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Spring White Elephant Sale Saturday, April 16

WHEN: Saturday, April 16, 8AM to 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, April 30

REFRESHMENTS: PUCS food truck and more

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Keep Westbury Beautiful

**Saturday, April 9
9AM-12PM**

Bring the whole family out and help Keep Westbury Beautiful! We will be beautifying our three neighborhood parks!



Westbury Park- Working in the butterfly garden, which we created last year. Plant and Mulch trees.

Hager Park- Mulch trees and straighten them.



Chimney Rock Park- Working with crushed granite to create a walkway. General repair work.

SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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



Willow Waterhole 2016 MUSICFEST

Saturday & Sunday April 23rd & 24th

Come enjoy TWO DAYS of FREE LIVE MUSIC!
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The 4th Annual Music Fest at the Willow Waterhole will be held on Saturday AND Sunday, April 23 & 24. New this year is a full SECOND DAY!! Come enjoy this TWO DAY, FREE live music event in a beautiful relaxed setting. Saturday, April 23, Music Fest is from 11AM to 10PM, and Sunday it is from 10:30AM to 7PM. A craft market will be open both days from 11AM to 6PM and 7 food trucks will be on hand! Bring your chairs and blankets and the whole family for a fun day at the Willow Waterhole. See pages 18 and 19 for more information or go to www.willowwaterhole.org.

COME CELEBRATE THE WESTBURY CIVIC CLUB 60TH ANNIVERSARY WITH CAKE AND A CELEBRATION: SUN. APRIL 24 10:30AM TO NOON



HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

Heavy Trash for APRIL is **JUNK WASTE.**

Pick-up for ALL of Westbury is **Thursday, APRIL 14**

DO NOT PLACE JUNK WASTE ON CURB UNTIL APRIL 9



Westbury Celebrates 60 Wonderful Years

PHOTOS OF WESTBURY

WANTED

If you have any photos of Westbury from the past 60 years, especially of the 1950s-1970s, see page 7!

APRIL UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2: Parker Elementary Ground-Breaking

April 5: Senior Safety Fair, see page 14 for more information.

April 21: Public Community Meeting on Flooding with City Public Works (see page 12)

April 23: Friends of Westbury High School Gala, see page 9 for info.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Meyer Library.....832-393-1840

Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955

Houston Help & Information.....311

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Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111

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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Gene Locke.....713-755-6111

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Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.org

Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use "report a problem" link

Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661

Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000

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President's Message

Spring is here! And that means a full calendar of activities coming up for Westbury. A special **"Safety Fair for Seniors"** on Tuesday, **April 5** looks interesting (page 14). We have a great **Keep Westbury Beautiful Day** planned for **April 9**. All three parks in Westbury will have clean-up events. Register at Westbury Park to get a trash bag, and then de-litter any trashy area you find! (page 6). The next weekend, **April 16**, brings us the much anticipated **Spring White Elephant Sale!** Book a booth to sell, or mark your calendar to buy, buy, buy! It's always a fun event with great bargains and treasures to be found. The following weekend of **April 23-24** is the **4th annual Willow Waterhole Music Fest**, see page 18-19 for the schedule and parking information. The Westbury Civic Club will be continuing its **60th anniversary celebration on April 24** during the **Sunday Music Fest** (details on page 19).

Perhaps the most important meeting coming up is on **April 21**, where the city Public Works & Engineering (PWE) Department will be hosting a **Public Meeting to get public input for a Storm & Street Drainage project** that is in the planning stages for the Westbury area. EVERYONE needs to come out for this. If you flooded, if you are concerned about flooding, or if you are concerned about when and how the city plans to do this project, then please come to WHS on April 21. There is power in numbers! (page 12)

After several fitful attempts, the dues solicitation letters were finally generated, stuffed and mailed. If you paid your dues prior to receiving the letter, please disregard! Thanks to all of you who have paid and to those of you who are about to pay! The WCC Board is made up of un-paid volunteers, and knowing that you appreciate the work we do by paying your civic club dues means a lot.

The 2016 WCC dues are just \$50. The Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) fee is \$285. You can pay for both in installments if you prefer. You can write a check (Yes, we know the mailing address is Dallas) or you can pay using PayPal. We know times are tough and some of you are experiencing the pinch of the oil crisis, but the WCC is fiscally responsible and prudent with every dollar you contribute. We are working for you, for a better Westbury.

This seems like a good time to thank all of you who raise your hands and volunteer for the many tasks that need doing around Westbury. Every month an army of Westbury volunteers work on projects that make a Westbury a better place to live. Volunteers work on improving or helping our: Parks and Greenspaces, Security and Public Safety, Community Outreach, Street lighting, Trails, Flooding & Infrastructure, the Westbury HPD Storefront, and dozens of other projects. Volunteers attend meetings and represent Westbury issues. They sit on boards working to make things better. I also want to thank the many residents who came out to the District K 2016 CIP meeting on a dreary night. "Showing up" and "Speaking Up" is often the key to getting things done.

Spring also means it's time to get back to working in the yard. The Yard of the Month judging will resume in April. The azaleas and spring flowers in Westbury were spectacular this year. Every March I think we should have our own local azalea trail. Anyone interested in putting this together, please raise your hand!

We have been approached to participate in a Houston history project, so I have had the past 60 years of Westbury newsletters out again. They are fascinating to read. Our newsletters are a window into a different time. In April of 1960, the first street lights in Westbury were going to be



installed after residents of certain streets raised the required funds to make it happen. Yes, residents had to pay to install our streetlights. In 1956 an article invited everyone out to see the new city water building on Chimney Rock with a room that could be used for community meetings. This building was later re-purposed as a community center and then renamed the Platou Community Center after past-WCC President Leiv Platou and his wife Betty Platou, an advocate for the children at the community center. I heard at the 2016 CIP meeting that the average age of city facilities is 30 years; well, the Platou Center building has doubled that life expectancy and is 60 years old! At the 2016 CIP meeting, we asked again for a new community center to replace the aging Platou Center.

Sixty years ago, in 1956, Westbury had just begun. There were no trees, except for the ones planted by the builders. There were no street lights. The City had not yet annexed us, and we were at the far edge of suburbia. There were fields surrounding us. We had no fire station, no churches, and no schools. Hillcroft didn't have a bridge over Brays Bayou! Sixty years later it is hard to imagine those early days. I want to thank the residents who have been sending pictures and stories of the early years in Westbury. We will start featuring more of them soon. If you are an original resident or early settler, and plan to come to the Willow Waterhole Music Fest on Sunday April 24, please let us know so that we can recognize you.

