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2022 Spring White Elephant Sale

COME SHOP OVER 50 GARAGE SALES IN ONE LOCATION!

Saturday, April 23, 8AM to Noon
Westbury United Methodist Parking Lot
5200 Willowbend

*Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian or in the surrounding neighborhood.
Rain date is April 30.*



LIMITED BOOTHS ARE STILL AVAILABLE at the WCC OFFICE.
See page 9 for more information.

MusicFest 2022 Saturday, April 9 11AM-8PM

Willow Waterhole, Westbury Lake
Parking at Westbury High School
Bring the whole family out to the 9th MusicFest!. This is a great, FREE, one-day music festival featuring live music, spring-themed activities, and great food at the Willow Waterhole. There is a great lineup of 8 diverse professional bands and 8 student-school groups.

For more info., see page 19.



Gasmer Re-Development Informational Meeting
April 30, 10AM-Noon
Westbury HS Auditorium
For more information, see page 11.

NEW Proposed HISD Strategic Plan

The new superintendent for HISD is proposing a new centralized/FTE funding model for this upcoming school year. This will drastically change how funds will be allocated to schools. It is important for every resident in Houston, whether you have school-aged children or not, to pay attention and voice their opinions on this matter. HISD is moving quickly on these decisions and it is imperative to get your voice heard ASAP.

To learn more about the new HISD strategic plan, centralized/FTE vs de-centralized, proposed changes to Westbury schools, and more see page 10.

HISD Trustees Hosting Community Town Hall Meetings on Budget

HISD trustees are hosting community town halls to discuss the 2022-2023 budgets and the effect on schools.

District 5 - Sue Diregaard
Wed., April 6, 6:30pm
Meyerland Middle School

District 9 - Myrna Guidry
Sat., April 23, TBD (Check the Westbury Houston Facebook page)

District 9 Trustee Myrna Guidry will be Guest Speaker at the April WCC Board Meeting
Wed, April 20, 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church
More information on page 10.



NEXT Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church,
10425 Hillcroft, Rm C109

The board meeting will be live streamed on the Westbury Houston Facebook page.

SUPPORT THE WCC TODAY!

Pay your 2022 Dues by using this handy QR code. The 2022 Dues form is on page 6.



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HEAVY TRASH RECYCLING

April 2022

Thurs., April 14

JUNK WASTE

May 2022

Thursday, May 12

TREE WASTE ONLY

April 2022

Thursday, April 7

Thursday, April 21

May 2022

Thursday, May 5

Thursday, May 19

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Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000
Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

After holding our Westbury Civic Club board meetings online via Zoom for two years, it was a delight to hold our March meeting in person again! Thank you to Westbury Baptist Church for graciously providing the meeting space and for working with us so patiently while we were trying to figure out when to start meeting in person again. A big thanks to our March meeting sponsors: Susan Brock for providing delicious Girl Scout cookies and Weichert Realtors for providing bottled water. And, of course, our WCC board members deserve much credit for their volunteer efforts to make our Westbury neighborhood the safest, greenest, best neighborhood in Houston. I look forward to our next meeting on April 20! I hope to see many of you there as community engagement and involvement in so very important.

We appreciate the effort of our many guest speakers and delegates from various organizations who traveled to Westbury to attend our board meeting and to answer a wide range of questions. It was a very informative meeting. We also appreciate all the Westbury residents that came to the meeting and provided thoughtful comments and questions.

District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum answered many questions from the audience about District K and introduced two representatives from Public Works, whom she had invited to talk about a traffic-slowing plan for part of W. Bellfort. The eastbound side of W. Bellfort from Hillcroft to Atwell has many traffic accidents, including several fatalities.

The speeding and condition of the roadway are big concerns for the community. I want to personally thank the residents of the 5500 to 5800 blocks of W. Bellfort who came to meeting armed with questions, data, and photos. They have persevered to document the dangerous consequences from excessive speeding in that area and became steadfast advocates for safety improvements. A picture can be worth a thousand words. More about the proposed temporary traffic plan is on pg. 7.

HISD Trustee Myrna Guidry spoke about the new HISD Strategic Plan and budget. She will be hosting a community meeting on April 23. Whether you have children that attend an HISD school or not, you should care what HISD is doing. Our schools matter! More about HISD on page 10.

Skip Reeder, with Houston One Voice, spoke about a possible stormwater detention site at Ruffino Hills. The WCC board along with the WAIC board, voted to send letters of support of the possible detention site. It is important to support our surrounding neighborhoods as it also affects us. More on the Ruffino Hills detention project on page 8.

Springtime is full of events and I encourage you to get outside and enjoy the weather. On Saturday, April 9, MusicFEST, a full day of live, FREE music, will be at the Willow Waterhole. More details are on page 19. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing FREE event close and convenient to us. The musicians are curated to provide a diverse range of music styles and types, and what can be better than listening to

great music and noshing on delicious food truck delectables outside! Plus it is bluebonnet season so it is a perfect time to get that iconic Texas photo!

The WCC is hosting the Spring White Elephant Sale on Saturday, April 23, from 8AM to Noon, in the parking lot of Westbury United Methodist Church. Come shop over 50 garage sales in a one, convenient location. We still have some booths remaining as of press time. We hope to make the sale more accessible to everyone by lowering the price to \$10 per booth with customizable sizes. More info on page 9. PUCS Food Truck will be selling food and drinks during our event. Come join us!

