



Westbury Crier

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Larry Green 1965—2018

District K City Council
Member, 2012-2018

It is with great sadness and shock that we announce the passing of CM Larry Green on March 6. CM Green had been our District K City Councilmember for the past 6 years. This loss will be greatly felt throughout the community. Read more about Larry's outstanding achievements and legacy on pages 8 and 9.



Spring White Elephant Sale

Saturday, April 28

8AM-Noon

Westbury United Methodist Church
5200 Willowbend

Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian
(5020 W. Bellfort) or on neighborhood streets.

Rain date is Saturday, May 5



NEW Eaker Barbecue Food Truck

Come get some tasty BBQ during the sale!



Come shop 50 garage sales in one location! Booths are still available in the WCC Office if you would like to sell items. This is the perfect opportunity to have that garage sale you have been wanting to have at your house but know you can't per long-standing policy of the Westbury Civic Club!

More information on booth prices and important dates, on page 7.

Special Election for District K

The City of Houston is holding a special election on May 5 to fill the now vacant District K City Council Member spot. This election is VERY important to Westbury. Council Member Green's untimely death left many projects up in the air and work undone. There are 18 months left in his term. Westbury must show up at the polls and be heard! We have a convenient early voting location in our neighborhood at the Platou Center, 11655 Chimney Rock (see page 4 and 11). There are 9 candidates running for District K. There will be a Candidate Forum on April 24 at Westbury HS at 6:30PM. See page 11 for more information.



Constable Program Needs Support

The WCC is extending our Constable Challenge until May 1. Westbury is still in danger of losing one of our four deputies. To save the 4th deputy, we need an additional 1000 residents to pay their 2018 dues by May 1. Read more about the WAP Challenge for 4th Deputy on page 15.



Westbury Events in April

Keep Houston Beautiful Day - April 7

See page 6 for more information

Music Fest - April 21 & 22

See pages 20 and 21 for more information



District K Early Voting - April 23—May 1

See pages 4 and 11 for more information

District K Candidate Forum - April 24

See page 11 for more information

White Elephant Sale - April 28

See page 7 for more information



RECYCLING DATES

April 2018

Thursday, April 12

Thursday, April 26

May 2018

Thursday, May 10

Thursday, May 24

HEAVY TRASH

April 2018

Thursday, April 12

JUNK WASTE

May 2018

Thursday, May 10

**TREE WASTE
ONLY**

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

For the second time this year, I am grieving as I sit to write my president's message. The death of our District K Councilmember Larry Green is a loss on so many levels. He was a leader for the City of Houston, an advocate for us in District K, and a friend to everyone he met. Larry left this world a better place because he cared enough to serve. What a legacy he left across all of District K.

I first met Larry Green at a Southwest Houston 2000 breakfast in 2011 where he had come to introduce himself as a candidate for the newly formed District K. We had no idea of what to expect and were a bit worried about moving from District C. Larry said he'd like a tour of Westbury, so after the breakfast, we gave him the tour of Westbury showing him the good, our tree lined streets of well-kept homes; the bad, our lack of retail; and the ugly, Westbury Square. We showed him our parks, our esplanades, and the Willow Waterhole. He attended three civic club meetings and three WAIC meetings before the election. He listened to our concerns. And when he was elected, he hit the ground running. He also had the good fortune to hire an incredibly competent staff: Donald Perkins, Barbara Hite, Vivian Harris, and later Martha Castex-Tatum.

You'll read in this month's *Crier* on pages 8 and 9 the many accomplishments of Larry Green's 6 years in office.

I have had some time to reflect on his leadership and his legacy. When I was asked what will be his legacy, my first

thought was his "Klean it up, Green it up" campaign. He truly changed the face of District K with the hundreds and hundreds of trees he planted, with the beautiful mini-mural signal boxes, wildflower plantings, park improvements, Keep District K Beautiful days and more. Then I thought about all of his work trying to bring economic development into the Brays Oak and Five Corners districts. Then I thought of what good use he made of his council service budget asking each of us for small projects that would make life better in our respective neighborhoods. He championed much needed long overdue CIP projects across K.

Larry took a brand new district, gave us an identity, and forged friendships, "bridged the divide", hosted Neighborhood 101 workshops, where we all got to know one another, and created a District of neighborhoods who knew how to work together and who knew that we were ALL his favorites! He cared about everyone in the district. Larry was fair, transparent, available, innovative, and fun. I can't help but wonder who is going to fill those shoes?

The answer to that question will come on May 5 when there will be a special election to fill the remainder of his term. **I cannot stress enough the importance of getting out to vote in this very important election.** It does matter who represents us as we learned with both Larry Green and Anne Clutterbuck. Westbury will have its own early voting location at the Platou Center from April 23 thru May 1. There is

no excuse not to go vote! Let's make the Westbury Precinct's #1! We held this edition of the *Crier* for March 26, the last day to file for the seat, so that we could list the candidates. **A Candidate Forum will be held April 24 at 6:30PM in the Westbury High School auditorium.** More information on the 9 candidates, polling locations, and more on page 11.

We have a list of projects pending that CM Green was busy working for on our behalf:

- ➔ An important Storm water detention project to the west of us
- ➔ Street reconstruction and new storm drains for ALL of Westbury
- ➔ The new District K Library, where the City had made an offer on the old Belrose Post Office building
- ➔ Paving Dryad into the Willow Waterhole complex
- ➔ Major renovations at Hager Park in the last bond

You will have a chance to honor Larry's legacy on April 7th on Keep District K Beautiful day -- here in Westbury we call it "Keep Westbury Beautiful Day". It was Larry's dream to brand District K as one of the cleanest and greenest districts in Houston. Let's keep that legacy alive! See page 6 for the details. I hope to see all of you April 21 and 22 at the Willow Waterhole Music fest! It's going to be AWESOME!

Happy Spring,
Becky Edmondson

WCC Board Meeting Notes—March 2018

- WCC welcomed 2 District K Council Candidates, Martha Castex-Tatum and Larry Blackmon
- WCC welcomed Sharon Burney, candidate for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 7.
- Sgt. Hernandez, Harris County Pct. 5, along with Lt. Goff spoke about crime in Westbury along with the importance of calling in suspicious activity.
- Donald Perkins, District K Chief of Staff, spoke about upcoming events such as Keep Houston Beautiful (see page 6) and gave Meyer Library update (see page 13)
- Parker Elementary and Westbury High School have moved into their new buildings.
- April is full of events. Special Election, Candidates Forum, White Elephant Sale, Music Fest and Keep Westbury Beautiful Day.
- Vacant positions on the WCC board: Security Director and Section Directors for Westbury 3, Westbury 5, and Parkwest 1.
- Thank you Jackie Murray and Kendyl Maurer from Weichert Realtors for bringing cookies and water.



