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Parker Elementary School Community Meeting- May 6

Learn more about Parker Elementary School's site plan and design for the new school building, the project schedule, and how you can stay involved. Parker Elementary, located in Westbury, is a popular music magnet school. The original campus of Parker was constructed in 1959. The campus also includes five temporary classroom buildings. The project budget is approximately \$29 million and is in Group 2 of the 2012 HISD Bond. The architecture firm is Brave Architecture.



- ▶ **Date:** Tuesday, May 6, 2014
- ▶ **Time:** 6:30PM to 7:30PM
- ▶ **Where:** Parker Elementary
10626 Atwell
(at Atwell & Willowbend)

White Elephant Garage Sale

WHEN:

Saturday, May 3
8AM-Noon

WHERE:

Westbury United Methodist
Church Parking Lot
(5200 Willowbend)

PARKING:

St. John's Presbyterian
(5020 W. Bellfort)
Handicapped parking on-site

RAIN DATE:

Saturday, May 17

COME SHOP
AT OVER 50
GARAGE SALES
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LOCATION!



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Westbury Pool Opens May 24

The Westbury neighborhood pool operated by the City of Houston opens Saturday, May 24, for the Memorial Day Weekend. The pool WILL be open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, from 1-8PM. The pool is typically open Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM and closed on Mondays. **For the full summer pool schedule, see page 7.**

The Westbury Pool will have two sessions of the popular adult water fitness class and a new Aqua Zumba class starting June 17. There will also be a free children's learn to swim program. **For more information regarding class descriptions, times and registration, see page 7.**



2013 Water Fitness Class with Instructor Louis Moore

Coffee With the Constables



The new WCC outreach program, "Coffee with the Constables" has been a success! It allows residents to meet the constables who provide much needed supplemental security in Westbury. The next coffee will be in Westbury 4 at **6018 Dawnridge** on Tuesday, May 14 from 7AM to 8:30AM

MAY 14, 7-8:30AM

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

May 21 @ 7PM

Westbury Baptist

(Open to all residents/homeowners)

Heavy Trash for May is

TREE WASTE ONLY

Pick-up for ALL of Westbury is
Thursday, May 8

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*The office is closed on all major holidays, weekends (follows HISD calendar)

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1-800-764-7661

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832-393-3016

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832-393-3004

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713-755-6111

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832-393-6333

City of Houston 311 Hotline (for all Non-Emergency Issues)

Forestry Department
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Hazardous Waste Disposal
Heavy Trash

Neighborhood Protection
Parking Management
Recycling

School Crossing Light Repairs
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Stay connected!

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President's Message

What makes a community a desirable place to live? A study by the Knight Foundation called "Soul of the Community" found that three main qualities attach people to place: social offerings (entertainment venues and places to meet), openness (how welcoming a place is), and the area's aesthetics (its physical beauty and green spaces). Simply stated, we are more likely to feel attached to our neighborhood when there is a sense of neighborliness, when there are places to come together, and when our physical surroundings are tended to with care. This month's Crier will bring you stories that prove that Westbury is indeed a desirable and great place to live.

Neighborliness? We definitely have neighborliness. I hear stories regularly of neighbors helping neighbors. With Nextdoor.com it is easy to have a conversation with neighbors from all over Westbury and even neighboring communities. Westbury Soccer is celebrating 40 years and is hosting a party at Westbury Park and you are invited. Now that's neighborly.

Places to come together? We have some great parks and greenspaces. Did you make it out to the Music Fest at the Willow Waterhole? Did you come to the Hager Park tree planting? Have you been to Westbury Park or to the Westbury Community Garden? The Westbury Pool is opening soon with some great classes for old and young alike. All of these are public spaces just waiting for you to visit. We have places of worship for almost every faith. We still need more commercial establishments: restaurants, coffee shops, etc. If they build them, I

know we will fill them! Encourage establishments you frequent outside of Westbury to come into our neighborhood. And don't forget to come out on May 3 to the White Elephant Community Garage Sale.

