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# **Westbury White Elephant Community Garage Sale**

Saturday, May 9, 8AM –Noon Westbury United Methodist Church parking lot

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides fall and spring community garage sale events to WCC members. The Spring White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, May 9, from 8AM to Noon. The rain date is May 16.

Booth spaces are on sale NOW for individual Westbury residents ONLY\*.

The booth price for individual Westbury residents will be \$20-\$25 cash or check. You must be a <u>paid</u> current member of the WCC to purchase a booth (must have paid your \$40 WCC 2015 membership dues).

Booths will go on sale to non-residents and groups/non-profit organizations on April 27 if space permits on a first come, first served basis. The booth price for non-residents and groups is \$60-65.

For more IMPORTANT information regarding the White Elephant Sale, please see page 6.

RESERVE YOUR BOOTH SPACE NOW! Spaces are limited.



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### Willow Waterhole Music Fest

The 3rd annual Music Fest at the Willow Waterhole will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 11AM to 10PM. This is a FREE live music event in a beautiful relaxed setting.

New this year is a craft market from 11AM to 6PM and food trucks! Bring your chairs and blankets and the whole family for a fun day at the Willow Waterhole. See pages 16 and 17 for more information or go to www.willowwaterhole.org.

# Keep Westbury Beautiful

#### Saturday, April 11 9AM-11AM

Multiple locations in Westbury will be hosting Keep Westbury Beautiful clean-up and beautification events as part of the city wide Keep Houston Beautiful Day, including:

#### **Westbury Park**

#### **Hager Hark**

#### The Willow Waterhole

Bring the whole family out and help keep Westbury Beautiful! We will be de-littering and mulching at Hager Park, planting flowers and spreading mulch at Westbury Park (Parker), and cleaning up the South Gazebo area at the Willow Waterhole.

See page 7 for more information.

Hope to see you at one of these great events! Bring the kids out to help and meet great neighbors!



### Coffee With the Constables

The WCC outreach program, "Coffee with the Constables" is back! It allows Westbury residents to meet the constables who provide security in Westbury. The next coffee will be in **Westbury South** at the home of Julia Elina

#### at **5739 Southminster** on

Wednesday, April 8, from 7:30AM to 9AM. Stop by and say hello!

Wed., April 8 @ 7:30AM

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

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Report Graffiti—Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) www.braysoaksmd.org Use "Report A Problem"

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

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### President's Message

Happy Spring Westbury! All of the rain in March should make for a very green Spring. April has so many great outdoor opportunities throughout Houston and here in Westbury. Have you ever wanted to volunteer at an outdoor beautification event? April 11th is Keep Westbury Beautiful day, which is part of the larger District K Beautiful Day and Keep Houston Beautiful day. Come out to Westbury Park, Hager Park or the Willow Waterhole to see how YOU can volunteer to keep Westbury beautiful. Details are on page 7.

April 25th will be a busy day in Westbury; there's the Willow Waterhole Music Festival. This year, a craft fair will be included. There will be music, food and shopping all set in a beautiful outdoor setting. See pages 16 and 17 for more information. The same evening is the Friends of Westbury High School Gala, see page 11 for more information.

It was another eventful month for the people who volunteer on behalf of the Westbury community. The Westbury Community Garden celebrated its 5th birthday on March 28 and the gardeners worked diligently on a big party celebrating the garden. Several of us met with Dr. Terry Grier and his staff at HISD to discuss Westbury High School (page 10). Leslee Cross and I went to the Constable Precinct 5 presentation and you will read on page 14 about some exciting new programming. The SWHouston 2000 breakfast had an interesting presentation about the good things happening at Fondren Middle School. Howard Sacks, Kathleen Ownby and I met with PAIR, Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees, to better

understand the refugee population at Westbury High and to see what additional programs would be helpful. The Westbury Civic Club meeting had Chris Bell, a candidate for mayor, come and speak. Watch for more opportunities in Westbury to meet the other mayoral candidates. It's a great way to meet them.

Many board members attended the Capital Improvement Projects meeting and an article on page 22 will let you know about the good things coming to Westbury. Are you ready for a street drainage and street reconstruction project? Cindy Chapman and Eugene Sirls attended the District K workshop about Chapter 42 and the changes and challenges as our suburban neighborhoods become "urban". A new multi-neighborhood group interested in trails and connections to Brays Bayou and the Willow Waterhole held its second meeting and Eugene Sirls and Allen Potvin joined me in attending. If any of these subjects interests you, why not join us?

My favorite moment of March was taking a swing with a golden sledgehammer to the side of the Westbury Centerette. See page 9 for the full story. I, for one, am done accepting rundown crummy properties in Westbury. If people want to invest in Westbury, they should be required to keep their properties up to certain standards. I commend Steve Wu and his partners for recognizing the potential of the three acres at West Bellfort and

Chimney Rock. After almost three decades of looking at this mostly boarded up, abandoned and vandalized eyesore it was a real pleasure to see it razed. Here's hoping that the burned out hulk that was Westbury Square will soon follow suit. My hard hat and sledgehammer are ready!

Booth sales for the May 9th White Elephant sale will start April 1st. It is the perfect time to get rid of those items you set aside during spring cleaning. See page 1 and 6 for the details.

Company is coming, so let's get those spring chores done! Read all about the Neighborhood USA conference coming to Houston in May. Not only is Westbury on the tour of neighborhoods, we are a finalist for the Neighborhood of the Year Award. See page 20 for more info.