Valentine's Day 2018 with CM Green

NEXT WCC Board Meeting
Wed., April 18, 7PM
Westbury Baptist
10425 Hillcroft



APRIL 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Platou Community Center
11655 Chimney Rock Rd
Houston, TX 77035
Supervisor:
Jayla Godbolt 713.726.7107
Jayla.godbolt@houstontx.gov

Essential Oil Class April 13, 10-11:30AM

Ms. Adriana will host intro class to Essential oils! *New in April.*
This is a FREE CLASS

*Platou Center will not be open to normal schedule below from April 23 to May 1 due to early voting.

Early Voting at Platou Center* April 23– May 1

April 23 - April 27: 8AM— 5PM
Saturday, April 28: 7AM— 7PM
Sunday, April 29: 1PM— 5PM
April 30 - May 1: 7AM— 7PM

Ballot, Polling Locations, & More—Page 11
District K Special Election

MONDAY

Stretching Exercise Class: Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
Line Dancing: Fun cardio with a beat.	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	All Levels
Table Tennis: Open Adult and Teen ping pong.	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels

TUESDAY

Quilting: Ms. BeeHaven Quilters Contact: Janie 713.721.5526	10:00 AM -2:00 PM	All Levels
Table Tennis: Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong.	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Ages
TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Contact: Dorothy 713.723.4441 or Naomi 713.988.2233	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels

WEDNESDAY

Stretching Exercise Class: Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
Table Games: Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and More.	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	All Ages
Table Tennis: Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels

FRIDAY

Stretching Exercise Class: Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
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Boy Scouts Clean Up Chimney Rock Park

Eagle Scout Candidate and Westbury resident George Elizondo, from Troop 549, led fellow troop members, their parents, and a few members of Friends of Chimney Rock Park to clean up Chimney Rock Park on March 14 and 15. George and his helpers raked and bagged leaves, removed stumps from an old hedge, and planted several gardens to improve the look of the park. Thank you, George, for a job well done.



Meyer Library At Platou

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays @ 10:30am – 11:15am

Come enjoy storytime with us at the Platou Community Center! Toddle around with us for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop your toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. Intended for children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers.

Meyer Library CLOSED

The Meyer library suffered damage from Harvey and is still closed. There is no plan to reopen at this time. Stay tuned.



"Mini" Meyer Library at Godwin Community Center

A "mini" Meyer Library has opened in Meyerland at the Godwin Community Center on S. Rice next to Kolter. Limited Services.
For more info, see page 13.

What's Happening in Westbury

Events/Meetings Calendar APRIL 2018

Thur 5	Booths on Sale to Non-residents and groups White Elephant Sale See page 7 for more information	
Sat 7	Keep Houston & Westbury Beautiful Day Westbury Park (by Parker Elementary) For more information, see page 6	9AM
Fri 13	Essential Oil Class Platou Community Center- 11655 Chimney Rock FREE CLASS	10-11:30AM
Mon 16	Brays Bayou Association Meeting The Gathering Place—5310 S Willow	7:30PM
Tues 17	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Police Station—13097 Nitida	7PM
Wed 18	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Westbury Baptist Church— 10425 Hillcroft	8:30AM
Wed 18	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Sat. 21	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7AM
Sat 21 Sun 22	Willow Waterhole Music Fest 2018 For more information, see pages 20 and 21	ALL DAY
Mon 23	Early Voting for District K Special Election Ends May 1. Election on May 5. For more information, see pages 4 and 11	
Tues 24	District K Candidate Forum Westbury High School Auditorium For more information, see page 11	6:30-8:30PM
Sat 28	Spring White Elephant Sale Westbury United Methodist—5200 Willowbend For more information, see page 7	8AM—Noon

Planning Calendar

May 5 – Special Election for District K

May 5 – Westbury HS Gala

May 5 – Rain Date for White Elephant Sale



TRASH SCHEDULE



Recycling in Westbury

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

April 2018

Thursday, April 12

Thursday, April 26

May 2018

Thursday, May 10

Thursday, May 24

Heavy Trash Resumes!

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 2018

JUNK WASTE

Thursday, April 12

May 2018

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, May 10

Important Trash & Recycling Info



- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- ♻️ NO Glass in the green recycling bins
- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers: **SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr** 10785 SW Frwy / Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center** - 11500 S. Post Oak Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ GLASS: May be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend, in the orange container near W. Bellfort.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

Keep Westbury Beautiful Day

This is the 31st Anniversary of Keep Houston Beautiful Day, and Westbury is participating by hosting Keep Westbury Beautiful Day on April 7. Have you noticed litter or bandit signs on our esplanades, sidewalks, bus stops, and parks? Do you drive by a spot and think to yourself, "I wish someone would clean that up?" Well, now is your chance to do something!

Come by Westbury Park at 5630 Stillbrooke, next to Parker Elementary, to get a trash bag and then pick a spot in Westbury to clean up. You can work in one of our parks, clean a bus stop, or walk an esplanade. Bring your bag of trash or bandit signs back at noon and enjoy a pizza lunch. We encourage interested volunteers of all ages to come and help make Westbury shine. This is a great way to meet neighbors, introduce your kids to volunteer work, enjoy the great outdoors during the best time of year in Houston, and help improve our Westbury community. We look forward to seeing you!

WHEN: Saturday, April 7, 9AM to Noon, Rain or Shine

WHO: Everyone is welcome!

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

Work at Westbury Park includes weeding and planting in the butterfly garden, watering and mulching trees.

Want to clean closer to home? Thursday April 12 is our first Junk waste day since August of 2017. Why not take advantage of this and clean out your garage and tidy up your yard? You may place heavy trash at the curb starting April 7 for pickup on April 12. See box to the right for more helpful ideas on how you can help. Keep Westbury Beautiful!