I hope to see you at these April events!

Becky Edmondson

Westbury Civic Club Board Notes—March 2016

- ⇒ Motion for WCC to make a \$500 donation to the Willow Waterhole Music Fest. Approved.
- ⇒ Cindy Chapman gave update on CIP Meeting. Focus was on flooding issues. Follow-up meeting scheduled for April 21 at Westbury HS at 6:30PM.
- ⇒ HISD Trustee, Wanda Adams, attended to ask for input on search for HISD Superintendent.
- ⇒ Voluntary mail-out letters scheduled to go out by mid-March.
- ⇒ Yard of the Month starts in April. Looking for volunteers to help judge Yard of the Month (contact Director Robert Montgomery to volunteer)
- ⇒ Thank you to Jackie Murray, Weichert Realtors for providing cookies & water.

NEXT
Westbury Civic Club
Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 20
Westbury Baptist, 7PM

Sixty Wonderful Years
Westbury Civic Club

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

Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort
Hours: See box below
Phone: 832-393-1840 /
www.houstonlibrary.org

Nature Art in the Park ~ Family Fun Days Saturday, April 23, 10AM-2Pm

Bring the whole family to this fun and creative event. Get ready to cut, glue, and paint as you capture nature with art. Artist Gigi Spence will lead an exploration for art ideas at the blooming wildflower garden at the park then we will follow the trail along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. Participants in the "Nature Art in the Park" event will be able to try a variety of techniques and nature are projects. For more information, contact Dan at 713-726-7107.

STRETCHING EXERCISE CLASS

Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9-9:45AM

Improve your flexibility by joining this non-strenuous exercise class. No registration required.

MsBEEHAVEN QUILTERS -Tues., 10AM - 2PM



GAMES—Wed., 10AM to 12PM

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

PORTABLE PROJECTS- Thurs., 9:30-11:30AM

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

LINE DANCING Mondays @ 12:30PM

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

Ping Pong Leagues—Wednesday & Friday

Open adult ping pong will be on Fridays from 11AM to 2PM.
Open adult and teen play on Wed., from 6-8PM.

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

A Weight Loss Support Group Tuesdays 5:45-7PM

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

April 2016 Events

Baby Playtime

Tuesdays | 10–10:45 AM

Ages 0 – 18 Months. Join us for creative and collaborative play! Explore with your little ones, get information about the skills your child is developing, and meet other parents and caregivers in your community

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays | 10- 10:45 AM

Ages 18 – 36 Months. Toddle around with us for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop your toddler's social, motor and literacy skills

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays | 11-11:45 AM

Ages 3-5 years. Join us for stories, songs, and activities that will help prepare your child for school readiness with basic concepts including ABCs, 123s, Colors, and Shapes.

Kids Crafts

Thursdays | 3:30-4:15 PM

Ages 5-10 years. Create exciting projects at the library that you can show off at home.

**SPECIAL
LIBRARY
EVENTS ON
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HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10AM-6PM
Wed.: 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 2016

Sat 2	Parker Elementary Ground Breaking	1:30PM
Tues 5	Senior Safety Fair Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend For more information, see page 14	10AM-3PM
Wed 6	Booths on Sale to public, groups, etc. - White Elephant Sale WCC Office hours — 9:30AM to 1:30PM More information, see page 10	
Sat 9	Keep Houston Beautiful Day Meet at Westbury Park at 9AM For more information, see page 6	9AM—Noon
Sat 16	White Elephant Sale Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend For more information, see page 1 and 10	8AM to Noon
Sat. 16	Audubon Society Bird Survey Meet at the Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow	8AM
Mon. 18	Brays Bayou Association Meeting The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7:30PM
Wed. 20	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Salem Lutheran Church— 4930 W. Bellfort	8:30AM
Wed. 20	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Thurs 21	Public Meeting -Public Works—Streets and Drainage Westbury High School, 11911 Chimney Rock See page 12 for more information	6:30PM
23— 24	4th Annual Willow Waterhole Music Fest FREE TWO DAY MUSIC EVENT For more information including schedule, see pages 1, 18-19	
Sat. 23	Family Fun Day @ Platou Center Nature Art in the Park For information, see page 4 in green box	10AM-2PM
Sat 23	Friends of Westbury High School Gala Braeburn Country Club See page 9 for more information	6:30PM
Tues. 26	SW PIP Meeting Aramco Building	7PM
Sat 30	RAIN DATE White Elephant Sale Only if April 16 is rained out. Check Westbury Houston Facebook page for updates	8AM to Noon

PLANNING CALENDAR

MAY 25

Last day of school for HISD

MAY 30

Memorial Day

WCC Office Closed

Westbury Pool Open

RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH CALENDAR



April 2016

Thurs 14	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS
Thurs 14	Heavy Trash— JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY	
Thurs 28	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS

May 2016

Thurs 12	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS
Thurs 12	Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY	
Thurs 26	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ 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 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.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center** - 11500 S. Post Oak Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

April	Junk Waste	May	Tree Waste
June	Junk Waste	July	Tree Waste

Keep Houston & Westbury Beautiful

Keep Westbury Beautiful Day

Clean-up Westbury Parks on April 9

The Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) theme this year is Keep Houston Litter-Free. Westbury is participating by hosting Keep Westbury Beautiful Day on April 9. Have you noticed litter or bandit signs on our esplanades, sidewalks, bus stops, and parks? Do you drive by a spot and think to yourself, "I wish someone would clean that up?" Well, now is your chance to do something!



Come by Westbury Park at 5630 Stillbrooke, near Parker Elementary, to get a trash bag and then pick a spot in Westbury to clean up. You can work in one of our parks, clean a bus stop, or walk an esplanade. Bring your bag of trash or bandit signs back at noon and enjoy a pizza lunch.

We encourage interested volunteers of all ages to come and help make Westbury shine. 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!

WHEN: Saturday, April 9, 9AM to Noon, Rain or Shine

WHO: Everyone is welcome!

WHERE: Register at Westbury Park, 5630 Stillbrooke, near Parker Elementary

- * **Westbury Park:** Working in the **butterfly garden**, which we created last year. Plant and Mulch trees.
- * **Hager Park:** Mulch trees and straighten them.
- * **Chimney Rock Park:** Working with crushed granite to create a walkway. General repair work.

