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HIGHLIGHTS:

- WCC Board Meeting: April 16 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist
- APRIL HEAVY TRASH: JUNK WASTE THURSDAY, APRIL 10 ALL OF WESTBURY
- Donate Now to help save the 7 acre site of the Westbury Community Garden, page 19

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

Westbury White Elephant Community Garage Sale

WHEN:

Saturday, May 3
8AM-Noon

WHERE:

Westbury United Methodist Church Parking Lot (5200 Willowbend)

PARKING:

St. John's Presbyterian (5020 W. Bellfort)
Handicapped parking on-site

RAIN DATE:

Saturday, May 17



It's time for the Spring White Elephant Sale! Come shop over 50 individual "garage" sales in one location! This is the biggest event that the Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides its members. The White Elephant Sale allows residents the opportunity to sell unwanted items at a

highly visible central location with security provided. The White Elephant Sale is well known in the area and in the city. It is very well attended with lines of people waiting to get in every time and almost all vendors go home happy with few items left!

Booth space will go on sale at 9:30AM Tuesday, April 1, for Westbury residents ONLY. The WCC office will have extended hours on Tuesday & Wednesday, April 1 & 2, from 5PM- 7PM for booth space purchase. You must be a paid current member of the Westbury Civic Club to purchase a booth. This means you must have paid your 2014 WCC membership dues of \$40. The booth price for Westbury residents will be \$20-\$25. Booths will go on sale to non-residents on April 7. The booth price for non-residents is \$60-\$65. Payment by cash or check only. The WCC office is located at 5322 W. Bellfort Ste. 107. The Civic Club provides security and publicity for the sale. The Civic Club does NOT provide tables, chairs or shade.

Keep Westbury Beautiful
APRIL 5
Hager Park
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
9AM - NOON
Plant trees, Mulch, Trash clean-up
SEE PAGE 6



Willow Waterhole Music Fest 2014

WHEN: Saturday, April 12, 11AM- 9PM

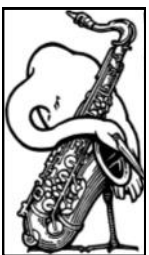
WHERE: Willow Waterhole @ approx. 5300 Dryad (street South of WHS)

WHAT: Free admission to 10 hours of live music in a beautiful setting.

FOOD/DRINKS: Festival food and beverages will be available for purchase.

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

MORE INFO & SCHEDULE: www.wwgc.org or pages 20 & 21



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

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 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

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 832-393-6333

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

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President's Message

I love Houston, especially in the spring time when there are so many events. Coming up in the next few weeks are: a Beautification Day at Hager Park; the 2nd annual Music Fest at the Willow Waterhole; the 16th annual Friends of Westbury High School Gala; and, our spring White Elephant sale. If you haven't joined us for one of these events, why not make this the year that you do so?

I was reminded today of just how much fun it is when a group comes together to accomplish a project. Scotts Miracle-Gro, through its Gro 1000 initiative, was back in Houston kicking off another season of garden building. For 2014, the recipient was the Gabriela Mistral Early Childhood Center just north of us near Hillcroft and Bellaire. Several hundred volunteers came together through the efforts of Keep Houston Beautiful to create an incredible garden and nature playscape for this HISD school.

It was just 4 years ago in March of 2010 that Scotts Miracle-Gro provided the miracle that the Westbury Community Garden needed to come into fruition, again through the efforts of Keep Houston Beautiful. I was able to take the Scotts people, along with representatives from the US Conference of Mayors, on a tour of the garden last week. They were amazed and impressed at not only the growth but the sustainability of our garden project. If you haven't toured the garden, then come on out! Grab a chair under the beautiful

pavilion provided by Leadership Houston and enjoy this tranquil oasis. The bluebonnets are lush! Come see what your neighbors have created out here. You, too, will be amazed.

Thanks to everyone who sent in the Public Input forms published in last month's Crier. I was able to turn them in at the District K CIP meeting and it was good to have specific details for the Public Works Department. Thanks to everyone who came to the CIP meeting, as it is very important for the City to see that our residents care.

Dues statements have been mailed and I hope each of you will send in your payments and become members of the Westbury Civic Club. We need you! Your support funds the Westbury Area Patrol. You will meet our deputies this month in the Crier and our new Director of Volunteers has started a Coffee with the Constables program so you have a chance to meet them. Your support funds greenspace improvements and regular monthly maintenance. In recent years, trees were planted on W. Bellfort; trees were trimmed on W. Airport; and more trees will be planted in Hager Park in April. Your

support also funds the WCC office and the monthly *Crier* and special programming throughout the year.

I will end with a big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers we have in Westbury. You are our secret weapon and why our neighborhood is such a great place to live. On this Saturday evening as I write my President's message I was thinking about today's volunteers. I was at the Gabriela Mistral Nature building a playground with hundreds of others. Cindy Chapman, Jennifer Edmondson, Kathy Elder, Robert Capps, and Kerry Adams were at the District K Neighborhood workshop on BARC. Marcia Hartman, president of the Westbury Community Garden, led a big workday at the garden with Hazel Potvin. Russell Shexnayder led a group as more native prairie plants were rescued at the Willow Waterhole. Others, like Priscilla Bloomquist, were at the Senate District 13 convention. So you can see from this diversity of volunteer work, from gardening to prairies to animals to politics, that there is probably a group that would love to have you as a volunteer!