Aesthetics? Our beautiful tree-lined streets, tended yards, and calming islands of green grass are a treasure we sometimes take for granted. Look at Westbury using Google Earth to see how nice and green we are compared to some areas in Houston. Thankfully spring has arrived and the azaleas were spectacular this year. If you haven't gotten your yard back into shape, then see page 20 for some springtime hints. And the prettiest places of all? Visit the Willow Waterhole, park along Ricecrest, and walk the trails to enjoy the cooling breezes coming from the lakes. It is incredible. Or stop at the Westbury Community Garden and just sit under the pavilion and enjoy the breeze while listening to the twittering birds amid the abundant greenery. Sometimes Houston can feel like a concrete jungle after fighting traffic, but we have an abundance of nature here in Westbury.

And speaking of Houston, Mayor Annise Parker gave her State of the City address, in April, and had this to say. "The state of our city is strong--- and our strength is increasing every day. We are rebuilding this city, growing our economy, creating a firm financial foundation, maintaining the lowest per capita crime rate in the city's history, improving our parks, and cleaning up our

neighborhoods...We are rebuilding our infrastructure...We will continue to solidify Houston's reputation as a "green" city...Being a green city also means paying attention to our tree canopy...We aren't just talking about doing it, we are doing it!"

This is good news for us. Houston's economy is good, which is good for all of us. We are working with the city to repair our infrastructure—streets, sewer and water lines. In 2014 we will see a water line replacement project in Westbury 5; a sewer evaluation for the whole neighborhood; street repairs in Westbury 2; and hopefully more street repairs on Willowbend and Hillcroft. We aren't just talking about it, we are asking them to DO IT. We are working with the city to improve our parks. We are working with the city to secure the Westbury Community Garden as permanent greenspace. Like the Mayor said, we aren't just talking about doing it, we are doing it. Sometimes it may look like nothing is happening, but, trust me when I say, that dozens of volunteers work tirelessly every day on behalf of Westbury. We aren't just talking about doing it, we are doing it!

Thankful for spring and warmer weather!
Becky Edmondson

Board Notes—April 2014

- Rocio Lara was elected by the board to fill the vacant position of Section Director for Westbury 2.
- Approved expenditure of up to \$3,000 to improve the WCC Office computer system to help with work flow
- 90-minute training session for Section Directors was conducted prior to the meeting.
- The May Board meeting is Wednesday, May 21 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist



WCC Board members Marcia Hartman, Becky Edmondson, and Cindy Chapman with District K City Councilman Larry Green met with City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker on April 17 to discuss issues in Westbury.

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Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock

Monday-Thursday 12PM—8PM; Fridays 11AM-7PM

Supervisor: Dan Reilly, Daniel.reilly@houstontx.gov or 713-726-7107

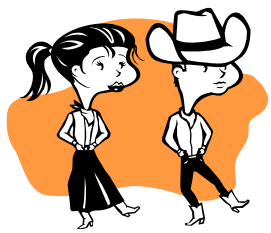
Stretching Exercise Class

Monday, Wed, Friday, 9-9:45AM
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Line Dancing Class

Mondays, 12:30-1:30PM
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Mondays, 6:30-7:45PM
Learn 2 step & double underarm spins, Beginners welcome. Instructor is Robert Plimper. To register, call Dan 713-726-7107

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Weight loss support group

Tues, 5:45-7PM
Drop in to preview the program or call Dorothy at 713-723-4441 or Naomi at 713-988-2233

Don't forget to recycle your paper & cardboard at Chimney Rock Park!

Portable Projects

Thursday, 10AM to Noon.
For more information, call Genie Mitchell at 713-470-7969

MsBeeHaven Quilters

Tuesday, 10AM to 2PM
Call Janie at 713-721-5526 for more information

Games

Weds., 10 AM to 12PM
Contact Wally at 713-729-9310

Effective Fat Loss Strategies June 23@ 6:30PM

Louis Moore (instructor of water fitness class at the Westbury Pool) will be conducting a 90-minute workshop on *Effective Fat Loss Strategies*. Louis said that he receives many questions each year from water fitness participants about how to lose weight. "I thought it would be more practical to give one presentation at the beginning of the summer. It will cover topics on insulin resistance, intermittent fasting (IF), nutrition principles, exercise principles, super foods, and sample workout plans designed for fat burning."

