



Westbury Crier

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Spring White Elephant Sale Saturday, April 27

WHEN: Saturday, April 27, 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, May 4

Booth spaces are still available. RESERVE YOUR BOOTH SPACE NOW! Call the WCC office at 713-723-5437 for more information. For more information, see page 7.

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Willow Waterhole 2019 MUSICFEST April 13 & 14

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The 7th Annual MusicFest at Willow Waterhole will be held on Saturday AND Sunday, April 13 & 14. Come enjoy this TWO DAY, FREE live music event! Saturday, April 13, the MusicFest is from Noon to 8PM, and Sunday it is from Noon to 6PM. This two day event will feature 14 hours of FREE diverse music, provided by 14 professional bands and 9 student-school bands. There will be performance artists from 2pm to 6pm each day plus yummy food trucks! It's all happening at the spectacular and relaxing 290-acre Willow Waterhole Greenway. Bring your chairs and blankets and the whole family for a fun day at the Willow Waterhole. Come join the fun this coming April! See pages 20-21 for more information or go to www.willowwaterhole.org.

Keep Westbury Beautiful



Saturday, April 6
9AM-12PM

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

Westbury Park- Working in the butterfly garden, which we created 4 years ago. Plant and Mulch trees.

Other Areas of Westbury— We will be working at Hager Park and Willow Waterhole.

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! Meet at Westbury Park between 8AM and 9AM.

Support the WCC Today!

Pay your WCC Dues.
Support the WAP!
Donate to the Patrol.
Form is on page 17

Westbury Civic Club is HIRING

Seeking Another Part-time Office Worker

The Westbury Civic Club is seeking a part-time (9 to 20 hours per week) office worker to assist the WCC Office Manager with answering the phone, responding to requests for information or services, organizing files and materials, maintaining records, collecting and sorting mail, doing field surveys, and helping with events. See page 16 for more information.



RECYCLING DATES

April 2019

Thursday, April 11
Thursday, April 25

May 2019

Thursday, May 9
Thursday, May 23

HEAVY TRASH

April 2019

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JUNK WASTE

May 2019

Thursday, May 9
TREE WASTE ONLY

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE *NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

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WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appt.

CONTACT US

WCC Office Hours: Monday- Thursday, 9:30AM-2PM

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Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107

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

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

Houston Help & Information.....311

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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111

Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmd.org

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

Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

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Contact the Westbury Civic Club at 713-723-5437 or westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Spring is a time of year when many residents are moving into their new Westbury homes. Whether you have lived in Westbury for 5 days or 50 years, I hope that you will cherish your time in Westbury as a great place to live – where we strive to be one of the safest, cleanest, friendliest, greenest neighborhoods in Houston. Welcome to Westbury!

April is likely the best month in Houston, and there are many opportunities to get outside to enjoy the moderate weather and make some new connections to our Westbury community. April is full of fun outdoor events for the whole family.

Do you have a desire to make the neighborhood a better place? Are you annoyed by trash? Are you looking an opportunity here in Westbury to clean up, beautify, and improve habitats? **Please join us on April 6 for "Keep Westbury Beautiful Day" (details on page 6).** You will meet some of the nicest people in Westbury, do a bit of good, and have some fun.

In Westbury, we are very proud of our "green" community. The Westbury Civic Club has planted hundreds of trees, added butterfly habitat areas, and is a founding sponsor of the Westbury Community Garden. In the coming months, you will learn about more ways that you, as an individual, can help make Westbury a greener, more resilient community. **The Westbury Yard of Month judges will be out during the second week of April.** As you are

working in your own yards, consider selecting plants and trees that are adapted for the Houston climate and provide food for the birds, bees, and animals here in Westbury. Ask trusted gardening advisors how to improve your soil, which your plants will greatly appreciate, because our local Houston "gumbo" soil is tough on plants.

Do you enjoy live music? Do you look forward to an outdoor picnic at a lakeside setting with a beverage of choice? **Come join the festivities at the MusicFEST over at Willow Waterhole on the weekend of April 13 and 14 (details on pages 20-21).** The nature-loving volunteers with the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy work hard to provide conservation and recreation activities at the Willow Waterhole area, and we are very fortunate that this fantastic amenity is located in the Westbury area. Consider helping out as a volunteer for the event. New this year, MusicFest will be asking for a DONATION at the festival gate to help with expenses, and I encourage you to be generous with your support.

Do you enjoy a great bargain? Or, do you need to clean out your closet or garage? The Westbury Civic Club sponsors a community garage sale twice per year, **the White Elephant Sale, and this Spring it is on April 27.** This Westbury tradition is retro-fun and popular with all ages. I hope to see many of you there at the garage sale! Come early for great deals.

Spring is an equally important time in the Westbury Civic Club office. The WCC has received seven resumes in response to the new part-time position which we advertised last month in the Crier. If interested, submit your resume as soon as possible. The WCC is currently interviewing interested candidates. Every property owner in Westbury and Parkwest should have received a dues letter from the WCC in March, and we are already seeing a good response. We still need to raise more funds to pay for our WCC operating costs and for our Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) security patrol. Our goal is to raise enough funds to fully pay for the 2019 WAP contract for our 3 deputies by June. If sufficient additional funding is received, then the board will consider whether to add back our 4th deputy.

The Spring Break timeframe in March can be hectic for families, so if you put aside that dues letter to handle later, then this is a reminder to send your dues now. If you have misplaced your letter, the dues form is on page 17.

The Westbury Civic Club is here for you. If you have any questions about deed restrictions, problems with neighbors, bad yards, etc, I urge you to contact the Westbury Civic Club office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Cindy Chapman

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WCC Board Meeting Notes March 2019

- ◆ The May WCC Board Meeting will be held at Westbury High School on May 15 at 7PM due to conflict at our normal meeting location.
- ◆ WCC welcomed Sgt. Derkowski of Westbury Area Patrol. He reported an uptick in Burglaries of Motor Vehicles over Spring Break. This continues to be big concern/issue in Westbury. (6 BMVs were handled by WAP during Spring Break, several others were handled by HPD).
- ◆ Yard of the Month is set to begin in again in April. New signs are being ordered.
- ◆ The WCC is currently interviewing candidates for a new part time position.
- ◆ 311 reporting issue with broken recycle bins was identified by WCC Office Manager, who worked with the city to address/fix the issue.
- ◆ Thank you to Weichert Realtors for bringing water and cookies to the WCC board meeting.
- ◆ The next WCC board meeting will be Wednesday, April 17 at 7PM.

WCC Board Meeting

Wed., April 17, 7PM

Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft



Are you looking to get more involved in your neighborhood? Come join the WCC board! There are several vacant WCC board positions: Community Relations, Deed Restrictions, Security, and Westbury 3 Director.

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd ♦ 713-726-7107 ♦ platou@houstontx.gov



Weekly Classes/Groups

Stretching Exercise Class

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9-9:45AM

Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.

Ms. BeeHaven Quilters

Tuesday, 10AM - 2PM

Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

Table Games

Wednesday, 10AM - 12:30PM

Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and more!

