CLASS STARTS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, FROM 7-8 P.M.

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AN ONGOING ADVANCED CLASS MEETS FROM 6-7 P.M. ON WEDNESDAYS.



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What's Happening in Westbury

April 2012 Events & Meetings Calendar

Mon 9	WCC Office will be closed Please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net or leave a message at 713-723-5437. (The office will also be closed on Fri, April 6th)
Mon 9	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:15-7:45PM 12501 Dunlap under the pavilion Open to the public
Sat 14	Willow Waterhole Discovery Walk 10AM Meet at the Rafferty Memorial off Ricecrest
Mon 16	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow Topic: Obtaining federal funding to continue flood control work
Wed 18	WAIC/S.N. #37 Meeting 8:30-10AM Salem Lutheran—4930 W. Bellfort Westbury Area Improvement Corp and Super Neighborhood #37
Wed 18	WCC Board Meeting 7PM– 9PM Westbury High School - 10911 Chimney Rock
Sat 21	Spring White Elephant Community Garage Sale 8AM-Noon Westbury United Methodist parking lot—5200 Willowbend; corner of Willowbend and W. Bellfort, handicapped parking will be available.
Sat 21	Willow Waterhole Monthly Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot at 5310 S. Willow
Tues 24	SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Building—9009 W. Loop South
Sat 28	Rain Date for White Elephant Community Garage Sale if needed. 8AM– Noon @ Westbury United Methodist Church.

Planning Ahead Calendar:

- May 1: Yard of the Month judging**
- May 5: Westbury Backyard Tour**
- May 26: Westbury Pool Open**
- June 5: Adult Water Fitness begins at Westbury Pool**

April 2012 Heavy Trash & Recycling Calendar

Thurs 5	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Tues 17	Heavy Trash— JUNK WASTE (South of W. Bellfort)
Wed 18	Heavy Trash— JUNK WASTE (North of W. Bellfort)
Thurs 19	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
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Important Trash & Recycling Information

- 🗑️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- 🗑️ Yard waste **MUST** be in the correct biodegradable bags
- 🗑️ No heavy trash out before 6PM the Friday before pick-up date
- 🗑️ **YARD WASTE** is not considered tree waste and will not be collected with heavy trash. It is collected on Westbury's regular Thursday trash day as long as it is in the correct recyclable bags
- 🗑️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- 🗑️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
 - SW Trash Depository/Recycling Center 10785 Southwest Frwy**
Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste and Recyclables. Current utility bill needed.
 - Environmental Service Center 11500 South Post Oak**
Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9AM-3PM; 2nd Saturday 9AM-1PM
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Volunteers Make the Difference!

Citizens on Patrol (CoP) Program

HPD's Officer White recently attended a meeting of the Westbury Civic Club Section Directors to discuss the Citizens on Patrol program in more detail. This meeting was a followup to the presentation about CoP made by HPD during the February WCC monthly meeting. Meyerland has more than 100 participants in its CoP program.

Kevin Douglass will be the coordinator of the CoP program for Westbury. Each interested participant must first fill out an application and submit it to Officer White of HPD. Once background checks have been completed, then HPD will schedule a training class (about an hour and a half long). Minimum class size is 10 – 15 people, but additional classes will be scheduled as needed. HPD encourages participants to patrol in teams of two. More participants mean more frequent patrols and more areas will be covered. Participants are encouraged to patrol areas they are familiar with. The Westbury CoP Coordinator, Kevin Douglass, will work with the Westbury patrol teams and patrol zone leaders to create a Westbury CoP program to boast about.

How do I become involved?

Contact Kevin Douglas at wccsecurity@westburycrier.com with your contact information if you are interested in the CoP program. If you do not have email, then drop a letter addressed to the attention of Kevin Douglass to the WCC office. HPD Officer White will host a meeting of interested participants and he will then distribute the applications. Officer White will handle all applications. For privacy reasons, no one other than HPD will handle the applications. Once the background checks have been completed, Officer White will schedule training classes.

Getting Things Done in Westbury - Volunteers Make the Difference

If Westbury had a steady stream of income from mandatory dues from every home in the subdivision, Westbury would hire crews to keep the neighborhood clean, remove dead trees and plant new ones, plant flowers seasonally, have the roses trimmed and fertilized once a year, and have the streets swept of grass cuttings and debris. We would never ask for volunteers. We would hardly pay any attention to our environment because it would be some company's full time job to make Westbury beautiful.