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Give Back to Keep Houston Beautiful

Donations for non-profit needed

by *Becky Edmondson*

It has been my honor to serve as a Houston Clean City Commissioner on the Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) board for the last 3 years. KHB supports many cleanups and actively promotes gardening and recycling education. In the past year alone, Keep Houston Beautiful removed nearly 1 million pounds of litter and planted over 6,000 trees and flowers to improve our shared environment.

The impact that KHB has had on Westbury is incalculable. Through their programs, connections and grants, Westbury has planted trees, mulched much, created an award-winning garden, hosted many a KHB day, cleared hundreds of pounds of litter, and beautified our parks. This one organization has for 35 years made a difference in Westbury.

Unfortunately, as corporate donations tighten during the oil and energy sector downturn, KHB, despite all its great work, is struggling to survive. I'd like to ask each of you to consider supporting KHB to help bridge the financial gap. Keep Houston Beautiful is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization and depends on the generous support of others to achieve its mission.

For every \$1 donation - KHB returns an incredible \$24 of impact to the community!

Westbury has benefited greatly from KHB's support over the years. Let's tell them thank you! Donating even \$25 or \$50 will make a big difference. You can write a check or go online. **Be sure and write a comment that you are from Westbury!**

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Westbury 60th Anniversary

Westbury Civic Club 60th Anniversary Year of Celebration

We invite everyone in our neighborhood to come to at least one of these festivities during the year! They will all be a lot of fun and a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and get more connected with the community! More details to follow as the event dates get closer.

April 9: Keep Westbury Beautiful Day (see previous page!)

April 16: Westbury White Elephant Sale (page 1 & 10)

April 23 - 24: Music Fest at Willow Waterhole (page 22-23)

June 11: Westbury Family Night at Westbury Pool

September 21: Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting

September 24: Westbury Civic Club 60th Celebration Party

Date TBD: Westbury Covered-Dish Supper (renewing a tradition)

Date TBD - Westbury Family Christmas Party (renewing a tradition)

Date TBD - Westbury Wine Night

We need volunteers for ALL of these events!

Please email the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net or email Libby Mondello at libby.mondello@gmail.com.

Sixty Wonderful Years
Westbury Civic Club

HOUSTON CHRONICLE
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Sunday, August 14, 1966

Small-town Way Of Life Thrives On Portal Street



WE NEED YOUR WESTBURY PHOTOS!

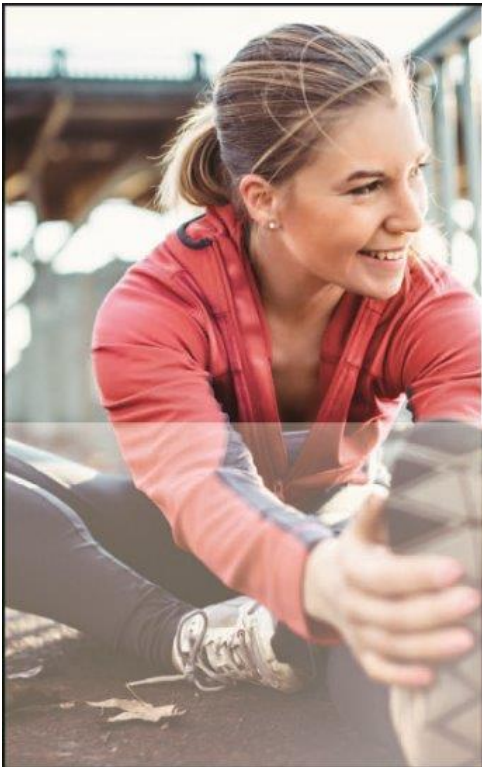
We are still looking for photos from the 1950's-2000s depicting life in Westbury. You can drop them off in an envelope with your name, phone number, and address to the Civic Club Office or you can scan them and email them to at westburycc@sbcglobal.net. The photos will be on display at our celebration party as well as in the *Crier* throughout the year. If you have any questions, call Jennifer at 713-723-5437.

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Annual CIP Meeting

Advocating for Westbury at Annual CIP Meetings

Every year the city hosts meetings in each council district to provide information about planned city capital projects for the coming 5-10 years, and to receive feedback from citizens and neighborhood groups about issues and needs. Mayor Sylvester Turner attended each of the 11 meetings this year.



Every year the WCC, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC), and the Westbury Super Neighborhood prepare a long WRITTEN list of concerns and requests, but it is also helpful to be seen at heard at these meetings. WCC President Becky Edmondson attended both the District F and District K meetings. More than a dozen Westbury residents attended the meeting for District K, even though it was held on a rainy night at the very edge of Houston down in Ft. Bend County. Thanks to Becky Edmondson, Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, Jennifer Edmondson, and Virginia Livingston for attending for the WCC Board. Other Westbury residents in the audience included: New resident Rancy Lee, who is interested in bike trails; Hazel Potvin who spoke about the many needs of Westbury parks and the Platou center; 3 residents from flooded areas - Vicki Davison, a man from Beaudry, and Jane Falk from Beaudry; Precinct worker Mrs. Clements and her daughter; Nancy Stewart who was recovering from chemo but attended anyway; Jennifer Ferguson; precinct judge Priscilla Bloomquist; and lighting advocate Steve Goldberg.

WCC President Becky Edmondson expressed distress that Westbury 3 was not included in the storm drain plans displayed for the Westbury area, even though some homes in this area have had repeated structural flooding. After her speech, she was asked to speak to representatives of Public Works & Engineering (PWE), who were at the meeting, including Dale Rudick, the director of PWE.

PWE plans to hold a meeting in the Westbury area to discuss the topic. The Westbury storm drainage project is in the preliminary design phase. The public meeting is designed to gather community input regarding the storm drainage project. It is recommended that ALL residents within the Westbury subdivision attend the meeting. For more information about this project, e-mail pweplanning@houstontx.gov and reference the Westbury Area Storm Drainage project. The meeting will be held on April 21, at 6:30 PM at Westbury High School. For more information, see page 12.



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Flooding in Westbury

Flooding in Westbury (extracted from a letter submitted to the City and to the County March 2016)

At the 2016 District K CIP meeting, the Westbury Civic Club submitted a letter requesting storm drain improvements for areas in Westbury that experience **routine structural flooding**. We first spoke about this topic at the 2012 CIP meeting. Since 2012, there have been 3 additional times when homes in Westbury have had structural flooding. Additionally, there has been non-residential structural flooding along Gasmer near Chimney Rock at the Shell Research Center and Westbury High School.