Table Tennis

Wednesday, 4-8PM

Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong/Table Tennis will be available with Mr. Nelson

Interested in new classes/groups?

Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 or email platou@houstontx.gov if you want to form a craft class, play bridge, hold a meeting, etc. New classes are always welcome and needed. All classes are free and led by volunteers. The center will be open until 8PM Monday through Thursday.

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays 5:45PM-7PM

A Weight Loss Support Group.

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

Evening Aerobics Exercise Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7PM

Free Evening Aerobics Class held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 –7PM. Remember to bring a bottle of water and to wear comfortable clothing.

The class has 9 members so far, and it is fun. Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 to register.



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Meyer Library News

➔ Meyer Library CLOSED Indefinitely

The Meyer Library has long been on the City's replacement list and after minor flooding in Harvey, the decision was made to not re-open Meyer Library. The City recently approved \$1.2 Million to purchase land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. The new location would be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury on Belrose.



"Mini" Meyer Library at Godwin Community Center

A "mini" Meyer Library is now open in Meyerland at the Godwin Community Center at 5101 Rutherglenn next to Kolter Elementary. Limited Services. Staff can be reached at 832-393-1840.

Hours of operation:

Mon-Wed: 1:00PM-6:00PM

Thurs: 1:00PM-8:00PM

Fri: 1:00PM-5:00PM



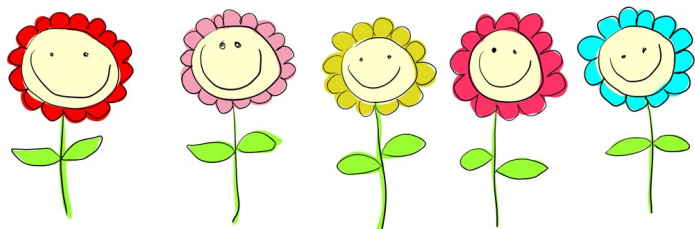
What's Happening in Westbury

April 2019 Calendar Events/Meetings

Wed 3	Booths on Sale for non-residents for White Elephant Sale See page 1 and 7 for more information
Sat 6	Keep Westbury Beautiful Day Meet at Westbury Park to register between 8AM –9AM See page 6 for more information
Sat 6	Climate Action Plan Meeting—COH 10AM-12PM Southwest Multi-Service Center, 6400 High Star See page 11 for more information
April 13--14	Willow Waterhole Music Fest 5300 Dryad See pages 1, 20-21 for more information
Mon 15	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort
Wed 17	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 9:30AM St John's Presbyterian - 5020 W Bellfort For more information, see page 16
Wed 17	WCC Board Meeting 7PM Westbury Baptist - 10425 Hillcroft
Sat 20	Audubon Society Bird Survey 7AM Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow
Sat 27	Westbury White Elephant Sale 8AM-Noon Westbury United Methodist See pages 1 and 7 for more information
Tues 23	SW PIP Meeting 7PM SW HPD Station - 13097 Nitida

Planning Calendar

- ★ Rain Date for Whit Elephant Sale—May 4
- ★ Friends of Westbury High School Gala—May 4
- ★ May WCC Board Meeting — May 15
NEW LOCATION—Westbury High School
- ★ Memorial Day - Monday, May 27
- ★ Last day of school for HISD - May 31



All About Trash

Trash, recycling, and heavy trash are picked up by the City of Houston.



Household Trash

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can.



Recycling in Westbury

All of Westbury recycles on Schedule A. Recycling is every other week. Recycling goes into the green trash can.

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Thursday, April 11

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May 2019

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Heavy Trash Schedule

All of Westbury is on the same schedule for Heavy Trash. Pick-up is on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE months.

April 2019

JUNK WASTE

Thursday, April 11

May 2019

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, May 9

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- ♻️ NO Glass in the green recycling bins
- ♻️ NO Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- ♻️ 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
- ♻️ 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.
- ♻️ GLASS: May be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend, in the orange container near W. Bellfort.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

Keep Westbury Beautiful Day

For the eighth consecutive year, District K and Westbury are partnering with Keep Houston Beautiful to clean up and beautify our Westbury neighborhood at the annual “Keep Westbury Beautiful Day”. We are excited to announce that “Don’t Mess With Texas” has joined efforts this year and will visit sites in District K with Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum, including Westbury! The “Don’t Mess with Texas Virtual Reality” game will be set up at Westbury Park during the event to have some fun. Darrell the Barrel, the mascot for Don’t Mess with Texas, will also be on hand. So if cleaning up your neighborhood while having fun isn’t enough to get you outside, how about a raffle giveaway by “Don’t Mess with Texas”?

Have you noticed litter or bandit signs on our esplanades, sidewalks, bus stops, and parks? Do you drive by a mess and think to yourself, “I wish someone would clean that up?” Now is your chance to 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 the year in Houston, and help improve our Westbury community. After cleaning up, bring your bags of trash and bandit signs back to Westbury Park at noon and enjoy a pizza lunch.

WHEN: Saturday, April 6, 9AM to Noon, Rain or Shine

WHO: Everyone is welcome!

WHERE: Register at Westbury Park, 5630 Stillbrooke, directly west of Parker Elementary from 8AM-9AM.

All volunteers for our Keep Westbury Beautiful Day event will first register at Westbury Park. Then crews will be dispatched to work at Hager Park, Westbury Park, or at the Willow Waterhole. Or, you can ask to clean a bus stop or along an esplanade. Wear shoes appropriate for outdoor work. Bring gloves if you have them.

At Westbury Park, in addition to trash pickup, we will be mulching, weeding and planting new plants in the butterfly garden. At Hager Park and the Willow Waterhole, we will be picking up trash.



Butterfly Garden at Westbury Park



April 6, 2019
Westbury Park

Ways You Can Help Keep Westbury Beautiful

There are many ways in which you can help keep Westbury beautiful. If we all pitch in and do our part, together we can Keep Westbury Clean and Beautiful.

- ❖ **Picking up trash in our parks or on our esplanades.**
- ❖ **You can work close to home.** Start with your own yard! Improve the aesthetic appearance of your front yard by changing its contours, adding ornamental features, or planting trees and shrubs. Landscape gardening increases the value of your property.
- ❖ **Plant a tree!** Planting trees can have tremendous influences on communities. It improves our environment, can enhance our quality of life, and improve our health. Plant on your property or join us for a tree planting event.
- ❖ **Curb and gutter cleaning:** Sweep in front of your home.

Yard of Month - Judging Starts in April

There are many amazing yards here in Westbury, so it is always a challenge to select our monthly Yard of Month winners. The YOM program resumes in April and judges will be out during the week of April 7 to April 13.

