



# Westbury Crier

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## Keep Westbury Beautiful Saturday, April 10, 9AM-12PM Westbury Park Butterfly Garden

Bring the whole family out and help keep Westbury Beautiful! The annual Keep Houston Beautiful Day is April 10 and Westbury is once again holding an event to help beautify our wonderful neighborhood.

Our main focus this year will be the butterfly garden at Westbury Park. We created this garden 6 years ago and it was thriving until the freeze. The garden needs much TLC; we will be weeding, mulching, and planting new butterfly plants.

In addition to the butterfly garden, we will also be hosting a Westbury wide trash pickup. Sign in at Westbury Park, collect your trash bag and grabbers, and then head out anywhere in Westbury to collect trash, such as at Hager Park or Chimney Rock Park.

**SEE PAGE 8 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

## City Parks Reopen

On March 29, the City of Houston re-opened all City park playgrounds. The playgrounds and most park facilities have been closed for the past year. The City also began the reinstallation of basketball rims. You can now also reserve the pavilion at Westbury Park. The sports fields are open, tennis courts are open, basketball courts are open.

## Are YOU Recycling RIGHT?

All Westbury homes are part of the City of Houston recycling program. Houston has single stream recycling, which means you do not have to separate your recyclables. Recycling is picked up every other Thursday in Westbury (Schedule A). Every home has a big green rolling can for CITY APPROVED RECYCLABLE ITEMS. Just because an item is technically recyclable does not mean the City of Houston allows it in their recycling stream.

**Plastic bags are NOT allowed in your recycling can. Do NOT bag your recyclables in trash bags or plastic grocery store bags. These items are NOT recyclable.**

Alyce Coffey with the COH Solid Waste Department attended the March WCC board meeting and expressed how important it is to recycle correctly. The City is experiencing extremely high contamination in the recycling. The current contamination rate for the City of Houston is approximately 45% which is extremely high. If a load is too contaminated with non-recyclable items, then the entire load ends up diverted to landfill instead of being recycled. The biggest culprit is plastic bags—trash bags and plastic grocery store bags.

**DO NOT PUT YOUR RECYCLING IN ANY TYPE OF BAG.**

The City is starting a pilot recycling enforcement program in the Heights area. WCC board members expressed the need for such a program in SW Houston as well. The WCC office manager was recently driving down a street in a nearby subdivision (not Westbury) and was shocked to see over 20 recycling cans in a row ALL with plastic trash bags or wrong items (fencing, lamps, extension cords) sticking out the tops visible from the street.

## Know What You Can Recycle in Houston

**RECYCLE / RECICLE**  
THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:

<b>Cans</b> Latas de metal	<b>Cartons</b> Cartón	<b>Glass</b> Vidrio	<b>Paper</b> Papel	<b>Plastic</b> Plásticos
<b>Aluminum and Steel Cans</b> empty and rinse vaciar y enjuagar	<b>Food and Beverage Cartons</b> empty and replace cap reemplazar la tapa	<b>Bottles and Jars</b> empty and rinse vaciar y enjuagar	<b>Cereal Boxes, Newspaper, Magazines and Mail, Flattened Cardboard &amp; Paper Tubes</b>	<b>Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers</b> empty and replace cap reemplazar la tapa

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**2021 Dues Event**  
**Saturday, April 17**  
**9AM-11AM**  
**5322 W. Bellfort**  
**WCC parking lot**  
More information on page 11



## COVID-19 Vaccines

All adults in Texas are now eligible for the COVID vaccine. See page 15 for where to sign up for your vaccine and tips on how to get an appointment.

## HEAVY TRASH



**April 2021**  
Thursday, April 8  
**JUNK WASTE**

**May 2021**  
Thursday, May 13  
**TREE WASTE ONLY**

## RECYCLING

**April 2021**  
Thursday, April 8  
Thursday, April 22

**May 2021**  
Thursday, May 6  
Thursday, May 20

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035  
Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager  
*NOTARY SERVICES are NOT available at this time.*

**\*\*\*The office is CLOSED to the public. NO visitors.**

## CONTACT US

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**Visit our website at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com)**  
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## SECURITY

**Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666**  
*Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch*  
Emergency.....911  
Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131  
Southwest HPD Station .....832-394-0400

## CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum.....832-393-3016  
District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin.....832-393-3004  
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333  
Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107  
Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955  
**Houston Help & Information.....311**  
*For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes  
sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash  
violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services*

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222  
Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111  
Street light repairs.....713-207-2222  
*Make sure to give pole number*

## 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

# 2021 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact the Westbury Civic Club at 713-723-5437 or  
[westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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*wccpresident@westburycrier.com*  
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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

## Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Westbury has some of the nicest people in the world. I want to personally thank all the people who dropped by to bring their Westbury Civic Club and Constable Patrol payments during the March drive-thru dues event. It was great to see you! I also want to thank the many residents who have already paid their dues for 2021. Your financial support helps keep Westbury as one of the safest, greenest, and most desirable neighborhoods in Houston. It says a lot about a community when so many people voluntarily contribute to pay for the amenities we deserve for our neighborhood.

As more and more people get vaccinated, it is our hope that we will be able to host more events and more activities. Our April event will be outdoors. The annual Keep Houston Beautiful workday event will be on Saturday, April 10 (see page 1 & 8). This will be our monthly Working on Westbury day as well. I hope to see you there!

Westbury also has some of the nicest volunteers and board members. Half the fun and satisfaction of volunteering is the feeling of camaraderie and friendship while doing activities together. Yet over the past year, the WCC board members and volunteers persevered alone, online or on the phone, still getting things done and still staying involved. Our board members have certainly gotten used to participating via online meetings; multiple board members were "at" the March WCC board meeting, while they were actually out of town on vacation for Spring Break!

It has been a year since the COVID-19 pandemic began impacting everyday life. On March 10, 2020, Becky Edmondson and I waited for 5 hours to speak at Harris County Commissioners Court on behalf of the Constable Patrol Program, sitting shoulder to shoulder in a packed meeting room.



March 2020 Harris County Commissioner's Court

I will never forget that County Judge Lina Hidalgo discussed the potential dangers of COVID-19 during that meeting, and several days later, the 2020 Houston Rodeo was cancelled after the first cases were discovered in Houston. It seems hard to imagine that the meeting I attended with Becky at Commissioners Court would be the last indoor meeting I would attend for more than 12 months! I use an online calendar, color-coded to distinguish between meetings or health appointments or birthdays/anniversaries, and after that date my calendar shows "cancelled" for meeting after meeting after meeting. It took a while for organizations to figure out how to do online meetings, and now my calendar is packed again. Although online meetings are convenient, I look

forward to having meetings again in person. The WCC board is in discussions about when to resume in-person board meetings. For community advocacy, often the most important part of the meeting is actually the pre-meeting and the post-meeting, which is the time to meet people and find out if there are common interests to work together on.

During those early Stay-At-Home orders, my husband and I were grateful that we lived in a safe, pleasant neighborhood where we could walk outside and that we were so close to the trails and natural expanses of Willow Waterhole. Those daily walks worked off a lot of stress and worry and my doctor says I am in better shape than I was a year ago. During those walks, my husband and I have tried to be more observant and enjoy finding and identifying birds and other wildlife during our excursions. I also began learning the piano as an adult, about 50 years after taking piano lessons way back in the 4th grade!

My husband and I are now both fully vaccinated and are looking forward to visiting distant relatives we have not seen in more than a year. We were on waiting lists for a long time and I found it helpful to join a "vaccine hunter" group on Facebook with tips to find an appointment. Since it can still be hard to obtain a vaccination appointment, we have provided information and tips to help you obtain a vaccination on page 15. I hope by the time that this newsletter is delivered that vaccinations will be more readily available and easier to obtain. All adults are now eligible for the vaccine in Texas.

-Cindy Chapman

### WCC Board Notes - March 2021

- ➔ Speaker—Alyce Coffey, COH Solid Waste Dept, expressed the need for residents to recycle correctly. For more information, see page 1.
- ➔ Speaker—Barbara Hite, COH District K Rep, gave updates on upcoming District K events and on possible new city ordinance that CM Martha Castex-Tatum is working on to regulate donation boxes.
- ➔ Yard of the month judging will be delayed until May due to the freeze damage.
- ➔ The board discussed when to meet in person again. No decision was made. Will discuss again at the April meeting.
- ➔ The WCC board went into closed session to discuss legal issues. No action was taken.
- ➔ The next WCC board meeting is Wednesday, April 21, at 7pm. The meetings are held via Zoom and live-streamed on Westbury Houston Facebook page.
- ➔ The following positions are vacant and open to eligible Westbury residents—Volunteer Coordinator, Westbury 1 & Westbury 4 Section Director, if you are interested, please e-mail [wccpresident@westburycrier.com](mailto:wccpresident@westburycrier.com)



Westbury Civic Club  
Board Meeting  
April 21 @ 7PM

Held via Zoom Streamed LIVE  
on Westbury Houston  
Facebook page



# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd  
713-726-7107

platou@houston.tx.gov



## Library News

### NEW Library Update

The City of Houston has formed a naming committee for the new library that will be located on Belrose. Several Westbury residents are on this committee. We will provide updates in the next Crier.

The Library Action Group should start meeting soon.

Look in future Criers for important library updates.



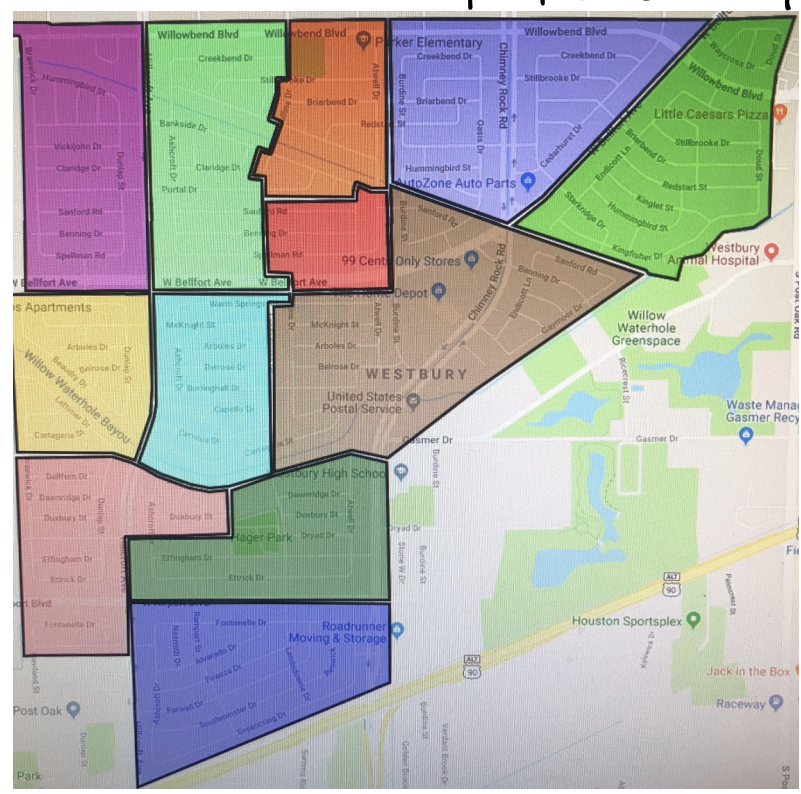
- ➔ **Supervisor: Ilea Balderston**
- ➔ **Assistant: Justin Thomas**
- ➔ **Weekly Classes/Groups CANCELLED**
- ➔ **Playground, Swings & Basketball courts are OPEN!!!**

All activities, groups, and classes are cancelled at the Platou Center.

The playground, tennis and basketball courts are OPEN as of March 29, 2021.

**All City parks and playgrounds are now open.**

## Map of Westbury by Section



Westbury is the 2nd largest neighborhood in the City of Houston with 5,000 homes. One reason Westbury has remained such a viable and desirable neighborhood is because of the very active Westbury Civic Club. The WCC has been advocating and working hard for the neighborhood for over 60 years. We often refer to different sections when talking about current or upcoming city projects, crime, or events. This handy map can also be found on our website, [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com).

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	443 homes
	Parkwest 3	311 homes
	Westbury 1	543 homes
	Westbury 2	530 homes
	Westbury 3	853 homes
	Westbury 4	834 homes
	Westbury 5	501 homes
	Westbury 5	150 homes
	Westbury South	563 homes

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# What's Happening in Westbury

## April 2021 Calendar Events/Meetings

Thurs 8	Junk Waste Heavy Trash Pickup in ALL of Westbury
Sat 10	Keep Westbury Beautiful Day Meet at Westbury Park, 5603 Stillbrooke See page 1 and 8 for more information 9AM-Noon
April	Brays Bayou Association Meeting To Be Determined
Sat 17	I LOVE Westbury 2021 Dues Event 5322 W. Bellfort parking lot See page 11 for more details 9AM—11AM
Sat 17	Audubon Society Bird Survey To Be Determined
Tues 20	Deadline for FEMA Assistance for Winter Freeze See page 9 for more information
Wed 21	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Held via Zoom Live streamed on Facebook, WAIC Houston 9:30AM
Wed 21	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Held via Zoom Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston 7PM
Thurs 22	Earth Day 2021—Restore Our Earth
Sat 24	DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day See page 12 for more information

## All About Trash

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



## Regular Household Trash

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

## Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY week either on Thursday or Saturday or any day the City decides to come by. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



## Recycling in Westbury

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

**April 2021**

**May 2021**

Thursday, April 8

Thursday, May 6

Thursday, April 22

Thursday, May 20

## 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 2021**

**May 2021**

**JUNK WASTE**

**TREE WASTE ONLY**

Thursday, April 8

Thursday, May 13

## Important Trash & Recycling Info

- 🗑️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- ♻️ Recycling is every other Thursday.
- 🗑️ Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- 🗑️ Yard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- 🗑️ 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 with City logo
- 📞 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](http://www.westburycrier.com) or [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more trash & recycling info

## PLANNING CALENDAR

May 9—Mother's Day

May 31—Memorial Day

June 11—Last Day of School, HISD



# Get Involved Today!

## Keep Westbury Beautiful Day

**Saturday, April 10, 9AM-Noon**

Come join us at Westbury Park for our 10th Keep Westbury Beautiful Day. The main focus will be cleaning out the butterfly garden and planting new plants. There will also be a Westbury-wide trash pick-up. The WCC will provide trash bags and grabbers. Masks are required. Bring your filled trash bags back to Westbury Park at Noon for a pizza lunch!



**What:** Keep Westbury Beautiful

**When:** Saturday, April 10, 9AM– Noon

**Where:** Westbury Park, 5603 Stillbrooke, next to Parker Elementary



## WESTBURY ACTION COMMITTEES

### Westbury Flood Action Group

Westbury needs new infrastructure (storm drains) and better flood control along our bayous and ditches. Recent work at the Willow Waterhole basins and weirs helps with some rain events, but Westbury needs real answers to the repetitive flooding. In the 1980s, Westbury had a very active Flood Action Group that was instrumental in getting changes and action. The WCC board reactivated this group at the October WCC board meeting. Parkwest 3 Section Director, Lisa Placke, will head this group along with Jennifer Edmondson, Director of Flood Control/Infrastructure. If you are interested, please email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

### Deed Restriction Revision Action Committee

Westbury's deed restrictions are outdated and need to be revised. If you have already emailed regarding this group, please email us again, we have lost some data with a computer change over. If you are interested in joining, please email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

### Library Action Committee

Westbury is getting a new library. The WCC started a Library Action Committee. This committee will focus on getting up to date information, meeting with the City, and more. This group is currently full. Thank you to all the residents that emailed the WCC office! Look in future Criers for committee announcements.

**JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY!  
GET INVOLVED TODAY!**

## Eyes on Westbury

Do you wish you could see the detention basins and weirs at the Willow Waterhole? Do you want another way to monitor flooding? Let's get cameras! Join this new group to help get "Eyes on Westbury." This group will research camera options, contact HCFCFCD for access questions, fundraise if needed, look into other options with cameras and lights. If you are interested in joining the "Eyes on Westbury" group, please email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

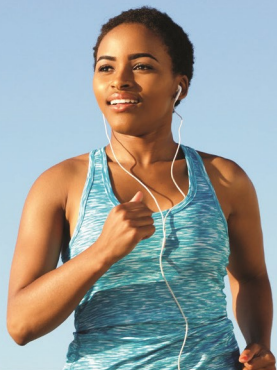


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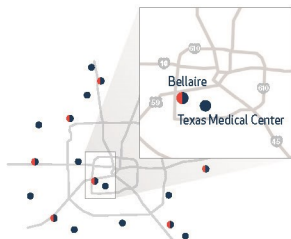
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# Why Support the WCC?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 463 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents.

Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. The past several years contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and Westbury Area Patrol have been down. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. We all want a safe, flood free neighborhood with great schools and nice neighbors!

The total amount for the **2021 Voluntary dues are \$360**. That is less than a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$300 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

## Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas. This allows your payments to be processed immediately. You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office or pay online at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com)

# NEW ONLINE RESIDENT PORTAL COMING SOON

We have heard from our residents that they would like to have better options for communications with and payments to the Westbury Civic Club. We agree! We are excited to announce that the WCC is transitioning to a new property management software which adds some features that you residents have been requesting.

We will have a single portal where homeowners can make online payments, view payment history, view important documents, submit requests, and update contact information. The new system will make it easier for you to contact us, and for us to contact you and to be able to track your requests or concerns. There will be more payment options available, including the ability to set up auto-pay scheduled payments.

The office is currently working on the transfer of data and we should have the new system up and running for you early in 2021, Future Criers will have detailed instructions on how to access and use the new system.

In the meantime for those of you that like to pay your dues early, please continue to use the dues form below or [paypal.com](http://paypal.com). You can still pay your dues through our website, [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com).

### Go to [westburycrier.com](http://westburycrier.com) then to the Dues and Assessments page.

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- ➔ WCC Dues — \$60
- ➔ WCC Constable — \$300
- ➔ WCC Dues + Constable— \$60 + \$300 = \$360
- ➔ Custom Amount—You can enter your own amount

Once you get to the payment page you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card. If you would like to pay a different amount, please use [paypal](http://paypal) directly and send funds to [westburycr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycr@sbcglobal.net).

## Pay your 2021 dues ONLINE at [westburycrier.com](http://westburycrier.com)

Please send this form in with your payment

### 2021 Westbury Civic Club Dues

*DO NOT USE FOR 2020 DUES*

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Westbury Civic Club Dues</b>	<b>\$60</b>	\$
<b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>	<b>\$300</b>	\$
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$360</b>	\$
<b>Additional Contributions:</b>		
<b>Westbury Civic Club</b>		\$
<b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

**Want to send your support in multiple payments?**

You may choose any amount to pay in any increment throughout the year.

Here are a few examples:  
 2 payments of \$180 is \$360/yr  
 3 payments of \$120 is \$360/yr  
 4 payments of \$90 is \$360/yr

**Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club and our important programs. We can't do it without you! To contact the WCC Office, call 713-723-5437 or email [westburycr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycr@sbcglobal.net).**

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## ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. These assessments may be adjusted by the most recently published annual percentage change for US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance to the deed restrictions.

**The 2021 Mandatory Assessments of \$250.90 \*Due Date Extension-4/1/21 due to mailing issues.**

**We apologize for any inconvenience.**

## Keep Westbury Beautiful Day

For the tenth 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".

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 10, 9AM to Noon**  
**Rain or Shine**

**WHO: Everyone is welcome!**

**WHERE: Westbury Park, 5630 Stillbrooke, directly west of Parker Elementary**

All volunteers for our Keep Westbury Beautiful Day event will first register at Westbury Park. Wear shoes appropriate for outdoor work. Bring garden gloves if you have them. Masks are required.

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We hope to see you on April 10.



Butterfly Garden at Westbury Park



**April 10, 2021**  
**Westbury Park**  
**9AM - Noon**

### 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. Get your neighbors together & clean the whole street.

### Yard of Month - Judging Delayed til May

Normally the Yard of the Month program resumes in April each year but due to the extreme freeze we have delayed it until May 2021. The judges felt yards needed an extra month to recover and start blooming.

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## FEMA Deadline for TX Winter Storm April 20, 2021

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has made federal emergency aid available to supplement recovery efforts due to the winter storm which began on February 11, 2021.

The DEADLINE to apply for FEMA assistance is April 20, 2021, for damage done by SNOW / ICE. If you have insurance, you must file a claim first with your insurance company. You will need to provide FEMA with: identification, insurance determination letter, and proof of occupancy or ownership. More detailed information is available at [www.fema.gov/disaster/4586](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4586)

To apply to FEMA: The fastest and easiest way to apply is at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) and then selecting "Apply Online." During the application process, please be sure to select the cause of damage as snow/ice. If you have insurance and are applying for disaster assistance, you must file a claim with your insurance company as soon as possible. By law, FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. If insurance does not cover all your damage, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

### Here is some advice from Lone Star Legal Aid

- Consider filing an application for FEMA assistance even if you don't think you need it at the time. This can help document your damage in case you need FEMA's help later.
- Keep all the papers you get from FEMA.
- Keep receipts that show how you spend the money FEMA gives you.
- When FEMA gives you money, they will tell you how you should use it.
- Only use FEMA money for things FEMA tells you to spend.
- Be sure to claim the full value of your damaged home or property, even if it exceeds FEMA or insurance limits.

### START YOUR RECOVERY PROCESS

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">1</p> <p>Take photos of your damaged home and belongings.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">2</p> <p>Make a list of damaged or lost items.</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">3</p> <p>Save yourself time. If you have insurance, you must file a claim with your insurance company. If you do not have insurance, skip to step 4.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold;">4</p> <p>3 Ways To Apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online <a href="http://DisasterAssistance.gov">DisasterAssistance.gov</a></li> <li>• Through the FEMA app</li> <li>• Call: (800) 621-3362</li> <li>• TTY: (800) 242-7585</li> </ul>



Special Note: FEMA cannot provide assistance for losses that are covered by insurance.

## IRS Extends Tax Deadline for Texas Residents due to Winter Storm

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced that taxpayers in all 254 counties of Texas now have until June 15, 2021, to file various individual and business tax returns and make tax payments. This includes Individuals and households that reside or have a business in any of these counties. This extended IRS deadline is because FEMA declared that the entire state of Texas was a disaster area due to the February winter storms that began on February 11, 2021.

The declaration permits the IRS to postpone certain tax-filing and tax-payment deadlines for taxpayers who reside or have a business in the disaster area. For instance, certain deadlines falling on or after February 11, 2021, and before June 15, 2021, are postponed through June 15, 2021. This includes 2020 business returns, normally due on March 15 and individual and business returns normally due on April 15. It also includes the special March 1 filing and payment deadline for farmers and fishermen who forgo making estimated tax payments.

Taxpayers also have until June 15 to make 2020 IRA contributions.

The June 15, 2021 deadline applies to the first quarter estimated tax payment due on April 15. It also applies to the quarterly payroll and excise tax returns normally due on April 30, 2021. In addition, it applies to tax-exempt organizations, operating on a calendar year basis, that have a 2020 return due on May 17, 2021. In addition, penalties on deposits due on or after February 11, 2021, and before February 26, 2021, will be abated as long as the tax deposits were made by February 26, 2021.

If an affected taxpayer receives a late filing or late payment penalty notice from the IRS that has an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date that falls within the postponement period, the taxpayer should call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate the penalty. For information on services currently available, visit the IRS operations and services page at [IRS.gov/coronavirus](http://IRS.gov/coronavirus).

The IRS automatically identifies taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and applies filing and payment relief. But affected taxpayers who reside or have a business located outside the covered disaster area should call the IRS disaster hotline at 866-562-5227 to request this tax relief.

## IRS Tax Deadline Extended to June 15, 2021, for Texas Residents

## Parking Violation Safe Passable Sidewalk .

When you park your vehicle in your driveway, do you block the sidewalk? Did you know it is a violation of city ordinance to block a public sidewalk? You can be ticketed and have to pay a fine for parking your vehicle if/when it blocks a public sidewalk.

Be a good neighbor and keep the sidewalks open for pedestrians. Avoid having to pay a parking violation ticket.



## Buying or Refinancing a Home in Westbury?

Recently there has been a kerfuffle in the news and social media about administrative fees that the Westbury Civic Club requests when a home is refinanced or purchased. During these events, the title company asks the WCC to provide information about the property being refinanced or purchased. These fees are not hidden; they are described and listed on the website of the Westbury Civic Club in an open and public manner. We believe it is our duty to respond to these requests for information by the title companies. If we did not respond, then our homeowners would face difficulty in obtaining and providing the information requested by the title companies. The WCC fees are similar to (and sometimes lower) than fees charged by other civic organizations in the area. The fees do not apply if a transaction occurs without a request made to us by a title company.

### Here is the information posted on the WCC website:

**Fees:** All properties in Westbury are subject to fees when a property transfers or refinances. These administrative fees cover our expenses of providing any information requested and then changing/updating our records as needed. Types of information requested are any assessments owed or paid, property conditions, current violations and/or general information about the Westbury Civic Club. These requests must be made in writing by either the owner of the property, the owner's agent, buyer, or buyer's agent. All requests will be responded to within 10 business days.

#### Transfer Fee: \$125

A transfer occurs when the property is changing ownership. Payment is usually made at closing and is made with the title company who forwards payment to the Westbury Civic Club.

#### Refinance Fee: \$75

A refinance occurs when the property is not changing hands but the owner is refinancing the loan. Payment is usually made at closing and is made with the title company who forwards payment to the Westbury Civic Club.

#### Resale Certificate: \$100

A resale certificate is not currently required by the Civic Club, but can be requested by the owner, owner's agent, buyer or buyer's agent. Resale certificates include the Deed Restrictions for the section of Westbury that the property lies in, the By-Laws of the WCC, documents proving solvency, the policies of the WCC, and more. The fee must be paid at the time of request. Please complete the Resale Certificate Request Form on the Forms Page and deliver to the WCC office with payment.

#### RUSH Resale Certificate: \$150

A RUSH request is defined as the Certificate being needed within 3 business days of the official request via the Resale Certificate Request Form on the Forms Page.

#### Request for HOA Fees and Account Status

All requests for financial status of a property account must be made in writing. You may email your request to the WCC office at westburyc@sbccglobal.net. We do not accept requests made over the phone.

#### Buyer Information

It is very important that correct and current information for buyers is provided to WCC at the time of transfer so that we may provide the new owners with important correspondence about their new property. When a cash sale is completed, please provide New Owner Contact Information on the Forms Page, for cash sales at the time of transfer.



Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

## Westbury Civic Club Celebrating 65 Years in 2021

Five years ago, the WCC hosted a big celebration to celebrate its 60th Birthday during the September annual meeting. Here we are in 2021 and the Westbury Civic Club will be turning 65 years old!

After a year of not having in-person meetings due to COVID-19, we hope to have a fun event this fall to celebrate this 65th anniversary.

**Did You Know?** The Westbury Civic Club has been printing and distributing a monthly newsletter to the doorstep of each Westbury home since July of 1956. Over the years, the newsletter has grown from 2-page single-color document to a glossy, full-color newsletter of 16-24 pages and even won awards. It's our pleasure and duty to keep Westbury residents informed.



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# I ❤️ Westbury Event

It feels like it has been almost forever since we held a WCC event in person, so it was very gratifying to see the Westbury residents who dropped by for the first WCC "live" event of 2021 – a drive-thru event in the parking lot of the Westbury Civic Club office on March 11.

Residents who paid their dues in full received a fun I LOVE Westbury sticker. About \$6,000 was collected during the 2-hour event. We will hold another drive-thru event on Saturday, April 17, 9AM-11AM.

We thank our AMAZING residents for dropping by with their payments. Thank YOU for your support of the Westbury Civic Club and the Precinct 5 Constable Patrol program! We thank WCC Board members Cindy Chapman, Becky Edmondson, Jennifer Edmondson, and Angela Funari for volunteering at the drive-thru event. And, we especially thank Sgt. Derkowski and Deputy Richardson from the Precinct 5 Constables for participating in the event and answering questions about the patrol program or public safety concerns from Westbury residents.



## I ❤️ Westbury 2021 Dues Event

Sat., April 17, 9AM—11AM

Come by the WCC office parking lot on Saturday, April 17, between 9AM and 11AM, and pay your 2021 Dues and WAP. The WCC relies on the voluntary support of residents like you. The 2021 WCC Dues and WAP are \$360, that is less than a dollar a day! If you pay your dues in full, you will receive a fun Westbury Love sticker. We will have tablets available to help people sign up for our new website and online resident portal.



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**HPD Non-Emergency**  
**713-884-3131**

## New HPD Chief Announced

**Troy Finner** has been promoted to be new Chief of the Houston Police Department (HPD). Chief Finner grew up in Houston and has served 31 years with HPD. City Council approved the appointment on March 24, and the promotion will take effect on Monday, April 5, 2021. Outgoing Chief Art Acevedo is leaving HPD for the Miami Police Department.

Previously, Chief Finner was an Executive Assistant Chief with HPD in charge of field and support operations. This responsibility encompassed 15 Patrol Divisions, Traffic Enforcement, Emergency Communications, Mental Health Division, and the Gang Division. Chief Troy Finner is very familiar with Westbury and southwest Houston since he grew up in southwest Houston and has served at both the Southwest Patrol Division (which serves Westbury) and the neighboring South Gessner Patrol Division during his 31 years at HPD. Chief Finner has been an Executive Assistant Chief at HPD since 2014.

“Executive Assistant Chief Finner is highly regarded in the Houston Police Department and has earned the trust and respect of our diverse community. He possesses a style of leadership best described as quiet with a strong demeanor,” said Mayor Turner. “He has never hesitated to lead from the front during major events, civil unrest, and protests. He embraces the use of technology and data-driven analysis in the reduction of crime.”



*Becky Edmondson and new HPD Chief Troy Finner*

## Security and Crime Updates

### Crime Stats in SW Houston Explained

The March PIP meeting had a presentation on HPD Internal Affairs and the process when complaints are made against officers. Commander Holladay provided an update on crime statistics. Comparing crime in the Southwest division from January through February of 2020 to 2021 most violent crime, i.e., rape, murder and robbery, were down. However, aggravated assaults were up 34%. When averaged together, violent crime was up 11%. Nonviolent crime was down in all categories except Burglary of buildings. This was up 78% and attributed to the number of businesses that were closed during the winter storm which left many without working alarm systems due to the power and internet outages. Burglary of habitations were down as were BMVs (Burglary of Motor Vehicles). Non-violent crime showed an overall decrease of 10%.



### DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

April 24 is “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day”. The DEA provides this opportunity for people to take back their unused prescription drugs. A 2018 study showed that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends and often from the home medicine cabinet. A list of special locations will be available at <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>.

Meanwhile, we are lucky that nearby Walgreens at 5300 N. Braeswood and CVS at 5430 Bissonnet will take back your unused RX drugs anytime.

## Speeding in Westbury

Do we sound like a broken record? No street in Westbury has a speed limit over 35 MPH. The majority of our streets (with the exception of Hillcroft, West Bellfort, Chimney Rock, and West Airport) are all 30 MPH. With so many people still working remotely and going to school remotely, our streets are full of walkers, joggers, and bikers.

On Saturday, March 20, there were TWO major accidents in Westbury. One was on West Bellfort and the other at the Willowbend and Chimney Rock intersection. We have asked, through HPD open records, for information on the accidents at Willowbend and Chimney Rock as these have become regular occurrences. We would like to see if there is a pattern to these violent crashes.

For West Bellfort, we have asked through our City Council office to have a traffic study to see if a light at West Bellfort and Burdine is warranted. Students from Westbury High School have to cross this uncontrolled intersection to get to the bus stop. Burdine will also be the street to access the new District K library on Belrose.

## DO YOU HEAR SIRENS?

Go to <http://cohweb.houstontx.gov/ActiveIncidents/search.aspx> to check current incidents listed by Police and Fire. The listed is updated frequently.

**STAY UPDATED—BE IN THE KNOW**  
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**to stay updated on neighborhood issues.**



# Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

February 25 - March 25, 2021

## Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

### KEY

- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Property Crime
- Burglary
- Assault, Simple or aggravated
- Robbery

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5900	Belrose	Auto Theft	3/14	9PM	Parkwest 3
5700	Burlinghall	Counterfeit, Forgery	3/1	11AM	Westbury 3
11000	Doud	Theft from Motor Vehicle	3/3	11PM	Westbury 1
5800	Dryad	Counterfeit, Forgery	2/27	2PM	Westbury 4
5900	Duxbury	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	3/7	8AM	Westbury 4
11200	Endicott	Auto Theft	3/8	10PM	Westbury 1
5800	Farwell	Theft from Motor Vehicle	3/14	11AM	Westbury South
5900	Fontenelle	Robbery	2/25	9AM	Westbury 4
11300	Hillcroft	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	3/5	8PM	Westbury 5
11500	Hillcroft	Simple Assault	3/22	8PM	Parkwest 3
5100	Kingfisher	Simple Assault	3/6	2AM	Westbury 1
5200	Kingfisher	Auto Theft	3/9	10PM	Westbury 1
10600	Kirkside	Burglary—Breaking & Entering	3/6	2PM	Westbury 5
11500	Landsdowne	Theft from Motor Vehicle	3/3	5PM	Westbury 3
10700	Moonlight	Theft of Motor vehicle parts	3/3	9PM	Westbury 2
10800	Moonlight	Theft from Motor Vehicle	3/3	9PM	Westbury 2
12300	Mullins	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	3/5	9PM	Westbury 4
12300	Nesmith	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	3/11	1AM	Westbury South
5700	Portal	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/27	4AM	Parkwest 2
5500	Redstart	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/26	10AM	Parkwest 1
5400	Spellman	Theft from Motor Vehicle	2/27	12AM	Westbury 3

The crimes listed took place between February 25 and March 25, 2021.

They are in alphabetical order by street.

The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.



### Vacation Watch

Going on a trip? Visiting family? 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> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

**Pct. 5 Constable Dispatch  
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281-463-6666**

### Yard Parking is NOT Allowed in Westbury

It is a violation of city ordinance to park any vehicle on the front or side yard of a residential property in Westbury.

**Sec. 28-303. Parking of vehicles prohibited in certain residential areas.** It shall be an offense for any person to park or to cause, suffer or permit the parking of a vehicle or equipment on any surface that is not an improved surface as defined in this article, within any front or side yard of a single-family residence in a residential area subject to this section.

After hearing numerous complaints about vehicles parked on the grass, in 2009, the City of Houston enacted an ordinance to allow communities to opt-in to an ordinance to regulate the practice of vehicles parked in the front or side yard. City Council noted that parking vehicles on the front or side yard has "a negative effect on the aesthetics of single-family residential areas affected by such practices and the property values of residences in those affected areas". The Westbury Civic Club applied to the program, public notices were made as required, and a hearing was conducted. In November 2009, the Prohibited Yard-Parking ordinance went into effect in all parts of Westbury.

How are violations handled? Report yard-parking violations to the HPD officers at the Southwest HPD Station at 832-394-0400. Photographs of violations are accepted to help document the problem. It is helpful to record the license plate and make/model of the offending vehicle.

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	0	6	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	7	1	3	1
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	1	3	3	0
Robbery	1	1	2	0
Simple Assault	2	6	1	0
Shoplifting	0	0	8	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	0	0	1
Vandalism, Damage	3	9	2	0
Auto Theft	3	5	2	0
Theft from a Building	0	1	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	2	2	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	1
Drugs, Narcotics	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>

## Air Quality Workshop

Are you concerned about the quality of the air we breathe? Girl Scout Maddy Vanlandingham is concerned and for her Girl Scout gold project, she is doing something about it. She planted ten trees at the Willow Waterhole and has been working to get an Air quality monitor set up at the Willow Waterhole. She also hosted a community workshop on March 30.

**Girl Scout Gold Award**

- The highest possible award that a Girl Scout can earn
  - Addresses the root cause of an issue
  - 80 hours minimum
  - Sustainable, measurable impact on a community (usually through education)
- Less than 6% of Girl Scouts receive their Gold Award annually



The workshop was entitled: Air Quality and Environmental Justice in the Energy Capital. A copy of this workshop will be available on the WAIC website, [www.westbury37waic.org](http://www.westbury37waic.org) as well as the Westbury Houston Facebook page.

The Greater Houston area faces unique air quality challenges and environmental justice challenges. Houston is home to over 400 chemical and manufacturing facilities, over 150 concrete batch plants, and more than 140 metal recycling facilities that can expose residents to harmful air pollutants. Moreover, it is estimated that, because of population growth, there will be 61% more vehicles on the road by 2045. The absence of adequate land-use policies contributes to many residents living, working and playing in close proximity to these sources of air pollution. However, the exposure to these hazards is not distributed equally. Houston’s communities of color and working-class

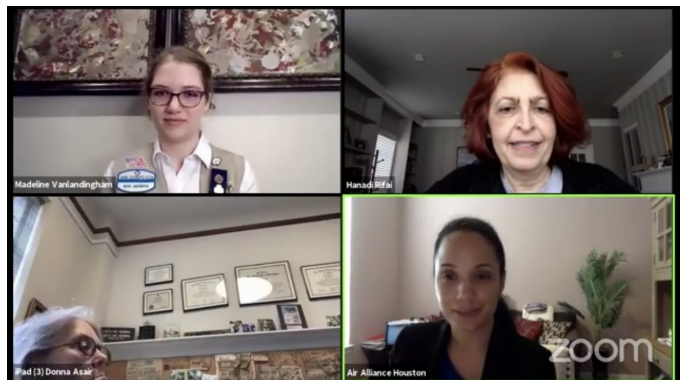
neighborhoods are disproportionately impacted by air pollution and experience vast inequities in health outcomes, including differences in life expectancy of more than 20 years between some communities.

### Speakers—

Bakeyah S. Nelson, PhD, is the Executive Director of Air Alliance Houston - a research-based nonprofit organization working to reduce the public health impacts of air pollution and advance environmental justice in the Houston Region. Dr. Nelson has been working to reduce environmental inequities in Houston communities for 15 years. She was recently honored as the 2020 Texas Energy Summit’s Clean Air Champion of the Year.

Hanadi Rifai, PhD, P.E., is a professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at the University of Houston. She currently serves as the Director of the Environmental Graduate program, and is the Associate Dean for Research and Facilities.

<https://airalliancehouston.org/>



Maddy Vanlandingham, top left, with the speakers on the right side—Top right is Hanadi Rifai and bottom right is Bakeyah Nelsopn.

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## COVID Vaccines – Now Available to ALL Adults

There are three COVID-19 vaccines that have been given emergency approval in the United States. Moderna and Pfizer are both two shot regimes while the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is just one shot.

Effective on March 29, the State of Texas lowered the eligibility age for COVID-19 vaccinations so that ALL adults are now eligible to receive the vaccine. Persons between 16 and 18 are also eligible, but only the Pfizer vaccine can be used for someone who is 16 to 18 years old. Reminder: the federal government is providing all COVID-19 vaccines for FREE, regardless of your immigration or health insurance status.

As of March 14, over half a million people in Harris County have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and another half million are partially vaccinated.

### Tips to Sign-up for Appointments or Waitlists

Finding a vaccine can be a challenge involving signing up for multiple waitlists or searching pharmacy websites for available appointments. Most locations will require an appointment. Providing your cell phone number will help you get text alerts and reminders.

**General searches:** [www.vaccinefinder.org/search](http://www.vaccinefinder.org/search)

**Government or Hospital Waitlists** – You are allowed to sign up for as many waitlists as you want to be on! You do not have to live in that county or be a patient of a hospital system to be on their waiting lists since the vaccines are provided to them from the federal government via the state of Texas. Vaccines are FREE.

- ★ **Harris County Public Health Waitlist** — <https://vacstrac.hctx.net/landing>  
(Tip – do NOT use Internet Explorer or Microsoft Edge)
- ★ **City of Houston Waitlists** — The City has two waitlists, one for Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and the other list for Johnson & Johnson)  
<https://houstonemergency.org/covid-19-vaccines/>  
(Tip – sign up for alerts from Alert Houston to find out when new appointment opportunities are available)
- ★ **Ft. Bend County** — <https://vaccinewaitlist.fortbendcountytexas.gov>
- ★ **Galveston County & UTMB** — <https://www.utmb.edu/covid-19/vaccine>
- ★ **Houston Methodist Hospital system** —  
<https://www.houstonmethodist.org/texas-vaccine-hub/>
- ★ **St. Luke's Hospital System** — <https://www.stlukeshealth.org/covidvaccine>
- ★ **Memorial Hermann Hospital System** —  
<https://secureaccess.memorialhermann.org/authenticated/COVID19Vax/HUB/PreRegistration/>

### Local Pharmacies—

Another good source for vaccines is local pharmacies. The stores do not have waiting lists. You have to find an available appointment and sign up.

- ★ **WalMart** — <https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302> (tip – new appointments openings typically show up about midnight.) Both the Hillcroft and S. Post Oak Walmart locations have had recent openings.
- ★ **CVS** — <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine> (tip – new appointments often show up about 6 am and throughout the day)
- ★ **Walgreens** — <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>
- ★ **H-E-B** — <https://vaccine.heb.com/>
- ★ **Sam's Club** — Membership not required for Covid-19 vaccine. <https://www.samsclub.com/pharmacy/immunizations?imzType=covid>.

## City of Houston FREE Covid-19 Testing Sites

\***Aramco parking lot**—9009 W. Loop South. City of Houston testing site. Must call 832-393-4220 for access code. Drive thru. Nasal self-swab. Open Wed, Fri, and Sat.

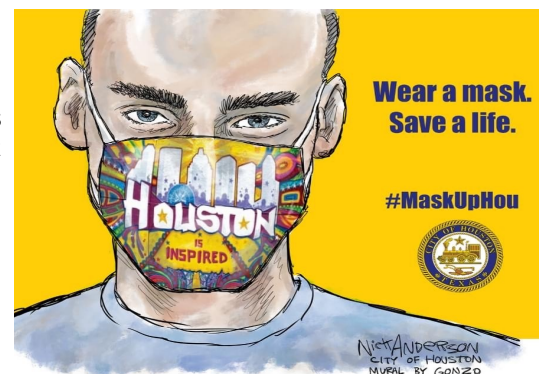
\***Southwest Multi Service Center**  
6400 High Star. City of Houston testing site. Register online at [doineedacovid19test.com](http://doineedacovid19test.com). Drive thru. Nasal self swab. Open Monday - Saturday.