As my neighbor helped me roll my garbage cans up my driveway today, I was reminded of why Westbury is such a great neighborhood. We have the best neighbors! Did you know Westbury also has one of the highest percentage of philanthropy in the city? It is that spirit that has kept us thriving. So many giving and caring people live in Westbury. I am proud to call it home.

Becky Edmondson

WCC Board Meeting
Wednesday,
April 15
7PM-9PM
Westbury Baptist

#### Board Notes: March 2015

- Updates on the Centerette and news about the upcoming demolition
- CIP meeting overview by Jeff Benavides and thanks to all who attended
- Eugene Sirls spoke about the Chapter 42 workshop he and Cindy Chapman attended
- Discussed NUSA and Westubuty's role in this years conference
- Discussed new trail initiative
- April 11th is Keep Westbury Parks beautiful day. Eugene Sirls to lead Hager; Meg Horner to lead Westbury Park; Becky to lead Dryad
- Thank you to Jackie Murray of Weichert Realtors for providing cookies and water.

 Chris Bell, Candidate for Mayor, spoke about why he was running for Mayor (pictured to the right)



### **Platou Community Center**

11655 Chimney Rock / Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM Supervisor: Dan Reilly, Daniel.reilly@houstontx.gov or 713-726-7107

#### STRETCHING EXERCISE CLASS Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9-9:45AM

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### MsBEEHAVEN QUILTERS Tuesdays from 10AM to 2PM

For more information, contact Janie at 713-721-5526

### GAMES \*BRIDGE TABLE ADDED! Wednesdays, 10AM to 12PM

For more information, contact Wally at 713-729-9310

Westbury resident, Dennis Pickering will be on hand to help out beginners. Contact Dennis at denp@hps.com.



#### **PORTABLE PROJECTS**

Thursdays from 9:30AM-11:30AM

For more information, contact Hazel at 713-729-4568

#### **LINE DANCING**

Mondays @ 12:30PM

For more information, contact Dan at 713-726-7107

#### Family Fun Day #3: Walk Willow Waterhole Saturday, April 25 10AM-2PM

Come in and do crafts from 10 to 10:30 AM. At 10:30 AM take a guided hike (walk) along Willow Waterhole Bayou to Willow Waterhole Park. Find wildflowers in bloom; throw wildflower seed balls; and visit a very special insect habitat structure on the Bayou Woodland Trail. Wear closed toe shoes and bring a water bottle. This hike will last about 1 hour.

Westbury CARE will be there with dogs and cats for adoption.

# TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY A Weight Loss Support Group Tuesdays 5:45-7PM

Drop in to preview the program or call Dorothy at 713-723-4441 or Naomi at 713-988-2233

### Ping Pong Leagues

Adult league ping pong will be on Fridays from 11AM to 2PM. Child league on Wednesday evenings. Any age and skill level is welcome to compete. For any questions or more information, call Dan at 713-723-7107

#### After School Enrichment

Youths, ages 6 through 13, can register for After School Enrichment which provides guided activities, including time to do homework. Call Dan Reilly at 713-726-7107 for more information.

### Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort

Phone: 832-393-1840 / www.houstonlibrary.org

#### **New & Improved Story Times!**

Baby Story-time: Every Tuesday, 10:30-11:15am

Toddler Story-time: Every Wed. & Saturday at 10:30 AM

Children's Story-time: 3rd Saturday, with

Faithful Paws, 1-2PM

#### **Adult Mystery Book Club**

Call the Meyer Library for more information.

#### Youth Arts & Crafts

Thursdays, 4:30 –5:30PM Come by after school and enjoy an afternoon of arts and crafts. Explore making collages, stencil art, painting, origami, making jewelry and much more! All ages welcome.

#### HOURS

Monday: Closed Tuesday: 10AM-6PM Wednesday: 10AM-6PM Thursday: 12PM-8PM Friday: 1PM-5PM Saturday: 10AM-5PM Sunday: Closed



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### What's Happening in Westbury

### Events & Meetings Calendar April 2015

Wed 1	Booths on Sale to Westbury Residents for White Elephant Sale 9:30AM—1:30PM, 5-7PM @ WCC Office More information, see page 1 and 6			
Thurs 2	Westbury Meet & Eat at Teotihuacan @ 6PM 6579 W Bellfort Open to all Westbury residents			
Mon 6	Westbury High School PTO Meeting 7PM Library—11911 Chimney Rock			
Mon 6	WCC Office Closed			
Wed 8	Coffee with the Constables—5739 Southminster 7:30AM For more details, see page 1			
Sat 11	<b>Keep Westbury Beautiful—Multiple locations—9AM to Noon</b> See page 1 and 7 for more information.			
Mon 13	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:30PM Platou Community Center— 11655 Chimney Rock			
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 8:30AM Salem Lutheran Church— 4930 W. Bellfort			
Wed 15	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting 7PM Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft			
Sat 18	Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow			
Mon 20	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow			
Sat 25	Family Fun Day at the Platou Center 10AM - 2PM Guided Nature Walk at the Willow Waterhole at 10:30AM See page 7 for more details. 11655 Chimney Rock			
Sat 25	Willow Waterhole Music Fest 2015 11AM - 10PM FREE live music event. Fun for everyone! See pages 16 & 17 for details. 5300 Dryad			
Sat 25	Friends of WHS Gala 6PM Braeburn Country Club See page 11 for more details			
Mon 27	Booths on Sale to Non-residents for White Elephant Sale 9:30-1:30PM @ WCC Office More information, see page 1 and 6			
Tues 28	SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Building by Hobby Lobby			
May 5	Parker Elementary Community Meeting 6:30-8PM See May Crier for more information.			

### RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH CALENDAR



April 2015		
Thurs	Curbside Recycling	
2	All of Westbury	
Thurs 9	Heavy Trash – JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY	
Thurs	Curbside Recycling	
16	All of Westbury	
Thurs	Curbside Recycling	
30	All of Westbury	

May 2015		
Thurs	Curbside Recycling	
14	All of Westbury	
Thurs 14	Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY	
Thurs	Curbside Recycling	
28	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 be placed starting at 6PM the
- Heavy trash can be placed starting at 6PM the Friday before pick-up
- MYARD WASTE is not considered tree waste. It is collected on regular Thursday trash day
- $\overline{\mathbb{I}}$  Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers: <u>SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr</u> 10785 SW Frwy / Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- **Environmental Service Center** 11500 S. Post Oak Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- Refer to <a href="https://www.westburycrier.com">www.westburycrier.com</a> or <a href="https://www.houstontx.gov">www.houstontx.gov</a> for more trash and recycling information

#### **Planning Calendar**

May 5- Parker Elementary Community Meeting

May 9 - White Elephant Sale

May 16 - Rain Date for White Elephant Sale

City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule			
March	Tree Waste	June	Junk Waste
April	Junk Waste <b>July</b>		Tree Waste
May Tree Waste Augus		August	Junk Waste

### White Elephant Sale

#### **Spring White Elephant Sale: May 9**

The Westbury White Elephant Sale allows residents the opportunity to sell unwanted household items at a highly visible central location with security provided. The WCC provides location, security, bathrooms and publicity for the sale. The Civic Club does NOT provide tables, chairs or shade. Garage, Estate, yard, moving sales, etc. are not permitted at Westbury residences. See the column to the right the Westbury Garage Sale Policy.

\*Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space before April 27. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until April 27. Violators of this policy may not be allowed to participate in the current and/or future White Elephant Sales. All non-profit organizations and groups must register under their organization name. No individual may purchase a booth for a group or organization unless doing so under that organization's name.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**April 1** —Booths go on sale for individual Westbury residents\*



**April 27**—Booths on sale for non-residents and non-profit organization and groups\*

May 9— Spring White Elephant Sale May 16—Rain Date

### Westbury Civic Club Policy: Garage Sales, Estate Sales, Yard Sales, Moving Sales

**Purpose:** The intent of this policy is to clearly convey the Westbury Civic Club restriction on garage sales, estate sales, yard sales or any other independent action of the kind.

**Definition:** Garage, Estate, Yard or Moving Sale: The sale of personal property in, at, or upon any residential lot or home. This includes, with limitation, sales of personal property from the garage, driveway, yard, patio or house area of such premises.

**Policy:** Garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like are not permitted in Westbury.

All sections of Westbury and Parkwest have deed restrictions that state "no noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood". Garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like draw substantial traffic and contribute to: hindering the flow of traffic on major thoroughfares; impeding access to homes by emergency vehicles or residents due to parking congestion; parking violations on city streets or esplanades; parking violations from vehicles parked on front yards; and, parking violations from blocking public right-of-way on sidewalks. Furthermore, advertising materials for garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like contribute to: visual blight, trash along public streets, and violations of the city sign ordinance. The Westbury Civic Club considers garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like to be "an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood".

All sections of Westbury and Parkwest have deed restrictions that state the lots are to be used for single family or family residential purposes. The Westbury Civic Club considers garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like to be commercial use of residential property.

Approved by the Westbury Civic Club Board, August 20, 2014



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### Family Fun Days at the **Platou Community Center**

The City of Houston is hosting special Family Fun Days each month on the 4th Saturday from 10-2PM at the Platou Community Center. This is an effort to bring families into the community centers, fitness center and gymnasiums! Come and join us!

The first Family Fun Day at the Platou Center was held on February 28. Many children and adults visited the Platou Center to paint ceramic tiles. All together 34 tiles were painted and fired in the kiln. It was a fun and busy time!

The April Family Fun Day will be on April 25 and will be a Guided Nature Walk at the Willow Waterhole. For more information, see page 4. The May Family Fun Day will be the Art of Quilting: See and Do on May 23. See the May Crier for more information.



#### **Keep Westbury Beautiful** Sat., April 11 9AM to Noon



April 11th is Keep Houston Beautiful Day and we will be having our own **Keep Westbury** Beautiful day as part of Keep District K Beautiful Dav!

Keep Westbury Beautiful will have several areas for you to choose from.

Westbury Park: Plant flowers and shrubs in the existing beds surrounding the playground. Mulch trees and de-litter.

Hager Park: Mulch trees and de-litter

Willow Waterhole: Cleaning up the South Gazebo area for Music Fest. Mulching & pruning trees

We encourage interested volunteers of all ages to come and help beautify one of these three areas. 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!

For more information, please email our Volunteer/event coordinator Stephanie Lester at westburyStephanie@gmail.com.

When: Sat., April 11, 9AM-Noon

Who: Everyone welcome!