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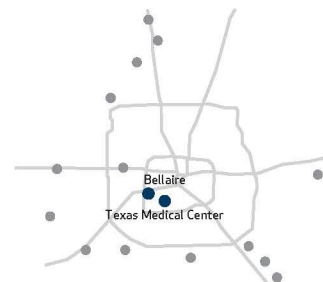
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Spring White Elephant Sale

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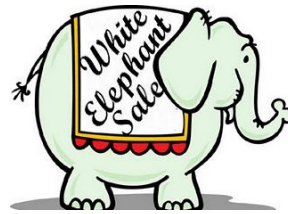
50 Garage Sales in One Location

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides fall and spring community garage sale events for our members. The Spring White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, April 27, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church. The rain date is May 4.

Booths may be purchased during normal office hours of 9:30AM to 2PM, Monday thru Thursday at the WCC Office. You must be a paid current member of the Westbury Civic Club to purchase a booth. This means you must have paid your 2019 WCC membership dues of \$50. If you have not paid your 2019 dues, you may do so at the same time that you purchase your booth space. The booth price for individual Westbury residents will be \$20-\$25. Booths will go on sale to non-residents and groups/non-profit organizations on April 3, if space permits, on a first come, first serve basis. The booth price for non-residents is \$70-75.

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 by long standing policy of the Westbury Civic Club and the deed restrictions. So why not have fun, make money, be safe, and be a good neighbor. **Plan on having a booth at the Westbury White Elephant Sale!**



****Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space in March. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until April 3. 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.***



The PUCS Coffee Truck will be at the Spring Sale!

Westbury White Elephant Sale—Saturday, April 27



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Congratulations Asst. Principal Berry

Congratulations to Bryan Berry, Assistant Principal at Parker Elementary, for being honored as West Area Assistant Principal of the Year by HISD in March. He is a graduate of Sam Houston State University and has a Master's Degree from the University of Houston. After teaching at Bellaire High School for 6 years, he spent 2 years as an Asst. Principal at Johnston Middle School (now called Meyerland Middle School for the Visual and Performing Arts) before moving to Parker Elementary.



WHS Student Awarded \$25,000 Scholarship

Congratulations to another exemplary student at Westbury High School! Essence Duplechain, a senior at Westbury High School, was surprised with a \$25,000 "Bridging the Dream Scholarship" from Sallie Mae, the nation's saving, planning, and paying for college company.



Essence is one of seven \$25,000 Sallie Mae Bridging the Dream Scholarship recipients nationwide. The scholarship recognizes high school juniors and seniors who excel in academics, athletics, community service, or school activities, but may face personal or financial challenges when looking to fulfill their college dreams. Essence will be the first in her family to attend college. She is a member of the National Honor Society, will graduate with a 3.95 GPA, and is in the top 5% of the senior class.

Texas Senator Borris Miles sponsored and honored Essence Duplechain and her family from the State Senate Floor in Austin. (photo above)

New Mosaic for Parker Elementary

Underscoring the importance of visual art, Parker Elementary graduates from Mrs. Mark's 6th grade class from 1965, have presented a mosaic to Parker Elementary. The mosaic was created under the artistic direction of renowned Houston artist, Reginald Adams. The new mosaic joins two other mosaics which have graced Parker's entrance for over 50 years: the original Cynthia Ann Parker mosaic from the 1960s and a mosaic from 1976 celebrating the BiCentennial of the United States.



The plaque for the mosaic will read:

"We can't take any credit for our talents. It's how we use them that counts."

—Madeleine L'Engle, *A Wrinkle in Time*

"Dream big. Plant your roots. Soar to the sky."

—Mrs. Nona Mark's Sixth Grade Class of 1965

Westbury HS Gala: May 4

The Friends of Westbury High School Foundation hosts an Annual Gala and Silent Auction to benefit Westbury students. The 2019 Gala will be held on May 4 at the Braeburn Country Club. Distinguished Westbury alumni, faculty and community leaders are formally honored and scholarships are presented to outstanding graduating WHS Seniors. The Foundation has raised over \$400,000 and awarded over 175+ scholarships from 1994 through 2018. They are currently collecting donations for 2019 scholarships and the silent auction. If you are interested in donating or attending the gala, visit www.friendswhs.org.



Everyone is welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Save the Date! Saturday, May 4

The Friends of WHS Foundation Gala



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Parker Elementary Grand Opening

HISD held the long awaited dedication event of Parker Elementary and the adjoining Spark Park on February 28. The new auditorium was full of proud parents, teachers, administrators, dignitaries, students, and alumni. The performances by the choir, strings, jazz and brass were excellent and amazed all those in attendance with their talents. The Westbury High School Color Guard presented the colors. Fifth graders Nevaeh Brooks and Eli Ellery acted as Masters of Ceremony (emcees).

Guest speakers included: HISD Trustee Wanda Adams, Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum (a Parker alumna), HISD interim Superintendent Dr. Grenita Lathan, and Kathleen Ownby, Executive Director of the SPARK Park program. Principal Lori Frodine was thanked for her persistence and determination getting our new state-of-the-art Parker Elementary-Music Magnet building completed. Additionally, current and past teachers, administrators, design team members, and members of the class of 1965 were asked to stand and

received applause. After the ribbon cutting, Parker students led tours of the building, while music instructor Al Campbell led the jazz band as they entertained during the reception.

Parker is certainly the 21st century school that HISD promised our community! "This is a 21st century school and it inspires confidence and pride not only in the students and staff but everyone who lives around it because a school is the heart of a neighborhood," HISD Trustee Wanda Adams said. The \$33 million project, which was specifically designed to house the school's renowned fine arts magnet program, is a part of HISD's voter approved 2012 Bond Program. The two story, 113,000-square-foot building includes an auditorium with collapsible bleacher-style seating, band, orchestra, vocal, and multipurpose rooms, and flexible learning spaces for 850 students.

Pre-K, Kinder, first and second grade classrooms are on the ground level and third through fifth grades are on the second floor. A new cafeteria also features a separate seating area for parents visiting their children for lunch.



Parker Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting

The Spark Park at Parker Elementary features a walking path decorated with images of musicians. The Spark Park will be open on weekends and when school is not in session for the community to use.

"While Parker has always been an outstanding school, this new building will provide students with everything they need to achieve their dreams," said HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan.



Parker Elementary students at Grand opening



HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan, WCC Becky Edmondson, and Parker Principal Lori Frodine

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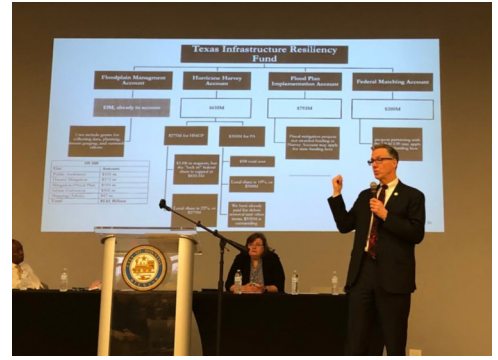
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Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Meeting

Building For the Future

The Capital Improvement Project (CIP) meeting for District K was held March 20. The format of these meetings has changed over the years; in the past there was an open microphone session where the audience could line up and ask questions of the department heads present. Now the format is that the audience sits and listens to presentations, and is able to visit different tables to talk directly to city departments.