Butterfly Garden at Westbury Park



April 7, 2018

Westbury Park

9AM - Noon

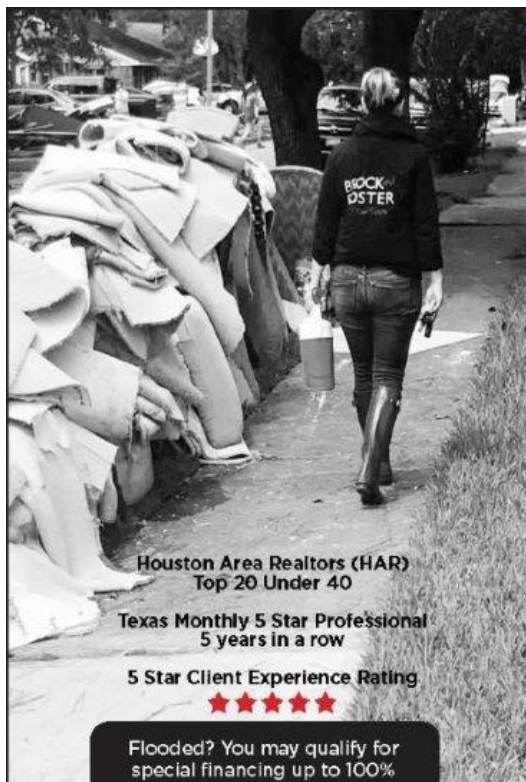
Ways You Can Help Keep Westbury Beautiful

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.

- ❖ **Pick up trash in our parks or on our esplanades.**
- ❖ **Clean 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.
- ❖ **Clean Curbs and gutters:** Sweep in front of your home. Get your neighbors together and clean the whole gutter line on your street.

"Help Make District K The Most Beautiful District In Houston!"

-Larry Green



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White Elephant Sale—April 28

50 Garage Sales in One Location

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides fall and spring community garage sale events for our members. The Spring White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, April 28, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church. The rain date is May 5.

Booths may still be purchased during normal office hours of 9AM to 1PM. You must be a paid current member of the Westbury Civic Club to purchase a booth. This means you must have paid your 2018 WCC membership dues of \$50. If you have not paid your 2018 dues, you may do so at the same time that you purchase your booth space. The booth price for individual Westbury residents will be \$20-\$25. Booths will go on sale to non-residents and groups/ non-profit organizations on April 4, if space permits, on a first come, first serve basis. The booth price for non-residents is \$70-75.

The Westbury White Elephant Sale allows residents the opportunity to sell unwanted household items at a highly

visible central location with security provided. **The WCC provides location, security, bathrooms, and publicity for the sale. The Civic Club does NOT provide tables, chairs or shade.**

Garage, estate, yard, moving sales, etc. are not permitted at Westbury residences by long standing policy of the Westbury Civic Club and the deed restrictions. So why not have fun, make money, be safe, and be a good neighbor.

Plan on having a booth at the Westbury White Elephant Sale!



**Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space in March. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until April 4. Violators of this policy may not be allowed to participate in the current and/or future White Elephant Sales. All non-profit organizations and groups must register under their organization name. No individual may purchase a booth for a group or organization unless doing so under that organization's name.*

NEW Eaker Barbecue Food Truck is Coming to the Elephant Sale

The White Elephant Sale will have some tasty food for sale again this year. Eaker Barbecue, owned and operated by Westbury residents, Lance and Boo Eaker, will be at the sale from 6AM to Noon. Come early as they tend to sell out of the favorites! Eaker Barbecue is a new food truck in the Westbury area that is typically parked on the weekends in the Belden's parking lot.

We will miss our normal PUCS truck but exciting for them, they are already double booked for that date. Eaker Barbecue will have coffee and breakfast items along with their amazing barbecue! You don't want to miss out!

For more about Eaker Barbecue, check out their Facebook page, Eaker Barbecue.



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The Legacy of Larry Green, CM District K

Planting Trees – Larry facilitated the planting of thousands and thousands of trees in District K in conjunction with Trees for Houston. He planted at Westbury Park, Hager Park, Chimney Rock and Willow Waterhole. He planted on Hillcroft all the way to the Beltway 8. He planted on West Belfort and Willowbend. His Klean It Up, Green It Up campaign benefited every corner of the District.



Larry planting trees at Westbury Park in 2012

Park Improvements— CM Green was dedicated to improving parks all across District K. At Westbury Park (next to Parker Elementary), he provided funds from his council service budget when the park remodel plans didn't allocate money for a fence along Stillbrooke and Willowbend. He obtained money to improve Hager Park (next to Anderson Elementary) in the most recent city bond election. Hager Park is where the Hager Junior Marlins won accolades for winning a football championship. He was a huge supporter of all things at the Willow Waterhole. Just this past month he was working on getting Dryad paved.



Larry Green at Westbury Park Grand Re-Opening

Making District K Green

The “District Klean It Up, Green It Up” campaign has focused on cleaning up and beautifying District K. With tree plantings, community gardens, recycling, opening up farmers markets for fresh produce and more, he hoped to reach the ultimate goal of branding District K as one of the cleanest and “greenest” districts in Houston. Every year CM Green hosted the annual Keep Houston Beautiful Day in District K. What a way to honor the Green legacy by participating in this year's, KHB Day on April 7, 2018. CM Green strongly encouraged the residents of K to get involved and become part of the solution. No one knows District K better than the residents themselves; this is why community involvement is key. Let's keep his memory and legacy alive by continuing to beautify and keep District K clean!

Westbury Community Garden— CM Larry Green helped preserve the garden from being demolished for apartments, and then he helped guide it for the future by helping to fund the garden Master Plan from his District K service budget.

Mini-Murals – CM Larry Green noticed that District K had only two pieces of public art, and those were both inside buildings where they were not readily observed. He used Council service funds to pay for a demonstration Mini-Mural (which was placed on West Belfort across from Westbury United Methodist Church) on a traffic control box. The program proved to be immensely popular, and since then many organizations have sponsored Mini-Murals.



Larry & Westbury both win Keep Houston Beautiful Awards



Mayor Proud Partner Awards



1st Mini-Mural in the City of Houston was in Westbury

The Westbury Civic Club board would like to Thank CM Larry Green for his 6 years of hard work and dedication to District K and

Thank you to the District K "Green Team" for the years of support for Westbury!



WCC Leaders, Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson, with CM Green and his great staff: Donald Perkins, District K Chief of Staff; Martha Castex-Tatum, Director of Constituent Rep; Barbara Hite, Westbury Area Constituent Rep

Public Safety – Knowing how important living in safe neighborhoods was to residents, public safety was a cornerstone of his administration. He worked closely with the S. Gessner station as well as the Southwest division. The old police station on Beechnut serving our area was in bad shape. CM Green fiercely advocated and got funds for a new station to be built. Fortunately, the new building was almost ready to be moved into when Harvey Flooding entirely ruined the old building. Speeding was another safety concern and he bought two speed trailers from his Funds. According to his constituent representative Barbara Hite, he was most proud of getting street lights installed on South Main as it was a seriously dark safety hazard.

HISD support— Even though he was a proud alum and supporter of Madison, he also supported and advocated strongly for Westbury High School.