ISSUES

A. Aged and Inadequate City Storm Drainage System. Design Standards.

The streets and storm water drainage system in Westbury were built in the 1950s and 1960s. The residential problem area is from West Airport to West Belfort and from Chimney Rock to Braewick with the hardest hit area between Hillcroft and Chimney Rock. In 2014/15 the majority of Westbury was pre-engineered for new storm drains. In 2015 a map was displayed at the District K CIP meeting showing that problem areas in Westbury were scheduled to have new storm drains. However, that information from 2015 has turned out to be false, as the Westbury stormwater projects appear unfunded and unplanned. When the city implements new storm water drainage in the Westbury area in the future, we urge the city to use designs that utilize the best practices from across the nation and internationally. It would be a huge waste of time and money to re-do the stormwater infrastructure in Westbury and still have a deficient system. We have heard complaints from other nearby neighborhoods which have had their streets and drainage recently redone.

B. Drainage Problem along Gasmer and Chimney Rock There is also a problem with the drainage along Chimney Rock and Gasmer. Both Westbury High School and the Shell Research Center on Gasmer in Westbury experienced structural flooding in May and October of 2015. The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) is nearing completion of the Willow Waterhole Detention Basins on both sides of Gasmer. Also, the Houston Independent School District (HISD) is currently designing a new building wing for Westbury High School plus new ballfields with additional parking. It makes no sense to us that this new construction for Westbury High School will tie into an overloaded city drainage system on Gasmer or Dryad that flows AWAY from the new HCFCD detention basins. Instead, the Gasmer drainage flows toward Chimney Rock, an area with known flooding problems, and then the Chimney Rock drainage ties into Willow Waterhole Bayou that flows TOWARD the new HCFCD detention basins. Perhaps a simple re-routing of water would fix some of the problems.

C. Reconstruction of Fondren Road

We believe the City / County should add more detention upstream of Westbury to alleviate the flooding in Westbury. For example, Fondren Road is upstream of Westbury and is planned to be reconstructed. We understand NO additional detention is being planned other than some increase in holding capacity under the road to offset the additional construction. The city should seek opportunities such as this to maximize the amount of detention under the road and sidewalks, both under Fondren Road and under all other new roads and sidewalks.

D. Additional detention upstream of Westbury / Willow Waterhole Bayou

The Fondren Southwest area is higher than Westbury and uses the Fondren Diversion Channel ditch to route stormwater toward Brays Bayou. However, there is a small dam at the western edge of Westbury that allows water to overflow from the Fondren area into the Westbury area via the Willow Waterhole Bayou when water levels start rising in the Fondren Diversion Channel. We request that the city and county investigate the design and function of this small dam. We also request that the city and county investigate adding detention upstream of Westbury.

E. County and City Working Together

We would love to see the county and city working more closely together to make sure that our existing stormwater systems work as efficiently as possible. As a neighborhood, we sometimes see problems where the two systems connect. We believe that opportunities exist to improve maintenance issues between these connections. We also believe that the design of our city stormwater systems could be improved by reviewing and enhancing city design standards for streets, sidewalks, and development.



Mayor Turner and Westbury resident at District K CIP Meeting

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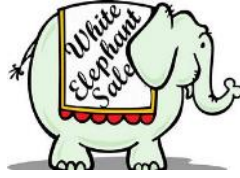
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Westbury News

Spring White Elephant Sale: April 16

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, April 16, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist. The rain date is April 30. **Booth spaces are on sale NOW for individual Westbury residents.**



The booth price for individual Westbury residents will be \$10-\$15 cash or check. You must be a paid current member of the WCC to purchase a booth (must have paid your \$50 WCC 2016 membership dues).

Booths will go on sale to non-residents and groups/non-profit organizations on April 6 if space permits on a first come, first served basis. The booth price for non-residents and groups is \$60-65.

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.

**Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space before April 6. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until April 6. 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.*

Trash Can Placement

*Household garbage must be put inside the city-provided container which should be placed at the curb between 6PM Wednesday evening and 7AM Thursday morning.

*Do NOT place trashcans in the street.

*The container must be accessible to the automated collection truck and not blocked by obstacles, including parked cars.

*Homeowners with multiple trashcans MUST place trashcans three (3) feet apart.

*Do not place cans next to light poles or trees.

The city has started tagging cans that are placed incorrectly. Homes on corners must place their trash cans on the front street (not side). Trash cans must be removed from the curb by 10PM Thursday.



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Westbury Mailbag

WCC MAIL BAG

Q: What is the deal about Garage Sales and Estate Sales in Westbury? Why can't I have one? Why aren't they allowed?

A: For many years, the Westbury Civic Club has hosted two community garage sales per year, the White Elephant Sale. The sales are awesome! The next White Elephant sale will be held on April 16 at Westbury United Methodist Church. It is far safer location than hosting an event at your home where complete strangers can look at your belongings, your security system, and know whether or not you have kids or are elderly. Individual sales also give possible thieves an excuse to be cruising the neighborhood. Newsletter articles in the Westbury Crier from as far back as 1962 ask residents in Westbury to not hold garage sales. A WCC board policy explains the many nuisances associated with these type sales. "Nuisance" use of property is forbidden in the deed restrictions. Also, these sales can violate the "non-residential use" of the deed restrictions.

Q: Can I build a fence in front of my house?

A: The answer for most homes in Westbury is NO! However, depending on where your home sits in relation to your front building line, a fence might be possible as long as it is NOT in front of the front setback line, whether it is 25 or 35 feet. If you have a corner home, the rules are different. When in doubt or if you have any questions, please call the WCC Office at 713-723-5437. We are here to

2016 Westbury Voluntary Dues

Finally, after a fitful start to 2016 with several unanticipated office closures, the 2016 dues solicitation letters were mailed to 4,296 homes which do not have mandatory assessments. If you have already paid, we apologize, but it was faster and easier to send to all, under the circumstances. Luckily, the bulk mail rate is much lower than standard postage. We deeply appreciate those who have already paid. For those who have not yet paid your dues, your prompt payment is greatly appreciated.



We would like to extend a huge thank you to the ladies of the Platou Community Center, who diligently folded all the letters and stuffed thousands of envelopes. Thank you to Janie Schexnayder and to her merry band of bulk mail preparers. Barbara Rice, Beth White, Norma Davenport, Hazel Potvin, Priscilla Bloomquist, Pat Metcalfe, Millie Lehmann, Luisa Jimenez, and Janie Schexnayder.