The program started with a welcome from CM Martha Castex-Tatum; this was her first CIP meeting as Councilmember. She introduced Mayor Sylvester Turner as Houston's 62nd mayor. He first spoke of the re-branding of ReBuild Houston to become Building Houston Forward. The emphasis is that, rather than rebuilding, we are building for the future. To that end he highlighted all the CIP projects completed in District K this past year including: the new Southwest Police station, the Buffalo Speedway Bridge, Linkwood Park and Street reconstruction project. As to what would be coming to our area in the future, the Mayor said that negotiations were moving forward to acquire the Shell property adjacent to the Willow Waterhole greenway. He spoke to the need to access the State of Texas' Rainy Day Fund to use as local matching dollars on federal projects related to Harvey flooding recovery. He talked of the need to be stronger and more resilient.

Carol Haddock, Director of Houston Public Works, had an interesting presentation on the city assets in District K:

190,267 residents, 420 miles of ditches, 1,380 miles of street, 25 parks, and more. She said in addition to the larger CIP projects, which are delayed due to Harvey, they would be doing smaller projects. Although there was only one marked on their map for Westbury.

Chief Recovery Director Steve Costello described the monies coming in for Harvey recovery. He asked us to reach out to our representatives in the Texas legislature, and ask them to support two bills. Senate Bill 500, which has passed through the Senate and is now in the Texas House for consideration, provides more than \$3 billion for Harvey-related expenses. Senate Bill 7 would establish the "Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund" to pay for expenses like floodplain management and projects related to Hurricane Harvey.

Last, but not least, Tom McCasland, Director of the Houston Housing and Community Development Department, who is administering the 1.3 billion dollars Homeowners Assistance Program (HoAP), brought welcome news that reimbursement money for out-of-pocket Harvey repairs are eligible for reimbursement. Do you know about the City of Houston's recovery programs for homes damaged in Hurricane Harvey? Even if you've already finished repairs, there's funding available to reimburse homeowners for some expenses (\$20,000 to \$80,000, depending on income). To see if you're eligible, call 832-393-0550 or go to recovery.houstontx.gov/survey to get started. @HoustonHCDD

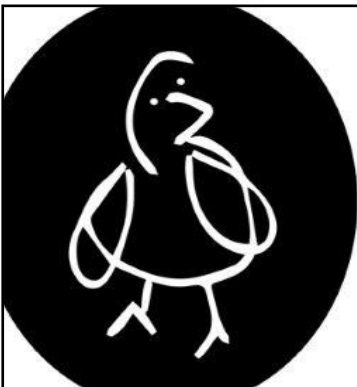
Trash on West Belfort

Chances are if you have driven down W. Belfort this past month, you've seen the large trash pile that fills a driveway. The WCC reported it immediately to the Houston Police Department DRT team that handles out of the ordinary issues. First HPD has to locate an owner, or heir. In the meantime it was reported multiple times to 311 who turned it over to the Dept. of Neighborhoods (DON) They, too, need to have an owner to put on notice before they incur charges and put a lien on the home. You've probably seen those yellow signs they post on unsightly properties.



Our liaison with the City told us that DON would be abating the trash last week but that their grappler was broken and would be hiring a contractor. As we go to print we are awaiting a response as to when it will be picked up.

Some Westbury area CIP projects were not discussed during the presentations, but the WCC continues to advocate for them. All CIP projects have been delayed due to resources needed for Harvey flooding. A new library building was approved in a bond by city voters, and the proposed location is in Westbury on the site of the "old post office", near the Chimney Rock fire station. Voters also approved bonds to improve Hager Park, next to Anderson Elementary. Additionally, there are drainage projects for Westbury in the CIP.



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Climate Action Plan Meetings

Mayor Sylvester Turner and the Office of Sustainability are in the process of developing Houston's first community-wide Climate Action Plan. A Climate Action Plan provides evidenced-based measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and preventative measures to address the negative outcomes of climate change. After three 500-year floods in as many years culminating with the largest rain event in North American history, climate change is an unprecedented challenge for Houston.

Developing a Climate Action Plan allows the City to develop strategies that will not only help minimize the City's carbon footprint but can help save money and improve the quality of life of residents. The Plan will demonstrate how the City will adapt and improve its resilience to climate hazards that impact the city today as well as risks that may increase in the coming years. Co-benefits associated with climate action planning include decreased traffic and congestion, improved air quality, better access to parks and green spaces, and cost savings through energy efficiency projects.

Houston has one of the highest per capita greenhouse gas emissions in the country, largely due to high emissions from transportation. For more information and to see how Houston compares to other cities, visit: <https://www.c40.org/other/gpc-dashboard>.

Stakeholder and citizen engagement is an important part of this process. Additional meetings may be added, for updates please visit: <http://greenhoustontx.gov/climateactionplan> or email greenhouston@houstontx.gov.

Upcoming Meeting Dates for April:

- Date: Monday, April 1, 6-8PM
Location: Acres Homes Multiservice Center, 6719 W. Montgomery
- **Date: Saturday, April 6, 10AM-12PM**
Location: Southwest Multiservice Center, 6400 High Star
- Date: Tuesday, April 16, 6-8PM
Location: Denver Harbor Multiservice Center, 6402 Market Street
- Date: Thursday, May 2, 6-8PM
Location: Northeast Multiservice Center, 9720 Spaulding

District K Workshop

WCC President Cindy Chapman attended the March District K workshop, about how to report problems more effectively to Houston 311. The next workshop will be held in May. These workshops are part of the District K ENGAGE*LEARN*LEAD series.



Trash Can Woes

Kudos to WCC Office Manager, Jennifer Edmondson, who figured out that there was a significant 311 problem related to broken trash bin lids. If a resident reported online to 311 that they had a problem with a broken trash bin lid, then the 311 system was mistakenly classifying the complaint as "missed recycle collection" and the system kept closing out the complaint. Some residents had their complaint closed over and over. This does not appear to be an issue for residents who reported the problem by telephone or 311 app. The City fixed that mapping error the same day the WCC notified them and they are now checking all of the Solid Waste Dept. 311 codes to see if there are any other codes which are not "mapping" correctly.



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An Interview with Matt Zeve HCFCF Deputy Executive Director

Becky Edmondson, president of the WAIC, is serving on a Harris County Flood Control joint task force looking at the new rainfall criteria in light of reports released by the NOAA Atlas 14.



(You can check it out yourself at https://hdsc.nws.noaa.gov/hdsc/pfds/pfds_map_cont.html) Becky had an opportunity on March 4 to interview Deputy Executive Director of Harris County Flood Control (HCFCF), Matt Zeve. As always the Westbury area is so appreciative of HCFCF's willingness to answer our questions. With 700 flooded homes in Harvey and many that have flooded multiple times, flooding issues are a top concern of the Westbury Civic Club and WAIC.