Harvey Flooding – CM Green was texting and calling WCC President through out the flood to check on Westbury. He was out canvassing District K almost as soon as roads were passable to identify where flooding had occurred and where needs were. CM Green spent many many hours working on Harvey flood relief. The District K office advocated for heavy trash collection and helped relay resources to District K. As chair of the Transportation, Technology and Infrastructure Committee, he advocated for infrastructure improvements. Westbury street and drainage reconstruction were added in 9 phases to the CIP project list. Additional detention to mitigate flooding was a huge priority and was pending at the time of his death.

Community support When Westbury had a need or concern, District K was there with assistance.

From replats to trash violations to road repair, they always knew how to help. After years of having Hillcroft on the Major Thoroughfare plan as a six lane thoroughfare, District K requested an amendment and had it changed to 4 lanes!



CM Green & Martha Castex--Tatum with WCC Leaders Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman 2 days after Harvey



CM Amanda Edwards, CM Green, Martha Castex-Tatum with Becky and Jennifer Edmondson after Harvey



CM Green at the Westbury Centerette Demolition



Larry Green at WHS Baseball field grand opening

THANK YOU LARRY!

Ch. 19 Flood Plain Ordinance Westbury SuperNeighborhood Comments

March 5, 2018

To: Mayor Sylvester Turner, PWE Director
Carol Haddock, District K CM Larry Green

Introduction:

Westbury, the subdivision, as well as Westbury the Super Neighborhood, has seen extensive and repetitive flooding since 2013. We applaud the Mayor's commitment to finding real solutions to mitigate further flooding. Becky Edmondson from the Westbury Super Neighborhood had the honor of serving on the Drainage and Redevelopment task force and appreciated being included in the process.

COMMENTS

Impact of Flooding in Westbury:

Something must be done. Our neighborhood has been adversely affected by unfettered development in the Brays watershed. And this continues unabated today. The checks and balances within the city that are supposed to protect those in the flood plain are ineffective, inefficient and incompetently overseen.

Net Fill and Drainage:

As a primary concern, we strongly agree with this recommendation from the Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA)

The Chapter 19 revisions should require drainage to be considered and resolved at or before platting approval -- not later during permitting at the public works department. No "net fill" on residential lots under a certain size.

Why? We have seen firsthand that permits are issued in the 100 year flood plain for fill dirt, even for a house on the banks of the Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB). That house later was red tagged for not "holding" its run off, but the changes made were minor. The neighboring homes flooded for the first time ever during Harvey. An existing home on the banks of the Willow Waterhole Bayou elevated its foundation by about two feet and brought in fill. Their "net fill" plan was that they were going to remove six inches of soil from their back yard. That soil still hasn't been removed, and it may never happen. This home and the neighboring homes have flooded multiple times. Even if they do remove that six inches of soil that they should have, there is no control mechanism to prevent that soil from being replaced 2 or 20 years from now.

Agreement with other SNA

Comments:

We also agree with the following additional assertions from the Super Neighborhood Alliance. Some say that these proposals will be burdensome and costly to developers. Repetitive flooding is costly to the eventual residents not only in terms of dollars, but to their psyche and peace of mind.

- The Chapter 19 revisions should establish a standard that new development pose no adverse impact on flooding upstream or downstream.
- The Ch 19 revisions should require new structures to be elevated on raised, open, foundations so the land is capable of holding water.
- The Ch 19 revisions should not allow structures to be built on slab-on-grade or slab-on-fill foundations within the 500 year flood plain.
- The Chapter 19 revisions should not be undertaken in isolation but instead as part of a holistic revision to related chapters of the city code and the city's infrastructure design manual in a deliberate effort to harmonize city laws and regulations and eliminate contradictions and conflicts.
- The Chapter 19 revisions should require drainage to be considered and resolved at or before platting approval -- not later during permitting at the public works department.
- We also believe that any revision to Chapter 19 should reflect an effort to harmonize city practices with county practices and improve the conveyance capacity of area waterways.

Transparency, Monitoring and Enforcement:

Currently there is a significant lack of trust in the processes related to stormwater design and implementation and with management of floodplains in the City of Houston. It is our belief that our residents and businesses in the Westbury Super Neighborhood are best served when these systems are transparent, fair, monitored, and enforced. If we don't have a way to monitor and enforce, then the best ordinance in the world is ineffective.

- It is vital that INSPECTION, MONITORING, and ENFORCEMENT are allocated sufficient resources.

- Engineering design plans should be available to the public during the whole approval process.
- Chapter 19 should REQUIRE that drainage plans be considered, reviewed, and approved by PWE before a project is submitted for platting approval.
- PWE should maintain public records summarizing the type and design of stormwater (capacity, method, availability) and other details needed for inspection and monitoring by the public and for PWE enforcement

Costs of Change:

Much of Westbury will be included when the Chapter 19 regulations expand to the current 500 year maps. After multiple floods and immeasurable suffering, our residents are impacted either way – either by flooding or by regulations. Our residents will be safer with stronger flood plain regulations, although these regulations will be painful and expensive. But it is also exceedingly painful and expensive to endure and recover from flooding.

But, the pain and expense **MUST** be shared. It is not right that our residents and our businesses have been adversely impacted by development by others upstream or downstream of our Westbury Super Neighborhood. The true cost of development includes the impacts to others. The city must develop stronger and tighter regulations. It must increase the amount of detention for developments and also for city street drainage projects.

Respectfully submitted by the
co-presidents of the Westbury Super
Neighborhood,

Cindy Chapman, President, Westbury Area
Improvement Corporation

Becky Edmondson, President, Westbury
Civic Club

At press time, City Council is scheduled to vote on Chapter 19 changes in the first week of April. This item has already been tagged multiple times and delayed. We are unsure if it will actually get voted on or pass council in the current form. Stay updated on our Facebook page, Westbury Houston.

District K SPECIAL ELECTION: May 5

A special election will be held to replace CM Larry Green, who passed away unexpectedly. Nine candidates will be on the ballot. This is a very important election for Westbury as we have many projects still pending and in need of Council support. There will be a candidate forum on April 24 at WHS. See red box on the lower right for more information.

Almost all of Westbury is located within District K. The only homes that are not in K are located on the North side of Willowbend. Westbury typically has high percentage of voting participation. Let's make this election a record turnout! The Platou Community Center located on Chimney Rock in Westbury is an early voting location and we encourage you to utilize it. The hours are listed to the right. Listed below in the blue box are the Pct locations for election day, May 5.