But that is not the case. Over the past seven or so years volunteers have worked in Westbury with several big tree planting and mulching events. Volunteers have regularly trimmed the beautiful Knockout roses and Nearly Wild roses that were planted on the esplanades. Maybe you have seen those volunteers, a group of ladies who snip, snip, snip, fertilize and clean up all the clippings to make the roses bloom beautifully to jazz up Westbury. We have also had high school kids plant trees, mulch, and clean up debris in all areas of Westbury for community service credit. We thank all volunteers for their work here in our community. If you are interested in volunteering, the WCC is looking for a Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering to help make our esplanades and parks and other greenspaces shine, then please email the Greenspace and Beautification Committee via westburygreen@gmail.com

If you are wondering about the services which the WCC pays for, Monarch Landscaping is under contract with the Westbury Civic Club to mow certain areas of Westbury not mowed frequently by the city or by the county. Monarch is surveying all our esplanades every two weeks to clean up any problems they see. The City of Houston continues to be responsible for mowing the more than 7 miles of esplanades here in Westbury, because Westbury does not have the funds to take full responsibility over the esplanades.



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CERT Training

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) – Training begins April 2012

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Westbury CERT Several Westbury area residents recently completed CERT training and Vicki Davison has volunteered to be the contact coordinator for a proposed Westbury CERT team. If you are interested in joining the Westbury CERT team, then please contact Vicki Davison via email at braysoaksCERT@att.net. Don't forget to mention that you are a Westbury resident, because the Westbury team will be a sub-team of the Brays Oaks area CERT team.

Interested in taking the CERT training classes? There is no fee and no physical restrictions – all are encouraged to become involved. The training involves eight classes. The next set of training classes in our area of Houston will be offered by the **Southwest 74 CERT team** at Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77074. Classes will be held on April 3 and April 10, 2012, from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., and then April 14 – May 19, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. To register, contact Ray Field at ray@sw74.org or Misty Gunn at misty.gunn@oem.hctx.net or 281-436-8169. If you register for the class, please advise Vicki Davison so that you can be added to the Brays Oaks CERT e-mail list.

CALL 311

The city allocates resources, both money and manpower for services, based on data about services calls made to 311 about problems. Calling 311 is a way for the city to know where street repair and drainage problems exist. The more calls they get, especially calls made by different people, about the same problem, then the more likely it is that the city will allocate resources to fix it.

Does your street flood? **Call 311.**

Does your street need to be repaired? **Call 311.**

Does your street have a pot hole or has part of the street subsided? **Call 311.**

Did your house flood in January 2012? **Call 311.**

Is there a house on your street that is overgrown with grass or weeds? **Call 311.**

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All about Dogs and Cats

The Scoop about Poop

Walking a dog is good exercise both for you and your dog, but please remember to be a good neighbor and SCOOP the POOP your dog deposits while on your walking excursions. Not only is it good manners to scoop poop, but it is also a requirement per city ordinance that cat and dog feces are to be promptly removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner from a neighbor's yard or a city esplanade or a public easement or any other property which is not owned by you. Violation of this city ordinance shall be punished upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$75 or more than \$500. (see below)

Section 6-24. DEFECATION BY DOGS OR CATS (POOPER SCOOPER LAW)

(a) It is the duty of each person in control of a dog or cat to promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by such dog or cat.

(b) It shall be the duty of each person in control of a dog or cat to be in possession of materials to remove feces left by a such dog or cat.

(c) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the person in control of the dog or cat is the owner of the premises, or the owner's agent of the premises, where the dog or cat deposits feces.

(d) Violation of this section is unlawful and any violation shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine of not less than \$75.00 or more than \$500.00. Each act in contravention of this section is a separate offense."

View the official version of this ordinance on the city's webpage at www.houstontx.gov. It will be found on the first page of the web site under "City Desk." When you open that screen, scroll down to "Code of Ordinances;" once there go to Chapter 6 of the Code and scroll down to Section 6-24.

Animal Control Complaints

The City of Houston's Bureau of Animal Regulation (BARC) came to Westbury and met with WCC President Becky Edmondson last month in response to numerous animal control complaints made to BARC from Westbury residents and the WCC. Loose dogs have been roaming the neighborhood and several pets have been killed. Other types of animal control complaints had also been made to BARC.

Here is the advice provided by BARC: If loose dogs are a problem, you can call BARC at (713) 229-7300. However those calls are low priority unless someone is in danger. If there is a dangerous situation, then notify the HPD or the Constables and request that THEY make the call to BARC.

Keeping poultry within the city limits of Houston requires them to be kept at least 100 feet from the nearest foundation of a residence. **Additionally, deed restrictions in Westbury prohibit keeping livestock and poultry.** BARC has received complaints about poultry in Westbury and recently confiscated dozens of chickens, roosters and geese from Westbury homes.