Matt, I've been hearing rumors that Project Brays is at a standstill and may even be cancelled? *This is not true. HCFCF is considering canceling two contracts awarded earlier this year for the reconstruction of the Buffalo Speedway bridge (contract 1) and the Ardmore Bridge over Brays Bayou as well as the extension of the Stella Link Bridge (contract 2). The bridge improvement projects will still be completed, but some delays around utility conflicts could push the start of construction back until later in 2019.*

In addition HCFCF plans to develop a watershed wide community outreach program to meet with and inform all neighborhoods involved in the completion of Project Brays. Lastly HCFCF must be sensitive to mobility impacts caused by bridge closures and are going to undertake a mobility study to provide bridge closure sequencing in order to minimize delays.

What about the rumor that Project Brays is shutting down? *Absolutely not. There are four (4) projects currently underway. The Channel improvements from Fondren to South Rice are ongoing in your area. The raising of the Hillcroft Bridge will begin in April, 2019. The Forest Hill Bridge is currently under construction and is expected to be completed August 2019. The Greenbriar Bridge contract has been awarded and that bridge replacement will start in May 2019.*

There are 12 bridge replacements or modifications that remain to be completed and to reach the full benefits of Project Brays. Design is complete for Hillcroft, Greenbriar, Stella Link, Ardmore, and Buffalo Speedway. The following bridges are currently under design: South 75th, Lawndale, Telephone, S. Rice, Chimney Rock, and Calhoun TxDOT project). On March 12th, HCFCF hopes to gain approval from Commissioners Court to start design on the Alameda Bridge. Following final design, we should be able to bid all remaining bridges out for construction in August 2019 with construction beginning in Jan. 2020.

I'm not sure why there are so many negative rumors around, but what about all the Harris County bond money voter approved? *Those projects are moving forward. Citizens can track progress here: <https://www.hcfcf.org/2018-bond-program/recent-action-on-bond-projects/>*

Can we still expect some buyouts for properties that have flooded 6, 7, 8 and more times? *There is money for buyouts. We can look at specific addresses together. Please contact our Home Buyout Hotline at 713-684-4020 or visit our website (www.hcfcf.org) to complete a Voluntary Buyout Notice of Interest if you would like more information.*

Atlas 14 Rainfall Report

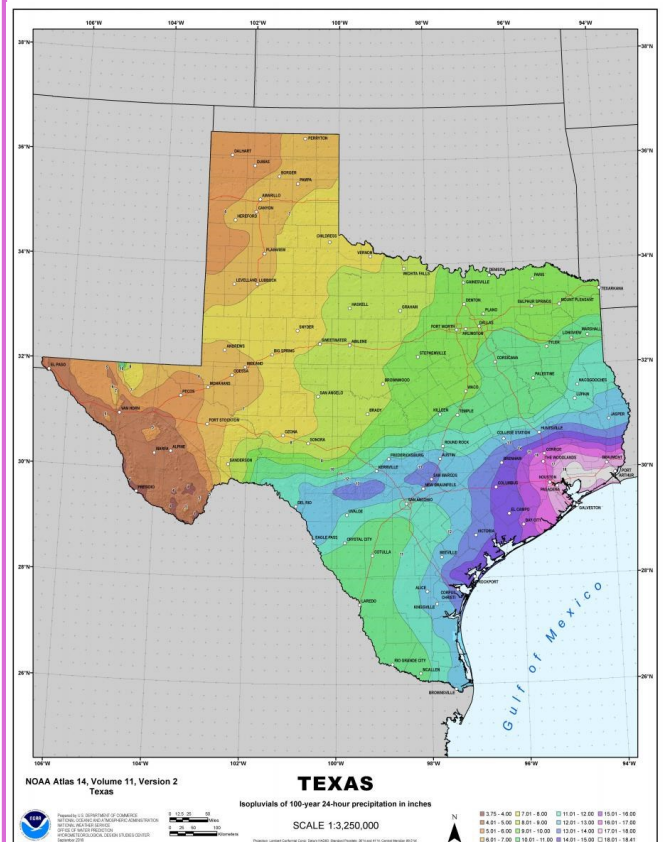
The City of Houston often creates a task force or working group to study a variety of City issues. While these groups are made up of professionals in whatever discipline is being studied, the City also includes members of the community at large. Both Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson of the Westbury Civic Club have been privileged to serve on these groups, especially those that deal with flooding.

Becky Edmondson is a member of the Atlas 14 Working Group. This group is looking at a unified approach by the City, County, and the flood control district due to rainfall changes proposed in "Atlas 14" and is considering how this new data will affect stormwater detention and storm sewer design requirements.

What is Atlas 14? The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) collected historic rainfall data and has released a report, published as NOAA Atlas 14, Volume 11 Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the US, TX.

The study found increased rainfall values in Texas that will result in changes to the rainfall amounts that define 100-year events (a one percent chance of happening in any given year). The 100-year estimates for the Houston area increased from 13 inches to 18 inches of rain, and values previously classified as 100-year rain events are now considered to be much more frequent 25-year events.

NOAA Atlas 14 rainfall values are used for infrastructure design and planning activities under federal, state and local regulations. They also help delineate flood risks, manage development in floodplains for FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, and are used to monitor precipitation observations and forecasts that can indicate flooding threats by NOAA's National Weather Service.



Brays Bayou Association: Project

The Brays Bayou Association was founded after widespread flooding in the Brays Bayou watershed in 1984. They advocate for flood control and hold monthly meetings. US Representative Lizzie Fletcher, the Mayor and City Manger from West University, and Gary Zika from the Harris County Flood Control District were the speakers at the March meeting.

Much of the meeting discussion regarded "Ruffino Hills," a former landfill and golf course, which is jointly owned by the cities of West University and Bellaire. The site directly abuts Keegan's Bayou, a major tributary of Brays Bayou, and it is one of the few large tracts of undeveloped land in the Brays Bayou Watershed. There are two other large tracts, but those are golf courses which want to remain as golf courses, although the Westwood Golf Course may have 10 acres available for a stormwater project. The cities of Houston, West University, and Bellaire are jointly discussing using Ruffino Hills for a regional stormwater detention facility, but the project costs and funding sources are unclear. The Mayor of West University mentioned that they are getting an appraisal of the property value because they have also received inquiries of interest for commercial uses.

US Representative Lizzie Fletcher is on the Congressional Infrastructure Committee. At all levels there is frustration that it is taking so long to deliver funding from HUD in Washington DC to Texas and Houston. HUD is still drafting rules on how the funds can be used. A bipartisan letter has been sent to HUD which was signed by all Houston area Representatives, both



Senators, and the Governor. The Texas delegation also sent a letter to the President saying that Harvey recovery funding should not be diverted for border wall funding.

Gary Zika with Harris County Flood Control, gave an update on Project Brays. The detention at Willow Waterhole is complete, and they are working with the contractor to get the final punch list of items completed. The channel work from Fondren east to 610 continues, and the work west from Buffalo Speedway to 610 is finished except for punch list items. Regarding the Hillcroft bridge, the contractor is working on installing retaining walls along the channel before the bridge is elevated. The elevation itself will be fast, but then several months will be needed to redo the intersections of Hillcroft at North and South Braeswood. This work is estimated to begin in the summer.