Happy Spring! Happy Easter!



Volunteer Opportunities

- *Scanning past issues of the *Crier*
 - *Keep Westbury Beautiful, April 5 (see page 6)
 - *Help at next White Elephant Sale on May 3 (see page 1)
 - *Coffee with the Constables (see page 6)
- Contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437 or westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Board Notes—March 2014

- The March 2014 WCC Board Meeting was cancelled.
- The May Board meeting is Wednesday, May 21 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist

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Platou Community Center

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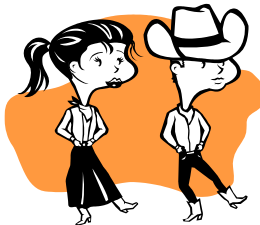


Line Dancing Class

Mondays, 12:30-1:30PM

For more information about this fun, unique workout class.

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TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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Tues, 5:45-7PM

Drop in to preview the program or

call Dorothy at 713-723-4441 or

Naomi at 713-988-2233

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Portable Projects

Thursday, 10AM to Noon.

For more information, call Genie Mitchell at 713-470-7969

MsBeeHaven Quilters

Tuesday, 10AM to 2PM

Call Janie at 713-721-5526

for more information

Games

Weds., 10 AM to 12PM

Contact Wally at 713-729-9310

Programs at the Platou Community Center are almost always **volunteer initiatives and volunteer led.**

-A program can be one day or held in a series.

-More exercise opportunities are needed, especially in the evening.

-What about a cooking demonstration?

-Would an art group like to work at the center? There is a small classroom.

-Can anyone give a short class on using a new camera or cell phone?

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What's Happening in Westbury

Events & Meetings Calendar April 2014

Tue 1	Booths on Sale to Westbury Residents for White Elephant Sale 9:30AM—1:30PM, 5-7PM @ WCC Office More information, see page 1
Wed 2	WCC Office Open late for White Elephant Booth Sales 5-7PM More information, see page 1 Westbury Residents ONLY
Thurs 3	Westbury Meet & Eat at Teotihuacan @ 6PM 6579 W Bellfort Open to all Westbury residents
Sat 5	Keep Westbury Beautiful @ Hager Park 9AM See page 6 for more information
Mon 7	Booths on Sale to Non-residents for White Elephant Sale 9:30-1:30PM @ WCC Office More information, see page 1
Wed 9	Coffee with the Constables 7AM-8:30AM 5807 Sanford -- all Westbury residents are welcome More information on page 6
Sat 12	Willow Waterhole Music Fest 2014 11AM-9PM 5200 Dryad (near Westbury Little League) FREE More information, see pages 20 & 21
Mon 14	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:30PM Westbury Community Garden pavilion (Dunlap @ Fonmeadow)
Wed 16	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 8:30AM Salem Lutheran - 4930 W. Bellfort Open to ALL Westbury residents
Wed 16	WCC Board Meeting 7PM Westbury Baptist Church Open to ALL Westbury residents
Sat 19	Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow
Mon 21	WCC Office Closed
Mon 21	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow
Tues 22	SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Bldg

Planning Calendar

May 3: Spring White Elephant Sale
May 17: Rain Date White Elephant Sale

Heavy Trash & Recycling Calendar

April 2014	
Thurs 3	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 10	Heavy Trash— JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 17	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

May 2014	
Thurs 1	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 8	Heavy Trash— TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 15	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 29	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- 🗑️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- 🗑️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags
- 🗑️ Heavy trash can 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.houston.tx.gov for more trash and recycling information

City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

Month	Waste Type	Month	Waste Type
January	Tree Waste	July	Tree Waste
February	Junk Waste	August	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste	September	Tree Waste
April	Junk Waste	October	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste	November	Tree Waste
June	Junk Waste	December	Junk Waste

WCC Outreach

Keep Westbury Beautiful at Hager Park on Sat., April 5 9AM to Noon



April 5th is **Keep Houston Beautiful** day and we will be having our own **Keep Westbury Beautiful** day as part of **Keep District K Beautiful** day!

Keep Westbury Beautiful will focus on **Hager Park**. We will meet on April 5, at 9AM near the pavilion. This well used park, adjacent to Anderson Elementary (12100 Landsdowne) could really benefit from some beautification. Our plans include trash pickup, mulching and tree planting. Refreshments will be provided. A University of Houston Horticulture will have information available about planting native plants.

We encourage interested volunteers of all ages to show up and help beautify Hager Park. This is a great way to meet neighbors, introduce your kids to volunteer work, enjoy the great outdoors during the best time of year in Houston, and to help improve our Westbury community. We look forward to seeing you!

Please email our Volunteer/event coordinator Stephanie Lester at westburyStephanie@gmail.com.

When: Sat., April 5, 9AM

Where: Hager Park, next to Anderson Elementary, 12100 Landsdowne

Who: Everyone welcome!

To do: Plant trees, mulch, pick up trash

Coffee With the Constables

A new WCC outreach program, "Coffee with the Constables" was created to allow residents to meet the constables who provide supplemental security in Westbury. The inaugural event was held on March 11 in Westbury 5 from 7:30-8:30AM, allowing residents to meet our two new constables, Sergeant Hernandez and Deputy Smith. Sgt. Hutter from Pct. 5 also attended. Over 25 residents stopped by to chat or just grab a quick cup of coffee & say hello. Thank you to our new Director of Volunteers and Events, Stephanie Lester, for coming up with this great idea and hosting the first coffee event!