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### Thank You Cindy Chapman!

### Who's Who in Westbury? Cindy Peden Chapman

By Becky Edmondson

When I read the criteria for the Who's Who in America's Neighborhoods I immediately thought of Cindy Peden Chapman. I first met Cindy when we began serving together on the Westbury Civic Club (WCC) board in 2004. It wasn't Cindy's first time on the WCC board as she had been instrumental in raising money for two Spark Parks back in 1994 when her children were young. With her children about to head to college, she rejoined the WCC board. Within a few years she was serving as president and did so from 2008 to 2010. While she was President, the WCC won awards two years in a row from Keep Houston Beautiful for volunteer projects which improved Westbury esplanades. The WCC also won awards from Keep Houston Beautiful and the national Keep America Beautiful for creating the Westbury Community Garden on vacant land leased from the Houston Housing Authority. She remains on the WCC board as Community Relations director and serves on the Publication committee writing many articles each month for the Westbury Crier.

Cindy is the current president of the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) serving in that capacity since 2013. The purpose of the 501C3 nonprofit WAIC is to improve the quality of life for residents of the Westbury area of Houston, Texas. Cindy had served on the Board of Directors of the WAIC and when the need for a president arose unexpectedly Cindy did not hesitate to step up. She has served the WAIC well. From implementing new programs to being instrumental in the saving of the Westbury Community Garden, Cindy's proven leadership skills have gotten results. Thanks to her leadership and support, there are now 7 new acres of greenspace in Westbury; the Westbury Community Garden.

It is my great honor to serve as co-president with her on the Westbury Super Neighborhood (WSN) board. Cindy serves on this board because her presidency in the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation makes her the co-president of the Super Neighborhood. Through the WAIC and WSN Cindy works closely with our neighborhood, our

schools, our local government officials and our businesses. Our Super Neighborhood is seen as a model for other Super Neighborhoods.

The Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA) is an organization comprised of the Presidents of the Super Neighborhood Councils and serves as a formal advisory board to the Mayor and city government on community matters. Cindy serves as a Secretary of the SNA.

In 2012, while the Westbury neighborhood was being annexed into a management district, Cindy was part of the team advising on the acquisition. When the Management District needed a community representative for the board, Cindy was chosen to sit on that board. Today she now chairs the Economic Development committee of the Brays Oaks Management District. This is a good thing as one of the greatest needs in our neighborhood is revitalization of our poor, aged and dilapidated commercial areas.

When Cindy was president of the WCC she realized it was important to partner with other neighborhood organizations and became involved with a group called Southwest Houston 2000. She serves as their secretary. In addition to the many things that this group does, it hosts a bi-monthly breakfast at Houston Baptist University with speakers of interest.

Schools are an important part of any neighborhood. Cindy served on the PTOs when her children were in school. When our local elementary received 2012 bond money to build a new school and needed a community representative Cindy was chosen to serve on the Project Advisory team (PAT). Our local high school is also a bond recipient and in 2014 Cindy was selected to serve on that PAT. A new Houston Independent School Board trustee was elected last year and Cindy has been working with her on school issues. In January of 2015 Cindy was named to the District Advisory Board by the trustee.

Cindy has also remained true to that first community involvement with parks and serves on the board of directors for the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, the 300 acre flood detention and park project being built in the Westbury Super Neighborhood.

But she doesn't just serve her neighborhood. Cindy is the president of the Rice University Faculty Women's Club.



Her husband, Professor Walter Chapman is the William W. Akers Professor in Chemical Engineering and Associate Dean for Energy Research. Both of their sons are graduates of Rice University.

Cindy Chapman is an engineer by trade having left that field of employment to raise her children. She earned a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Clemson University and a master's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of South Carolina before moving to Houston in 1988.

With so many issues facing neighborhoods today, Cindy redirected her intelligence and organizational ability coupled with a nurturing style into decades of service. She is well respected by all. She is a team player. She works and plays well with others. If you need something done, and done well, Cindy is the one to call.

Happy Birthday, Cindy!



### Westbury Centerette Demolished

### Good Bye Westbury Centerette!

Dozens of Westbury residents watched as the long awaited demolition of the property known as the Westbury Centerette began on a cloudy Monday morning in March. Council member Larry Green and his staff were on hand to witness yet another piece of District K's "Klean it Up, Green it Up campaign". Beyond getting rid of blight, the aim is to bring economic development back into Westbury and all of District K.

Brazos Contractors, who handled the demolition, had hard hats and golden sledgehammers for Council member Larry Green, property owner Steve Wu, and Super Neighborhood co-presidents Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson. After a few ceremonial whacks with the sledge hammers, the excavator began to chomp away at the two-story building on Chimney Rock. Within a few hours both it and the car repair building on Chimney Rock were laid to rest in a heap of twisted metal and rubble.

PETULE!

All was not lost though. Steve Wu, the property owner, saved the Centerette sign for the neighborhood and the contractor chipped away a bucket full of the blue and green mosaic tiles from the building's



facade. The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) will be looking into ways to put these items to their best use.

Adding to the festiveness of the morning, the WCC arranged for the new PUCS coffee truck to provide coffee and croissants to all who attended with the WCC picking up the tab. James Bryan, owner of Pris' Pet Inn and Bryco Consulting graciously let his parking lot be

used. The media was there in full force. There were cameras and reporters on the ground and helicopters in the air. Googling Westbury Centerette should pull up stories from the Houston Chronicle as well Channel 11 and 2. KUHF also aired pictures.