\***Minute Maid Park** - Downtown. City of Houston. Drive thru and walk-up. Mouth self swab. Curative test. Open Monday - Sunday.

## Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19

(data from [publichealthharriscountytexas.gov](http://publichealthharriscountytexas.gov))

	77035	77096	Houston
4/23/20	54	59	2,975
5/21/20	108	85	6,188
6/24/20	334	183	16,253
7/27/20	748	492	45,145
8/26/20	1,102	700	62,097
9/26/20	1,255	817	72,684
10/26/20	1,360	894	82,999
11/23/20	1,504	1,026	93,988
12/20/20	1,779	1,240	110,445
1/26/21	2,238	1,659	150,091
2/23/21	2,613	1,943	170,667
3/29/21	2,752	2,069	182,440





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## Bluebonnets at the Willow Waterhole

There is no need to drive to Brenham to get those special pictures of your family nestled in a field of bluebonnets. There are several nice patches of wildflowers right in our backyard! Head out to the Willow Waterhole and you will find many different patches. Yet another reason to love this great greenspace! All of the photos on this page are from the Willow Waterhole.

Send us your favorite Willow Waterhole Bluebonnet photos and we will do a feature page next month and share on our Facebook page, Westbury Houston.

Parking—At end of Dryad near gazebo or along Gasmer in parking area, or along Ricecrest.



[www.willowwaterhole.org](http://www.willowwaterhole.org)



### New Security Cameras to be Installed

The Willow Waterhole, like all Houston greenspaces, has its share of illegal dumping, vandalism, and illegal use of motorized vehicles.

A major evolutionary step is occurring at the Greenway with the addition of cameras. Bruce Krewinghaus, an area resident and Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) member has donated monies to enable the WWGC to purchase some strategically placed security cameras. These satellite enabled cameras will be high definition color. When the WWGC posted the need for additional community donations to fund satellite service from Comcast and a subscription to software that will allow for real time viewing along with storage to retrieve history, Westbury resident and longtime WWGC volunteer Margaret Greene, stepped up to cover the first year annual cost. Donations and membership fees continue to make the Willow Waterhole better and better.





# City Nature Challenge 2021

*Observe and Record Wild Species from April 30-May 3*

Join The Nature Conservancy in Texas, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Bayou Land Conservancy, Audubon Society, Texas Master Naturalists, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and many others in a fun challenge to observe and record wild species from April 30 – May 3, 2021. It is easy to participate by making observations on your own using the iNaturalist app.

Cities around the world will compete to see which urban area has the most nature and the most engaged residents! Nearly 200 cities around the world will participate, including 14 metro areas in Texas! Be part of a global challenge to see which city can document the most wildlife species. The data generated will help researchers, land managers, and policy makers.

With the iNaturalist app, you just take a picture of a plant or animal, and the community will help identify which species it is. Any observation in the greater metropolitan area of Houston will count during the four-day challenge. You can participate by exploring the life in your backyard (and use the hashtag #backyardchallenge on social media), in a neighborhood park, or any location in the Houston-Galveston area. You can also help with IDs for other people's observations to increase our species count.

For more information: [www.tpwd.texas.gov/naturechallenge](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/naturechallenge)

# Spring is Here!

After all the freeze damage, Westbury yards are beginning to see some life as shrubs and trees begin to leaf out. The roses and azaleas seem to have survived and even thrived after the freeze. The jury is still out on some of the more fragile tropical plants. This is a good time to take stock of your yard to see which plants survived and replace those that died with heartier stock. Native plants will do best.

Joshua's Native Plants, in the Heights, says to do the scratch test. Take a limb that looks dead; scratch it, and if it's nice and green underneath the plant is going to be just fine. Trim away any limbs that don't pass the scratch test. Cut away any mushy parts.

Brent Moon, the horticulture manager at the new Houston Botanic Gardens, says this: "Plants are resilient. Let yours have the time they need to heal and you may be rewarded with even more beautiful plants in your garden down the line." He had these recommendations:

- ➔ Remove mushy foliage as soon as possible.
- ➔ If plants look like they've been killed all the way down, then it is okay to cut them back close to the ground.
- ➔ Time will tell if your palms are dead or just damaged.



*Azaleas are blooming throughout Westbury*

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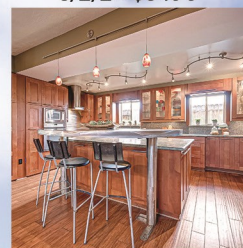
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## Seed Packets Available—Limited Supply

The Westbury Community Garden Spring 2021 Seed Pack is now available for \$10. These are the same Seed Packs prepared for the WCG. They sell their extra Seed Packs as a fundraiser each season.

TO RESERVE & PURCHASE YOUR SPRING SEED PACK:

Send e-mail to [seeds@westburycommunitygarden.org](mailto:seeds@westburycommunitygarden.org).

Cost is \$10 per Seed Pack, extra varieties are \$1/packet (there are 2 packets available of Suyo Long cucumbers with 7 seeds each).

**\*\*There are 21 Spring Seed Packs available, so get your reservation in now!\***

In your e-mail reservation, please include:

Name: First and Last Name

Pickup Location: By arrangement from the home of the Johnsons in Westbury 1 during the week (address provided upon coordination of pick-up time/day)

Paid via: (1) Exact cash (2) check payable to Westbury Community Garden (3) PayPal from Checking Account to friend "[seeds@westburycommunitygarden.org](mailto:seeds@westburycommunitygarden.org)" (you'll have to forward your receipt before pick-up)

## New Farm Stand at Westbury Community Garden

Plant it Forward Farms will be operating a new weekly Farm Stand in Westbury! Take the opportunity to purchase fresh produce from your local neighborhood farmer, Farmer Sarment.



Sundays 11:00am-3:00pm

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<https://plantitforward.farm/purchaseourproduce/#farmstand>



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## 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.



## Like "Westbury Community Garden Houston" on Facebook

Visitors are welcome to drop by the Westbury Community Garde, BUT please remember to only LOOK. Do not pick fruits, vegetables, herbs or flowers that are being grown at the garden.



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# Keep Westbury Beautiful Event

Sat., April 10, 9AM-Noon  
Westbury Park Butterfly Garden

Volunteer beautification event,  
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