Thanks to all of you who have paid and to those of you who are about to pay! Those of us who volunteer our time for the betterment of Westbury look upon your paid dues as an affirmation of our work. The WCC dues this year are \$50. The Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) amount is \$285. You can pay in installments, if you prefer. You can write a check (Yes, the mailing address is in Dallas) or you can pay using PayPal. We know times are tough and some of you are experiencing the pinch of the oil crisis, but the WCC is fiscally responsible and prudent with every dollar you contribute. We are working for you, and for Westbury.

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Storm Drainage Reconstruction Project

Westbury Attends ReBuild Houston Advisory Committee

ReBuild Houston is a direct result of City of Houston voters approving Proposition One on November 2, 2010. The proposition directed the City's Charter to "be amended to provide for the enhancement, improvement and ongoing renewal of Houston's drainage and streets by creating a Dedicated Pay-As-You-Go Fund for Drainage and Streets". ReBuild Houston is the City of Houston's initiative to improve the quality of life and mobility for residents of the city by rebuilding our drainage and street infrastructure.

This is the mechanism that will be funding the projects to improve the drainage and streets in Westbury. There is an advisory committee that meets monthly (see rebuildhouston.org) and is open to the public. Because Westbury is in the early

stages of having a Street and Drainage project and because CM Green knew how important this subject is to hundreds of Westbury residents, Donald Perkins, Chief of Staff, for CM Larry Green invited Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson to attend.

On the agenda were Mike Talbott, Director of the Harris County Flood Control District for a Collaboration Discussion. There was an overview of CIP Town Hall Meetings by Director Dale Rudick.

Rob Lazaro discussed the updated PWE CIP Project Portal that can be accessed at www.rebuildhouston.org. All of these were topics of interest to Westbury.

A public comment period followed and Becky Edmondson gave the committee a letter that she and Cindy drafted and submitted about the flooding in Westbury. Representing the Westbury Civic Club and the residents, Becky discussed the need to do the areas that experience structural flooding first. Representing the

Westbury Area Storm Drainage Public Meeting: Thurs., April 21, 6:30PM

A community meeting to discuss and take input on the proposed Westbury Area Storm Drainage Project will be held at Westbury High School Auditorium (11911 Chimney Rock) on Thursday, April 21, from 6:30-8PM.

Currently, this CIP project is in the preliminary design phase. This public meeting is designed to gather community input regarding the storm drainage project. It is recommended that residents within the Westbury subdivision attend the meeting. For more information about this project, e-mail pweplanning@houston.tx.gov and reference the Westbury Area Storm Drainage Project.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO ATTEND

Westbury Area Improvement Corp. (WAIC) Cindy discussed the problems along the Chimney Rock and Gasmer corridor that cause structural flooding at the Shell Research center and at Westbury High School.

At this meeting Mark Loethen, Deputy Director of Public Works, announced the upcoming community engagement meeting scheduled for Westbury on April 21 (see box above). The City believes that it is important that a community stay informed and have a voice in the planning, design, or construction of a project. If you live in Westbury, you should attend this meeting; especially if you want new streets and drains.



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Westbury Area News

Westbury Area Improvement Corp.

Next Meeting: April 20, 8:30AM, Salem Lutheran

David Roschke, Pastor of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church and one of the original founders and current VicePresident of the nonprofit WAIC (Westbury Area Improvement Corporation), is retiring in April. A Farewell Reception is scheduled by the church on Sunday, April 10, from 2 – 5 PM. He plans to remain active as a volunteer in community issues and with the WAIC.

The WAIC Board on March 16 voted to donate \$500 for the Willow Waterhole MusicFest in April. The board discussed public safety and ordinance enforcement issues with HPD Lt. Zia from the Southwest HPD Substation and heard updates from District K Chief of Staff Donald Perkins, Ramona Creighton from METRO, Veronica Hernandez from the Mayor's Office, and a presentation by BikePlan Houston. Virginia Livingston talked about a Master Plan for the Westbury Community Garden and celebrations for the 6th anniversary of the garden. We thank Westbury resident Rancy Lee for attending the monthly WAIC meeting.

District K Spay/Neuter Event in March

District K offered several FREE Spay and Neuter events for cats and dogs in March, including an event at the Platou Community Center here in Westbury. This service is needed and appreciated. There are humane and economic reasons why your pet needs to be "fixed". There is a real crisis of homeless pets in Houston, and by having your pet sterilized you help reduce the overpopulation of animals.

Not convinced? There are also behavioral and medical benefits to spaying (female) and neutering (male) pets. Discuss options with your veterinarian so that you can make an educated decision.

We have several wonderful animal clinics nearby. Be a responsible pet owner. Make sure animals are up to date on their shots, registered with the city, and sterilized!

PLEASE SPAY AND NUETER YOUR PETS.

New Gauge for Rainfall & Water Level along the Willow Waterhole Bayou

We are very pleased that Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) has added a new flood gauge location in the Westbury community. This is the first gauge to actually be located in Westbury. The recently installed Westbury gauge is located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou near Lansdowne. This is near Anderson Elementary / Hager Park and Westbury High School. Information from this gauge can be found at www.harriscountyfws.org/. The name of the new gauge is: Gauge 445 (the full name is "D112_445 Willow Water Hole @ Lansdowne Drive").

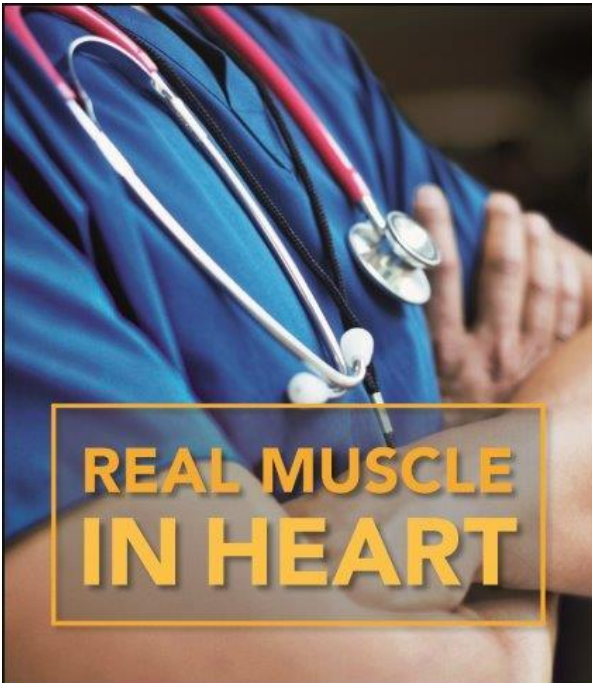
This new gauge will report rainfall amounts every 15 minutes when raining and will also report the water level in Willow Waterhole Bayou. There is a "Near Top of Bank" and "Out of Bank" feature on the overall map.