You should have received a post card in March to remind you to pay your dues. Perhaps you have already sent in your payment for 2021, but the post cards went to ALL Westbury homeowners in case you want to send an additional contribution. Most homes in Westbury have voluntary dues, and we appreciate your swift payments to ensure continuity of our popular and vital Constable Patrol and to sustain operations of the Westbury Civic Club office. Your prompt payment is appreciated. This newsletter has a handy QR code to our payment page online. More information on paying your dues is on page 6.

Spring began on March 20. Houston's weather is its best. Be sure to take a moment to look at the beautiful flowering plants, shrubs and trees on display all around Westbury. Happy Spring!

-Cindy Chapman

WCC Board Notes - March 2022

- ➔ City of Houston Public Works discussed several temporary traffic calming measures that the City would undertake on the eastbound side of W. Bellfort between Hillcroft and Atwell due to the very high number accidents, including several fatalities. They answered many questions and listened to the concerns from the community members in attendance. More on page 7.
- ➔ District K City Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum spoke regarding her concerns about speeding in Westbury. She also conducted a very informative Q&A session with all those in attendance.
- ➔ HISD Trustee, District 9, Myrna Guidry spoke about the new proposed strategic plan. She is hosting a community meeting on April 23 and will attend the April 20 WCC Meeting. More on page 10.
- ➔ Sgt. Derkowski addressed the speeding on W. Bellfort and Willowbend. Precinct 5 has additional patrols working in Westbury to help with speeding.
- ➔ Board voted to support the Ruffino Hills proposal, see page 8 for more information on this project.
- ➔ Thank you Susan Brock for providing cookies and Weichert Realtors for providing water during our March board meeting.

NEXT

**WCC Board
Meeting**

**Wednesday
April 20, 7PM**

IN PERSON MEETING

Westbury Baptist Church
10425 Hillcroft, Rm. C109

**Meeting will be
livestreamed on the
Westbury Houston
Facebook page.**

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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

New Supervisor— Dajai Tennard

Email—Dajai.Tennard@houstontx.gov

Platou Center is open from 9:30AM—6PM, Monday—Friday

Adult Classes @ The Platou Center

Exercise—M/W/F, 9:30-10:30AM

Quilting— Tuesday, 9:30AM –2PM

Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM

New Members are Needed—Other Times can be added if interested.

Ping Pong—Thursday, 9:30-10:30AM

There is currently plenty of Room on the Platou Center Calendar. If you are interested in something particular, like games, exercise, line dancing, ping pong, genealogy, crafts and other great get together ideas, call Dajai Tennard at | 713-726-7107. There are no bad ideas.

Playground, basketball, and tennis courts are OPEN.



Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 23, 10AM–2PM

The Platou Center will host an Open House with Earth Day activities on Saturday, April 23, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Meet the new Supervisor, Dejai Tennard and tour the Community Center.



Summer Program

There will be a summer program offered this summer for children at the Platou Center. For more information, contact Dejai Tennard by phone or email to Dejai.Tennard@houstontx.gov

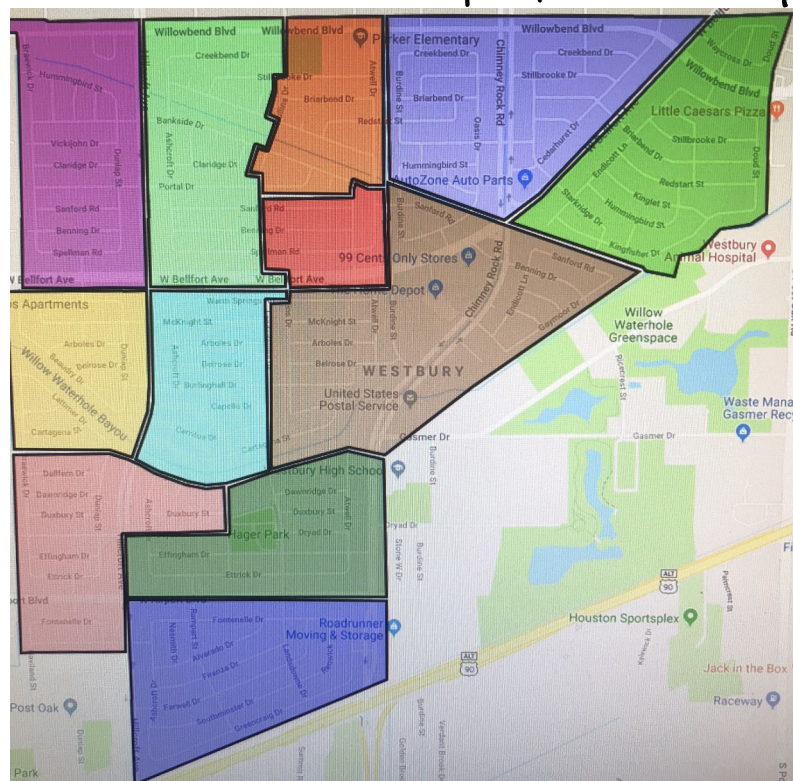


Westbury Pool

The City of Houston has not announced the 2022 Pool Schedule. Look in the *May Crier* for an update. The pool typically opens fulltime in June after HISD gets out of school.



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.