The three acre site will become home to a 50,000 Sq. Ft

L A Fitness with an accompanying parking garage. Civic leaders believe that this will spur further economic development. When asked by reporters, Becky

Edmondson had this to say: "Westbury the residential neighborhood has remained a viable and vibrant neighborhood through its sixty years of existence. However the commercial areas never rebounded after the economic downturn of the eighties. Investors bought up commercial properties to hold as investment properties without investing in their upkeep." She went on to say "Westbury residents want shops and restaurants to come back in to the neighborhood. We all eat and shop somewhere, we sure would like to do so closer to home."

It was a great day and enjoyed by young and old alike!



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### Westbury Leaders Meet With HISD Leaders

#### Concerned Westbury Leaders Meet with HISD Superintendent

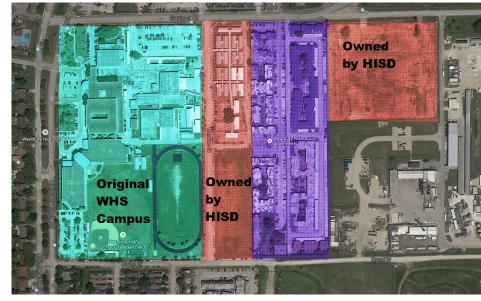
Becky Edmondson (WCC President), Howard Sacks (President of Levitt Pavilion Houston), and Kathleen Ownby (Friends of Westbury High School Foundation board member) sat down with HISD Superintendent Dr. Terry Grier and other HISD personnel to discuss Westbury High School and the 2012 bond referendum. We appreciated the opportunity to sit down face to face with the Dr. Grier and his staff to discuss our concerns. After 75 minutes of dialogue there weren't any firm conclusions, but we all left knowing where we all stand.

We reiterated our desire to have the "new" Westbury that we were promised. We still would like HISD to acquire the properties as was promised with the bond. We still want the original parts of

school replaced and not renovated.
Spending a million dollars for another short term fix doesn't seem to make good financial sense. We still want the regional athletic facility.

In February the HISD board voted NOT to acquire the adjacent properties. However in March they voted to allocate \$8 million to Westbury High School. This is in addition to the 40 million allocated in the bond. That is a start.

The WHS Project Advisory Team met in March, but there are still no plans from the architects that have been completed. Representing the community at large on this team are Cindy Chapman, Becky Edmondson and Kathleen Ownby. At the April PAT meeting we hope to see some real progress and we hope that HISD will announce a design charrette soon. A charrette is a collaborative session in which a group of students, teachers and other community members will brainstorm together on the school's design.







### Westbury High School News

#### **Winning Westbury High School Band**

The WHS Marching Band received good media coverage from KTRK Channel 13 and received the 1st place Spirit Award. The competition criteria were a combination of parade performance, showmanship, and a battle of the bands. (Photo Below)



The National Show Band Association (NSBA) Bayou City Showdown Battle of the Bands took place at Westbury Senior High School on Saturday, February 21. Over 400 students, 300 instruments, 60 drummers, 50 dancers, 20 tubas, and 10 judges were all in one place with one goal in mind. They all wanted to win the 2015 Bayou City Showdown Houston.

#### Friends of WHS Gala: April 25

The Friends of Westbury High Foundation will be having their 21st Annual Gala at Braeburn Country Club on Saturday, April 25, at 6PM. Over \$250,000 has been raised for scholarships for deserving WHS seniors.

This year's honorees include: Alumni Dr. Hyman Penn, Jack Evans, Faculty Member Chet Smith and Community Member Congressman Al Green. For more information or to join the fun evening with Westbury community members and WHS alumni, please call Frank Staats 281-989-5919 or email at fstaats@sbcglobal.net. Donations and auction items are welcome!



The WHS Blue Diamonds, under the leadership of Dance Director, Tanya Jones, took 1st place in the 2015 Bayou City Dance portion. (photo to right)

The WHS Marching Band, under the leadership of Director, Reginald Washington, took 1st place in Band, winning the Overall Best Band. (photo to right)

Congratulations to both WHS performing groups. We are very proud of your accomplishments. Keep up the good work.











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### Founder of Westbury Soccer Club: Milton Aimi

# Founder of Westbury Soccer Club, Milton Aimi, Passes Away at 88

Milton Aimi, Brazilian born immigrant and heralded member of the United States Soccer Hall of Fame, spent over 50 years helping to promote and develop the game of soccer not only in the City of Houston and South Texas, but across the country. His tireless volunteer work for love of the beautiful game opened opportunities for literally hundreds of thousands of soccer players of all ages. He forever turned in his boots on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the age of 88 at a home in Katy.

The first chairman of the United States Senior Soccer Division, Inc., Milton Aimi was a tireless founder of soccer clubs and associations, providing a critical impetus to the development of soccer in Texas and across the country. Moving to Houston in 1967, Aimi was appointed Youth Commissioner for the South Texas region. He was one of the primary founders of the Houston District Junior Soccer Association in 1968 and served as its president from 1972-1978. He was the founder of Houston's own **West**-



**bury Soccer Club**, a large prominent Southwest Houston youth soccer club today. Since the early 70s, thousands and thousands of kids in southwest Houston alone have learned, played, and perfected the sport based on Milton Aimi's original youth club. In 1979, he was recognized with the Person of the Year award from the Houston District Junior Soccer Association.