Willowbend Construction Update

The construction on Willowbend is progressing. The contractor is installing new curbs and gutters. The recent rain has slowed this work done considerably as the holes fill with water. Once the new curbs and gutters are installed, then new asphalt will be laid.

The new gutters should hopefully help alleviate some of the street flooding that occurs on Willowbend - especially near Checkerboard, Rampart, Hillcroft and all the cul-de-sacs to the West of Hillcroft.

The street repair work is projected to be completed by the end of May. We know this construction is frustrating and an inconvenience, but it will be well worth it to drive on a nice smooth surface. Please use caution when driving down Willowbend. Be nice to the construction workers, it is just their job! Plan alternate routes.



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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37* 30 days March 20, 2016

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	3	1	0	0	4
Theft	6	4	2	2	14
Auto Theft	5	2	0	0	7
Robbery	0	0	4	1	5
Assault	3	0	0	1	4
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	17	7	6	4	34

*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 by block number, not exact address. Stats for 30 days preceding March 20, 2016

Block #	Street	Crime
12400	Atwell	Burglary
11700	Braewick	Theft
10900	Burdine	Theft
5800	Dawnridge	Auto Theft
5700	Ettrick	Theft
5800	Farwell	Burglary
11400	Hillcroft	Assault
11400	Hillcroft	Burglary
12300	Hillcroft	Auto Theft
5700	Hummingbird	Theft
12400	Landsdowne	Auto Theft
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New Crime Maps to Track Crime in Westbury

The Houston Police Department website provides Crime Reports and Statistics. Those who are familiar with the website will notice that the previous Recent Crimes mapping function has been replaced with maps by [CrimeReports.com](http://www.crimeresports.com), which allows citizens to search for crimes in their area, receive crime alerts via email, and submit anonymous crime tips directly to Crime Stoppers. The HPD website is <http://www.houstonpolice.org>

Crimes.com is providing this new mapping functions to the City for free. The data is updated every 30 minutes. Most Westbury residential homes are in HPD beat 15E20.

Security Concerns?

To request a home security check or to report suspicious behavior in Westbury, call the Westbury Area Patrol constable dispatcher at 281-463-6666. Please take the time to save this phone number on your mobile phones!

SENIOR SAFETY FAIR AND MORE

A free **Senior Safety Fair and More** will be held on Tuesday, April 5, from **10AM to 3PM**. The fair will be held in the Westbury United Methodist Church Gym and is being sponsored by Neighbors4Neighbors Network.

Vendors and non-profits, whose products and services are designed to make life easier for older adults, will provide information and display their wares. The fair will provide a one-stop shopping destination for those looking for ways to improve their safety and lifestyle, for both seniors and their families. Added attractions include food trucks, door prizes, and free snacks.

The Houston Police Department will conduct an **Active Shooter Workshop from 1:30PM to 3PM in the church parlor as part of the Fair**. No one likes to think of being caught in an emergency shooting situation, but knowing ahead of time how to best protect yourself could save lives. **The workshop is open to the public free of charge.**

Neighbors4Neighbors Network is a non-sectarian, one-stop, one-phone call resource to connect its members to volunteers who can help with light maintenance around the house, technical assistance on electronic devices and safety checks and information to vetted professional tradespeople who can do the jobs volunteers can't and to social and educational events. Its goal is to enable independent older adults in Zip Code 77096 (and on a case by case basis in nearby contiguous areas) to remain safely in their own homes as they age. For more information about N4NN call 832-998-N4NN (6466).



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Westbury High School

Friends of WHS Gala: April 23

The Friends of Westbury High Foundation will host an "Take Me Out to the Gala" annual gala banquet and silent auction fundraiser on April 23. Distinguished Westbury alumni, faculty and community leaders will be formally honored and scholarships will be presented to outstanding graduating WHS seniors. **This year's honorees are the 1966 Westbury Little League World Champions and alumni, faculty member and baseball coach Robert Lyle.** Gala—6:30PM—April 23 at Braeburn Country Club



Through the generous support of Westbury alumni, friends and business partners, the Foundation, since its inception in 1994 through 2014, has raised over \$200,000 and awarded 175+ scholarships to WHS students.

For more information or to join the fun-filled evening, please call or email the Gala Chair, Sheryl Namee at 713-385-0454 or EMJmom@att.net or FWHS President, Kaye Griggs at 713-594-0816 or LKG1125@gmail.com. Go to <http://www.friendswhs.org/> for more information.



Westbury Little League 1966 World Series Champions

Suzuki Strings at Parker Raising Money

The Parker Elementary Performing Strings are still raising money to pay for its trip to the Suzuki Association of the Americas National Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in late May. The cost of the trip is sizable. On April 23 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Parker will be holding a Mega-Garage Sale and Bake Sale. If anyone has items to donate, Parker will be accepting donations at 7 a.m. that morning.

Car Wash Fundraiser April 16

The National Honor Society of Westbury High School is having a car wash fundraiser on April 16, 2016 from 9 AM -1 PM at the O'Reilly Auto Parts parking lot at 10717 South Post Oak, near Willowbend. For \$5 per vehicle, your car will shine! Please show your support for this fine group of WHS students, who are always willing to help on Westbury projects.



WHS SUMMER BRIDGE CAMP FOR 9TH GRADERS

Westbury is the place to be this summer

This summer, Westbury High School is offering weeks of Career Technology Education Camps with a spotlight on Firefighting/EMT, Information Technology, Business Marketing, Accounting and more.

If you are interested please see your counselor or contact Westbury directly. Contact Erica Rose at erose4@houstonisd.org. Transition from 8th grade to 9th Grade. Sign up for one session or all.

WHS Students Learn Tax Preparation & Offer Free Tax Services to Westbury Residents

Students at Westbury High School have been accepted into an internship program to learn tax preparation as volunteers with VITA. This pilot program is student-led, with supervision from Beyond Careers.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$58,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. Eligible taxpayers who are interested in this tax preparation service can have their tax returns completed at no cost. **The event will be held at Westbury High School on Saturday, April 9, 2016, from 10 AM to 2 PM.**

Beyond Careers has provided in person or online VITA training since December 2015 for interns to become IRS-Certified tax preparer at the Advanced level. The student interns gain long-term skills of tax preparation and gain hands-on experience with real world situations through service-learning. The intern can include this milestone on their college and scholarship application, job applications, and their resume.