	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

April 2022 Calendar Events/Meetings

Tues 5	Booths on Sale for White Elephant Sale for non-residents See page 9 for more information
Wed 6	HISD Community Meeting Town Hall 6:30PM Meyerland Middle School See page 10 for more information
Sat 9	9th Annual MusicFest Willow Waterhole, Parking at Westbury HS 11AM-8PM See page 18-19 for more information
Thurs 14	HEAVY TRASH PICK UP—TREE WASTE ONLY
Sat 16	Audubon Society Bird Survey 8-10AM 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey
Wed 20	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 9:30AM Zoom Meeting
Wed 20	Westbury Civic Club Meeting 7PM Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft— IN PERSON MEETING! Live streamed on Westbury Houston Facebook page
Sat 23	Spring 2022 White Elephant Sale 8am– Noon Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend See page 9 for more information
Sat 23	Earth Day at Platou Center Platou Center, Chimney Rock See page 4 for more information
Sat 23	HISD Community Meeting Town Hall 1PM Location to be determined See page 10 for more information
Sat 30	Rain Date for White Elephant Sale Only if needed
Sat 30	Gasmer Re-Development Plan Community Meeting 10AM Westbury High School Auditorium, 11911 Chimney Rock See page 11 for more information.

PLAN AHEAD

May 18—WCC Board Meeting
May 30—Memorial Day



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 2022

May 2022

Thursday, April 7
Thursday, April 21

Thursday, May 5
Thursday, May 19

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 2022

May 2022

JUNK WASTE

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, April 14

Thursday, May 12

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.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

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 to the 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 **2022 Voluntary Dues is \$365**. That is well worth a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$305 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month at 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft
→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

Next WCC Board Meeting

WCC Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 7PM

IN PERSON MEETING

Topics - Committee updates, HISD plan, traffic, crime and more.

Read the Westbury Crier *ONLINE!*

Did you know that you can read the *Westbury Crier* online? Our website, www.westburycrier.com has an archive of past Criers starting with March 2011 all the way to the current issue. We are working on getting all the past issues scanned and online. There is great Westbury history in the old Criers. If you sign up for announcements on the website, you will get an email every month with a link to the Crier.

The WCC tries to get the Crier to residents as close to the 1st of the month as possible. Sometimes this is hard to accomplish as there are printer issues, weather delays, and schedule problems with our delivery team. We apologize for any inconvenience. Subscribe to WCC announcements on our website, and you will receive an email with a link to the online Crier each month.

Pay Your Dues Online

www.westburycrier.com

Go to westburycrier.com then to the **Dues and Assessments page**.

The available payment options one the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$60
- WCC Constables — \$305
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$365
- 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.

Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing you 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

Please send this form in with your payment

2022 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$60	\$	
Westbury Area Patrol	\$305	\$	
Subtotal	\$365	\$	
Additional Contributions:			
Westbury Civic Club		\$	
Westbury Area Patrol		\$	
Total		\$	

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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 annually by the most recently published annual percentage chage for the US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance with the deed restrictions.

The 2022 Mandatory Assessments of \$253.90. Due Date is February 1, 2022.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN INVOICE, PLEASE EMAIL THE WCC OFFICE AT WEST-BURYCC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Westbury Civic Club Meetings are Back

WCC board meets in-person for first time in 2 years.

After meeting online via Zoom for the past two years, the Westbury Civic Club finally held an in-person board meeting in March 2022. It was wonderful to see residents, board members, and local representatives again. The March WCC Meeting was very informative. We had several guest speakers that spoke and answered audience questions about important topics such as speeding on W. Bellfort, new HISD funding, crime, and local City issues.

Our District K City Councilmember, Martha Castex-Tatum introduced two representatives from Public Works, whom she had invited to talk about a traffic-slowing plan for part of W. Bellfort. The eastbound side of W. Bellfort from Hillcroft to Atwell has had many traffic accidents, including several fatalities. The speeding and condition of the roadway are big concerns for the community. More about Public Works traffic plan below and how you can help. CM Martha Castex-Tatum also held a very informative Q & A session with the audience and board.

HISD Trustee Myrna Guidry spoke briefly about the new HISD strategic plan. Guidry will be holding a Community town hall meeting on April 23. She will also attend the next WCC board meeting on April 20 to discuss the new plan and 2022-23 HISD budget. More information on page 10.

Sergeant Derkowski of the Westbury Area Patrol spoke about speeding concerns on W. Bellfort and Willowbend (especially at Chimney Rock). He cautioned that extra motorcycle patrol units would be out in Westbury ticketing speeders.

The WCC board meets again on April 20 at Westbury Baptist Church. The meeting will be live streamed on our Facebook page, Westbury Houston.

NEXT WCC Board Meeting - April 20, 7PM



Proposed Traffic Plan—W. Bellfort

Residents in the 5500 to 5800 blocks of West Bellfort have experienced a high number of severe or deadly accidents from excessive speeding. After years of advocating for relief, Westbury resident Dr. McSwain and several of his neighbors reached out to the District K office and Vice-Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum for assistance. She was able to get Public Works to look at the problems in that section of West Bellfort and then to propose interim solutions.

Public Works used traffic data to find out how fast vehicles are going. The speed limit is 35 mph, but the average (mean) speed was 41 mph. On the day of the traffic study: 14 cars were driving faster than 75 mph, 33 cars were driving faster than 65 mph, 390 cars were driving faster than 55 mph, and 23% of all cars were driving at least 45 mph (10 miles faster than the speed limit).