Early Voting April 23 – May 1

LOCATIONS There are 4 early voting locations and one of them is location right here in Westbury at the Platou Center!

- ➔ Platou Community Center in Westbury
11655 Chimney Rock, 77035
- ➔ Hiram Clarke Multi Service Center
3810 W Fuqua, 77045
- ➔ Fiesta Mart
8130 Kirby Dr., 77054
- ➔ Harris County Admin
1001 Preston, 4th Floor, 77002

DATES & TIMES All 4 early voting locations have the same hours.
 April 23 - April 27: 8AM— 5PM
 Saturday, April 28: 7AM— 7PM
 Sunday, April 29: 1PM— 5PM
 April 30 - May 1: 7AM— 7PM

Sample Ballot—District K

- *Larry Blackmon
- *Patricia "Pat" Frazier
- *Gerry Vander-Lyn
- *Martha Castex-Tatum
- *Lawrence McGaffie
- *Carl David Evans
- *Elisabeth E. Johnson
- *Anthony Freddie
- *Aisha Savoy



Make sure to go to www.harrisvotes.org for up to date information on polling locations, early voting, sample ballots and more.

District K Candidate Forum - April 24

A special election will be held to replace CM Larry Green, who passed away unexpectedly. We need an awesome City Council person to represent us on City Council! This will be a great opportunity for residents to meet and hear from the candidates so that you can make an informed choice when you vote. **This election is very important to the Westbury Area. We have the power in this election as it is ONLY District K that votes. Make your voice count, go vote!**

You can submit possible questions for the candidate to consider during the forum to this email address: HouDistK@gmail.com

WHERE: Westbury High School Auditorium
11911 Chimney Rock, 77035

WHEN: Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 – 8:30PM

Event Sponsor: The Super Neighborhoods of District K (including Westbury, of course), the Concerned Citizens of South Houston Coalition, SWHouston2000, Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest, with assistance from the Brays Oaks Management District and Five Corners Management District. We thank Westbury High School for hosting the event.

More Information: Refer to the Facebook event information posted on the Westbury Houston Facebook page.

May 5 Election Locations* Westbury Area Precincts

Locations subject to change, check www.harrisvotes.org

Pct.	Location	Address
14	Westbury United Methodist	5200 Willowbend
22	Foerster Elementary	14200 Fonmeadow
146	Platou Community Center	11655 Chimney Rock
291	Houston Christian Fellowship	11122 Hillcroft
293	Anderson Elementary	5727 Ludington
403	Westbury Baptist	10425 Hillcroft
453	Spanish united Pentecostal	5365 W Airport
693	Braeswood Assembly of God)	10611 Fondren



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HISD Community Meeting

On March 20, HISD District IX Trustee Wanda Adams hosted a community meeting at Westbury High School (WHS). The focus of the meeting was to discuss possible future changes to the magnet program across HISD, difficult choices confronting HISD due to funding issues, and problems HISD is facing with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for schools which have been underperforming.

WHS Principal Susan Monaghan hosted the meeting in the new WHS school wing, which opened earlier in March. She boasted of the many student accomplishments at WHS in recent years. The WHS Fine Arts magnet program was revived by HISD in the spring of 2016 and its Fine Arts Department has won awards in Band, Choir, Dance, Guitar, Jazz, Theater, and Journalism. More students are applying to college and receiving scholarships. WHS is a success story! Trustee Adams noted that WHS will be receiving an additional 9+ million dollars to enhance the Fine Arts Facilities in a second phase of capital improvements at WHS.

Much of the meeting and many questions were devoted to possible future changes by HISD about the system-wide magnet school



system. This is a complicated topic, which is changing often, so please refer to HISD and other sources for the most current information. The trustees have asked HISD to look at equity issues in the magnet program.

Some magnet programs may be closed and some new ones may be created. Changes are being considered in magnet funding. This is a topic of keen interest locally since some of the oldest and most popular magnets were created in our area, and the recently established successful magnets at WHS and Fondren MS have helped to stabilize and improve their campuses. Also, the newly opened school building at Parker Elementary, located here in Westbury, was specifically designed for their acclaimed music magnet program.

Trustee Adams then introduced Mark Smith (Chief Student Support Office), Rene Barajas (Chief Financial Officer) and TEA Deputy Commissioner A.J Craybill to discuss issues related to state funding for schools, HISD funding problems, and the challenges posed by certain HISD schools which have been chronically under-performing and have triggered actions per the state. HISD currently predicts a deficit of about 115 million dollars. There was much discussion from the audience that the state funding model is insufficient with questions about how to make changes at the state level.



“Mini” Meyer Library

Still missing the Meyer Library? The temporary Meyer Mini Library is open for business! It's located inside the Godwin Community Center at 5101 Rutherglenn Dr.

They will be offering limited library services including a small browsing collection and hold pick up. They are planning to start offering story times, but the schedule has not been finalized. Staff can be reached at 832-393-1840.

Hours of operation:
 Mon-Wed: 1:00PM-6:00PM
 Thurs: 1:00PM-8:00PM
 Fri: 1:00PM-5:00PM



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



30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

March 1-31, 2018

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5900	Benning	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3/2	5PM	W5
11100	Burdine	Burglary of Habitation	3/20	9PM	W3
5600	Cartagena	Burglary of Habitation	3/26	1PM	W3
5700	Cartagena	Theft - Misc.	3/28	1PM	W3
6000	Cartagena	Aggravated Robbery with weapon			
10900	Cedarhurst	Burglary of Habitation	3/4	10AM	W2
11100	Cedarhurst	Burglary of Habitation	3/21	4PM	W2
5900	Claridge	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle	3/15	8AM	W5
6000	Densmore	Aggravated Robbery with a weapon	3/12	9PM	W4
10800	Doud	Burglary of Habitation	3/24	9PM	W1
5600	Ettrick	Auto Theft	3/21	8AM	W4
5700	Farwell	Theft of Trailer	3/14	10PM	W South
5600	GreenCraig	Aggravated Robbery with a weapon	3/5	8PM	W South
5200	Kinglet	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle	3/14	3PM	W1
6000	Ludington	Theft - Misc.	3/9	3PM	W3
10800	Moonlight	Burglary of Habitation	3/12	6PM	W2
10700	Mullins	Robbery Attempted	3/12	4PM	PW1
11400	Mullins	Burglary of Habitation	3/19	7AM	W3
5900	Spellman	Burglary of Habitation	3/6	9AM	W5
5900	Spellman	Aggravated Robbery with a weapon	3/11	5PM	W5
5800	W. Airport	Burglary of Habitation	3/29	9AM	W4
5300	Willowbend	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle	3/10	5AM	W2

KEY

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

The Westbury Civic Club strives to provide accurate information. Due to the printing date of the *Crier*, crime statistics are always delayed. For crime alerts, follow Westbury Houston on Facebook or sign up for email alerts at www.westburycrier.com.