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What's Happening in Westbury

Events & Meetings Calendar May 2014

Thurs 1	Westbury Meet & Eat at Teotihuacan @ 6PM 6579 W Bellfort Open to all Westbury residents
Sat 3	Spring White Elephant Sale—8AM to Noon Westbury United Methodist parking lot More information, see page 1
Tues 6	Parker Elementary Community Meeting 6:30PM 10626 Atwell More information, see page 1
Mon 12	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:30PM Westbury Community Garden pavilion (Dunlap @ Fonmeadow)
Wed 14	Coffee with the Constables 7AM-8:30AM 6018 Dawnridge -- all Westbury residents are welcome More information on page 1 & 6
Sat 17	Rain Date for Spring White Elephant Sale (if needed)
Sat 17	Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow
Mon 19	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow
Wed 21	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 8:30AM Salem Lutheran - 4930 W. Bellfort Open to ALL Westbury residents
Wed 21	WCC Board Meeting 7PM Westbury Baptist Church Open to ALL Westbury residents
Sat 24	Westbury Pool Open 1-8PM 10605 Mullins More information, see page 7
Mon 26	Memorial Day — WCC Office CLOSED
Mon 26	Westbury Pool Open 1-8PM 10605 Mullins More information, see page 7
Tues 27	SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Bldg

Planning Calendar

Coffee with the Constables—
June TBA
Meet & Eat—**June 5**

Heavy Trash & Recycling Calendar

May 2014

Thurs 1	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 8	Heavy Trash— TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 15	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 29	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

June 2014

Thurs 12	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 12	Heavy Trash— JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 26	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste **MUST** be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ Heavy trash can go out at 6PM the Friday before pick-up
- ♻️ **YARD WASTE** is not considered tree waste. It is collected on regular Thursday trash day
- ♻️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr -10785 SW Frwy
 Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables. Current utility bill needed.
Environmental Service Center - 11500 S. Post Oak
 Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household Waste & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

January	Tree Waste	July	Tree Waste
February	Junk Waste	August	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste	September	Tree Waste
April	Junk Waste	October	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste	November	Tree Waste
June	Junk Waste	December	Junk Waste

WCC Outreach

After Hours Club CLOSED

The owners of the After Hours Club which had opened on Hillcroft (in a strip center near Densmore) have decided to move elsewhere! Since it opened, the WCC office, the Constables and the HPD Storefront have received complaints about noise, drunkenness, driving/parking violations, and other complaints. The club did not have the appropriate permits to operate.

Thank you to the residents who called to make complaints, and also thanks our constables and HPD officers for writing citations when violations were observed. Undercover vice officers also documented problems at the club. Due to pressure from the community, the owners of the club have decided to move out of Westbury.



Please remember that the Westbury Civic Club does NOT monitor Nextdoor.com nor can it receive or respond to messages from Nextdoor.com. Please report all problems, questions or concerns directly to the Civic Club.

The WCC can be reached at westburycc@sbcglobal.net, on Facebook (Westbury Houston), www.westburycrier.com, or at 713-723-5437. The WCC Office is located at 5322 W. Belfort #107.

Coffee With the Constables

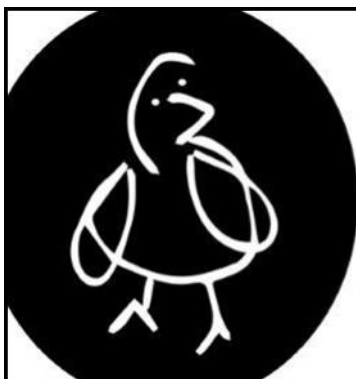
A new WCC outreach program, "Coffee with the Constables" was created to allow residents to meet the constables who provide supplemental security in Westbury. The 2nd event was held on April 9 at the home of WCC Security Director, Leslee Cross. Westbury residents enjoyed coffee and snacks while talking with Sgt. Mitch Hutter, Sgt. Fernando Hernandez, and Deputy Carl Smith. Also in attendance were WCC Board members Cindy Chapman, Virginia Livingston, and Stephanie Lester.