In 1991 his lifetime of devotion and myriad accomplishments and contributions to the sport of soccer in America were recognized with the appointment to the "Builders" Hall in the US Soccer Hall of Fame. In 1992, the South Texas Soccer Association recognized Aimi's tireless work for soccer in the state, inducting him into their hall of fame.

Milton Aimi's involvement in the sport of soccer in the United States, the State of Texas, and the City of Houston has touched thousands of lives in immeasurable ways. We've truly lost a legend with his passing, but appreciate his on-going and undying love of the beautiful game.



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### Crime/Security

#### Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37\* 30 days March 19, 2015

	Single- Family Home	Apt/ Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	15	2	1	0	18
Theft	8	4	3	1	16
Auto Theft	1	3	0	0	4
Robbery	1	2	2	0	5
Assault	0	2	1	0	3
Rape	0	1	0		1
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	25	14	7	1	47

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

Block #	Street	Crime
11700	Ashcroft	Burglary
5900	Beaudry	Burglary
5300	Briarbend	Burglary
5500	Cartegena	Theft
5800	Cerritos	Burglary
10800	Chimney Rock	Burglary
12100	Chimney Rock	Burglary
12000	Dunlap	Burglary
5700	Effingham	Burglary
5700	Ettrick	Theft
5600	Fontenelle	Burglary
5700	Greencraig	Theft
5700	Greencraig	Theft
10600	Hillcroft	Burglary
10800	Hillcroft	Robbery
5600	Ludington	Burglary
5900	McKnight	Burglary
6000	Portal	Theft
5700	Southminster	Theft
5200	Stillbrooke	Burglary
5800	Warm Springs	Auto Theft
5900	W. Airport	Theft
5300	W. Bellfort	Theft
5200	Willowbend	Burglary
5200	Willowbend	Burglary

### Single Family Residential Crime

Locations by block number, not exact address.

Stats for 30 days preceding March 19, 2015

#### Security update

WCC Security Director Leslee Cross and WCC President Becky Edmondson attended a Precinct 5 constable meeting. It was a chance to meet the deputies and their management team and to hear about the many new programs being implemented to serve our communities better.

The deputy contract program began in 1979 and Westbury first contracted in 1980. For 35 years deputies of Pct. 5 have patrolled our streets, responded to our calls, performed vacation watches and have kept Westbury a safer place to live. This extra personalized policing is an invaluable service to our community.

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**NEW Crime Alerts**: You may sign up for Crime Alerts directly from Precinct 5 at their new website: <a href="www.constable5.com">www.constable5.com</a>. You can receive an email or text of crime alerts for our area. You can sign up for not only Westbury, but surrounding neighborhoods as well.

**Home Safety inspections:** Call Deputy John Jerome Kovar at 281-642-8814 or email <u>john.kovar@cn5.hctx.net</u> to schedule a free home inspection to better secure your home.

Correction: www.constablePCT5.com Interactive website: www.constable5.com.

**Operation ID**: A Precinct 5 officer will bring an engraver to your residence for you to use. You can engrave your items with an ID of your choice so that they can be more easily returned if stolen.

There is also a Victim Assistance Program, Operation Child Safe and a Citizen's Police Academy.

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS & CONTACTS

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The amount of the 2015 Mandatory **Assessments** is \$230.

The 2015 Mandatory Assessments were due by February 1, 2015.

If you have any questions or did not get your invoice, please contact the WCC office at 713-723-5437 or email westburvcc @sbcglobal.net

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

Yes, this is correct! We have you mail your payments directly to our bank's processing center. This allows your payments to be processed immediately.

#### 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").

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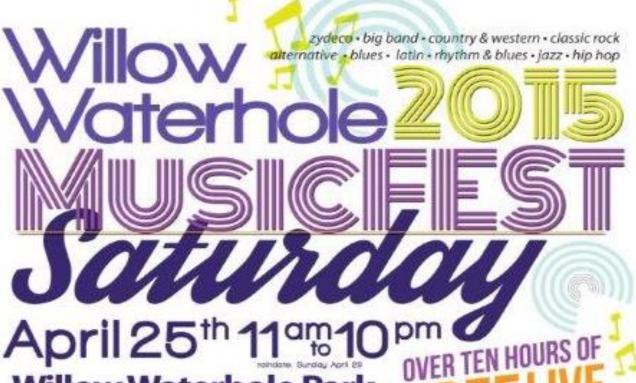


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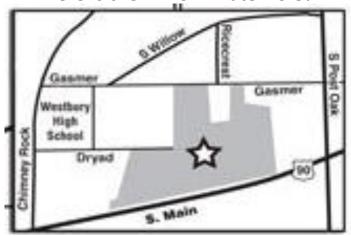
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### Willow Waterhole Music Fest 2015

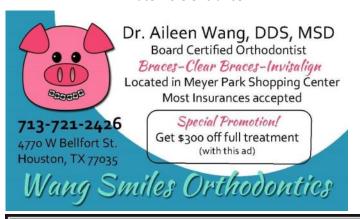
### Willow Waterhole Music Fest 2015

The 3nd Annual Music Fest at the Willow Waterhole will be held on April 25 from 11AM to 10PM. 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 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. See flyer on page 16 for more details.