Was Your Home Damaged by Harvey Flooding? Do You Need Help with Reimbursement?

Do you know about the City of Houston's recovery programs for homes damaged in Hurricane Harvey? Even if you've already finished repairs, there's funding available to reimburse homeowners for some expenses (\$20,000 to \$80,000, depending on income). This program is open to ALL, regardless of income. Did you have a deductible or expenses disallowed by FEMA? Did you elevate your house as part of your repair work?

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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

March 1 - March 25, 2019

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
12100	Ashcroft	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3-25	5PM	Westbury 4
11100	Atwell	Burglary of Habitation	3-22	6AM	Westbury 5
11900	Atwell	Theft - Other	3-10	10AM	Westbury 4
12300	Atwell	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3-24	2AM	Westbury South
11600	Braewick	Burglary of Habitation	3-2	9AM	Parkwest 3
12300	Braewick	Aggravated Assault with Weapon	3-24	6PM	Westbury 4
5400	Briarbend	Theft - Other	3-8	8PM	Westbury 2
5800	Burlinghall	Theft - Other	3-7	8AM	Westbury 3
10700	Chimney Rock	Burglary of Habitation	3-23	2PM	Westbury 2
5800	Densmore	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3-17	1AM	Westbury South
5700	Fontenelle	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3-15	11AM	Westbury South
10600	Glenfield Crt	Burglary of Habitation	3-13	2PM	Westbury 5
5700	GreenCraig	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3-14	4PM	Westbury South
11400	Hillcroft	Auto Theft	3-15	11AM	Westbury 3
5800	McKnight	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3-14	5AM	Westbury 3
12400	Mullins	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3-14	5AM	Westbury South
5800	Southminster	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3-20	12PM	Westbury South
5700	Warm Springs	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3-13	7AM	Westbury 3
5700	W. Belfort	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3-19	11PM	Parkwest 2

- Burglary from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Theft
- Burglary
- Aggravated Assault with Weapon
- Aggravated robbery with weapon

The crimes listed took place between March 1 and March 25. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

The chart below breaks out the type of crimes & how many at each type of location.

Crime Type	Westbury Homes	Apts./ Townhomes	Commercial/ Business	Public Space
Aggravated Assault	1	3	3	1
Aggravated Robbery	0	3	2	0
Burglary of Building	0	0	3	0
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	10	1	0	0
Burglary of Habitation	4	3	0	0
Theft - Misc.	3	2	0	0
Theft - Shoplifting	0	0	1	0
Auto Theft	1	2	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	19	14	9	1

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Public Safety Information from the Westbury Area Patrol

Motor Vehicle Burglaries Update

Sgt. Derkowski attended the March meeting of the WCC to provide a security update. He noted that there is typically an uptick in petty property crime during school Spring Break, with motor vehicle burglaries or rifling through unlocked vehicles leading the way. He reminded residents to call in for a vacation watch or even just a special watch, such as when there is a death in a family.

Sgt. Derkowski explained why it is important to try to keep a crime scene untouched, if possible. He advised that if your vehicle has been burglarized, if at all possible, please wait until the Westbury Area Patrol constables arrive and have finished obtaining any evidence (fingerprints) before moving or touching the vehicle. "Whenever possible, we need the vehicle that was burglarized to not be further touched by the Complainant and we need the vehicle to stay in the same location that it was found when burglarized, that way we can accurately process the crime scene."

Constable Activity Report

For the first 20 days of March, from March 1 to March 20, our Westbury constables have reported 298 activities, which averages to about 15 activities per day. WAP investigated 5 Motor Vehicle Burglaries during Spring Break. They responded to 18 reports of suspicious

persons or vehicles. There were 24 traffic stops – with 6 citations and 18 warnings. There were 56 "meet the citizen" interactions where they introduced themselves to residents while they were patrolling, and 30 calls for information. Residents requested them to check a Park/School location 21 times (Hager Park and Westbury Park). There were 26 Vacation Watches performed.

Constables At Work in Westbury

To the right is a slightly edited incident report showing the great response by one of our Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) deputies after a recent burglary of a motor vehicle (BMV). In this case, the stolen goods were returned to the crime victim due to the actions of our WAP deputy! Also, note that our constables were able to obtain a good palm print. Remember that all of our WAP deputies are law-enforcement officers licensed by the state of Texas. If you haven't contributed yet to our WAP patrol, then please do so as soon as possible. We are still raising funds to pay for our 2019 Westbury Area Patrol program.



BMV on Ludington

A Westbury deputy was working patrol and noticed a white sedan parked facing the wrong direction next to a (description of victim's car). As he prepared to turn around, the vehicle sped off quickly and turned down a side street. As deputy (name) drove past the (model of victim's car), he noticed the passenger side rear door window was broken out. He then checked the area and could not locate the suspect or the white sedan.

He then made contact with the Complainant. The Complainant's book bag with books and a laptop was stolen. The deputy was able to locate the book bag in the roadway a few streets down on Cerritos. All property was recovered and returned to the Complainant. The Complainant signed a Pct5 property release form.

The deputy dusted for prints and obtained a nice palm print. After lifting the print, it was tagged at HPD property room. No video cameras were observed in the area.

If you see any suspicious vehicles or people, please report it to the Constables by calling 281-463-6666.

Vacation Watch

Going on a Spring Break Vacation? Leaving for a week long getaway? Well, if you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables. This is a great service that is included in our contract. A deputy will check out your property at least once a day to make sure it is secured and nothing suspicious going on.

You can register for a vacation watch online at <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch/> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

Support our Westbury Area Patrol TODAY

A large part of the funds paid to Precinct 5 for our WAP Security Patrol (Harris County Precinct 5 Constables) is paid VOLUNTARILY by our residents who do not have mandatory assessments. If you appreciate this vital service, please consider showing your appreciation by sending a contribution TODAY for the WAP security patrol. See page 17 with information about how to send an online payment by PayPal or where to send your checks to our bank deposit lockbox in Dallas. Thank you for supporting WAP security patrol and for supporting our Westbury neighborhood!



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WAIC and Westbury SN Meeting

Incorporated in 1991, the purpose of the 501c3 non-profit WAIC (Westbury Area Improvement Corporation) is to "improve the quality of life for those who live, work, learn, or play in the Westbury community. The WAIC meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 AM, at St. John's Presbyterian at 5020 W. Bellfort. Meetings are public and the Westbury Super Neighborhood Council meeting is held at the same time. Attendees include: local nonprofits, schools, businesses, representatives from government departments, representatives from elected officials, and other interested parties.

During the March 20 meeting, the WAIC agreed to donate \$500 to be a sponsor of the Willow Waterhole MusicFest. School representatives from Parker Elementary, Anderson Elementary, Meyerland Middle School, and Westbury High School brought us up to date on school happenings. The Meyerland MS orchestra is heading to Carnegie Hall and has programs coming up that the public can attend. There are currently 1,600 students at Meyerland Middle. Parker's FunFest carnival will be held on April 13. Anderson has an enjoyable evening math event late in March. Westbury and all the schools reported STAAR testing will begin in April.