The Civic Club will host a series of these events over the next several months in different sections of Westbury so that we will all have the opportunity to meet the valued members of the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). If you would like to host a coffee morning in front of your house, please email or call the WCC office with your contact info and address.

The next "Coffee with the Constables" will be on April 9 at 5807 Sanford. Leslee Cross, WCC Security Director, will be hosting the coffee at her home from 7-8:30 AM.



April 9 @ 5807 Sanford, 7AM



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Parker Elementary

Design Charrette for New Building @ Parker

HISD will be constructing a new school for Parker Elementary, and HISD wants the new school to be designed for a 21st Century Learning Environment which is flexible and attractive and enhances the learning process. Brave (Bra VAY) Architecture has been hired as architects. In late February, members of the school Project Advisory Team (PAT) met with the architects for a two day "design charette" to start the design stage of the project. Cindy Chapman represented the WCC and the WAIC on the team. The goal was to identify challenges for the project, share ideas, and to develop a consensus on concepts. These concepts will continue to be refined, with a goal to have preliminary designs ready for comments from the community and the Parker Elementary family, hopefully before the end of this school year.

For example, the PAT and architects discussed the unique needs Parker has as a music magnet elementary school. Which areas need to have sound isolation? Which areas need to have sound isolation yet still be in view of other areas? What are the needs and desires for practice and performing spaces? What needs are related to evening performances or community events?

There was much discussion about transportation and parking needs. How many students walk or bike? Use a bus? Use Metro? Use private cars or vans? Are the needs different in the morning than in the afternoon? How are these needs handled now and how might they be handled in the future? Where do deliveries need to be made? Where will music equipment be loaded and unloaded? How much parking is needed?

The architects also wanted to discuss the design constraints and challenges for Parker Elementary. It is vital that the school be fully functional during construction, so how



can the functions that are currently housed in 5 temporary buildings be squeezed into the existing building during the construction process? Where can recess be held? How can school drop-off and pick-up be handled?

After the meeting ended on the first day, the architects continued to work into the night. On the morning of the second day, the architects presented drawings to the PAT showing early conceptual ideas for the school and site. Amazingly, considering all the site complications, the architects delivered a promising concept that squeezes into the available space and seems to accommodate key needs for the school.

Stay tuned for more information about a community meeting. Be sure to check our facebook page, Westbury Houston.



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HISD Updates

HISD Boundaries to Change

HISD Trustee Wanda Adams was the invited guest speaker for the March WAIC / Westbury SuperNeighborhood meeting. Trustee Adams was accompanied by Chief Student Support Officer Mark Smith (a former principal at Anderson Elementary here in Westbury) and HISD demographer Justin Silhavy.

Trustee Adams explained that HISD trustee boundaries will be changing because HISD was asked by the state to annex the struggling North Forest School District in July 2013 and to also include the most recent 2010 demographic information.

Preliminary maps will be prepared for community input, possibly in April, and the lines will follow current precinct boundaries. Trustee Adams has requested that communities be kept together as much as possible.

HISD has also been looking at demographics to determine school boundaries and where to build new schools. In the south and southwest part of Houston, new developments are being built on vacant land, especially near Highway 288 and Beltway 8. Kolter and Parker Elementary are seeing more student enrollments as younger families buy existing housing. For example, the birth rate has gone up by 11% in zip code 77096. Milne Elementary is an example of increasing student enrollment as apartment occupancy rates rise. We discussed that Anderson Elementary has two apartment complexes zoned to it that will be shut down and razed as part of

a pending campus expansion at WHS, which will decrease enrollment at Anderson unless modifications are made to the attendance boundaries.

The demographer also discussed that data is now available for each school at HISD showing how many students transfer IN and OUT and where these students are coming from/going to. This data only includes information about students at public schools and state charter schools, and does not include students who are at private schools or are home-schooled or are not in school.

Here is demographic information about Anderson Elementary. There are 192 students who are zoned to Anderson who go to other public schools and there are 91 students who have opted to transfer to Anderson who are zoned elsewhere. There are 40 students who are zoned to Anderson who have opted to transfer to Parker's magnet program, yet there are 22 students zoned to Parker who have requested a transfer to Anderson.

Parker Elementary has 195 zoned students who have opted to transfer elsewhere, and there are 493 who have opted to transfer to Parker, a music magnet school.

If you would like to review the demographic information for all schools in HISD, the web address is:

http://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/32468/Campus_Demographic_and_Enrollment_Report_2013_2014.pdf

HISD In SW Houston

HISD Superintendent Dr. Terry Grier and HISD Trustee Wanda Adams were in southwest Houston on March 11 as guest speakers at a BiMonthly Breakfast organized by our community partner **Southwest Houston 2000**. Members of the WCC and WAIC boards



(Cindy Chapman, Russell Schexnayder, Van Austell, and Virginia and Taylor Livingston) attended the breakfast to demonstrate our community support for neighborhood schools. Additionally, Principal Dr. Roz Vaughn and Christine Turner from **Anderson Elementary** plus Principal Lori Frodine and Carol Kehlenbrink from **Parker Elementary** were in the audience from the Westbury community.

Dr. Grier summarized recent achievements by the school district and current challenges. He is proud that more HISD high school students are applying to prestigious universities because these universities are able to provide better financial packages to make school affordable. He notes that reading and literacy continue to be issues, and he encouraged the audience to support reading programs and to read to children every day.