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Westbury Area News

Discount Tire is CLOSING Westbury Location

The Discount Tire Store located at 10929 Chimney Rock, near West Bellfort, says that the Westbury location is CLOSING and will be relocating to the West Orem area. The phone number for the regional Houston office is (281) 583-8591 to make comments about this store closure. The timing of the closure will be near the end of the year or early next year.

Keep Storm Drains Clean & Clear

If you have a storm drain inlet in the street in front of your home, check it regularly. You should remove any debris including newspapers, twigs and leaves from the grates. Also, look inside and see if you have standing water. If your storm drain is full of water and if has NOT rained recently, report to 311 for storm drain cleaning and maintenance.

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.

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. Clogged drains slow water flow and cause flooding.

Westbury Square

On Monday 3/21, heavy equipment was back at Westbury Square to remove the debris from demolition work done on February 2. We do not know what the demolition schedule is for the remaining buildings at Westbury Square.

PUCS Celebrates 1st Anniversary

Congratulations to Jim & Leslee Cross for one year of coffee success at Westbury Square! Thanks for bringing Westbury something new to the square.



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 7 @ 6PM

Links for Lost & Found Pets in Westbury

- Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com
- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/westburyhoustontexas?ref=nf>
- CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.

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

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").

Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?

- 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
- Organizes community get togethers such as Coffee with Constables and National Night Out

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Westbury Civic Club Dues*	\$50	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
Subtotal	\$335	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
Total		\$

*The Westbury Civic Club Dues encompasses all operations, programs, and services including greenspace, of the Westbury Civic Club, except patrol services.

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Join the Westbury Civic Club on Sunday, April 24, at the Willow Waterhole Music Fest. We will be there starting at 10:30 am on Sunday April 24 while students from our area schools perform. Bring a picnic lunch or enjoy food from one of the food trucks. We will have a special 60th Birthday presentation for the WCC, complete with a birthday cake, at noon.

Looking back over the last 60 years, music has often been a part of our history. Did you know Hager Park was once the site of Music in the Park events? Music is so much a part of our area. Parker Elementary is a music magnet school. Both Johnston Middle School and Westbury High School are Fine Arts magnet schools.

Looking for some "Reel" Fun?

Willow Waterhole being stocked with fish

Just as spring began, four of the ponds at the Willow Waterhole were stocked with little blue gills. Soon there will be fish to catch.



SATURDAY LINEUP:

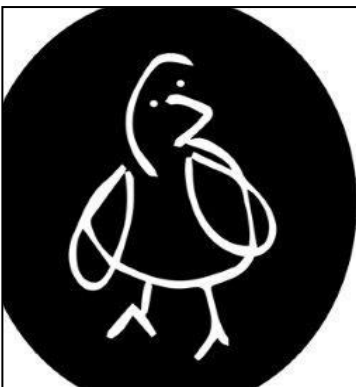
Grateful Geezers / 11:00-11:50 (Rock n Roll)
 Zydeco Dots / 12:00-12:50 (Zydeco)
 Gary Michael Dahl Band / 1:00-1:50 (Contemporary)
 The Classix / 2:00-2:50 (Classic Rock)
 Charlie Perez y La Tribu / 3:00-3:50 (Cuban)
 Mark Dini Group / 4:00-4:50 (Contemporary Jazz/Rock)
 Conrad Johnson Big Band / 5:00-5:50 (Big Band)
 Corey Stoot / 6:00-6:50 (Alternative Guitar Rock Fusion)
 Bayou City Brass Band / 7:00-7:50 (Brass Band)
 Kyle Turner / 8:00-8:50 (Jazz)
 Diunna Greenleaf / 9:00-9:50 (Blues)

SUNDAY LINEUP:

Mark Towns Group / 2:00-2:50 (Latin Jazz)
 Jelando Johnson Group / 3:00-3:50 (Contemporary / Jazz / R&B)
 TKOH / 4:00-4:50 (Classics; Funk, R&B, Rock)
 Joe Carmouche / 5:00-5:50 (Blues, Jazz, R&B)
 Luther & The Healers / 6:00-6:50 (Blues)

WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY AREA SCHOOLS (Sunday):

Madison HS Band 10:30am-10:50am
 Kipp Academy Jazz Band 11:00-11:20am
 Emery Weiner Stage Band 11:30am-11:50am
 Westbury HS Jazz Band 12:00pm-12:20pm
 Sharpstown Apollo Troubadours 12:30pm-12:50pm
 Pin Oak MS Stage Band 1:00pm-1:20pm
 HSPVA Jazz Combo 1:30pm-2:00pm
 Westbury Christian Choir 2:50pm-3:00pm
 Parker EL Jazz Band 3:50pm-4:00pm
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Greenspace News

Do NOT Recycle Glass in Big Green Bins NEW Contract for Recycling Approved

Good news! Houston City Council voted and approved a two-year, \$5,758,000 contract with Waste Management to continue providing uninterrupted, bi-weekly curbside recycling services to City of Houston residents on March 23.

As agreed upon in the contract, the only change in service that Houstonians can expect to see is the elimination of glass from the list of items that are acceptable green bins, effective immediately. Items that will still be accepted include paper, cardboard, plastics and metal cans. Please do NOT put glass item in your green recycle bin. Take glass items to a depository (preferred) or put it in the trash.

Glass will be accepted for recycling at Neighborhood Depositories. The two locations closest to Westbury are:

- * 5900 Westpark, 77057
- * 10785 SW Freeway, 77074

Glass is **NOT** currently accepted at the Environmental Service Center (ESC) at 11500 S Post Oak. If there is a change in the glass recycling policy, we'll let you know.

ZIKA Virus

Outbreaks of Zika have been reported recently in the Americas. Because the mosquitoes that spread Zika virus are found throughout the world, it is likely that outbreaks will continue to spread. Here are 5 things that you really need to know about the Zika virus.