Money Matters – WCC Income

Westbury homes with Mandatory Assessments had a due date of February 1, so contact the Westbury Civic Club office if you are late and need to set up a payment plan. Most homes in Westbury do not have mandatory assessments, and dues letters were sent in March to those homes. Dues payments are being received at a brisk pace. We are thankful for our civic minded neighbors who faithfully pay their dues every year and who often contribute extra. If you are a new resident, please be aware that your mortgage escrow account often does not pay your Westbury Civic Club mandatory assessments and never pays your dues. Many new residents get confused on this point. Our goal is to collect all funds for the 2019 budget by June.

Total Income received by the Westbury Civic Club through March 19, 2019 is \$230,670. The WCC projected income and approved budget for 2019 is \$389,000, based on having 3 constable deputies instead of the 4 we had last year. At this time, we need about \$160,000 to meet our budget for 2019.

Why did the WCC drop one of its constable deputies? Last year the constable fees increased by 3%, while our WCC income was down due to the impact of Harvey flooding in Westbury. Due to so many vacant houses and so much construction, the WCC opted to maintain a 4th deputy during 2018, even though the WCC had to dip into our security patrol reserves and has depleted the security reserve fund accumulated over many years. Historically, the WCC has collected more money than needed to pay for 3 deputies, so after sufficient funds have been collected to pay for the deputies for the year, then the board will consider the steps to re-establish our security reserves and the path to add back a 4th deputy.

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 4, 6PM

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Mission of the WCC

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

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- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
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- 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	\$
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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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 To contact the WCC Office, email westburycc@sbcglobal.net or call 713-723-5437.

Homeowner Assistance Program - Harvey Recovery

The City of Houston has announced a new program, Homeowner Assistance Program (HOAP) to help Houstonians whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Tom McCasland, Director of the City Housing and Community Development Dept., emphasized that the City has moved quickly to ensure recovery was launched as soon as federal funds became available. McCasland said, "The contract for the money was signed on the 4th, today is the 14th – it's ten days later and we're rolling out programs." The City will receive the \$1.17 billion for housing recovery through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of Texas General Land Office. The City has taken a critical step forward with the opening of four Housing Resource Centers, one in each quadrant of the city, to help assist homeowners.

If your home flooded during Harvey, you may be eligible for assistance. **Anyone who may be eligible must first complete a survey.** The City has several ways to complete the survey.

- ➔ Online at www.recovery.houstontx.gov
- ➔ By phone at 832-393-0550 (Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm)
- ➔ In person at any of the new centers, the closest one to Westbury is the Southwest location at 6464 Savoy Drive, Suite 110, Houston 77036. Free parking.
- ➔ Mobile outreach teams are also available to serve home-bound residents

After you fill out the survey, you will be notified if you qualify and then start the application process. This money is from the federal government, so it has stipulations. The majority of the funds will be prioritized to seniors, disabled, and families whose income is less than 80% of the AMI (average median income). If there is money remaining, there are funds available even for those at 120% of AMI and higher. If you suffered a loss for which you were not reimbursed, fill out the survey. If you still have needs, fill out the survey. Whether your needs are physical or mental, there are resources.

Mayor Turner stated, "Our goal is to reach and serve as many of the affected homeowners as possible, especially those who are hardest to reach – our disadvantaged, senior citizens, those with limited English proficiency and those with special needs. We will not leave anyone behind."

To give you an idea of 80% income limits by family size according to one source:

Family Size	Income
1	\$41,950
2	\$47,950
3	53,950
4	59,900
5	\$64,700

HOAP has five program options that you may be eligible to participate in if you qualify after taking the survey. There is roughly \$400 million available for HOAP.

Reimbursement: You may be eligible for reimbursement of some expenses if you've completed repairs.

Acquisition: If your home was substantially damaged, you may be eligible to have your property purchased by the City. You may also be eligible to apply for additional assistance to purchase a new home.

City Managed Rehabilitation and Reconstruction: The City will use a pool of contractors to rehabilitate or reconstruct storm-damaged homes. The City will manage and complete the construction process on your behalf.

Homeowner Managed Rehabilitation: This option is only available if you have already started construction on your home and are under contract at the time of application but need financial assistance and technical expertise to complete repairs.

Interim mortgage assistance: If you are making both a mortgage payment on your storm-damaged home and making a rental payment for a temporary home, you may be eligible to receive up to 20 months of mortgage assistance.

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The City of Houston is offering assistance to homeowners, which includes reimbursement for completed repairs to homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. If you are a homeowner, and you spent personal money to repair your home damaged by Harvey, please keep in mind the following:

- Reimbursement is only for expenses associated with repairing storm damage from Hurricane Harvey for homes within the City of Houston (verify your tax jurisdiction at www.hcad.org).
- All costs must be reasonable, which means appropriate and typical for modest housing in Houston. Luxury items like marble countertops, Jacuzzis, pools, or high-end appliances are **not** eligible for reimbursement.
- “Soft costs” like architectural, engineering, planning, and permit approval services are reimbursable, as long as there is a receipt or invoice. Costs for storage may also be eligible.
- If you did the repair yourself (sweat equity), your labor costs are **not** eligible for reimbursement.
- The City will review all repairs for cost reasonableness and eligibility, and will perform inspections to verify work. You may be asked to provide invoices and photographs to document evidence of the repairs.
- An official City site inspection and Certificate of Compliance from the Houston Permitting Center are required before expenses can be reimbursed.
- Participants in the Reimbursement Program who live in the floodplain will be required to maintain flood insurance after receiving assistance. Failure to maintain flood insurance in a floodplain may result in being denied future federal assistance.
- An Elevation Certificate issued by a licensed engineer may be required if your home is located in the 100-year flood plain and was substantially damaged by Harvey.

**NOT EVERYONE WHO APPLIES WILL
BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
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To learn more about this program and other homeowner assistance programs, visit:

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2019 MusicFEST Line-Up

The MusicFEST lineup has been announced. Many old favorites are returning to the stage along with several quality acts that are new to MusicFEST. Headlining on Saturday, April 13 is R&B diva Liz Vaughn and on Sunday April 14 everybody's favorite Latin beats, The Mark Towns Band. There will be performance artists from 2PM to 6PM each day. We hope to see you there!

Saturday April 13

12 -12:50 Direct Impact (R&B)
 1:00-1:50 Recollections (Texas Blues)
 2:00-2:50 Charlie & Lois (Latin)
 3:00-3:50 Mark Dini Band (Classic Rock/Pop)
 4:00-4:50 Presidents (Reggae)
 5:00-5:50 Bayou City Brass Band
 6:00-6:50 Artie Villaseñor & Lovetones (Latin)
 7:00-8:00 Ronnie Coleman & Merlot Music (Multi-Genre)

Sunday April 14

12 -12:50 Steve Gilbert Band (Rock/Blues)
 1:00-1:50 James Wilhite Band (Blues)
 2:00-2:50 The Unyt Band (Urban Contemporary)
 3:00-3:50 Crocro y su Tumbaka (Latin)
 4:00-4:50 The Pat Williams Group (Contemporary R&B)
 5:00-6:00 Mark Towns Band (Latin)

Food Trucks at MusicFEST

There will be 4 food trucks at MusicFest in 2019.