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Westbury Area School Updates

Johnston Traffic Plan & Westbury

The safety audit at Johnston Middle School, while needed and necessary, has the possibility to negatively impact Westbury residents south of Willowbend near Johnston. The WCC and District K are working with the City of Houston traffic management to evaluate the traffic issues during school hours along Manhattan and Creekbend in Westbury 2. The WCC has concerns that the situation will worsen as parking becomes more limited north of Willowbend. The City needs your input. If you live in this area and have concerns, please contact the WCC office at 713-723-5437 or District K at 832-393-3016.

WHS Campus Expansion Update

On March 2, 2014, the *Houston Chronicle* published an article about campus expansions, including the campus expansion for Westbury High School that was approved by voters via a bond election in 2012. The Chronicle says that HISD "has made offers on two area apartment complexes: Westbury Manor at 5565 Gasmer and Las Villas Del Parque next door at 5541 Gasmer. HISD previously bought a complex on Gasmer, farther from the Westbury campus, so the new purchases would give the district a large, uninterrupted stretch of land."

The goal is to double the WHS campus size to about 50 acres in association with the pending building renovations at WHS. Suburban school districts routinely build high schools on campuses of at least 50 acres, and the Chronicle noted that the Cy-Fair School District provides about 65 acres for high school campuses. "I hate for people to feel like we're being the mean, heartless big school district because that's not the way we've approached it," said Sue Robertson, HISD's general manager of facilities planning. "We're all in this together to try to make the communities and the schools better."

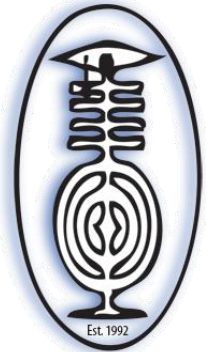
Johnston Middle School Choirs sing for Gold

At UIL Concert & Sight-reading Contest on March 5, 6 and 7, Johnston Middle School choirs earned some new hardware to add an already impressive collection! The following choirs earned superior marks: Varsity Mixed Choir, sweepstakes trophy; Varsity Treble Choir, sweepstakes trophy; Varsity Treble Choir, sweepstakes trophy; Non-Varsity Treble Choir, plaque on the stage for superior ratings; Varsity Tenor-Bass Choir, plaque in sight-reading for superior ratings.

Congratulations to the Johnston Middle School Choral department.

The Friends of Westbury High School Annual Gala

The Friends of Westbury High School Foundation will host their 16th Annual Gala, dinner and silent auction, Saturday, April 26th, at Braeburn Country Club, 8101 Bissonnet. The gala is the foundation's annual scholarship fundraising event and will award several \$3,000 scholarships to Westbury High graduating students.



The gala this year will be a tribute to the late Rita Woodward, founder of the Friends of Westbury High School Foundation. The theme "Keep the Flame Burning" is in memory of Rita and a scholarship will be awarded in her name to a deserving WHS student.

Honorees at the 2014 Gala are: Sonya Galvan, WHS Class of 1977; Jeff Chalkley, WHS Class of 1995; Lawrence Eckermann, D.V.M, representing Westbury Animal Hospital as the "outstanding community leader"; and Vanessa LaWare, WHS teacher of AP Literature and Composition Literary Genres.

Please contact Ms. Van Austell at vaustell@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or would like an invitation. The Friends of Westbury High School Foundation is a 501c(3) tax-exempt corporation. More information is available on their website www.friendswhs.org.

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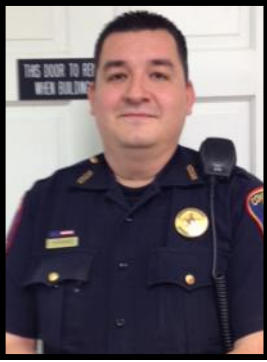
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Meet the Westbury Area Patrol Constables

Sergeant Fernando Hernandez



Hello everyone, I'm Sgt. Hernandez. It's an honor to be given the opportunity to serve this wonderful community again. I have been a Deputy Constable for 9 years and a couple years ago I worked in the Westbury patrol and grew to love this area and my job. My wife and I have been happily married for 12 years and have 3 wonderful children. In my spare time, I am a volunteer football, baseball, & softball coach at Mt. Carmel Academy Charter School. I love spending time outdoors with my family. We enjoy fishing and camping. I am also a big fan of Houston; therefore, I root for all home teams! Go Texans, Astros, Rockets, and Dynamo! I consider myself an easy person to talk to so when you see me patrolling on your street, stop me and say hello!

Deputy Vo



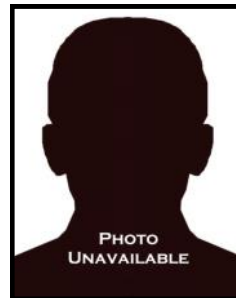
Deputy Vo is a graduate of the Houston Police Academy. He has been working for Harris County Constable Precinct 5 since 2009, and is currently assigned to the Westbury District. Deputy Vo is fluent in English and Vietnamese.

Deputy Carl Smith



Hi! My name is Carl Smith, I have been with the Harris County Constable Precinct 5 for 15 years. During that time I was assigned to the night shift in the Westbury Subdivision. I have returned to the Westbury Subdivision in January of this year and have been welcomed and embraced by the residents I have had the opportunity to meet. I hope to be of service to the Westbury community and provide a safe place for everyone to live.