The Civic Club will host a series of these events over the next several months in different sections of Westbury so that we will all have the opportunity to meet the valued members of the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). If you would like to host a coffee morning in front of your house, please email westburystephanie@gmail.com or call the WCC office with your contact info and address. The WCC provides ALL the refreshments!

The next "Coffee with the Constables" will be on May 14 at 6018 Dawnridge. Eugene Sirls, Westbury 4 Section Director, will be hosting the coffee at his home from 7-8:30 AM. Stop by and say hello!

May 14 @ 6018 Dawnridge, 7AM



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Westbury Pool

10605 Mullins @ Willowbend (near Parker Elem.) 713-723-2192

Westbury City Pool Summer 2014 Schedule

May 24– June 8: Pool open Saturday and Sunday, 1-8PM

May 26 (Memorial Day): Pool OPEN 1-8PM

June 10– August 17: Pool OPEN Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Monday

July 4: Pool OPEN, 1-5PM

August 23 - August 31: Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-8PM

September 1 (Labor Day): Last day for the pool to be open! 1-6PM

FREE Water Fitness Classes

Stay in shape this summer and cool off at the same time! The city will once again offer **FREE** water fitness classes for adults at Westbury Pool this summer. These classes are very popular. There will be 3 classes this year. New this year to the Westbury Pool is Aqua Zumba! See below for class descriptions and times.

Online registration (<https://activenet011.active.com/houstonparks/>) begins on May 19, or you can register with the instructor on class days, shortly before each class starts. The first day of class will be Tuesday, June 17, and the last day of class will be Thursday, August 8, at the Westbury Pool. If you have questions, call the city Adult Sports Office at (832) 395-7274.

Water fitness is a great exercise for any age, any fitness level and any body type. Wear appropriate swimwear, aquatic shoes are advised, and always bring a bottle of water for hydration.

NOTE: Westbury Pool will be closed for general swimming use during fitness classes

Adult Water Fitness Class Schedule & Descriptions

Adult Hydro-Fit Power Training:

Wednesday & Friday 6:10PM and 7:10PM

Louis Moore will teach his highly popular *Hydro Fit Power Training* class again for the 8th year at Westbury Pool with 2 different class times, either 6:10PM or 7:10PM. This class is an athletic approach to water fitness training with sports-specific drills, intense cardiovascular work, intervals, balance/core training, martial arts, and plyometrics. This is a great way to improve your cardiovascular conditioning and muscular strength and endurance with minimal stress on your joints. Loud, rocking music is a part of the workout. Intensity: moderate to hard.

NEW Adult Aqua Zumba:

Tuesday and Thursday 9-10AM

The city will be offering *Aqua Zumba* to help meet the needs of Westbury residents who prefer morning classes. This class combines high energy and Latin music with movement in the water, a combination that helps participants dance away their worries while staying in shape.

FREE Swim Lessons for Kids

The City of Houston will be offering a Learn To Swim program called *H2OSAFE* for youth ages 6 – 13 at the Westbury Pool. This class will consist of 3 instructional levels and will be held Tuesday – Friday from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. More information is available at the city aquatic department's website:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/aquatics/h2osafe.html>



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What is a Carton?

Cartons are a type of packaging for food and beverage products you can purchase at the store. They are easy to recognize and are available in two types—shelf-stable and refrigerated.

Cartons are mainly made from paper in the form of paperboard, as well as thin layers of polyethylene (plastic). The shelf stable ones have also a thin layer of aluminum. Shelf-stable cartons contain on average 74% paper, 22% polyethylene and 4% aluminum. Refrigerated cartons contain about 80% paper and 20% polyethylene.

Trash Can Placement Rules

- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.

In Praise of HFD

By Barbara Haverkamp, Westbury resident since 1983

I was astonished at the rapid response of HFD on April 11, 2014, and thought I'd inform our community.

Mid-afternoon, I was in my car at the stop light at West Bellfort and Chimney Rock, waiting to turn left (north) on to Chimney Rock, when I saw smoke arising from the gutter to my left. The gutter was full of tree flowers, those too numerous brown bits and leaves, and they appeared to be smoldering. There was a lot of smoke, but no flame (so far). The wind was gusting from the south. I supposed some smoker had tossed his cigarette butt out the window and now the gutter debris was burning. I had to report this before it got out of hand.