- 1. Zika is primarily spread through infected mosquito bites.** Many areas in the United States have the type of mosquitoes that can become infected with and spread Zika virus.
- 2. The best way to prevent Zika is to prevent mosquito bites.** Protect yourself from mosquitoes by wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants outside. When inside, stay in places with air conditioning or that use window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside. Use insect repellents approved by the EPA (not on infants less than 2 months old)
- 3. Infection with Zika during pregnancy is linked to birth defects in babies.** There have been reports of a serious birth defect of the brain called microcephaly (a birth defect in which the size of a baby's head is smaller than expected for age and sex) in babies of mothers who were infected with Zika virus while pregnant. Avoid getting bitten by mosquitos. If you have a male partner who lives in or has traveled to an area where Zika is spreading, either do not have sex or use condoms the right way every time during your pregnancy.
- 4. Pregnant women should delay travel to areas where Zika is spreading.** Until more is known, CDC recommends that pregnant women consider postponing travel to any area where Zika virus is spreading. If you must travel to one of these areas, talk to your healthcare provider first and strictly follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during the trip.
- 5. Returning travelers infected with Zika can spread the virus through mosquito bites.** During the first week of infection, Zika virus can be found in the blood and passed from an infected person to a mosquito through mosquito bites. The infected mosquito must live long enough for the virus to multiply and for the mosquito to bite another person.



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LOCAL FARM STAND

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Beginning on Saturday, April 9, farm stand sales of fresh, locally-grown vegetables will be held each weekend at the Westbury Community Garden. These veggies are grown right in the neighborhood and are produced by the farmers with "Plant It Forward Farms."

Weekends, starting April 9
Saturdays 9 AM to NOON
Sundays 11 AM to 3:30 PM

Westbury Pocket Prairie

By Hazel Potvin

Did you know in addition to all the incredible things at the Westbury Community Garden site, there is also a pocket prairie? About an acre of land has been set aside for a prairie so that native grasses and Texas wildflowers can flourish. If you are interested in wildflowers, you can find this prairie at Greencraig and Dunlap. The best time for visiting is in the morning when flowers are fully opened. Flowers like spiderwort, evening primrose, fleabanes, dandelions, lyre leaf sage, penstemon and skullcap started to show up in March. In April, we expect a display of the winecups, herbertia (a tiny iris), liatris, milkweed, and rudbeckia. We are hoping the Texas cone flower and the Baptisia will bloom this year.

Why do we set aside a wildflower area? Promoting the growth of native wildflowers and grasses is good for pollinators, birds and small mammals. Besides the well-known honey bee, many other bees, butterflies and other insects function to help pollinate plants. Rather than destroying them with insecticides and rather than keeping grass mowed, we strive to encourage and preserve natural conditions through the growth of native grasses and plants at the Westbury Pocket Prairie.

If you are interested in knowing more about Texas wildflowers, come join us for a walk on Saturday mornings at 9AM. Park along Greencraig and bring a camera to record what you see. Noreen Hoard and I are members of the Native Plant Society and the Native Prairie Society. We will gladly explore with you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WCG

The Westbury Community Garden (WCG) just celebrated its sixth birthday with two celebrations. Attendees of the first celebration enjoyed birthday cake while viewing Noreen Hoard's informative slide show on the flowers of the WCG Pocket Prairie. The second celebration was held at the garden and District K Chief of Staff Donald Perkins presented the WCG with a Certificate of Appreciation. The garden then presented him with 4 wonderful green chairs, which were donated to the garden in memory of Larry Green's mother, and to thank him for his support of the garden.

Becky Edmondson attended the celebration at the garden and had this to say: "It's hard to believe that just six years ago this site was an empty, weedy unused seven acres of land. It is now an oasis. I can't help but think how far and how much has been accomplished in six short years. The orchard planted on Earth Day 2010, with help from the Houston Astros, is well established. The 60 raised beds are well tended and the aisles weed free. Bluebonnets line the entry way through the certified wildflower butterfly garden. Habi, one of the Plant-It-Forward refugee farmers proudly showed me his farm and produce. It is truly an amazing place; well-loved and well-cared for by a group of dedicated and talented gardeners."



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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

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Knitting & Crochet Club- Thurs., April 14, 6pm – 7pm

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Faithful Paws Storytime— Sat., April 16, 10:30 – 11:30am

Come and read with our trained dogs! Faithful Paws is now at the Meyer Library every 3rd Saturday of the month. Children are invited to read their favorite picture books alongside canine companies. All ages welcome.

Mystery Book Club—Thurs., April 21, 1pm – 2pm

Do you enjoy reading and discussing books? Join us for a lively discussion with the Meyer Mystery Book Club.

Downton Abbey Night—Thurs., April 21, 6pm – 7pm

Join us to celebrate the popular series, Downton Abbey! Come dressed as your favorite character (costumes are optional) and stay for Downton Abbey Jeopardy and Cluedo. There will be prizes and refreshments.

Toddler Storytime— Sat., April 23, 10:30am – 11:30am

Toddle around with us for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop your toddler's social, motor and literacy skills. Intended for children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers.

Pajama Storytime—Thurs., April 28, 6:30pm – 7:15pm

Put on your pajamas, bring a pillow and your favorite teddy bear for Pajama Storytime! Join us for bedtime stories and songs for children ages 0-5 years and their caregivers.

Speedier Way to Apply for Speed Bumps

On March 21, the Public Works & Engineering (PWE) Department announced a speedier way for neighborhoods to apply for "speed humps", more commonly known as "speed bumps". The change would only apply for residential streets, where the speed bumps are practical. During the Transportation, Technology & Infrastructure committee meeting, PWE said that they would no longer require the lengthy traffic and speeding studies for the approval process. The streamlined approval process means that traffic calming devices will be installed for less money and faster.

Under the new process, when requests are made for speed bumps, then PWE will evaluate a 10 to 20 square block area to propose a traffic plan for that entire area. PWE will then submit their recommendations to the local city councilmember. Almost all of Westbury is in District K represented by CM Larry Green. The councilmember may seek additional feedback before approval. After approval, then PWE will plan the timeline for construction.

The old way took up to 9 months for approval. The new method may decrease the approval time to as few as 2 months. The councilmember will have more control over the process. If additional feedback or studies are requested, then the approval time may be longer. The cost of each speed hump is about \$5,000.

Westbury residents are encouraged to contact 311 to request speed bumps in your area. Please also let the WCC know that you have submitted a request. The WCC will compile a list of all the streets that have outstanding requests on them and monitor the progress. We know there are a number of streets in Westbury that would be made safer by the addition of speed bumps. Keep in mind that our neighborhood is HUGE and it is far larger than most Houston neighborhoods. At this time, we are not sure how the revised speed bump request system will be affected by planned future work by PWE to replace certain Westbury streets and storm water drainage piping.



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