As a result of their study, Public Works came to the meeting to introduce a plan to slow traffic down. The rationale is that slower traffic speeds would reduce the frequency and the severity of auto accidents in that location that has a big bump in the road. The eastbound lane in the 5500-5800 blocks of West Bellfort will receive reflective paving markings to create narrower street lanes (from 12 feet to 10 feet), a "Bump Ahead" custom sign painted on the street, chevrons with raised pavement markings in the street, and more.

There was robust input and questioning from residents attending the meeting. It was a poignant reminder that speeding does kill, as residents talked about holding the hand of a dying teenager or holding a stranger as they took their last breath in their front yards.

As Martha Castex-Tatum said, "Let's all make a commitment to leave a little earlier and slow down on our streets." We thank CM Martha Castex-Tatum for paying attention to constituent concerns about this problem location and using her district funds to help implement interim solutions.

What Can You Do? Slow Down! We should all take a minute and just slow down when we are driving down Westbury streets. If you live on W. Bellfort, please keep a log of all accidents and take as many photos as you can. We understand the sensitive nature of these accidents so only photograph if you are comfortable doing so. The more documentation and proof we can provide to the City, the better.

W. Bellfort, along with Hillcroft, Chimney Rock and Willowbend are RESIDENTIAL streets. Westbury needs to reclaim these streets and make them safe again. The City might have made them major thoroughfares, but they are still streets with residential homes facing them. It is not commercial properties or the sides of homes, these accidents happen right in people's front yards, in their homes, in their driveways. It is unacceptable and must be stopped. Do your part and slow down!

Ruffino Hills – Possible Storm Water Detention and Economic Development

“Ruffino Hills” is located to the west of Westbury, on W. Bellfort near Beltway 8 and adjacent to Keegan’s Bayou that feeds into Brays Bayou. The 143-acre site is a former landfill for the cities of West University and Bellaire and was a former golf course.



Most of the land is currently undeveloped. The site is large enough and in a good location for future stormwater detention, but a challenge is the added high costs to remove the household waste that is stored underground in the retired landfill. One proposal is to seek federal funding for a project that could combine a stormwater detention project with an economic development project for a mixed-use, walkable site near the West Bellfort METRO Park and Ride.

Sylvester “Skip” Reeder, of Houston One Voice, made presentations to both the WAIC and the WCC at our March meetings about its plan to redevelop the Ruffino Hills landfill site that could be eligible for federal funding. Both entities passed a motion, which then made it a SuperNeighborhood motion, “to support the collaborative effort to create added detention, recreation, and economic activity for Keegans Bayou and the adjacent communities by redeveloping the Ruffino Hills landfill site.” Letters of support were sent by both organizations.

Here in Westbury, we recognize the opportunity to redevelop the Ruffino Landfill site as a principal stormwater facility and catalyst for reinvestment in southwest Houston communities impacted by flooding in the Brays and Keegans Bayou watersheds. As the Westbury area has been negatively impacted by multiple flooding events in the last decade, we support this effort to detain water before it reaches us. Beyond that need for detention, our very diverse area needs economic redevelopment.

To learn more about the plan, visit their website at www.houstononevoice.org

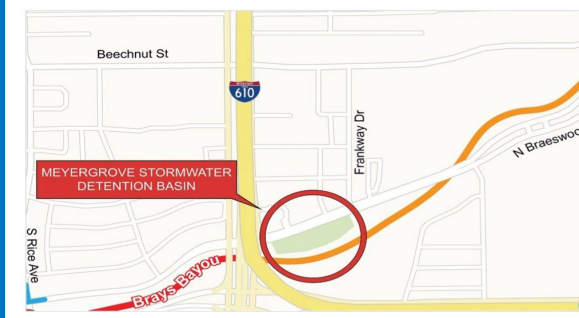
Meyergrove Detention Basin

Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher announced on March 23 that Congress has authorized, and President Biden has signed into law, a grant for the Meyergrove Detention Basin as part of the Funding for the People Act.

The bipartisan funding bill includes \$9,950,000 for the Meyergrove Detention Basin, which will be used to design and construct a 7.5-acre stormwater detention basin. She said, “I am glad to bring these dollars back to Houston for this important work and to partner with our community in this effort.”

Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) Executive Director Tina Peterson said that the basin will hold more than 21 million gallons of water when completed. Construction is expected to begin this autumn and will finish in mid-2023. Some of the funding will be provided from the HCFCD bond program approved by voters in 2018.

This site is the former Meyergrove Apartment Complex located on the north side of Brays Bayou. It had flooded multiple times before the land was purchased by the Harris County Flood Control District in 2019. It is near the Enterprise car rental place located at the intersection of North Braeswood and the 610 frontage road. See map below.



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2022 Westbury Spring White Elephant Sale Saturday, April 23, 8AM –Noon

Come shop over 50 garage sales in one convenient location! You never know what treasures you will find at the Westbury White Elephant Sale. The Westbury Civic Club has been hosting the White Elephant Sale for over 50 years. It is a fun tradition in our neighborhood.

The Spring White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, April 23, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend. The rain date is April 30. Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian or in the surrounding neighborhood.

Limited booths are still available for purchase in the WCC office. Booths are \$10 and consist of 2 parking spaces, one for selling and one for parking your vehicle. You can purchase up to 4 booths. In order to make the White Elephant Sale more accessible, you no

longer have to be a paid member of the Westbury Civic Club to participate. Westbury residents had first priority to purchase booth.

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. The WCC hosts two White Elephant Sales each year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

We hope to see you at the Spring White Elephant Sale on Saturday, April 23!