The left traffic arrow finally appeared and I made a u-turn and drove into the parking lot of the office complex on the northwest corner of the intersection. I parked and entered the first office to ask whoever was there to report the fire. There was Farmer's Insurance agent Peter Zografos at his desk. I told him about the fire. He looked out the window and immediately called the fire department. I thanked him and left.

As I drove out of the parking lot, I saw a fire truck already coming. It parked second lane from the left and firemen jumped out of the truck with extinguishers. I continued on my way, thankful HFD had been so prompt, knowing the fire would be taken care of. I figure that was roughly a 3 minute response time by HFD and deserved recognition in the Crier and a huge thank you.



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CARE- Contact the Lost and Found Pets committee leader at lisawild@yahoo.com. (Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury)

Westbury Houston Facebook Page Reaches 1,000 Likes

Are you one of our 1,000 friends on Facebook? If not, you should be! We share heavy trash reminders, crime alerts, meeting updates, event reminders, and other important information.

Do you have a question for the WCC? Send us a private message on Facebook and you will get a response within 24 hrs & most times within an hour of sending the message!

Also you may "Like" some other partnering organizations for useful information such as Westbury 37 WAIC, Willow Waterhole Conversation Reserve, Westbury Community Garden, City of Houston Solid Waste Department, and Annise Parker Office of the Mayor.

"Like" us on Facebook at Westbury Houston

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. Ask for the Westbury group.

May Meet & Eat

Thurs, May 1 @ 6PM

June Meet & Eat

Thurs, June 5 @ 6PM

Subscribe to SW News Online

The *Southwest News* is a valuable neighborhood weekly newspaper, but not all Westbury residents receive a paper copy delivered to their homes. This can be remedied by anyone who can receive email. Go to www.village-southwest-news.com to sign up to receive a weekly email with a link to the E-edition (electronic edition) of the newspaper. It will appear in your email on Tuesdays.

Southwest News reporter Michelle Leigh Smith has recently done articles about Westbury and Willow Waterhole. These articles explain in detail the activities that happen in our community and those who work to make the community better.



Westbury Trading Group on Facebook

The Westbury/Meyerland/Bellaire Trading Group is a Facebook group that has 1,397 members. It allows area residents to sell, trade, or buy items from other area residents. It was started by a Westbury mom who saw a need. Check it out today!

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Security/Crime

What to do about Solicitors?

Solicitors sometimes go door to door in Westbury. Security Director Leslee Cross has the following suggestions.

 Remember, the Westbury deed restrictions do NOT prohibit soliciting in our neighborhood.

 If you do not wish to have religious/fundraising/salespeople approach your home, I suggest placing a visible sign stating "Private Property - No Soliciting". If they ignore the sign, then you have a case for calling the Constables.

 If someone/situation looks suspicious, ALWAYS call the Constables - that's why we pay for them.

 If the solicitor's ID badge isn't visible, do NOT open the door and call the Constables. If they will not identify themselves, call the Constables.


The Westbury Civic Club notes that the city does not have an ordinance about solicitors and that many types of solicitation are protected as "freedom of speech" per the US Constitution. It is not a crime to use a public sidewalk. However, calling the Constables may help deter criminals posing as solicitors. Be cautious about opening your door to strangers.


WAP Constable Dispatch
281-463-6666

Robberies and Thefts from Vehicles

A resident has reported a robbery at an area gas station. In the 10 seconds while her back was turned replacing the nozzle on the gas pump, her handbag was stolen from her car. She saw a small older model 4-door gray car had pulled up very, very close to her car. As she started around her rear bumper, she saw that her driver's door was open. At that moment, the driver charged at her with his car, thankfully missing her, but clipping her bumper. The officer said it was the 4th robbery/theft that week at the corner of Willowbend and S Post Oak. A robbery is when you are in fear of bodily injury while a theft is in progress.

Another resident has reported that her purse was stolen from her car while she ran into the US Post Office on Chimney Rock to check her mailbox. Be safe out there and please pass this to your family, friends, neighbors.