#### 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.



#### **Westbury Loves Pets!**

Not only do we have awesome neighbors, but we also have adorable pets around Westbury! There have been tremendous efforts around our area to pick-up lost pets and reunite them with their owners, but did you know there is a leash law in Harris County? Well. there is!

- 1. All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint when in public areas.
- 2. The custodian is prohibited from allowing any dog or cat to become a stray.
- 3. Keeping your pets on a leash at all times keeps them safe and prevents them from harming somebody.
- 4. Visit <u>www.westburycare.com</u> to learn more





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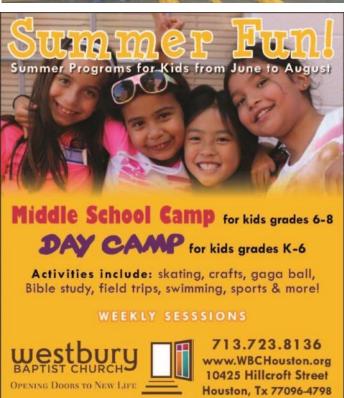
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### Westbury Area News

#### **NEW Westbury Business: PUCS**

Westbury residents Leslee and Jim Cross have launched a new business located right here in Westbury. They met 35 years ago working together in a restaurant. Jim was the chef and Leslee was the waitress. Ever since then, a dream they've held was to own and operate a food business together. Living in Westbury for 23 years and seeing a need for a local coffee shop, they decided to pursue this dream and opened PUCS - Pop Up Coffee Stop in March. PUCS is their newest business adventure, offering coffee drinks and locally produced foods. They plan to be open Fridays 6:30-10:30 AM, Saturdays and Sundays 7:30-11:00 AM when they are in town. Their primary location will be the parking lot of historic Westbury Square, 5425 W. Bellfort. PUCS is also available for catering and special events. The best way to follow them is to check out their Facebook page at Facebook.com/PUCScoffee, or call 713-723-2117.





# Spotlight on Westbury 1 Section Director: Meg Horner

"My family and I moved to Westbury in early 2013 after spending several years in Shreveport and College Station. I am a part-time faculty member for Blinn College and I am



completing a PhD through Texas A&M University. I divide my time between teaching psychology courses and parenting my young son and daughter. Although I grew up just on the other side of Braes Bayou, I have fallen in love with Westbury and all that it has to offer. I knew that I moved somewhere special when I found myself on a first name basis with not only my neighbors, but also my mailman and garbage man. Westbury has the community involvement and support of a small town right in the heart of the big city. As the Section Director for Westbury 1, I hope to get to know more of our residents and to contribute to the continued improvement of our community."

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### Westbury Area News

# Beyond Careers Financial Aid U Presented by The Fountain of Praise Saturday, April 18, 11:00 AM—2:00PM, 14083 SOUTH MAIN

Beyond Careers' Financial Aid U integrates Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), free tax preparation and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In recognition of Houston Money Week there will be presentations and informational materials for families and their high school children interested in post-secondary education. Representatives from local schools districts, high schools, universities, community colleges, financial institutions and accounting firms will be part of this initiative.

### 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.

#### **Westbury Volunteer Corps**

Are you interested in getting more involved in your community? Do you need to fulfill volunteer hours for your school or Scout group? The WCC's Volunteer Corps needs you! Please email Stephanie Lester at westburystephanie @gmail.com to join this team of neighborhood volunteers.

#### **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. April Meet & Eat: Thurs., April 2 @ 6PM May Meet & Eat: Thurs., May 7 @ 6PM

#### **Westbury Trading Group - Facebook**

The Westbury/Meyerland/Bellaire Trading Group is a Facebook group that has over 3,000 members. It allows area residents to sell, trade, or buy items from other area residents.

#### Links for Lost & Found Pets

☑Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com ☑Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebookhttps://www.facebook.com/ westburyhoustontexas?fref=nf ☑CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is

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### Neighborhoods USA in Houston

# **Neighborhoods USA is Coming** to Houston in May 2015

Neighborhood USA (NUSA) is a national non-profit organization committed to building and strengthening neighborhood organizations. The 40<sup>th</sup> annual conference on Neighborhood Concerns will be held in Houston, May 20<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be workshops and tours of Houston neighborhoods. It is a great opportunity to network and develop ideas and best practices for neighborhood improvement. The theme this year is *Passion into Action*.

This year we submitted several award applications and we are thrilled to report that **Westbury** is a finalist for Neighborhood of the Year award. The Westbury Community Garden definitely embodies *Passion into Action*. The Westbury Crier has also been nominated for an award and we will find out the winners during the conference. Several years ago the *Westbury Crier* won a Silver award in the newsletter competition.

Westbury has also been chosen to be one of the NUSA tour destinations for the May conference. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Becky Edmondson at 713-443-3951 or wccpresident@westburycrier.com. We need many volunteers to help out along the route.



There is also a Who's Who in America Neighborhoods recognition and we were going to nominate Cindy Chapman. Sadly after writing the article we discovered that we were not eligible to nominate in this category. However, the work was done and I thought, in honor of Cindy's birthday on March 26, that it should at least run in the *Crier*. We in Westbury have been blessed to have Cindy put her *Passion into Action* here in Westbury! See page 8 for more about Cindy.

If you are interested in attending the NUSA conference, registration is open at www.nusa.org.
Representatives from the Westbury Civic Club will be attending the conference.