The crimes listed below took place between March 1–March 31. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Where
5200	Arboles	Theft - Misc.	3/22	12PM	Townhomes
11300	Chimney Rock	Theft - Shop Lifting	3/9	10AM	Commercial
11500	Chimney Rock	Theft - Misc.	3/1	9AM	Townhomes
11500	Chimney Rock	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle	3/12	8PM	Townhomes
11500	Chimney Rock	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle	3/26	11AM	Townhomes
11500	Chimney Rock	Theft - Misc.	3/22	11AM	Townhomes
12500	Dunlap	Theft - Misc.	3/27	3PM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Aggravated Robbery with a Weapon	3/11	11PM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Burglary of Habitation	3/24	4AM	Apartments
12600	Dunlap	Aggravated Assault with a Weapon	3/6	9PM	Apartments
12600	Dunlap	Aggravated Assault with a Weapon	3/12	11AM	Apartments
12600	Dunlap	Aggravated Assault with a Weapon	3/26	8AM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Aggravated Assault with a Weapon	3/11	4PM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Aggravated Robbery with a Weapon	3/9	11PM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Burglary of License plate	3/24	7PM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Auto Theft	3/19	4PM	Apartments
10700	S. Post Oak	Aggravated Assault with a Weapon	3/31	12AM	
10800	S. Post Oak	Theft - From Building	3/27	5PM	
10800	S. Post Oak x2	Theft - Shoplifting	3/2	8AM	
10900	S. Post Oak	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	3/3	6PM	
11100	S. Post Oak x2	Aggravated Assault with Weapon	3/18	3AM	
11100	S. Post Oak	Burglary from a Motor Vehicle	3/13	10AM	
11000	S. Post Oak	Theft - Shoplifting	3/10	3PM	
11200	S. Post Oak	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	3/21	3PM	
5200	S. Willow	Aggravated Assault with a Weapon	3/17	3PM	
5300	W. Belfort	Theft - Misc.	3/26	11AM	
5400	W. Belfort	Aggravated Robbery with a Weapon	3/15	11PM	

Westbury Area Patrol
281-463-6666
Westbury HPD Storefront
832-394-7520
HPD Non-Emergency
713-884-3131



Crime Report & Tips

Reducing Crime: Every day we read about crime somewhere in Houston. It's on the news, on our social media feeds, on the NextDoor app. Most of the crime reported in Westbury is property crime: cars rifled through at night, packages stolen from porches, empty homes broken into. But occasionally violent crime occurs. In March, a Westbury resident was attacked as she unloaded her car in front of her house by a young man passing by in a car who stopped, jumped out with a gun and grabbed her purse and ran back into his car. The car he used had been stolen from a Westbury home several days earlier.

We cannot fix the whole city, but we can work together to make Westbury safer. The visibility of the Precinct 5 Constables Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) helps keep criminals away with its rapid response to calls of suspicious behavior. The WAP is the most expensive program that the civic club operates, so it is vital that residents pay their dues to be able to continue this excellent patrol service. "Good neighbors watching out for one another" (a neighborhood watch program) is another key way to reduce crime. We have had a Neighborhood Watch program in the past that eventually disbanded.

Please remember to call anything suspicious into the Westbury Area Patrol number, 281-463-6666. Our officers can't stop people without probable cause. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Don't forget Vacation Watch!

For residents who pay the WAP patrol dues, a special Vacation Watch may be requested from Pct. 5. The form is available online. Sign up at www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/ If you want to request a Vacation Watch, but do not have access to a computer or internet, please call 281-463-6666

Westbury Area Patrol to Possibly Lose Officer for Lack of Funding!

Everybody wants to feel as safe as possible in their own home. Last month you read that the WCC had two choices: Either REDUCE our contracted Constable deputy patrol from 4 to 3 officers, OR ELSE dramatically increase the amount of money we receive from our residents to be able to pay the full costs for our security patrol this year. Income to the WCC was less in 2017 than usual. Also, the WCC has been draining down its security reserves (which had been built up over many years) to be able pay for that 4th patrol officer. The security reserves aren't there anymore to help supplement the cost of the patrol program this year. Therefore, if we want to keep 4 patrol officers, then we need to raise more money! Also, we need to raise the funds quickly because the Constable office is temporarily allowing communities to adjust their patrol manpower due to the many communities which have been adversely affected by Harvey flooding.

As a reminder, the cost of the constable patrol program includes the costs of the patrol officers, but also the costs associated for the patrol cars and the dispatcher system and other

administrative support. Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap was elected in January 2018 and since then he has already made several improvements to the constable patrol system at no additional cost to our contract. Precinct 5 now has an Investigations Team to follow up on property and other crimes. Precinct 5 has added a team to investigate Game Rooms and Massage Parlors, and you may recall that Precinct 5 raided an illegal game room located on South Post Oak near Westbury in March.

We believe that the Precinct 5 Constable program is a valuable program. We note that our peer neighborhoods provide supplemental security, and we believe that this is an important amenity when homebuyers are deciding where to live. Please send in your contributions as soon as possible so that the board is able to evaluate whether our supplemental security patrol program can be rescued and maintained at 4 patrol officers!



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Westbury Area News

“Westbury Crossroads”

Westbury Crossroads is the name of the vacant lot near the corner of W. Bellfort and Chimney Rock, near the AutoZone store, formerly known as the Westbury Centerette. Development of the site for a planned Aldi grocery store is delayed pending relocation of a CenterPoint natural gas line in an easement which crosses the site.

Gas Station on W. Bellfort at Checkerboard

A sign went up on the vacant lot across West Bellfort from Westbury Square in March announcing that a gas station with convenience store may be constructed at the site, to be called “Singh Mart #4”.

Gas Station on S. Post Oak at Willow

A replat was requested through the City of Houston planning commission for 2 lots at the corner of S. Post Oak and S. Willow directly across the Willow Waterhole Bayou from Westbury homes in Section 1. The new owner of the properties is a Nebraska company named Bucky’s. No, this is not our beloved Texas Bucee’s. The current plan is to build a Bucky’s gas station and convenience store on the corner lot. The 2nd lot would be L shaped with frontage on S. Post Oak and S. Willow and used for homes. This property is not in the 100 year flood plain. This is all in early development.