Deputy W. Farahshah



Hi, I am Deputy Farahshah. I was born and raised in Pakistan. Growing up as a kid, I thoroughly enjoyed watching police officers as they reacted and solved some of the toughest situations. When I moved to the United States, I had an opportunity to see how police officers in a community help people to feel secure in their homes and businesses.

I was a reserve deputy at Harris County Constable Office Pct. 6 for three years, and my family is very proud of me since I am the first police officer in my family. I am dedicated to serving the Westbury Community.

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Crime/Security

Message from Harris County Constable Pct. 5

Sergeant Mitchell Hutter, the community relations and crime prevention officer for the Harris County Constables Office PCT5, needs your help with putting a stop to crimes in Westbury. You are the eyes and ears. Please call the WAP Constables at **281-463-6666** whenever you see anything suspicious.

A suspicious person is anyone you see on your block you do not recognize. Do not let age, race, or gender play a factor in who you believe to be a criminal. Two young female burglars were arrested in Westbury not too long ago.

If someone comes to your door, please always go to your door and acknowledge that you are home. Never open your door for anyone you do not know. Then please call our dispatch at **281-463-6666** so that a deputy can check on them.

The same applies for vehicles. If you see a vehicle driving around slowly or parked in front of a neighbor's home, call the constables. Neighbors looking out for neighbors is how we catch criminals. Please put the constables' number in your cell phones **281-463-6666**.

Home Security Inspection: The constables' office provides a Home Security Inspection service. Sgt. Hutter is specially trained to view your property and make suggestions on how to better secure your homes. In a 30 minute review, he can find security deficiencies that make you vulnerable to crime and recommend improvements that are easy, inexpensive and can make a big impact on your safety. This service is FREE. Take advantage of this opportunity. Contact Sergeant Hutter, at 281-704-6825 to make an appointment.

Alert Neighbors Stop Crime

In Maplewood South, a homeowner saw a suspicious vehicle backed into a driveway and immediately called Precinct 5. A deputy was dispatched and was able to determine that it was a burglary in progress. A chase ensued and the burglar fled on foot, escaping law enforcement. However, the vehicle left behind produced not only stolen merchandise, but also the name and address of the owner of the vehicle (the burglar). A warrant for his arrest was issued. He showed up in court and was charged for this crime as well as a few other crimes.

This is a good example of "unusual or suspicious behavior" that was immediately reported to the Constables at the time of the occurrence. As you can see, the criminals can and will be caught.

As always, it is imperative that you contact Precinct 5 at **281-463-6666** if you just see ANYTHING out of the ordinary or suspicious.

If you see something, say something!

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37* 30 days preceding March 21, 2014

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	6	3	0	0	9
Theft	3	4	6	1	14
Auto Theft	1	6	2	0	9
Robbery	0	2	1	0	3
Assault	1	5	0	1	7
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	20	9	2	42

*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 3/21/14)



Block	Street	Crime
6000	Beaudry	Burglary
11000	Braewick	Burglary
11500	Braewick	Burglary
5800	Burlinghall	Theft
10800	Chimney Rock	Burglary
11500	Chimney Rock	Theft
11600	Hillcroft	Theft
5700	Southminster	Assault
5100	Torchlight	Burglary
5200	W. Airport	Auto Theft
5100	W. Belfort	Burglary

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Westbury Area News

Westbury Rain Garden

A rain garden is a garden planted in a low area that can be very wet for a time after a heavy Houston rain event or very dry during a prolonged dry spell. Plants in a rain garden are chosen for their ability to exist under these extreme conditions. Some interested folks in Westbury decided to try this concept on an area on Hillcroft esplanade just south of the Burlinghall crossing. Look for the live oak with the one park bench beneath it.

This garden is a wonderful display of native Texas plants that provide color for months on end. On the high side, there are shrubs and small trees including red bud, Mexican plum, fig, citrus, crape myrtle, native palmetto and autumn sage. In the basin there are crinum lilies, Louisiana iris, tropical yucca, Texas star hibiscus and Candelaria. There is a good stand of bluebonnets now. In the summer you will see the red of the Texas star hibiscus and in late summer the yellow of the spikes of candelaria. Interested in joining the volunteers who do monthly maintenance on the Rain Garden? Call Hazel Potvin at 713-729-4568.

Westbury Meet & Eat

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

April Meet & Eat: Thurs, April 3 @ 6PM
May Meet & Eat: Thurs, May 1 @ 6PM

Keep Storm Drains Clean & Clear

Please keep the curb line in front of your house free of leaves by raking and bagging them weekly. It is spring and the oak trees are dropping their leaves and our storm sewers are filling up with them because some homeowners are not keeping their curbs clean. Remember if you use a yard service to tell them not to blow your leaves or debris out into the street. The debris should be bagged or composted. Also, Do NOT blow your leaves into the city esplanades.

This will help get the storm water on its way more quickly. It is important for storm water to be able drain freely and as quickly as possible.

Remodeling your home? Adding On? Do you know your deed restrictions?

Did you know that the Westbury Civic Club can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction? We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5 have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know that there is a minimum percentage of brick that must be on your home? Did you know that you can't build in front of your building line? We want to help you! We want you to find out about possible violations before it costs you money and time. Several homeowners in the past couple years have had to tear down and/or modify their construction due to deed restriction violations.

The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits. They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. All deed restrictions are available online at westburycrier.com.



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Mission of the WCC

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

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. As per the deed restrictions, the assessments may be increased by a percentage not to exceed the then most recently published annual percentage increase in the Consumer Index for all Urban Wage Earners, U.S. City Average. The new assessment for 2014 will be adjusted by 2.1%. The amount of the 2014 Mandatory Assessments will be \$227. The 2014 Mandatory Assessments are past due by February 1, 2014. Invoices have been mailed. If you are interested in a payment plan, please call 713-723-5437.

Benefits of Paying Your Dues

- Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
- Keeps the doors of the Civic Club office open and staffed.
- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
- Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year

For a more detailed explanation, check out the January 2014 *Westbury Crier* available online at westburycrier.com.

Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?

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Westbury 5 Waterline Replacement

Waterline Replacement in Westbury 5 Starts in August

We are happy to see this Capital Improvement Project (CIP) taking place in Westbury. A very informative meeting was held by District K, Public Works, and the contractor on March 18 to distribute information about the upcoming waterline replacement project that will take place in a portion of Westbury 5 on the following streets:

- ◆ Claridge (Braewick to Dunlap)
- ◆ Portal (Braewick to Hillcroft)
- ◆ Sanford (Braewick to Dunlap)
- ◆ Benning (Braewick to Dunlap)
- ◆ Spellman (Braewick to Dunlap)
- ◆ Braewick (Vickijohn to Spellman)
- ◆ Dunlap (Vickijohn to Spellman)
- ◆ Kirkside (West Bellfort to Spellman)

Work on the Westbury portion of this project, entitled the Cambridge Park Waterline Replacement Project, is scheduled to begin in August. Informational door hangers will be hung on door knobs of affected residents about 72 hours before construction begins. Keep

this door hanger as it has important contact information. District K has posted the materials that they distributed at the meeting on their website, <http://www.houstontx.gov/council/k/cambridgepark.html> which includes frequently asked questions and a schedule and Special Needs Form.

The FAQ on District K's website will answer many of your questions and concerns. Here are a few of them:

What should residents with sprinkler systems be prepared for?

We recommend that you take pictures of the sprinkler heads in the "on" position and be sure the pictures clearly show how many and the location of the sprinklers/heads that you have in the right of way area near the street/curb. The construction company will make the effort to cap off your sprinklers in the right of way that will be torn up with the intent to keep your sprinklers working in the rest of the yard. The pictures should resolve any questions when it comes time for the construction company to repair them. It is entirely possible your system or at least certain zones may stop working once your yard is dug up as wires do occasionally get clipped. Be sure to have a garden hose and traditional sprinklers ready to use during this period. If you believe that your

sprinklers systems were damaged during construction, please contact the project manager (Scott Ellefson) at 281-705-2251 so that he can investigate and schedule repairs.

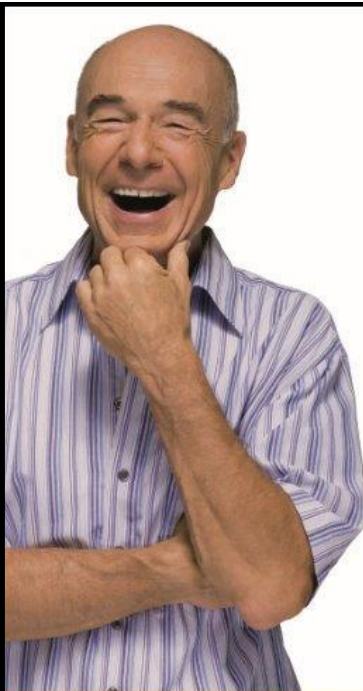
What about French drains?

We also recommend residents take pictures of any drains/pvc tubing that you have going to the sidewalk or to the curb so you have evidence for replacement.

What about landscaping near streets, sidewalks and curbs?

Right-of-way does extend well into your yards. You all mow and maintain these areas and consider this area your property. However, the existing roadway right-of-way grants City of Houston full access and utilization to this right of way as deemed necessary. All efforts will be made not to disturb your landscaping during this project. However, if you have extensive landscaping in your yard, some of it may be impacted with the construction. If you have a specific plant you would like to save, we suggest you (personally) relocate such plant materials. Grass will be restored in yards upon completion of all construction.

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Westbury History Project

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*What is your name and address?

*How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

*How did you come to choose Westbury?

*What did you pay for your house?

*Who have been our neighbors through the years?

*What schools did your children attend?

*What do you like best about the neighborhood?

*How did you decorate the house for holidays?

*What has changed the most in Westbury since you moved here?

*What did you do during Hurricanes Carla, Allison, Rita, Ike?

*What are your memories of Westbury Square?

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CIP Meeting & Flooding

Over a dozen Westbury Civic Club (WCC) board members and concerned Westbury residents attended the District K Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meeting on February 27. The CIP meeting is an annual forum where the City discusses projects planned for our part of town and allows residents to ask questions and make comments or requests. Presentations were made by Public Works, ReBuild Houston, the Parks Dept, and General Services. The CIP process is meant for big ticket capital items like street replacement, major park improvements, waterline and sewer replacements, drainage improvement, libraries, etc.

Becky Edmondson, representing the WCC and the Westbury Super Neighborhood, spoke about flooding, sewage backing up into some homes after heavy rains, and needed street repairs in Westbury. The

WCC presented "Public Input" forms from residents that ReBuild Houston had requested to substantiate flooding issues. From the data gathered, we were able to put together a map to show where floodwaters have entered HOUSES in Westbury. It is our strongest desire to see that no more homes flood in Westbury. The WCC has asked the city to initiate an engineering study of this problem; the city had been unaware of an issue in this problem area -- west of Chimney Rock along the Willow Waterhole bayou.

We have also asked for street improvements on Hillcroft, Willowbend, Ludington, Dryad, and Gasmer. ReBuild Houston has been in the neighborhood with their vehicle checking our streets. Hopefully the worst streets will see some repairs soon.

WESTBURY RESIDENTS - It is very important that you take the time to call 311 or use the online application for 311 to report flooding, sewage backup, potholes, missed trash pickup, or



other problems. The City departments use 311 data to determine problem areas. If you don't report problems, then it does not exist on the city radar.

CIP meeting update from WCC President, Becky Edmondson:

It is with extreme pleasure that I report that I have received an email from Public Works thanking me for attending the CIP meeting and notifying us that they will be issuing work orders to perform Cleaning and Televising (CTV) of approximately 250,000 linear feet of sewer in the next 6 months. They will then perform rehabilitation based on CTV and field information. We look forward to working with them and we will keep you informed as this process moves forward.



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5	5540-888 3102 / 127	\$550,000 \$102,125	71 days	SOLD
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WHS News

WHS Garden for Special Education Students

Curtis Guillory, the Special Education Autism Instructor for Westbury High School, contacted the Westbury Community Garden and the Friends of WHS Foundation for help on how to start a horticulture program at WHS for his 8 students. He noted that a garden would “not only help the students learn to prepare food items, but also teach the students about the life cycle of a plant and give them an introduction to ecosystems. It will open up doors where I can teach my students about science”. Mr. Guillory and his students took a tour of the Westbury Community Garden and were inspired to build garden beds at WHS.



The Friends of WHS Foundation provided funds to build garden beds at WHS. The Westbury Community Garden provided seeds. Additionally, Edith Smith, a retired educator and a member of the Westbury Community Garden, helped Mr. Guillory design and build gardens on the WHS campus. With assistance from their community partners, WHS now has a fertile and abundant garden and is successfully

The Art department of Westbury High School won 3rd place and \$300 in the City of Houston’s Solid Waste Management’s second annual "Growing Up Recycling" recycle cart decorating contest.

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Westbury Community Garden News



Land Acquisition Update

Thank you to all of our donors thus far. We have faith that this project is worth doing -- to protect this 7-acres of land as a public greenspace instead of yet another apartment complex built in southwest Houston. Donations received so far have totaled almost \$48,000. To make donations by check, make the check payable to "WAIC – Land Acquisition", and then clip the donation form and mail it to the address indicated. To make a donation by PayPal or credit card, go to the WCC website (www.westburycrier.com) and click on the blue button "DONATE NOW – Secure donations through Network for Good".

Please donate today. Donations are tax-deductible.

Billboard for Westbury

Thanks to Clear Channel for posting this billboard closer to Westbury! Last year the Westbury Community Garden won a "Community Stars" award, sponsored by the DEA, Houston Crackdown, Office of the Mayor, and Clear Channel Communications, for our work with children in the garden and nearby schools to help eradicate drugs. Look for it on S. Main near Hillcroft.

Garden Beds Available

There are currently beds available for lease. Consider gathering together a group of friends and neighbors to share the experience and the food. Sharing a garden bed is encouraged, especially for newcomers. Please email info@westburycommunitygarden.org with your name and contact info. This is the perfect time to get involved with spring planting starting soon. A small fee and volunteer hours are required to lease a bed. Contact the WCG for more information.

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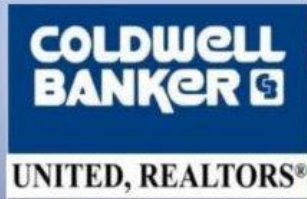
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Willow Waterhole New & Events

Willow Waterhole Music Fest 2014

The 2nd Annual Music Fest at the Willow Waterhole will be held on April 12 from 11AM to 9PM. This event was loads of fun last year and everyone had a great time. There will be live music and food/drinks available for purchase. Come enjoy TEN hours of FREE live music in a relaxing setting. Bring the whole family and all your friends! Bring chairs and blankets. Parking will be off Dryad behind WHS next to Westbury Little League fields. Overflow parking at WHS. To learn more visit www.wgc.org.

Where is the Willow Waterhole?



Turn on Dryad off Chimney Rock towards WHS and Westbury Little League. The street ends at the Willow Waterhole entrance.


Prairie Plant Rescue

Over three workdays in February and March thousands of native prairie plants were rescued by volunteers from the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Brays Bayou Association, Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), Houston Parks and Recreation Department, and an advisement group that includes Gulf Coast Master Naturalists and the Houston Audubon Society.



Volunteers rescued (dug up) native prairie plants in a portion of the Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve that will be excavated soon by the HCFCD. These plants were then potted into 1 gallon pots and transported to the nearby HISD Hollingsworth Science Center to be stored. They will be planted later at another site in the Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve. More than 3,000 plants were rescued by these hardworking volunteers. On one day alone they rescued 1,125 plants from the site!





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Obituary for Warren Roquet, Past WCC President

Westbury lost another long time resident when past WCC president, Warren Albert Roquet, 93, passed away Monday, February 17, 2014. He served as president from 1963 to 1964. One of the major accomplishments of his presidency was the installation of street lights in Westbury. We are indebted to Warren and his family for their many years of support and civic-mindedness.

He was born August 23, 1920 in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Aloysius "Albert" Roquet and Mary Heintz Roquet. Warren Roquet graduated from Owensville High School (Ohio) in 1938, earned a Degree in Business Administration (BBA) from the University of Cincinnati in 1947, and later earned a law degree (J.D.) from Southern Methodist Law School in Dallas in 1948. On October 23, 1944, he married Miss Gwen Worsham. He was employed by Shell Oil Company from August of 1948 until he retired in 1981. He worked in the Land, Pipeline, Legal, Public Affairs, Government Affairs and Insurance Departments. From 1981 until 1985, he engaged in consulting work as a Petroleum Land and Legal Consultant. Mr. Roquet joined the United States Air Force in August of 1942 and served as a Navigator with the 491st Heavy Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force in England until 1945. He remained in the Air Force Reserve until he retired from duty at the rank of Colonel. He was a member of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers in the late 1970's and a charter and life member of the Silver Falcons of the United States Air Force Academy since 1974. He is survived by his wife of 69 years: Gwen Worsham Roquet of Houston and 3 generations of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, plus numerous nieces and nephews.

Importance of Calling 311

Skipped trash pickup, sewage problems, flooding, potholes, broken main lines and broken trash cans are all things that need to be called into the City of Houston at 311. The city uses 311 data to determine problem areas. 311 complaints can be reported by email, by mobile app and by phone. They can be anonymous. The City says that we do not have a flooding problem and that our roads aren't bad. They base this on a lack of 311 calls. Call 311 if your home floods. Call 311 if there is a pothole on your street or any major street you drive on (Willowbend, Hillcroft, etc.). Call 311 if your trash was out on the street curb but was not picked up.

After calling 311, please call the WCC office with the 311 service request number. We might be able to help expedite the process, especially with skipped trash pick up.

Reported Problems with the New After Hours Club on Hillcroft

It has been reported to the WCC office that a new after hours club has opened on Hillcroft near Densmore. We are getting multiple complaints of loud music, gunshots, and racing down the street. Please call HPD and Pct 5 if you witness any of these things happening. It is important to generate lots of calls if the police are going to realize there is a problem.

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BARC City Ordinance Changes

Changes Coming for City Ordinances about Animal Control

WCC Board members Cindy Chapman, Jennifer Edmondson, and Robert Capps plus Westbury residents Kathy Elder and Kerry Adams attended a District K "Neighborhood 101" workshop on Saturday March 22 to learn about animal control issues and upcoming changes to the city ordinances about animals.

Once known as the Bureau of Animal Regulations and Control, the re-organized city department is now called BARC Animal Shelter and Adoptions. Animal control issues affect quality of life and safety. In 2013 there were more than 2,000 dog bites and HPD shot 34 dogs which were an imminent danger. BARC had more than 50,000 calls for service, yet only about 13,000 calls could be handled with current staffing. This means that more than 200 calls EACH day are not handled. Priority 4 & 5 calls are NOT handled, including calls for assistance where a dog bit another animal, injured yet mobile animals, or stray animals. To resolve this problem, both the mayor and city council want to increase funding for BARC, although funding on a per capita basis will still lag that of other major cities in Texas. During the presentation, District K CM Larry Green stated he hopes that after staffing at BARC has been improved, that District K will be assigned an animal control officer dedicated to solely to District K issues.

Chris Newport has been shepherding discussions with various stakeholders to

create a draft of proposed revisions to the city animal control ordinance. Mr. Newport reviewed the proposed ordinance. The WCC has proposed some fine-tuning of the ordinance directly to Mr. Newport. The changes to the ordinance are scheduled to be voted on by city council at the end of March.

Here are some key points of interest to Westbury:

- ⇒ Get your pet micro-chipped and keep your contact information up-to-date! An animal which has a micro-chip or a city tag will be kept at least 6 days while the city tries to contact the owner or the vet of record. Pets without this will be kept only 3 days minimum.
- ⇒ The term "owner" has been clarified to make it more difficult for people to claim that they do not "own" an animal and are not responsible for its actions. "Any person who has encouraged the presence of any domestic animal on his property, residence, or premises by providing food and water or other care, or has otherwise accepted caretaker responsibility for the animal for longer than three consecutive days, shall be considered to be the owner of the animal."
- ⇒ Enforcement is allowed by BARC, police officers, or Neighborhood Protection
- ⇒ BARC will not allow a person convicted of animal cruelty to adopt or foster an animal
- ⇒ Acknowledges the need to address problem dogs that are not yet Dangerous Dogs. Therefore 2 new categories of problem dogs have been added: "Aggressive Dogs" and "Public Nuisance Dogs". An investigation will be conducted to determine if a dog is "Aggressive" or a "Public Nuisance". Owners will be required to implement defined actions to abate the nuisance or to keep aggressive dogs under control. For example, if an owner repeatedly allows an animal to escape its backyard, then the dog might be declared a public nuisance and the owner may be ordered to repair the dog's fence.



Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/westburyhoustontexas>

CARE- Contact the Lost and Found Pets committee leader at lisawild@yahoo.com. (Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury)

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