#### Harris County Flood Control Update

Just a reminder that Harris County Flood Control is working in our area. The project is well under way and should finish on schedule.

### The three channels in our area that will be repaired are:

1. The section of HCFCD Unit D112-00-00 also known as Willow  $\,$ 

Waterhole Bayou, between Landsdowne and Braewick.

- 2. The section of HCFCD Unit D139-04-00, from Atwell to Braewick.
- 3. The section of HCFCD Unit D140-05-02, from Willowbend to Braewick

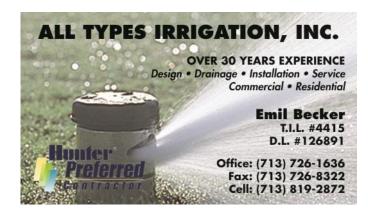
#### **Sewer Replacement Work**

Sewer replacement work is currently ongoing in Westbury 4 and Westbury South. A map was printed in the March 2015 *Crier*. Copies are available online at www.westburycrier.com or in the WCC office.

Flyers/letters have been posted on the affected homes doors. The new pipes are placed by first bursting the old piping and then forcing the new pipe into the old one. If access is needed to the utility easement, every effort will be made to contact the homeowner. This project is to replace the sewer lines due to critical overflow in these areas. This is NOT a street or storm water project. The projected completion date is early May 2015.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the contractor, Randy Higginbotham, at 904-874-8497.





### **Green News**



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



#### Farm Stand at the Westbury Community Garden



A farm share program is also available with pick up at the Garden. Visit www.plant-it-forward.org for info.

A farm stand run by Plant It Forward Farms is open at the garden

Saturday, 9:30AM - 2PM Sundays, 10AM—3PM.



**Street Trees** All the trees located on City Easements are protected. Did you know all the trees located in front of your sidewalk belong to the City of Houston? Most Westbury property lines begin behind the sidewalk. If you witness the removal of a city tree from a street easement, please call 832-395-7200 immediately to report it so the City can minimize tree loss. This phone line is monitored 24 hours a day.

#### **Brays Oaks Management District**

Have you noticed less graffiti, bandit signs and litter on our major thoroughfares? As part of the Brays Oaks

Management District's (BOMD) service plan, they de-litter and do graffiti abatement. Parts of South Post Oak are within the BOMD boundaries and BOMD Carol has been alerted to its frequently trashy condition. The area behind the apartments on Gasmer, which back up to Dryad and which had been such an eyesore, received some much needed mowing and debris removal.



#### See graffiti in Westbury?

Here are two ways to report graffiti to BOMD:

- 1) Go to its website <a href="http://www.braysoaksmd.org">http://www.braysoaksmd.org</a> and select "Report a Problem" and fill out the online form. This sends a message directly to the graffiti abatement crew and to the Director of Services of BOMD.
- 2) Send an email to the Director of Services at BOMD: RRodriguez@braysoaksmd.org with a description and location, plus your contact information if more information is needed.

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### Capital Improvemen Plan (CIP)

Over a dozen Westbury Civic Club (WCC) board members and concerned Westbury residents attended the District K Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

District K Councilmember Larry Green started the evening off with a video highlighting City accomplishments around District K within this past year. Westbury SuperNeighborhood Co-President and WCC Board member, Cindy Chapman, spoke for the Westbury community. She asked for a new library and community center. She also thanked the CIP process for recognizing Westbury's needs.

At last year's CIP meeting we 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 asked the City to initiate an engineering study of this problem. From those efforts I am happy to report that the City has heard our plea and parts of Westbury will have a pre-engineering study and, in the 2020 CIP year, we are scheduled to have a street drainage and reconstruction project. As soon as maps are available to us, we will make them available to WCC residents.

The City checked all of the sanitary sewers in Westbury and the first project correcting the problems they found began this past month in parts of Westbury 4 and Westbury South.

We also asked for street improvements on Hillcroft, Willowbend, Ludington, Chimney Rock, and Gasmer.

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.





#### **KEEP THOSE HOME VALUES UP**

- Keep your home and fences in good repair.
- Maintain a mowed and edged yard.
- Now is a perfect time to tackle those big projects!
- Do NOT put out Heavy Trash before the acceptable date. The next JUNK WASTE heavy trash date is APRIL 9. Junk Waste may be put on the curb starting APRIL 4.

HAVING A CLEAN AND TIDY HOME APPEARANCE INCREASES THE VALUE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OVERALL. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR HOMES ON MAJOR STREETS AS THEY ARE VISITORS' FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF WESTBURY.



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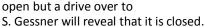
### Westbury Area News

### **Academy Sports & Outdoor**

on S. Gessner:

### **CLOSED**

In March 2015, Academy Sports & Outdoors abruptly closed their S. Gessner store which had been in that location since the 1980s. As of press time, their website and phone number listed still show the store as open but a drive over to





There is now NO sporting store in our area of SW Houston. Please join us in requesting Academy to build a store in our area. There are many suitable locations for an Academy, one being Meyer Park shopping center, which has an available pad next to Kohl's. It would make a perfect Academy! Go to www.academy.com for the email request form or call their corporate office at 281-646-5200. They are missing an entire side of town and a great target market by not having a store near Westbury, Meyerland, Maplewood, Bellaire, Willow Meadows, Brays Oaks, etc.

### **Parker Elementary Community Meeting:** May 5, 6:30-8PM

Learn more about the new building! More info in the May Crier!

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