 LOCK all car doors-every time

 Be aware of your surroundings

 Keep everything you need on your person. Everything else can be locked out of sight in your trunk.

 Report crime.

Parking Tickets

The city Parking Management Department was recently in Westbury writing parking tickets. These parking tickets were NOT issued by the Constables or by the HPD Storefront office. Even a WCC Director got a ticket (for partially blocking a sidewalk when dashing into a friend's house for a few minutes).

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Crime/Security

Security - Call in Suspicious Vehicles

Recently a resident in Marilyn Estates ANONYMOUSLY called in a suspicious vehicle, and this tip caused two burglary suspects in the car to be arrested. Our new Sergeant, Fernando Hernandez, was instrumental in getting these two criminals off our streets! As you may have read in past Criers, Westbury now has **four** full time deputies, with the new 4th officer as a Sergeant position. The WCC is working closely with Sergeant Hernandez. With the officers at the Westbury HPD Storefront office and the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) provided by Precinct 5 constables, Westbury has dedicated law enforcement working to make our neighborhood as safe as it can possibly be.

Please call Pct. 5 anytime you see something suspicious. The phone number is **281-463-6666**. The deputies are in our neighborhood and are here to respond to our concerns.

Does speeding occur at regular times on your street? Report it to the WCC; or to Pct. 5 or to the HPD Storefront. These areas can be monitored. Sometimes just seeing a police vehicle reminds folks to slow down. We have asked and received the speed monitoring devices in the past when HPD felt they were warranted.

Remember you are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. Stay safe, stay alert. **Call 281-463-6666 to reach Precinct 5 Constable dispatcher or 911 for immediate emergency response**

Please Pay Your Security Dues

So far the WCC has collected \$191,000 for the Westbury Area Patrol, Harris County Constable Precinct 5. We need to raise an additional \$110,000 to cover the cost for 2014.

Approximately 500 more homes need to contribute towards the Westbury Area Patrol.

Westbury Area Patrol Donation Form	
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Address: _____	
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I would like to make a donation to the Westbury Area Patrol.	
Donation Amount \$ _____	

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37*

30 days April 21, 2014

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	8	5	0	1	14
Theft	10	7	8	3	28
Auto Theft	0	5	2	1	8
Robbery	0	1	2	0	3
Assault	2	0	1	0	3
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	20	18	13	5	56

*Area bounded by: S. Post Oak, US 90/S. Main, utility easement north of Willowbend and drainage bayou, west of Braewick

Single Family Residential Crime Locations (30 days preceding 4/21/14)



Block	Street	Crime
11500	Atwell	Burglary
5500	Benning	Burglary
11500	Braewick	Theft
5800	Burlinghall	Theft
5700	Cartagena	Theft
10900	Cedarhurst	Burglary
5700	Cerritos x3	Theft
5600	Ettrick	Theft
5700	Ettrick	Burglary
5800	Farwell	Theft
5700	Greencraig	Theft
11000	Hillcroft	Assault
10800	Moonlight	Burglary
5500	W. Airport	Assault
5700	W. Airport	Theft
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New Mascot for WHS Westbury HUSKIES

HISD asked several schools to change mascots which could be considered to be culturally insensitive. Westbury High School (WHS) was one of the schools which has changed its mascot. The students at WHS opted to become the Westbury HUSKIES. The school colors will remain the same.

HISD announced the new mascots on April 15, 2014. The Lamar High School Redskins will become the Texans. The Welch Middle School Warriors will become the Wolf Pack. The Huskies will replace the Westbury High Rebels and the Hamilton Middle School Indians.

Keep Storm Drains Clean & Clear

Please keep the curb line in front of your house free of leaves by raking and bagging them weekly. It is spring and the oak trees are dropping their leaves and our storm sewers are filling up with them because some homeowners are not keeping their curbs clean. Remember if you use a yard service to tell them not to blow your leaves or debris out into the street. The debris should be bagged or composted. This will help get the storm water on its way more quickly. It is important for storm water to be able drain freely and as quickly as possible.



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 westburycrier.com.



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2014 Dues/Assessments

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").