IMPORTANT DATES
April 5 → Booths on sale to non-residents, groups and non-profits.
April 23 → Spring 2022 White Elephant Sale
April 30 → Rain Date

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NEW HISD Strategic Plan for 2022-23

The new superintendent for HISD is proposing a new centralized/FTE funding model for this upcoming school year. See the box to the right for a better description of what that means as this would drastically change how funds will be allocated to schools. This will impact ALL schools in HISD. It is important that you are aware and actively weighing in on this matter.

The majority of your property taxes go to HISD, so whether or not you have children in an HISD school, what happens in HISD matters. The status of our local schools and HISD affects your property values; good schools keep property values up. We all are affected by the quality of the education of students who attend HISD public schools.

Many children recently applied to schools where, should this funding model shift take place, there may be significant changes that may negatively impact magnet and other school programs. While there may be good things about the funding proposal (e.g. some schools may gain a librarian or nurse), there are other schools (fine arts, STEM, and secondary schools in particular) facing huge teacher/staff cuts (10%-20% teacher cuts at certain schools), but no change in total students.

As a starting point in understanding what is being proposed, individual school staffing models have now been shared showing the net loss or gain of staffing/teachers per school. Go to www.houstonisd.org/Page/193161, and scroll to the bottom, you can search for your school in HISD to see how it stands to be funded by the new proposed model. We encourage you to not just look at your current school, but also your zoned schools or any future schools you think your children may attend.

How are Westbury School effected by the proposed staffing changes?

Meyerland MS would lose 12.13 teachers and 7 staff, total net **loss of 18.13**
Anderson Elementary would lose 3 teachers and gain 1 staff, total net **loss of 2**
Parker Elementary would lose 2.21 teachers and gain 4 staff, total net **gain 1.79**
Westbury HS would gain 6 teachers and lose 5 staff, total net **gain of 1**

It is important to note that these staffing changes above are baseline requirements and offer no flexibility. So while it appears WHS is gaining 6 teachers, they are losing the ability to have Teacher Specialists in that category which could negatively impact the school and their ability to retain good teachers. It is important to look at these documents yourself and ask your Trustee questions and voice your opinions and concerns.

District 9 Trustee Myrna Guidry - Guest Speaker at the April WCC Board Meeting

Wed, April 20, 7PM, Westbury Baptist Church

Guidry will discuss the new strategic plan and 2022-23 budget. After Guidry speaks there will be a short Q&A session. More in depth with Guidry can be done one on one or at her meeting on April 23. The WCC meeting will be live streamed on the Westbury Houston Facebook page

HISD Community Town Hall Meetings

HISD trustees are hosting community town halls to discuss the 2022-2023 budgets and the effect on schools.

District 9 - Myrna Guidry— Sat., April 23 (Location and Time TBD)

Check the Westbury Houston Facebook page for updates.

Centralized/FTE model OR De-Centralized/Weighted model?

HISD currently has a de-centralized/weighted model that allows principals to oversee their school's budget, giving them flexibility to meet the needs they see within their own school community, and uses weighted funding to allocate how much money a school receives.

The new plan calls for a centralized/FTE model, meaning all the money goes to the district and they will distribute it to schools in a set manner and when appropriate requests are made. It would remove the bulk of oversight from campuses and move it back to the district. This model uses FTE which outlines base staffing requirements for all school equally.

It is important to note that the total budget dollars in HISD as a whole is not changing, the change is in the oversight of school budgets and how that money is utilized at each school.

HISD would be the first and largest district to move back to a centralized funding model.

Which is better? There are pros and cons on both sides but more information is needed especially in regards to magnet funding. This proposed change may be warranted, but why is this change being implanted so quickly?

Who is my HISD Trustee? Who Should I Contact?

You vote for the HISD Trustee in the District that your property is located in. Maps are available on the HISD website. Westbury homes are located in either District 5 or District 9.

This is not always the same districts as our zoned schools. For example, Meyerland Middle School is located in District 5 and the majority of Westbury is zoned there, yet much of Westbury votes for District 9. The schools located in Westbury are in District 9 - Parker ES, Anderson ES, and Westbury HS. If your child attends a school outside our neighborhood, it is likely located in another HISD district.

The WCC encourages you to contact the HISD Trustee that you vote for, but also the one who represents the school your child attends.

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WHS Jazz Band Plays At City Hall

The Westbury High School Jazz Band was honored to provide live music at Houston City Hall during an event to honor veterans of the Vietnam War on March 29. The WHS Jazz Band is directed by Al Campbell.



Levitt Pavilion Update

The Levitt Pavilion will be located on the Gasmer Site next to the Willow Waterhole. Concurrent with master planning (read the article to the right), the Levitt Pavilion Houston Board continues to develop the Pavilion’s design with Studio Red Architects. “We plan to open in 2024 on two to three acres and share parking, restrooms, and other amenities with the redeveloped Gasmer site,” said Howard Sacks, Levitt Pavilion Houston Board Chair.

For more information: www.levitthouston.org



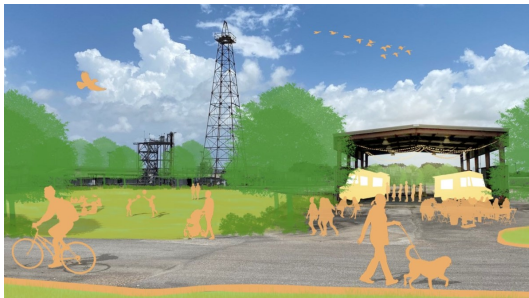
Gasmer Site Re-Development Informational Public Meeting

Saturday, April 30, 10AM—Noon
Westbury High School Auditorium, 11911 Chimney Rock

The Gasmer Redevelopment Plan is ready for the public to view. The Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) is hosting an information meeting for the community to learn more about the exciting ideas being proposed for this site.