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Security / Crime

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37 * 30 days preceding March 22, 2011

	Single-Family Residential	Apartment/Condominium	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	6	3	2	1	12
Theft	10	2	3	2	17
Auto Theft	6	2	0	0	8
Robbery	1	1	1	1	4
Assault	1	1	0	1	3
Rape	1	0	0	0	1
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	25	9	6	5	45

Single Family Residential Crime Locations (30 days preceding 2/22/12)

Block	Street	Crime
6000	Arboles	Theft
11400	Atwell	Theft
5200	Benning	Auto Theft
10800	Braewick	Theft
5800	Cartagena	Assault
12000	Chimney Rock	Auto Theft
10900	Doud	Burglary
5500	Effingham	Theft
5600	Effingham	Theft
5500	Ettrick	Auto Theft
5800	Ettrick	Auto Theft
5700	Farwell	Theft
11400	Gaymoor	Auto Theft
5700	Lattimer	Burglary
5600	Ludington	Theft
12300	Nesmith	Theft
10900	Oasis	Burglary
5200	Sanford	Auto Theft
5000	Willowbend	Burglary
5000	Willowbend	Theft
5700	W. Airport (2)	Burglary
5700	W. Airport	Theft
5700	W. Airport	Robbery
5900	W. Belfort	Rape

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

Message from the WCC Security Director Kevin Douglass

I have volunteered to sit on the Westbury Civic Club Board as your Security Director. It's only been a couple of weeks, but I have begun to get familiar with the borders of our neighborhoods, have met several key people who can mentor us in security procedures and have been brainstorming with residents.

I will be shaping these ideas into manageable tasks and will be calling on Westbury residents to help out. If we all do a little, we can accomplish a lot.

One of the first things I noticed as I drove through the neighborhood is that our neighborhood watch signs and constable signs are dirty and/or coming apart. The dirty ones can be cleaned as shown in the half-cleaned picture on the right. Some need to be replaced (picture below). And still many need to be newly placed. It is my vision that we have one at each driving or walking entrance into a neighborhood. Revamping our security signage will be one of the first tasks, and more details will be coming soon. In the meantime, start noticing the signs or lack thereof in your part of the neighborhood and make a note of where signs need cleaning, replacing or where a sign is needed.

Contact me with ideas. I can be reached best by e-mail at k.douglass@earthlink.net

Establishing good neighborhood security is a marathon, not a sprint – get ready for the WCC Securathon.



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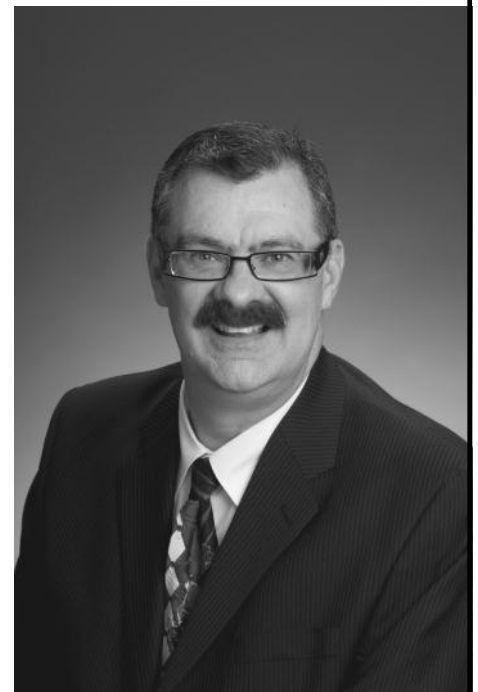
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Upgrades to Westbury Park Coming Soon

Have you noticed the surveyor stakes which have been recently posted along the perimeter of Westbury Park (located next to Parker Elementary)? Several alert Westbury residents contacted the Westbury Civic Club office the day that the surveyors were working in the park. We are very pleased to announce that the city will soon be starting PHASE TWO improvements for Westbury Park. Phase One involved remodeling the city swimming pool and pool house and improving drainage in the center of the park. Unfortunately, Phase One used up the entire capital budget allotted for park improvements at Westbury Park. The Westbury Civic Club has persistently requested additional capital funding to complete the project and our persistence has been rewarded. During the March 2012 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) meeting for City Council District K, City Councilmember Green and Houston Parks Facilities Manager Mark Ross announced that Phase Two park improvements will be starting soon. This is great news and we will provide more details as we learn more about the project.



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The Westbury Pool is set to kick off it's 2012 Swim Season on May 26, just in time for the Memorial Day holiday!

Look for the complete pool schedule in the May *Crier*.

2012 Summer Adult Water Fitness Classes

It's that time again! Louis Moore of the City's Parks Department has brought us the great news that we will have TWO, yes TWO, Adult Water Fitness Classes this summer at the Westbury pool. A new class, the "Hydro-Flow Training" class will focus on a light cardiovascular workout, balance core training, yoga and Tai Chi and is designed for individuals who prefer a "lighter" intensity class. And for those people who prefer a higher level of intensity, the Parks Department will offer a "Hydro-Fit Power" Training class as well. Enrollment is first come, first served. Space fills up fast as these classes are very popular. Last summer the "Hydro-Fit Training Class" at the Westbury Pool was in such high demand, the city decided to offer a second class directly after the first one in order to handle the high demand. Grab a friend and have some fun working out!

The Adult Water Fitness Classes will start on June 5 and run till August 10. Registration is available online at activenet11.active.com/houstonparks. You may be able to register at the pool once it opens, but beware, spaces fill up fast!

Adult Water Fitness Class Schedule

Hydro-Flow Training— Wednesday & Friday 6:00-6:50 PM

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Friends of Westbury High School

The Friends of Westbury High School Foundation's 20th Anniversary Celebration

The Friends of Westbury High School Foundation will host their 14th "Evening with Westbury Stars" gala dinner and silent auction on Saturday, April 28, 2012, 6:30PM at the BraeBurn Country Club, 8101 Bissonnet. The gala is the Foundation's annual scholarship fundraising event and will award an all-time high of 25 scholarships to deserving Westbury High graduating students.

"This is always a spectacular and exciting event. Proceeds raised at this year's gala will fund scholarships next year," stated Kathleen (Tinsley) Ownby, WHS Class 1967, Foundation president. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over 150 scholarships to outstanding Westbury High students and this year will award 25 \$1,500 scholarships to Westbury seniors," added Ownby.

Outstanding honorees at this year's gala are:

Mary Jo Wright, WHS Class 1967; Mark Kennedy, WHS Class 1982; J. Cheryl Simmons, Westbury Health Science Teacher - 1997-present; Sharon J. Tymnaik, Westbury Health Science Teacher - 2000-present; Community Leader Officer Myron Brady, Westbury HPD Storefront.

For further information regarding gala reservations, donations to the silent auction, or contributions, contact Rita Woodward at 713-774-5163, or email: rwoodward2@att.net. Cost of the dinner is \$60/person. The Foundation accepts VISA, MasterCard and American Express credit cards.



Rita Woodward, Founder of Friends of Westbury High School Foundation

The Friends of Westbury High School Foundation, established in 1992, is a non-profit tax-exempt all-volunteer organization. The goals and objectives are to raise funds for: Scholarships for Westbury students; Maintenance of the WHS alumni computer database; Enhancement of the WHS campus; and Establishment of an alumni mentor partnership program. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over 150 scholarships to outstanding Westbury High students. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to Friends of WHS Foundation on the website: www.friendswhs.org. and/or mailed to: P.O. Box 31386, Houston, TX 77231-1386. For further information, contact Rita Woodward at 713-774-5163, or email: rwoodward2@att.net.

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Willow Waterhole News

The Concert in the Park series has been a great success. The performance by student musicians from Johnston Middle School was a real treat. Our thanks to JMS for sharing their talented music students.

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy is looking at ways to bring electricity to the South Gazebo to make concerts easier. The basins are once again under construction and in about 12 months the Triangle compartment and Compartment 5, the large basin to the south will be complete. Work will also begin on the east side of South Post Oak.

The weather is perfect for enjoying an outing to the Willow Waterhole. It's always got a great breeze, even when it's hot. Bring the kids out with bikes and trikes. Look for bugs. Fly a kite. Bring the dogs to enjoy the outdoors. Bring a camera and binoculars. Pack a lunch and have a picnic. There are so many options for a great fun day at the Willow Waterhole! Here's one:

Willow Waterhole Discovery Walk

Saturday April 14 @ 10AM

Park on Ricecrest and meet at Rafferty Memorial (Stonehenge).

Bring a camera and binoculars if you want! Pack snacks or lunch to end the walk.

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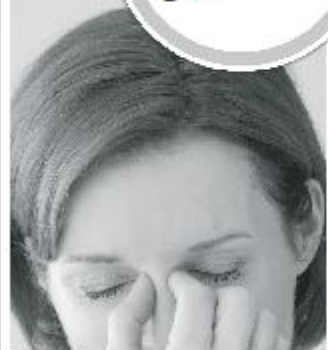
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Kindergarten Visit Day

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HPD put out a temporary speed monitor at the 5600 Block of W. Bellfort in response to speeding problems. Thank you Captain Martin.



Attention HBU Alumni & Friends

Alumni and friends of Houston Baptist University are invited to attend the May 8th Bi-Monthly Breakfast hosted by the Brays Oaks Management District and Southwest Houston 2000. HBU President Dr. Robert Sloan will be speaking about exciting news coming to HBU. RSVP by May 2nd to judynmike@sbcglobal.net. The breakfast event will be held on May 8th at 7:15 am at HBU, McNair Hall – Morris Cultural Arts Center, at 7502 Fondren.

Memorial Hermann Southwest partnering with WHS

Memorial Herman Southwest hospital is partnering with Westbury High School to start a student intern program at the hospital for WHS Health Science students this fall.

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