Cool Runnings – Jamaican/Caribbean, featured on Food Network
Fainmous BBQ – Tennessee Style BBQ, known for pulled pork and brisket

Happy Hour – festival food like loaded fries, onion rings, chicken strips, burgers

Friohana Shave Ice – Hawaiian shave ice with fruit puree.

Willow Waterhole Annual Meeting

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy Annual Meeting was held on the evening of March 21 at the Schwartz Gazebo. What sensational weather to be outdoors at the Greenway! The bluebonnets are at their best for picture taking.

A presentation was given highlighting recent accomplishments and plans for the future. The meeting ended with the election of Board members for the coming year. Thanks to all the volunteers and attendees. We look forward to seeing everyone at events throughout 2019 and beyond.

The newly elected Board members include:

President - Ralph Rieger
 Past President – Howard Sacks
 Vice President – Bill Burhans (Westbury resident)
 Treasurer – Val Runge
 Secretary – Barbara Richards
 Emeritus – Russell Schexnayder (Westbury resident)
 Community Liaison – Becky Edmondson (Westbury resident)
 Community Liaison – Cindy Chapman (Westbury resident)
 Community Liaison – Bruce Krewinghaus
 Education – Trudy Holmes



Willow Waterhole Monthly Bird Surveys

Nature-lovers of Westbury, did you know that the Houston Audubon Society conducts a monthly bird survey at Willow Waterhole and that the public is invited to participate? Since the study area is so large, the effort is divided into several teams, each headed by an experienced leader. The next bird survey will be held on April 20 at 7AM. Meet in the parking lot of The Gathering Place at 5310 S. Willow.



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Kroger Using NURO Automated Delivery

The Kroger grocery store located at South Post Oak is working with robotics company NURO to test automated delivery vehicles. Westbury residents who live in zip code 77096 may already be seeing NURO vehicles doing test drives, and automated deliveries are anticipated to start before the start of summer. The Kroger store on SPO is one of two in Houston which have been selected for the NURO test, and our local Kroger store will only deliver to zip codes 77401 (Bellaire) and 77096 (which includes part of Westbury). There is a flat delivery fee of \$5.95.



After the customer places an order, the store will load the groceries into the vehicle, notify the customer that the order is on its way, and then NURO dispatchers will monitor the vehicle on its way. Eventually, NURO plans to use all-electric vehicles. Dave Ferguson, co-founder of NURO says, "Texas has been a leader in encouraging self-driving innovation, and we're excited to help deliver that future for Houston — a dynamic, diverse and welcoming metropolitan city that we're excited to soon explore and serve with this autonomous delivery service."

Houston is the second location in the USA to be tested, after Phoenix. Texas law allows autonomous vehicles if the company is insured, obeys all traffic laws, and has a visual recording device.

Congratulations Wal-Mart Grocery

Congratulations to our local WalMart Neighborhood Market grocery store on Hillcroft for being named "2018 WalMart Store of the Year" for best small format store in entire USA. Store Manager Ordell Davis and team were recognized in March 2019. Congratulations to our local Wal-Mart Team!

Links for Lost & Found Pets

- Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com
- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
- Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



The Scoop on Poop

Dog owners: Please do your part. Help stop storm water pollution by picking up after your pet. Here's how it works. Your dog poops on the grass. That poop contains bacteria that pose a health risk to people. When it rains or storms, the poop feces gets washed into the streets and flows down the storm drain into area bayous and waterways where people may come into contact with it.

Tips on picking up your pet waste and disposing of it properly.

- Clean up after your dog daily.
- Pick up pet waste if rain is in the forecast, even if you don't do it on a regular basis.
- Consider buying a handy pooper scooper to make task easier.
- Pick up your dog's waste when walking your dog.
- Throw pet waste in the trash, using a grocery or newspaper bag and tying it off to seal it. (You may also purchase special biodegradable bags at pet stores.)
- Hire a poop collection service to do the dirty work for you. A quick Web search will turn up local companies that serve all areas of Harris County.
- Flush dog poop down the toilet. Unlike runoff after a rain, sewage from your toilet is treated to destroy bacteria.
- Bury pet waste in your yard at least five inches deep and away from vegetable gardens, streams, ditches or wells.
- Consider installing an underground pet waste disposal system, also known as a "doggy dooley."
- DON'T leave pet waste on your lawn. Pathogens are dangerous to kids playing in the yard, and they can contaminate anything edible growing in your garden.
- DON'T add pet waste to your compost. The compost won't generate enough heat to kill the pathogens.
- DON'T leave pet waste near a curb. It's bad manners, and it can get washed into local waterways through the storm drain.



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Westbury Community Garden News

WCG Master Plan

The Westbury Community Garden will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2020 and it is hard to remember that nine years ago the site was a weedy field with no amenities. Then a few years later the Westbury community rallied together to save the site from being paved over for an apartment complex! A Master Plan for the 7-acre garden site has been developed by the landscape architecture firm Asakura Robinson, funded by: the Westbury Community Garden / Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, the United Way of Houston, District K, and the Brays Oaks Management District. The Westbury Community Garden is a project of the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation.

In March, a planning session was held at the WCC conference room to refine the Garden Master Plan implementation strategy - with representatives from Asakura Robinson, the Westbury Community Garden, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, and the Westbury Civic Club.



If you are interested in helping to improve the garden site and to implement the garden Master Plan, then contact WAIC President Becky Edmondson at westburygreen@gmail.com

WCG Tour with Houston Parks Board

Becky Edmondson gave a tour of the garden to Lisa Graiff from the Houston Parks Board in March. While touring the garden, they met Materanya "Pierre" Ruchinagiza and his wife, Bora Neema. This nice couple and their 6 children arrived in Houston two years ago from the Congo DRC. Pierre proudly showed off his rows of herbs, strawberries, lettuces, and more. He is one of the three farmers with Plant It Forward Farms who is supporting a family by farming at the Westbury Community Garden.

Do you want fresh, organically grown, locally in Westbury food? Sign up for farm share with Plant It Forward Farms, which trains refugees how to earn a living with farming. www.plant-it-forward.org



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.

JOIN the garden TODAY at
www.westburycommunitygarden.org

Contact us today at
membership@westburycommunitygarden.org



Tree Farm at Westbury Community Garden

Westbury is a community that values "green" living and partnerships to make a better Westbury. Did you know that the Westbury Community Garden hosts a TREE FARM to grow trees for the Willow Waterhole Greenway? In March, volunteers from Arcadis Design and Consultancy re-potted over 100 young trees into larger containers over at the Westbury Community Garden. Two cubic yards of new soil were used. Soon, these young trees will be ready to transplant over at the Willow Waterhole as part of the ongoing conservation improvements by the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy.



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