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. As per the deed restrictions, the assessments may be increased by a percentage not to exceed the then most recently published annual percentage increase in the Consumer Index for all Urban Wage Earners, U.S. City Average. The new assessment for 2014 will be adjusted by 2.1%. The amount of the 2014 Mandatory Assessments will be \$227. The 2014 Mandatory Assessments are past due by February 1, 2014. Invoices have been mailed. If you are interested in a payment plan, please call 713-723-5437.

Benefits of Paying Your Dues

- Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
- Keeps the doors of the Civic Club office open and staffed.
- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplandes, parks, and green spaces.
- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
- Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year

For a more detailed explanation, check out the January 2014 *Westbury Crier* available online at westburycrier.com.

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New BARC City Ordinance

DOG BITES - WALKERS BEWARE / DOG OWNERS TAKE CARE

The Westbury Civic Club was recently contacted by a woman who not only had her dog attacked by a nearby neighbor's dog, but she herself was bitten during a second attack during that same walk. A few weeks earlier, another Westbury neighbor and her dog needed medical attention from dog bites.

These dogs were not stray dogs. These were dogs owned by Westbury neighbors who allowed them to roam freely. Two of these attacking dogs were off leash and in the presence of their owners. Be a good neighbor; secure your pets for their safety as well as your neighbors.

***City ordinance requires your dog to be on a leash or inside an enclosure.**

***If you take your dog out into your front yard, then it should be restrained.**

***Please do not just send your dog out your front door to do its "business".**

The city has recently revised the animal control ordinance to provide better tools to handle problem dogs. In addition to "Dangerous Dogs", there are two new categories of dogs - "Nuisance Dogs" (repeated barking,

running loose, defecating on property belong to others, attacks other animals, etc.) and "Aggressive Dogs" (aggressive tendencies, dangerous disposition). A hearing officer can review the evidence and testimony to determine whether a dog is a Nuisance Dog or an Aggressive Dog, and can order a dog owner to take steps to mitigate the problems. If a dog is deemed to be Aggressive, then it MUST be sterilized, have a micro-chip identifying it as aggressive, and be confined securely.

Residents can document dogs running loose or dogs defecating in their yards by taking date-stamped photographs (dog must be clearly identifiable) and signing an affidavit. A sworn and written complaint may be made about an aggressive dog.

Is your pet licensed? All dogs and cats must be licensed and violators can be fined.

more info: BARC 713-229-7300
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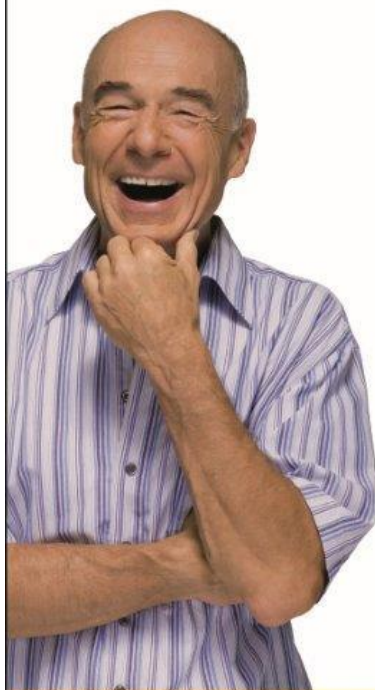
Links for Lost & Found Pets

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook-
<https://www.facebook.com/westburyhoustontexas>

CARE- Contact the Lost and Found Pets committee leader at lisawild@yahoo.com. (Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury)

NEW BARC Ordinance Passed

On March 26, Houston City Council voted for a new BARC City Ordinance. There are many changes in the ordinance. The bulk of the changes will go towards Nuisance and Aggressive Dog designations and enforcement. However, there are other very important changes, such as the number of dogs and cats allowed on your property and extending the distance that chickens must be from a residence. Unfortunately, at press time, the new changes were not available. Please look in the June Crier for more information.



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Westbury Events

Westbury Soccer Club Celebrates 40th Anniversary



The Westbury Soccer Club is proud to announce its upcoming 40th Anniversary! Current and former WSC families, as well as the curious, are invited to celebrate this incredible milestone and look forward to the next 40 years as Houston's oldest youth soccer organization.

Back in 1974, the founders of this organization may not have realized they were building the foundation of one of the most recognized youth soccer clubs in Houston. Today, Westbury Soccer Club serves about 250 youth soccer players and their families from Westbury and its surrounding communities and across all levels and ages of play. Led as a volunteer-based club, WSC is able to keep its costs low and, as a result, offers registration fees that are among the lowest in the city. The Club provides the highest quality instructional and competitive soccer opportunities to Westbury youth.

On May 18, WSC will show its gratitude to the community by hosting Fun Fest Day at the Parker Elementary Soccer Field and Westbury Park at 12:30 PM. The festivities will include a fun-filled afternoon with exciting end of season soccer games and also entertainment, food and activities for the entire family.

For more details or information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kim Gowen at president@westburysoccer.org or visit the website at www.westburysoccer.org.

JMS TalentFest 2014

Johnston Middle School is hosting TalentFest on Saturday, May 10 from 5 to 9PM. This event is to be held at Johnston Middle School, outdoors on the football field, located at 10410 Manhattan Drive, Houston TX 77096. Admission is free and open to the public. HISD's exceptionally talented students of all ages will present themselves, from elementary school mariachis, to HSPVA and Johnston's numerous award winning performers. Enjoy choral music, band, jazz band, guitar, orchestra, mariachi, pianists, theater, dancers, a car show, and a talent competition.



This year's special feature is "Villa de Mariachi", a little Mexican village with a second stage, food court and Cinco de Mayo celebration. Bring the little ones, as JMS has created "Candyland" just for them with age appropriate activities. Middle and high school students can ride the Orbitron, climb a Rock Wall, roll around in Water Bubbles, or expend their boundless energy bungee jumping. Numerous carnival games with delightful prizes are sure to entertain. This is the biggest PTO fundraiser, so bring some cash and enjoy turkey legs, funnel cakes, roasted corn and other delicious foods. The night will culminate with the five finalists from JMS Talent Competition competing in front of celebrity judges with \$600 prize money to be awarded. Come and enjoy some of the best young talent Houston has to offer!

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311

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- ◆ Heavy trash violators - **311**
- ◆ Regular trash violators - **311**
- ◆ Trash cans left in public view - **311**
- ◆ Weeds/High Grass (over 9 inches) - front or back yard - **311**
- ◆ Street signs that are defaced or need to be replaced - **311**
- ◆ Visible storage of trash - **311**
- ◆ Junk cars parked on the street and in driveways - **311**
- ◆ Street light outage/damaged pole - **Report to Centerpoint 713-207-2222.** Include pole number.
- ◆ Yard parking (front yard) - **Report to HPD Storefront.** Take Photos, record license plates and address.
- ◆ Operating a business from the home - Take pictures and **report to the WCC office.**
- ◆ Remodeling & New Construction - Check for visible permits posted at job site. **Contact the WCC Office.** ANY ADDITION TO THE HOME OR GARAGE MUST BE REPORTED TO THE WCC OFFICE
- ◆ Loose Dogs - **311** - All BARC calls now go thru 311.
- ◆ Bandit Signs - Remove signs from esplanades, light posts, street signs, etc. No sign may be placed in the city right of way.
- ◆ Street/sidewalk obstructions by tree limbs - **311**

Importance of Calling 311

The city uses 311 data to determine problem areas. 311 complaints can be reported by email, by mobile app and by phone. They can be anonymous. The City says that we do not have a flooding problem and that our roads aren't bad. They base this on a lack of 311 calls. Call 311 if your home floods. Call 311 if there is a pothole on your street or any major street you drive on (Willowbend, Hillcroft, etc.). Call 311 if your trash was out on the street curb but was not picked up.

After calling 311, please call the WCC office with the 311 service request number. We might be able to help expedite the process, especially with skipped trash pick up.

Sewer Repairs in Westbury

The City plans to investigate and fix sewer problems reported to 311 and at the District K CIP Meeting. Here is the tentative schedule.

- ⇒ Issue work orders to clean and TeleVise (CTV) about 250,000 feet of piping by September 2014
- ