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HIGHLIGHTS:

- WCC Board Meeting: April 17 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist
- April's heavy trash is JUNK WASTE. Pick up is APRIL 11 for ALL of Westbury.
- Adding on to your home? Make sure to call the WCC office first!
- Happy Easter!

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Westbury White Elephant Community Garage Sale

WHEN:

Saturday, April 20, from 8AM-Noon

WHERE:

Westbury United Methodist Church Parking Lot (5200 Willowbend)

PARKING:

St. John's Presbyterian (5020 W. Bellfort) Handicapped parking available at event

RAIN DATE:

Saturday, April 27, from 8AM-Noon



It's time for the Spring White Elephant Sale! Come shop over 50 individual "garage" sales in one location! There are always 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.

Booth spaces are still available. You must be a paid current member of the Westbury Civic Club to purchase a booth. This means you had to have paid your 2013 WCC membership dues of \$40. The booth price for Westbury residents is \$20-\$25. Booths go on sale to non-residents on April 2 for \$60-\$65.

Join Us for
Keep District K
Beautiful
Workday Events
APRIL 6
@ Willow Waterhole
AND
Westbury Community
Garden
SEE PAGE 6



Willow Waterhole Jazz Festival 2013

WHEN: Sunday, April 28, Noon-8PM

WHERE: Willow Waterhole @ approx. 5300 Dryad (street South of WHS)

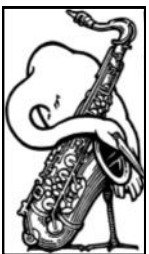
WHAT: Free admission to 8 hours of live Jazz music in a beautiful setting.

SCHEDULE: Noon-4PM: School Jazz Groups; 4PM-8PM: Professional Jazz Musicians. More details, see page

FOOD/DRINKS: Festival food and beverages will be available for purchase. NO COOLERS ALLOWED.

PARKING: Free. Use Dryad entrance (5300 Dryad) near Westbury Little League

MORE INFO: www.wwgc.org or pages 16 & 18



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

FREE NOTARY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL WESTBURY RESIDENTS

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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HPD Non-Emergency
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Power Outages (Centerpoint)
713-207-2222

Westbury HPD Storefront
713-726-7126

Platou Community Center
713-726-7107

Poison Control
1-800-764-7661

Street Light Repairs (Give pole number)
713-207-2222

District K Councilmember Larry Green
832-393-3016

District C Councilmember Ellen Cohen
832-393-3004

County Commissioner El Franco Lee
713-755-6111

Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal)
832-393-6333

City of Houston 311 Hotline (for all Non-Emergency Issues)

Forestry Department
Graffiti

Hazardous Waste Disposal
Heavy Trash

Neighborhood Protection

Parking Management

Recycling

School Crossing Light Repairs

Water and Sewer Repair

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President's Message

I hope you have been enjoying the feature articles on our community partners that we have been highlighting over the past 6 months. This month you will read about the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC). In fact you will find multiple articles about this incredible 300 acre green belt that runs almost from Chimney Rock to beyond South Post Oak. New York has Central Park; Houston has several wonderful parks: Midtown has Hermann Park; Downtown has Discovery Green; Memorial has Memorial Park and the Arboretum; and scattered elsewhere are Terry Hershey Park, Keith Weiss park and Jesse Jones Park.

And we in Southwest Houston are going to have something just as fabulous...the Willow Waterhole! This space is still in its infancy with 40% more still to be excavated. The WWGC has been staging various events for the past 9 years to introduce people to the park and to hopefully engage them in its growth and development. Some people have written to me expressing concern about people using the Willow

Waterhole to the detriment of wildlife. With 300 acres, there is more than enough space for all of us. The greenspace is a needed oasis in a busy urban corridor. It is bordered by busy Highway 90 and South Post Oak; a railroad track with over 40 trains a day; industrial operations of crushed concrete; a single stream recycling plant; a trash facility; and a research plant. Wildlife here will be acclimated to urban living. I hope many of you will join us for the annual meeting on April 18 to hear the Master Plan.

I'd like to thank everyone who has sent in their dues. And to those who sent in additional donations, I want to especially thank you for your generosity. If you haven't sent them in yet, please do. Each of you helps make Westbury & Parkwest a desirable place to live. Now that the weather is nicer, I have been out walking and am always struck by what a nice neighborhood we have. The majority of the homes are well kept and look well loved. Yes, there are the handful of homes owned by people who do not care; that don't maintain their property; don't paint, don't

mow; store trash; park in the grass or across the sidewalk or try to operate businesses out of their homes to the annoyance of their neighbors. We are a deed restricted community and we enforce deed restrictions. But there is a process and sometimes it seems to take too long. But the WCC is active, engaged and vigilantly working on behalf of Westbury & Parkwest. And you as a resident are an integral part of the WCC.

To paraphrase Garrison Keillor: "Be well, be good neighbors, and keep in touch." Let us know what we can do to help make your part of Westbury the best that it can be.

Enjoy Spring! There are lots of activities in Westbury this month to enjoy before summer arrives. Clean up Westbury at our two "Keep District K Beautiful" events on the 6th. Shop at our popular Westbury Community Garage Sale event on the 20th. Celebrate an amazing music festival at Willow Waterhole on the 28th - where there will be good music to enjoy, good food to eat, beautiful scenery to view, and a good time to be had for all!

Becky Edmondson

Board Notes

The Crier was sent to print before the March Board Meeting.

We will include the March Board notes in the next Crier edition.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

**WCC Board Meeting
Wednesday,
April 17
7PM-9PM
Westbury Baptist**

**HAVE A QUESTION,
COMPLAINT,
COMPLIMENT?
I WANT TO HEAR FROM
YOU! EMAIL ME
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Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?

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

311 App + YOU = Helping Westbury

Are you sick of seeing neighbors put out heavy trash way too early? Are you tired of looking at your neighbor's weed forest of over 9 inches? Are you wondering why the Civic Club doesn't do anything about it? Well, the answer is because we probably don't know about it because there are too many violations in too large an area for us to get every one. **We need you!** One of the best ways for you to "help" the Civic Club is to report city ordinance violations promptly. The City of Houston just made this so easy! The City has launched a 311 Smartphone app. No more waiting on hold forever. No more forgetting to call about the problem. Download the FREE app today! Help Keep Westbury Beautiful by reporting problems. See page 7 for a list of issues you can report.

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Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock

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

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

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Weight Loss Support Group

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Every Tuesday @ 5:45-7PM
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Naomi 713-988-2233

Nutrition Workshop

Thursday, April 18

from 6:30PM -7:30PM

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

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

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

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

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

Planning for the Summer Enrichment Program has begun. If you have a hobby you would like to share with the camp kids, we would love to have you here! The summer camp kids loved the activities led by our volunteers last year and we would like to continue that experience for them. Background check are completed on all volunteers, so the process must begin now. If interested, contact Dan at Platou.



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

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What's Happening in Westbury

Events & Meetings Calendar April 2013

Tues 2	Booths on Sale open for non-residents for White Elephant Sale WCC Office open normal hours 9:30AM-1:30PM
Sat 6	Keep District K and Westbury Beautiful Workday Events 8AM Willow Waterhole — check in 5310 S. Willow or Westbury Community Garden at 12501 Dunlap. More info, see page 6
Wed 10	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:15PM Pavilion at Community Garden— 12501 Dunlap
Mon 15	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow
Wed 17	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 8:30-10AM Salem Lutheran—4930 W. Bellfort Open to all Westbury residents!
Wed 17	WCC Board Meeting 7PM– 9PM ***NEW LOCATION*** Westbury Baptist Church—RM C103 Open to all Westbury residents!
Thurs 18	Willow Waterhole Spring Meeting & Master Plan Update 7PM Westbury Church of Christ Fellowship Hall—10424 Hillcroft For more information, see page 16
Sat 20	WESTBURY WHITE ELEPHANT COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE 8AM-Noon at Westbury United Methodist parking lot For more information, see page 1
Sat 20	Willow Waterhole Monthly Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow
Tues 23	SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Building—9009 W. Loop South
Sat 27	RAIN DATE FOR WESTBURY WHITE ELEPHANT SALE 8AM-Noon at Westbury United Methodist if sale occurs on April 20 then no need for rain date
Sat 27	Friends of Westbury High School Gala 6:30PM Braeburn Country Club—8101 Bissonnet For more information, see page 20
Sun 28	Willow Waterhole Jazz Fest Noon– 8PM South Gazebo—5300 Dryad (Street South of WHS) For more information, see pages 1, 16, & 18

Planning Calendar

May 3-4: Yard of Month Judging
May 4: Beginner Bird Watching Meet at 8AM Gathering Place

Heavy Trash & Recycling Calendar

April 2013	
Thurs 4	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 11	Heavy Trash— JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 18	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

May 2013	
Thurs 2	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 9	Heavy Trash— TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 16	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 30	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM Thursday
- ♻️ **Trash** cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste **MUST** be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ Heavy trash can go out at 6PM the Friday before pick-up
- ♻️ **YARD WASTE** is not considered tree waste. It is collected on regular Thursday trash day
- ♻️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr -10785 SW Frwy
 Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables. Current utility bill needed.
Environmental Service Center - 11500 S. Post Oak
 Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household Waste & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

January	Tree Waste	July	Tree Waste
February	Junk Waste	August	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste	Sept.	Tree Waste
April	Junk Waste	October	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste	Nov.	Tree Waste
June	Junk Waste	Dec.	Junk Waste

Keep District K and Westbury Beautiful

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

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



Are you a Westbury Area business that is interested in advertising in the Crier? Call 713-723-5437 for information and requirements.

Willow Waterhole Volunteer Event

Sign-in at The Gathering Place, 5310 South Willow. Tools and refreshments will be provided. Volunteer work opportunities will include planting 50 trees, creating mulch islands to protect recently planted trees, picking up litter, cleaning trails, and getting the area sparkling for the April 28th JazzFest event.

As part of the clean-up effort, Melanie Roy, a sophomore at Bellaire High School, will lead a pick up team specifically to collect plastic grocery bags. A news conference is planned for 9:30 AM on the west side of South Post Oak just north of Gasmer so that the team can report on the number of plastic bags they collected. It is estimated that 100 billion plastic shopping bags are used in the United States every year and only 1 – 2% of plastic bags end up getting recycled. Animals will often either mistakenly ingest the bags or become entangled in them. Thousands of marine animals and more than 1 million birds die each year due to plastic pollution.

Westbury Community Garden Volunteer Event

Sign-in at the Garden Pavilion at 12501 Dunlap. Tools and refreshments will be provided. Volunteers and gardeners will work together to improve the common areas of the garden by weeding, mulching, and collecting litter. For more information or to let us know you want to help on April 6, contact Cindy Chapman at wcccommunityrelations@westburycrier.com

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The advertisement for 'EW Foot Massage' features a pink background with images of a woman receiving a foot massage and hands being massaged. The text includes the business name 'EW Foot Massage', a list of services: 'Foot Reflexology', 'Baby Massage', 'Pain Relief', and 'Chinese Taina'. Contact information is provided: '10539 S. Post Oak Rd. Houston, TX 77035' and 'Tel.: 281-581-8681 Mon. - Sun.: 10am - 10pm'.

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Better Together With District K & Neighbors

“March on Crime” Luncheon

The Sharpstown Management District hosted their signature event, the “March on Crime” luncheon in March to showcase area law enforcement officers receiving outstanding achievement awards. WCC President Becky Edmondson and WCC Director Cindy Chapman were guests at the District K table. District K Chief-of-Staff **Donald Perkins** and Constituent Liaison **Barbara Hite** assist the WCC in resolving resident problems plus help us navigate complicated or unusual issues involving various city departments. It was great to enjoy lunch at the same table with Donald and Barbara and other community leaders from District K: **Linda Scurlock** (South Houston Concerned Citizens Coalition), **John Nienhuser** (the Braeswood SuperNeighborhood - near Stella Link & Braeswood), **Perry Radoff** (SWHouston 2000) and **Bill Pennington** (Westwood Civic Club). We also had the opportunity to do some networking with the Sharpstown Civic Club and learn about their new security program using SEAL Security.



Front: Cindy Chapman (WCC), Donald Perkins (District K), Linda Scurlock.
Back: Becky Edmondson (WCC) & Barbara Hite (District K).

Contact District K
832-393-3016

Know What to Report to 311

Thank you to the many Westbury residents who downloaded the new 311 App! We are very excited about this new tool. One of the first hurdles in using the app successfully is knowing what type of violations and problems can be turned into 311. Here is a quick list of the common issues and where to report them.

- *Bad yards—Weeds over 9 inches—311
- *Heavy Trash Violation—311
- *Visible Storage of Trash/Debris—311
- *Street Repairs—311
- *Water Main Break—311
- *Traffic Sign Maintenance—311
- *Trees in City Easement/Right of Way need removal or pruning—311
- *Graffiti—BOMD at www.braysoaksmid.org
- *Street Light Outages— Call Centerpoint at 713-207-2222 or visit their website at www.centerpointenergy.com



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Deed Restriction Enforcement Workshop

Westbury Residents Attend Deed Restriction Enforcement Workshop

On Saturday March 2, five Westbury residents attended a Deed Restriction enforcement workshop hosted by District K. The workshop is part of a Neighborhoods 101 Symposium being put on by District K over the course of the year. This particular workshop was of great interest to the members of the deed restriction revision committee. An important part of revising the deed restrictions is that one must truly understand what they currently say and what they need to say.

Look forward to a series of articles in next several Criers about Deed Restriction enforcement. Attendees heard from District K City Attorney Tanja Hunter and the head of the City's Deed Restriction Enforcement Legal Team, Donna Edmundson. One of the best things about the meeting was getting to speak to everyone who would listen about 5822 Cartagena, including Attorney Donna Edmundson.

Thank you Council Member Larry Green and the District K staff for hosting a wonderful meeting!



Thank you to WCC VP Marcia Hartman, Westbury South Section Director Robert Capps, Westbury Resident Lucy McLaughlin, WCC Office Manager Jennifer Edmondson, and Westbury Resident Eugene Sirs for attending the workshop!



WCC Office Manager Jennifer Edmondson discussing the state of 5822 Cartagena with COH Attorney Donna Edmundson

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Trash Q & A

The Westbury Civic Club receives hundreds of calls and emails a month. The most commonly asked questions have to do with trash. Here are some of the questions and answers from the past month.

Heavy Trash trucks are picking up tree waste on my street but it's Wednesday and my pick-up day should be Thursday. What's going on? Can I still place my tree waste at the street for Thursday? Will they come again?

Sometimes the Solid Waste Department (SWD) will send trucks early to start collecting tree waste, especially in neighborhoods like Westbury which generate a lot of tree waste due to our mature trees and extensive landscaping. The trash trucks are still supposed to pick up tree waste on the correct day, so go ahead and put it out. If they do not return on the correct day to get your tree waste, then immediately call 311. They will send a crew out within 2-5 days to collect the waste.

When is Heavy Trash?

Heavy Trash pick-up for ALL of Westbury is the 2nd Thursday of every month. Tree waste may be put out every month and EVEN junk waste can be put out on EVEN months.

What do I do if my household trash, yard waste or heavy trash was not collected on when it was supposed to be collected?

Call 311 or use the 311 App to report service problems. If this problem continues, then also contact the WCC office. In March, Parkwest 3 was having trash collection problems.

Why didn't the city collect my yard waste that I put at the curb?

Are you using the correct type bag? Yard waste can only be placed in plastic bags approved by the City of Houston. The SWD workers will NOT collect yard waste if it has been placed in the wrong type bag. Additionally, they will not collect the wrong type of plastic bags during monthly junk waste or tree waste pickup.



The picture above shows the wrong type bag. DO NOT USE large black bags for yard waste.

When is Heavy Trash?

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Today was trash day and I came home to discover my trash can and/or recycling bin broken.

What do I do now? Call 311 to report the broken bin. A new bin will be delivered to your home as soon as stock allows. Several small recycling bins in PW3 and Westbury 3 were broken or stolen last month. The residents reported that the city was back ordered on the small bins.

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**Help Keep
Westbury Beautiful!
Know your trash facts!**

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Heavy Trash Revisited

Attention Westbury Residents

One would think that having just one heavy trash day for all of Westbury would alleviate some of our heavy trash violations. The fact that it is the same day of the week as our regular trash pickup should make it even easier to remember. The **second Thursday** of every month you may put out tree waste (straight from the tree or shrub). On the **EVEN** numbered months, you can **EVEN** put out JUNK Waste.

The following dates are the **ONLY** dates that **JUNK waste** will be picked up:

April 11

June 13

August 8

October 10

December 12

What can be done about violators?

Anyone can report heavy trash violators to 311 and we encourage you to do so. The WCC has been hanging door hangers on violator's doors reminding them of the correct dates. March was a particularly bad month with multiple violators on heavily travelled streets such as Willowbend, W. Bellfort and Ludington.

Hiring a Contractor? Please make sure all contractors hired follow city ordinances and deed restrictions. If you are using a contractor to remodel, cut your trees, build a fence, etc., they are **REQUIRED to haul their trash away.**

Moving? Please have a little respect for your neighbors and don't trash our neighborhood. Can't wait for the next Junk Waste day? Visit the Solid Waste Southwest Trash Depository at 10777 Southwest Frwy. It's only about 10 minutes from Westbury. Have some electronics or hazardous materials? Visit the Environmental Service Center at 11500 South Post Oak about 5 minutes from Westbury.

Southwest Trash Depository

Located at 10777 Southwest Frwy. The phone number is 713-541-1953. It operates Wed. through Sun. 10AM to 7PM (Daylight Savings Time) Citizens may use the depositories four times per month. Each user must provide the following as proof of residency: 1) Texas Driver's License or ID, and 2) A current utility bill or city property tax receipt. **The depository accepts the following items:** Furniture, Tree Waste, Stoves, Refrigerators, etc. Up to 10 automobile tires (No Rims). **The depository also accepts recyclable**

materials free of charge.

Neighborhood depositories will not accept household garbage, more than ten tires from an individual, and large quantities of building materials. Trash from commercial haulers or brought in a commercial vehicle (business or rented commercial) will not be accepted.

Environmental Service Center

(Recycle and Household Hazardous Waste) **11500 South Post Oak - between Gasmer and South Main** The Environmental Service Center accepts household hazardous waste such as anti-freeze, batteries, fuel, oil, paint, paint thinner, pesticides, herbicides and household cleaners. Residential electronic scrap items will also be accepted (monitors, televisions, printers, keyboards, mice, scanners, fax machines, telephone handsets, VCRs, CPUs, cellular phones and other small consumer electronics). These items should not be placed on the curb with or in your container for collection with garbage or heavy trash pick-up. The center is open every Tues. and Wed. from 9AM to 3PM and the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9 AM- 1 PM.

**Help Keep
Westbury Beautiful!
Know your trash facts!**



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Crime/Security

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37* 30 days preceding March 18, 2013

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	7	0	1	1	9
Theft	6	3	6	1	16
Auto Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	1	0	2
Assault	0	1	2	0	3
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	13	5	10	2	30

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

Single Family Residential Crime Locations (30 days preceding 3/18/13)

11000	Braewick	Burglary
5800	Dryad	Burglary
5800	Effingham	Theft
5700	Farwell	Theft
5600	Fontenelle	Burglary
10700	Hillcroft	Burglary
11500	Hillcroft	Burglary
6000	Lattimer	Theft
5700	Ludington	Theft
5800	Ludington	Theft
6000	Warm Springs	Theft
5400	Willowbend	Burglary

Wondering what's going on with all those sirens are that you can hear? Go to houstontx.gov/activeincidents and look up HPD and HFD Active Calls.

Tip on Crime Prevention

Do you park your pickup on your driveway or in the street? Thieves have been targeting tailgates all over the city. Please lock the tailgates on your truck. Another simple solution is to install hose clamps on the hinges, buy a \$20 McGuard Tailgate Lock, or back your truck up to the garage door. It takes 30 seconds to steal a tailgate, and they can cost over \$1000 to replace.

Thanks to Jerome B. for posting this on Facebook. If you aren't one of the 560 fans, join us now!

Halfway House Closes

The WCC is happy to announce that the halfway house on West Bellfort that housed parolees from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has been vacated as of February 28th and the home is up for sale. We thank nearby residents who brought this home to our attention. We had been told that this was transitional housing for the disabled, but found two convicted sex offenders registered at this address. This home was taking people released from prison, with some wearing electronic monitoring devices. Needless to say neighbors were worried. One resident was re-arrested within months of his release and sent back to prison. In January, according to police records, a woman living in the home reported that she had been sexually assaulted. The bank foreclosed on the home and gave them six months to relocate.

This facility has relocated to a commercial building on Burdine across from Westbury Square. According to the man who runs this facility, sex offenders and violent offenders will not be housed at this facility due to its proximity to Chimney Rock Park. We will continue to monitor the situation. You can find more info on their website. <http://www.newbeginningshouston.info/>



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SuperNeighborhood 37, which consists of the WAIC and WCC, approved a motion to have the seven acre site of the Westbury Community Garden (WCG) appraised. Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson met with the Houston Parks Board to determine how best to move forward. The WCC engaged an appraiser to determine the market value of the property. The appraisal process looks at the "highest and best use" and looks at residential feasibility first. The appraisal found that residential development was not considered feasible nor was retail development. In his opinion, the land's maximally productive and highest use are institutional use such as a school, church, community center or recreational facility.

And that is what the Westbury Community Garden provides on this property now.

A school? Yes, the WCG is an outdoor classroom; we are a teaching garden, Urban Harvest conducts classes, the WCG teaches gardening to residents, gardeners and to school groups. Neighboring Foerster Elementary gardens with us and learns from us. We have a large compost area and rain water collection device to show residents how to replicate these important recycling tools.

A community center? Yes, the WCG is a community. Community was such an important part of what we envisioned the garden to be that we put it in our name. The WCG is the visible tangible center of our community and formed a bridge between our single family and multi-family residents. The beautiful June Holly Learning Pavilion stands as a gathering place and is tangible evidence of June Holly's mission -- to bring together different communities to improve dialogue, understanding and cooperation in order -- to improve the quality of life for all.

A recreational facility? Yes the WCG provides recreation in the form of gardening, weed pulling, compost turning and more. It brings people outdoors to enjoy not only gardening, but one another's company. In the master plan for the garden are trails around and through the garden.

A church? While the garden is not a church in its definition as a building for worship, it is place where one can commune with nature and God. We have partnered with the neighboring Bethel's Family Church and hope to expand our donations to their Food Bank, which feeds over 6,000 needy residents a month.

"Gardens are restorative, life-giving, life-affirming places where we can

experience nature and work with one another to make our small corner of the world a better place." Anne Clutterbuck at the garden's dedication

Now, the next step? The Houston Housing Authority has told us all along that they were still doing their due diligence and that if it was determined that adding their low income housing project was deemed unfeasible that they would want to sell the property.

We need to raise money to purchase this property and are in the process of the setting up an account with the Houston Parks Board. Donations will be tax deductible. If you believe that saving the Westbury Community Garden is important and that saving seven acres of greenspace is a good thing, won't you join us in our effort? Talk to your friends, to your employer, to foundations, to your school, to your church, to your group, to your elected officials; to anyone you think will support this important community garden.

Look for full details in the May Crier.

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April Events at the Willow Waterhole

Saturday, April 6 – Keep District K (and Westbury) Beautiful Day at Willow Waterhole– see page 6 for more information

Thursday, April 18 – WWGC Spring Meeting and Master Plan Update. After presentations, we will split up into teams to help develop updates to the Master Plan. The meeting will be held from 7 – 9 PM at *Westbury Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall, at 10424 Hillcroft*. Ample parking is available at the church. New location for the WWGC Spring Meeting!

Sunday April 28 – JazzFest at Willow Waterhole – see page 17 and 18 for more information. Noon to 8 PM. Local school and professional jazz groups perform. Festival foods for purchase. NO coolers allowed. Free Admission & Free Parking.

Festival Food during JazzFest

The JazzFest event will feature festival foods for purchase. Coolers will be not allowed into the event. Vendors will sell snacks, foods, and drinks to appeal to all ages.

One local vendor selling food will be Henry Riojas of Tejano Salsa’s “Tamales and More”. At time of publication, they plan to sell tamales, shrimp etouffee, cheese dips, and chips with salsa. They have a “Tamales and More” restaurant near Westbury, located on the South Post Oak and their salsa products are sold in area grocery stores.

David Janacek of RK Automotive (Bellaire) will sell smoked turkey legs and sausage on a stick. Curtis Guillory from Westbury HS has proposed selling BBQ chicken and smoked brisket with sides. Other vendors will also be selling food or snacks.

Westbury Yard of the Month

Spring is here and yards are looking beautiful! Yard of the Month judging has resumed and the April Winners will be announced in the May Crier. Ready, Set, Mow! Get those yards ready! Judging occurs at the beginning of each month and one winner in each section will be chosen. If you would like to be a yard of the month judge, please call the WCC office at 713-723-5437.

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Community Partner: Willow Waterhole

This month we will feature the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) in our continuing series about our community partners. We have chosen to feature the WWGC this month because April 2013 will be an amazing month for the Willow Waterhole. April will see the birth of the landmark JazzFest event held at the Willow Waterhole, a meeting to update the Master Plan for Willow Waterhole, and a "Keep District K Beautiful Day" cleanup event.

Willow Waterhole – Who? What?

"Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC)" - the non-profit **advocacy group** with a website at www.wwgc.org. The mission of the WWGC organization is to mobilize individuals, neighborhoods, government agencies, businesses and foundations to support the Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve. The WWGC seeks to enhance the site as a wildlife area and accessible greenspace and to encourage visitors by developing activities for the park.

"Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve (Willow Waterhole)" – the official name of the **place** – a 280 acre greenspace with a series of permanent stormwater detention lakes under construction by the Harris County Flood Control District and the US Army Corps of Engineers' "Project Brays"

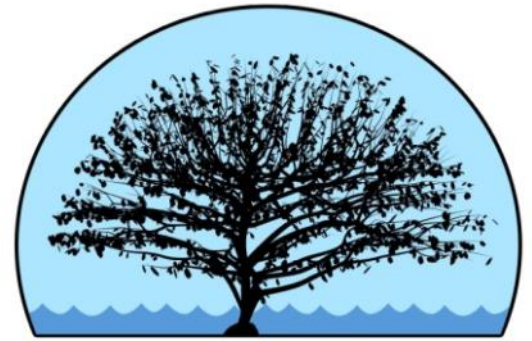
Getting Acquainted with Willow Waterhole

Rafferty Memorial ("Stonehenge")

For first-time visitors, a good place to get acquainted with Willow Waterhole is to visit the Rafferty Memorial area. Parking is easy: Park on Ricecrest between Gasmer and South Willow. A wide concrete trail winds its way to the nearby Rafferty Memorial where a large oak tree shades picnic tables and large granite boulders. This is a perfect spot for a picnic or a snack.



Rafferty Memorial "Stonehenge"



Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

"South Gazebo Area" (near Shell Research Center) if you follow the trail from the Rafferty Memorial, cross Gasmer, and continue southward you will come to a Large Gazebo. This area is where recent music and movie events have been held at Willow Waterhole. During events, the entrance gate at Dryad will be unlocked and visitors can park along Dryad.

Trees for Houston

Enbridge Energy, through its Natural Legacy program, had volunteers planting trees at the WWGC with Trees for Houston over several days in March. A big thank you to all involved. The result is that 150 trees have been added to the Willow Waterhole complex.

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Foxy's Cabaret Update

Last month we reported that Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan had filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction against Foxy's Cabaret, an adult entertainment club located in the 11100 block of South Post Oak Road on the perimeter of the Westbury SuperNeighborhood, to stop criminal activity occurring at the club. Ryan said in a press release that Foxy's Cabaret has been the location of crimes, including prostitution and narcotics offenses.

WCC President Becky Edmondson and WCC Director Cindy Chapman attended the Sharpstown "Law Enforcement March on Crime" luncheon on March 7 as guests of District K City Councilmember Larry Green. We noticed Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan was also in the audience, so of course, we dashed over to thank him for the work his office has been doing to stop criminal activity at Foxy's Cabaret and other locations in southwest Houston. We

also discussed some long-standing area problems as he was our city council person from 1987-1993.

A week later on March 15 we received a call from the Harris County Attorney's Office (CAO) that the hearing for Foxy's Cabaret scheduled for March 19 had been CANCELED, because the CAO and Foxy's had mutually agreed to terms for a temporary injunction, awaiting signature approval by the judge. This is a positive initial step toward stopping criminal activity at Foxy's. The Westbury Civic Club had planned to have representatives from Westbury and our community allies sitting in the courtroom audience during the hearing about Foxy's.



Cindy Chapman, Vince Ryan, and Becky Edmondson


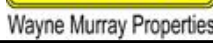
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Friends of Westbury High School Annual Gala

The Friends of Westbury High School Foundation's Annual Gala

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"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, former Foundation president.

Outstanding honorees at this year's gala are:

*Becky Rucker Edmondson, Class of 1971, WCC President; Peter Kwan, Class of 1975; and Helen Goldberg Kamin, outstanding WHS teacher.

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. The Foundation accepts VISA, MasterCard and American Express credit cards.



Gala Honoree Becky Edmondson, President of WCC

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

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- ⇒ At crossings known to have malfunctioning warning devices
- ⇒ When starting a train from a stopped position
- ⇒ In an emergency situation when an engineer believes such action is appropriate in order to prevent injury, death or property damage.

Federal regulations provide public authorities the option to maintain and/or

establish quiet zones provided certain supplemental or alternative safety measures are in place and the crossing accident rate meets FRA standards. That is what the City of Houston did for the crossings through Westbury. Union Pacific believes quiet zones compromise the safety of railroad employees, customers, and the general public. While the railroad does not endorse quiet zones, it does comply with provisions outlined in the federal law.

Even when the construction work is finished and the Quiet Zone is fully back in place, we may still hear horns. The WCC has a contact at HPD to report horns to and they will investigate for any possible violations.





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Westbury Christian School Wins Another State Title

Congratulations to the boys basketball team at Westbury Christian School for winning their 17th state title this year. After a slow start (they lost their first five games) this season, the Wildcats finished with 30 wins and defeated Dallas Christian for the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A title.

Parents, do your kids have a BB or pellet gun? Please be sure they are instructed on safety. A home in Parkwest 1 had a window broken by an errant shot.

April Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

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

Easter Egg Hunt for Kids

The Knights of Columbus are offering an Easter Egg Hunt - open to the community. Children, ages 9 and under, are invited to gather Easter eggs placed throughout the STM main playground. The hunters will gather inside Prinster Parish Center on the St. Thomas More campus at 1:45 PM, March 30. Participants are asked to bring their own baskets to collect the eggs. The hunters will be staged and released as three separate groups by age: 1 to 3, 4 to 6, and 7 to 9 year olds. Immediately afterwards the hunters and their families will be served free ice-cream by the knights. Warning: do not be late, the kids run fast!



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 R J F T M A Z J S A D A N N N
 E H K M R J G G Q S K K H L S
 T K O K E A U B I C D K F X T
 A C E S G F W E S T B U R Y O
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How well do you know
 the streets in Westbury?
 Try to unscramble these
 neighborhood roads!

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RTTSAEDR

TNOCEDTI

LICFLOHTR

OBWNDILWEL

BYUAERD

FDOSRAN

AMOYGRO

How many words can you make out of the letters for **WESTBURY**


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