In the fall of 2021, the City of Houston requested that the BOMD commission a Redevelopment Master Plan for the 29 acres at the former Shell Research Facility located at 5521 Gasmer Dr. next to the Willow Waterhole. To accomplish this, BOMD retained the architectural design services of Lionheart and Natalye Appel + Associates. The design team, along with community stakeholders, have been meeting the last few months, working faithfully on the design. The Master Plan is now ready to be presented to the community during an information meeting open to the public.

According to Ben Brewer, of the Brays Oaks District, “The four key components of this plan will be to honor the past history of the site; to serve as a detention area for flood waters; to place the Levitt Pavilion Houston, an outdoor music pavilion, in this location; and to reuse and re-purpose the rest of the area.” Eventually, the fences separating Willow Waterhole Greenway and the Gasmer Redevelopment Project will be removed, resulting in one contiguous green space.



The Gasmer Site Re-Development information meeting will be Saturday, April 30, 10AM-Noon in the Westbury High School auditorium.



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Nuisance Dogs

What should I do about a dog that has attacked a person? Call 911 for emergency response. Contact city Animal Control (BARC) for a high priority investigation.

What should I do about a dog that has attacked other animals? The City has a process and procedures to complain to Animal Control (BARC) about "Dangerous Dogs", "Aggressive Dogs", and "Public Nuisance Dogs". "Dangerous Dogs" are a danger to people and those situations get higher priority by the city Animal Control Department (BARC). As animal lovers, it can be distressing that injury or death to another animal does not get that same priority by Animal Control. There can be valid fears that a dog, which has injured another animal, may eventually hurt a person. Here is a link to the documentation needed and processes required for the different types of dog problems to be handled by the city Animal Control Department (BARC). https://www.houstontx.gov/barc/enforcement_info.html

What should I expect if I call the Precinct 5 Constables about a neighbor's dog that has attacked other animals or a person? Typically, the Constables do not have the tools or the training to handle a dog that is acting in a way that is dangerous, aggressive, or a public nuisance. The tool available to a Constable is a gun, and since dogs are private property, a Constable would not typically use a gun on a dog unless there was an imminent threat to life or injury to a person. Since dogs are private property, there is a documentation process and a procedure by city Animal Control (BARC) to make sure that complaints are valid, can be proven with documentation, and that the correct dogs have been identified. The Constables can create a report, contact Animal Control, and can submit their report to city Animal Control (BARC) to help provide documentation that a dog has injured or killed an animal, but BARC does the investigation and the follow-up. Please go to the BARC website to learn about the process and procedures to more effectively complain and get better results about dog problems.

What can I do to help get more resources and funding for dog issues?

- ➔ Contact District K and the 5 At-Large city council members, and the Mayor to request more funding for BARC in the City budget
- ➔ Consider donating to or volunteering for organizations which assist BARC or organizations which assist with animal issues (spay/neutering pets, finding fosters or permanent homes for animals, etc.)

Message from Westbury Sergeant Derkowski

Sgt. Nick Derkowski from our Precinct 5 Constable Patrol spoke at the March WCC meeting. The extra overtime used by Pct. 5 has brought about a reduction in property crimes. There have been very few break-ins of vehicles or buildings. The bad news was that domestic calls and assault calls were up. The night shift has been making a lot of DUI (driving under the influence) arrests on our streets.

Sgt. Derkowski reminded everyone to watch out for their neighbors and to call if you see anything suspicious. The Constables work 24/7, so don't delay in calling the constables about suspicious activity or if a non-emergency crime has been committed.

He noted that some violent crimes have been committed from firearms that have been stolen from cars or houses; he advised to consider gun locks and to not leave firearms in vehicles. Homes being remodeled and vacant homes are often targets of break-ins. Also, remind workers to keep their tools locked up.

And remember to slow down....

Request a Vacation Watch

Going on a vacation? 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 is going on.



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




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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

February 25, 2022 — March 25, 2022
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5700	Alvarado	Damage, Vandalism, Destruction	3/15	4pm	Westbury South
5700	Alvarado	Simple Assault	3/15	3pm	Westbury South
5900	Alvarado	Drugs, Narcotics	3/16	11pm	Westbury South
5900	Arboles	Fraud/Counterfeit	3/2	12am	Parkwest 3
10900	Ashcroft	Simple Assault—Intimidation	3/23	6pm	Parkwest 2
10900	Ashcroft	Simple Assault—Intimidation	3/24	1am	Parkwest 2
5500	Belrose	Simple Assault	3/22	9am	Westbury 3
6000	Benning	Drugs, Narcotics	3/19	1pm	Westbury 5
11000	Cedarhurst	Simple Assault	3/7	7am	Westbury 2
5800	Cerritos	Identity Theft/Fraud	3/1	8am	Westbury 4
10900	Doud	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	3/18	6pm	Westbury 1
6000	Dryad	Simple Assault—Intimidation	3/24	1pm	Westbury 4
5500	Duxbury	Theft from Motor Vehicle	3/2	7am	Westbury 4
5700	Effingham	Fraud/Counterfeit	3/22	2pm	Westbury 4
11300	Hillcroft	Aggravated Assault	3/9	5pm	Parkwest 2
11600	Hillcroft	Simple Assault—Intimidation	3/18	9pm	Westbury 3
5700	Ludington	Aggravated Assault	3/11	11am	Westbury 4
5700	Portal	Theft from Motor Vehicle	3/17	1am	Parkwest 2
5700	Southminster	Damage, Vandalism, Destruction	3/15	4am	Westbury South
5200	Starkridge	Identity Theft/ Fraud	3/8	9am	Westbury 1
5400	Stillbrooke	Drugs, Narcotics	3/5	10pm	Westbury 2
6000	W. Bellfort	Simple Assault	3/25	10pm	Westbury 5

-  Theft from Motor Vehicle
-  Drugs/Narcotics
-  Identity Theft/ Fraud
-  Burglary
-  Aggravated Assault
-  Simple Assault
-  Property Damage

The crimes listed took place between February 25 thru March 25, 2022. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./ TH	Comm./ Business	Park/ Public
Aggravated Assault	2	5	3	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	1	2	0
Burglary	1	2	0	0
Robbery	0	0	1	0
Simple Assault	8	19	2	2
Shoplifting	0	0	2	0
Drugs, Narcotics	3	0	0	1
Vandalism, Damage	2	2	1	1
Auto Theft	0	3	2	0
Fraud/Identity Theft	4	1	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	3	1	0
Theft—Other	0	1	1	0
Forcible Rape	0	1	0	0
DUI	0	0	0	4
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0
Theft from Building	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	22	39	16	9

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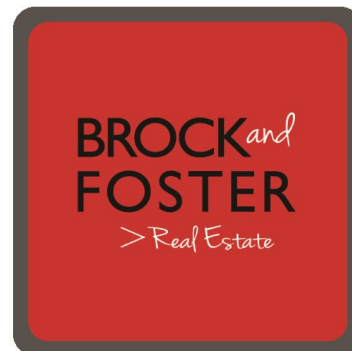
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Local Real Estate and Commercial Updates

Pris' Pet Inn Closing

From NextDoor, Pris' Pet Inn, located on Cedarhurst between Moonlight and Chimney Rock, is closing at the end of March: *"After 30+ years, Pris Pets Inn is closing their doors at the end of the month. Everyone is retiring. We appreciate all of our customers who have been with us through thick and thin. We are still offering daycare, baths and nails and big dog grooming till the end of April."*

New Housing Development Near Community Garden

Unique Estates, a small subdivision of about 36 homes, is planned to be built on 3 acres next to the railroad tracks close to the Westbury Community Garden, at the bend in the road where Dunlap turns into Greenraig.

New Sushi Restaurant Opens in Meyerland Plaza

Akiko Sushi & Bar recently opened in Meyerland Plaza, between JCPenney and the old Palais Royal (location of previous sushi restaurant). The sushi is delicious! Akiko is open 7 days a week, Sun-Thurs 11AM-9:30PM, Fri-Sat 11AM- 10:30PM.

Dick's Sporting Goods Now Hiring

The new Dick's Sporting Goods store in Meyerland Plaza is nearing completion. The store is set to open in May and they are hiring. They are looking for full-time, part-time, and temporary help. Visit dickssportinggoods.jobs for more information.

Pluckers Wing Bar Coming Soon to Meyerland

Pluckers Wing Bar announced a new location in Meyerland will be opening in the 1st quarter of 2023. Pluckers will be located at 8731 W Loop S (location of old Outback restaurant). Pluckers Wing Bar is a sports bar and grill serving chicken wings, burgers and more. This will be the 7th location in Houston.

New Chick-Fil-A Going into Meyer Park Shopping Center

Chick-Fil-A is opening a new location in Meyer Park next to Luby's. The pad has been fenced off. Look for updates in future *Criers*.

JOANN Fabric & Craft Store Opening Summer 2022

JOANN Fabric and Craft Store will open a 33,000 square foot store in Meyerland Plaza this summer. It will be located next to Office Depot. JOANN Meyerland is now hiring, apply online at joann.com/careers.

Academy Sports & Outdoors Coming Fall/Winter 2022

Houston based retailer Academy Sports & Outdoors is coming to Meyerland in Fall/Winter 2022. The rumored location is the site of the old Hobby Lobby next to Lowe's. Academy confirmed a Meyerland store but not the exact location.

Postcard Reminder for WCC Dues

The WCC recently sent a postcard to ALL homeowners in Westbury as a reminder to pay your dues. If you have already paid your dues, we greatly appreciate your support! The WCC still needs more income to be able to pay our Constable security patrol and to pay for our programs and operating costs. Please consider making an additional contribution if you have already fully paid your dues.

See the information on page 6 for payment options. You can pay online through our website, www.westburycrier.com. You do not need to have a PayPal account to make an online payment through our website. It is processed through PayPal but it can accept credit card payments directly without a PayPal account as a guest. It is a secure site.

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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
4/25/21	2,837	2,126	189,585
5/19/21	2,863	2,152	192,238
6/28/21	2,842	2,153	192,674
7/28/21	2,920	2,216	197,088
8/24/21	3,409	2,675	233,287
9/28/21	3,927	3,139	271,395
10/25/21	4,053	3,252	281,913
11/22/21	4,124	3,332	287,932
12/29/21	4,465	3,713	312,298
1/24/22	5,997	5,187	399,987
2/26/22	6,629	5,869	441,000
3/30/22	6,696	5,989	451,483

Westbury Christian Senior Class Service Project in Westbury

On March 25, the Westbury Christian Senior Class met with WCC members Becky and Jennifer Edmondson, on the Hillcroft esplanade at Willowbend for a service day. They wanted to give back to the community before their senior trip. The Senior class cleaned out the Westbury sign garden by pulling weeds, trimming the overgrown bushes, and planting new rose bushes and seasonal color. Some students also picked up litter along the esplanade. It was a great morning and nice to see young people giving back to their local community. What a great group of Seniors! You can really tell the difference in the Westbury Sign! Thank you to the District K HOT team for picking up the trimmings and trash.

Thank you Westbury Christian Class of 2022!



Annual Adjustment of Water and Wastewater Rates

An automatic annual water and wastewater rate increase of 5.6% will go into effect on April 1, 2022, for Houston residents. In 2010, city council approved an automatic annual rate adjustment effective April 1st each year, based on inflation and population growth.

Additionally, in 2021, Houston City Council voted to increase the water and wastewater rates every year for 5 years, first starting in September 2021 and then afterwards the adjustments will be made on April 1 at the same time as the automatic rate increase. The higher rates are intended to pay for infrastructure upgrades to prevent large water line breaks and to prevent sewer overflows under a legal settlement between the city and the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency).

We encourage Westbury residents to repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets and to monitor their water usage to reduce their water bills.

Links for Lost & Found Pets

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- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
- Houston Cares - Contact at <https://houstoncaresrescue.org/>



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More information is available at <http://www.birdfriendlyhouston.org/>

1. Get inspired by others who are making efforts to become more bird friendly.
2. Limit dangerous threats like cats, windows, and pesticides.
3. Create inviting habitats – nest boxes, supplemental feeding stations, and water features.
4. Provide native plants to establish a healthy habitat. Native plants are the base of an important food chain for birds, bees, and butterflies. The site has lists of best native plants for a bird-friendly landscape and some invasive plants to avoid.

Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

What: Audubon Society Bird Survey

When: Saturday, April 16, 7-9AM

Where: Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

For more information, visit the Houston Audubon website, <https://houstonaudubon.org/>

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9th Annual MusicFEST April 9, 11AM to 8PM

MusicFest is a free, one-day festival featuring live music, nature, and great food — on **Saturday, April 9**, from 11AM to 8PM. Topping the nearly perfect October 2021 MusicFEST will be hard. But along with music, food and community booths, the bluebonnet theme will offer family fun with a springtime twist and plenty of gorgeous bluebonnet photo ops. Make sure to bring your camera!

MusicFEST includes an exciting line-up of professional musicians playing a wide range of styles, including R&B, blues, Texas country, jazz, hip hop, classic rock, Cuban percussion, and Latin salsa. Several local school bands will also show off their talented musicians.

And, of course, the lineup of food trucks is equally diverse! Food trucks include Soul Cat (Cajun), Clutch City Cluckers (Chicken), Coffee Que (Coffees & Snacks), Friohana (Hawaiian shaved ice), Kicpop (frozen dessert). The Knights of Columbus will be on hand again serving up a variety of cold beverages.

MusicFEST takes place at the Schwartz Gazebo at the Willow Waterhole Greenway, 5300 Dryad Drive, behind Westbury High School. Several parking options are available. Free shuttle buses are available from Westbury High School's parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and plan to stay the day. Everyone will find something to enjoy in the naturally beautiful greenspace.

The festival is produced by the Willow Waterhole Greenway Conservancy, the nonprofit, community-based steward for the Willow Waterhole Greenway.

Bring the whole family to the MusicFEST!

MusicFEST 2022 Schedule School Performances

11 – 11:30AM — Westbury High School Jazz Ensemble
12:45 – 1PM — The Summer Jazz Workshop All Stars/Noteworthy
1:45 – 2PM — Emery Weiner School Ensemble
2:45 – 3PM — Parker Elementary Jazz Band
3:45 – 4PM — Meyerland Middle School Jazz Band
4:45 – 5PM — Westbury High School Poetry in Motion Dance Group
5:45 – 6PM — Kinder HSPVA Jazz Combo

Professional Bands

12PM — Eric Demmer Band
Powerful sax soloist and band playing funky blues mixed with jazz and rock 'n' roll

1PM — The Killer B's, featuring Kim Prevost
Talented jazz trio of guitarist Bill Solley, jazz vocalist Kim Prevost, and guitarist and bassist Brennan Nase

2PM — Rick Marcel Band
High-energy band of R&B and jazz musicians who also play Southern hip hop, salsa, blues, pop, and soul

3PM — Groove Adhesive
Houston fusion group melding jazz, funk, R&B, blues, soul, & Latin

4PM — Shareal Starr
Multi-talented vocalist who sings jazz, gospel, Afro beats, & reggae

5PM — Ronnie Coleman
Instrumentalist who uses drums, piano, keyboards, organ, and bass to play R&B and other music styles

6PM — Crocro y su Tumbaká
Local band with South American roots interpreting Latin and tropical musical of the 1970s, 80s, and 90s

7:00 PM — Keesha Pratt Band
Houston-based, award-winning band playing blues, Southern rock, soul, gospel, and country



Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

April 20, 7PM

Westbury Baptist Church, RM C109

Guest Speaker—HISD Trustee Myrna Guidry



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