Houston Scuba Academy Building

Last April, we featured an article about Houston Scuba Academy, the oldest dive shop in Houston, located on Hillcroft here in Westbury. For 57 years they stocked diving Houstonians with gear and taught multiple generations how to scuba dive. We are sad to report that it closed last month. But the good news is that the building will not be vacant, although we do not yet know what the future plans may be.

Remodeling your home? Adding On? Do you know your deed restrictions? Did you know that the Westbury Civic Club can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction? We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5 have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know that there is a minimum percentage of brick that must be on your home? Did you know that you can’t build in front of your building line? We want to help you! We want you to find out about possible violations before it costs you money and time. Several homeowners in the past couple years have had to tear down and/or modify their construction due to deed restriction violations. **The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits.** They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. All deed restrictions are available online at www.westburycrier.com. If you have any questions, contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437 or westburyc@sbcbglobal.net.

Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury -

www.nextdoor.com

Westbury Lost and Found Pets

Facebook

Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



Westbury Meet & Eat

Come out to Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant at 6579 W. Bellfort every 1st Thursday of the month to meet Westbury residents. This event is open to anyone who lives in Westbury.

March Meet & Eat: Thurs., April 5, 6PM

April Meet & Eat: Thurs., May 3, 6PM



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

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

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- Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
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Westbury Civic Club Dues*	\$50	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
Subtotal	\$335	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
Total		\$

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

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

NEW Parker Elementary Opens!

At long last, Parker Elementary's new school building was opened on March 19, the first day after Spring Break. There were afterschool tours for parents on March 22, and I saw the building from the inside. The new building is extraordinary.

The lower grades are all located on the first floor. The upper grade classrooms are on the 2nd floor. The different grade levels are represented by different colors painted in the classrooms and hallways to give the children an unspoken clue as to where they belong. I saw red, orange, green, yellow, blue and purple representing the class levels.

There are areas in each hall equipped with tables and ottomans where small groups of students can study together. The library is on two levels and has banks of computers for the students to use. Of course, there is a new gym.

All of the subjects taught in the many old temporary building, which had been placed for decades behind the original building, now have assigned classrooms in the new building. The new cafeteria is just that – NOT a cafetorium. Parker Elementary is a key HISD music magnet. It needed a proper performance venue. The new building has a 500 seat auditorium in which Parker's many acclaimed performing groups can perform.

The various art disciplines each have their own classrooms. They are spacious and inspiring, the opposite of the tight classrooms Parker students have had to endure during construction. There are storage areas for all instruments.

The auditorium is still under construction, but should be in use some time in April. Several performances are already on the calendar at the school. The old Parker will be razed in near future. A new teachers' parking lot and new playground area have yet to be built, but the fact that the new school is finally open is wonderful! The students, administrators, faculty, and staff are enjoying their new academic and fine arts home. There will be an open house for the Westbury Community to tour the building. Details to come later. Also, there is a video of the new Parker Building at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qHH8ZKMISgU>

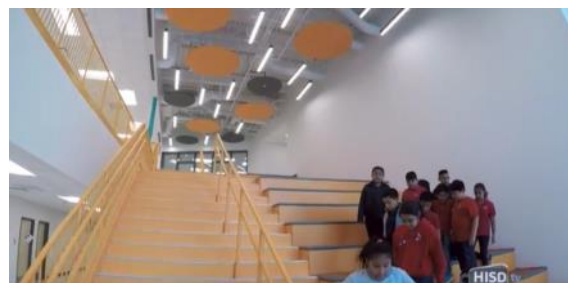
Article written by Barbara Haverkamp, Westbury resident and 25-year Editor of the Parker Newsletter (retired)



New 2 level library



One of the color coded classrooms



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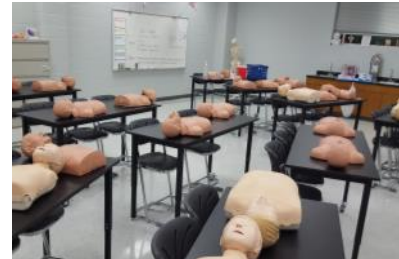
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Westbury HS Gala May 5

The Friends of Westbury High Foundation will host “And They’re Off! - An Evening at the Derby”, its Annual gala and silent auction, at Brae Burn Country Club on Saturday, May 5, at 6PM. Since 1994, the Foundation has provided over \$400,000 to deserving Westbury graduates. This year, ten \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded.

The Friends of WHS foundation is celebrating its 26th year and 20th annual Scholarship Gala. In addition to the scholarships, The Friends of WHS Foundation honors deserving alumni, faculty, and community leaders. This year’s honorees include Texas State Representative Shawn Thierry and in memoriam Scott McCleskey and Reginald Washington. For more information on how to get involved and how to buy tickets, please email Gala Chairs Elise Namee and Barbara Freilich at gala@friendswhs.org. Donations and auction items are always welcome. We hope to see you all there!

Save the Date!
Friends of
Westbury HS
Foundation Gala
Saturday, May 5



Westbury High Tours Saturday, April 14, Noon - 3PM

Tours of the new building addition at Westbury High School will be offered on Saturday, April 14 from Noon to 3PM.

Here are some photos of tour previews taken during the tours offered on March 20 after the HISD Community Meeting. The new wing includes ROTC facilities, locker rooms, basketball courts, weight and training rooms, the cafeteria and lunch room, career training rooms, plus classrooms. The new building addition is exactly what our students at Westbury High School deserve – a beautiful facility designed to enhance learning.



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Workdays at the Willow Waterhole

Will Moore-Jones from Troop 55 (affiliated with St. John the Divine Episcopal Church) completed his Eagle Project at the Greenway on March 10th. He and his fellow troop members and friends planted nine 30-gallon bald cypress trees at water's edge on Westbury Lake. The trees were placed in areas that have been favorites for fishing. They will provide shade for those fishing and for the fish! Shown in the picture are Will (orange shirt), his father, mother, and uncle along with three of his hard-working friends. Thanks to Will for choosing the Greenway for his project and Trees for Houston for donating the big and beautiful trees!



Volunteers from the US Dept. of State: Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) Houston Regional Office helped the Willow Waterhole plant their first installation of tribute trees this year at the Willow Waterhole Greenway. Over 40 foreign diplomats, and family members, representing 11 countries came together to plant 35 trees. Thank you, OFM Houston!



Audubon Society Bird Survey

Saturday, April 21, 7AM

Meet at the Gathering Place The Willow Waterhole Bird Survey was started in June 2007 and is held on the third Saturday of each month.

Music Fest 2018

Come out to the Willow Waterhole on April 21 & 22 for the Annual MusicFest. The performer schedule is listed below. There will also be an Artist Village and food trucks. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and the whole family for a great day of music in a pretty local setting. Go to www.willowwaterhole.org for more info.

Performers

Saturday, April 21, 2018

11-11:50AM—**Collective Hallucination**: The band mixes soul, funk, jazz and rock to create a unique sound that includes original songs and covers from the well-known to the obscure.

12-12:50PM—**Nobody's Fool**: Covers a wide variety of musical genres, including Country, Classic Rock, & Jazz/Blues.

1-1:50PM—**The Recollection**: An all-original Texas String Band that plays American roots music: country, western, and bluegrass.

2-2:50PM—**The Classix**: Plays all your favorite classic tunes.

3-3:50 PM—**Ronnie Coleman & Merlot Music**: Ronnie & Merlot Music play everything from classical to jazz to smooth rock.

4-4:50PM—**Joe Carmouche**: Guitarist who is one of the most popular and in-demand performers on the Houston jazz scene.

5-5:50PM—**Mark Dini Band**: Jazz, Funk, Blues, Rock, Latin, and many other stylistic colors are part of the palette.

6-6:50PM—**Pat Williams Group**: Jazz, fusion, funk, soul, and R&B.

7-7:50PM—**Sancho & The Lovetones**: Versatile group providing a mix of Latin, R&B, Blues and Rock.

8-8:50PM—**Kyle Turner**: Headliner. Jazz, he also enjoys playing a variety of musical styles.

Sunday, April 22, 2018

11-11:50PM—**Steve Gilbert Band**: Down-home shuffles to pain-soaked blues ballads.

12-12:50PM—**Charlie Perez and Lois Albez**: Jazz sound of Brazil.

1-1:50PM—**Dana Jackson Band**: R&B

2-2:50PM—**Son 7**: Latin Pop band

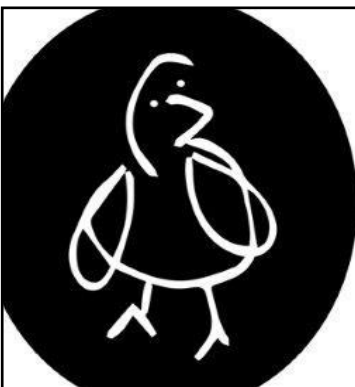
3-3:50PM—**TKOH**: Funk & soul sound

4-4:50PM—**The Presidents**: A Filipino revolutionary reggae/world beat band

5-5:50PM—**David Caceres Band**: Houston-based vocalist/saxophonist

6-6:50PM—**Mark Towns Latin Jazz Band**: Classic Latin Jazz

7-7:50PM—**Luther and the Healers**: A Texas-based blues band



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WAIC and Westbury Super Neighborhood

Finances: The board approved donating \$500 to the upcoming MusicFest event in April at Willow Waterhole. Also, a donation to the Westbury Community Garden project of the WAIC has been pledged by Eco-Site, but has not yet been received.

Security: HPD Sgt. Ortiz provided a security update and discussed how to set up an "alert slip" request for HPD and also summarized HPD call priority codes.

Flood Research: Mark Vardy, a researcher associated with Rice University, is doing research project about the human side of flooding on a project called "Recovery, Relocation, and Alluvial Awareness in Post Harvey Houston" and is looking for people willing to be interviewed. His phone number is 609-665-3828 for those who want to be interviewed.

Planning Dept. update: The "old post office" property site on Belrose was discussed, as it seemed that the Planning Department had changed the Belrose front setback; however, the Planning Department has said that this was a mistake and it will be rectified before the property plat is recorded.

HISD: Education topics included a discussion about the HISD Town Hall meeting the previous night and upcoming tours of the new Parker Elementary building.

Flooding Plain Management (Chapter 19) – see letter on page 10.

Longtime Executive Director of Keep Houston Beautiful Retires

Robin Blut, the Executive Director of Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB), is retiring after 30 plus years at the helm. Thanks to her hard work and enthusiasm, Keep Houston Beautiful has achieved so many wonderful things across Houston.

KHB is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc. and a member of Keep Texas Beautiful. In 1979, it held its first anti-litter campaign and has never stopped working to beautify Houston. It has received the Mayor's Proud Partners Awards a number of times.

KHB has organized volunteers to remove tons of trash from public spaces and Houston neighborhoods, Westbury being one. It has planted thousands of trees and developed gardens. It has mowed and de-littered, and removed discarded tires. It has worked to improve 46 parks across Houston, Westbury's Hager, Westbury, and Chimney Rock Parks among them. It has worked with school groups, teaching Houston's youth about the importance of maintaining the environment.

Many of our Westbury beautification (garden plantings, tree plantings, park clean-ups, etc.) events have been taken place in coordination with Keep Houston Beautiful. The Westbury Civic Club has won several awards from KHB over time.

Houston has been kept beautiful through KHB under the leadership of Robin Blut. As she retires, she is being given the title of Executive Director Emeritus by KHB. The WCC would like to thank Robin Blut for her unflagging work keeping Houston Beautiful.



WCC President Becky Edmondson & Robin Blut with Garden tshirt gift



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Westbury Community Garden News



Veg Out Success!

For four Saturday afternoons in March (National Nutrition Month), the Westbury Community Garden (WCG) hosted a nutrition education expo and celebration of growing, cooking, and eating more vegetables in the June Holly Outdoor Learning Pavilion at the garden. Members, neighbors and friends of WCG were encouraged to get the Recipe 4 Success Foundation's phone app (VegOut) to keep track of vegetables eaten during the month of March. The "VegOut Challenge" was to eat 30 different vegetables in 30 days. Most gardeners had no trouble eating 30 different vegetables; in fact, some logged more than 40 and some hit 50. If participants tasted all the samples provided over the garden events, then they ate 36 different veggies! Visit WCG's website for recipes.



Each event featured a mini-science lesson for kids, plus nutrition-themed posters and interactive displays. The science lessons emphasized why "eating a rainbow" (eating different colored vegetables and fruits) containing a variety of phytonutrients is important for a healthy body. Other lessons showed how we overload our bodies with sugar without realizing how much we get from processed foods. Sugar can affect obesity and health problems from inflammation to cancer.



The final event concluded with a Pot Luck Lunch with a sampling of vegetarian dishes to entice young and old alike with tasty dishes for healthy nutritious eating. A surprise visit from a "wookie" character reminded all that the Force is with the WCG and the organic and nutritious vegetables it produces for a more healthy lifestyle.



The Sharpstown High School National Honor Society students volunteered their services to make the garden events a success. Thanks, SHS NHS!

WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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

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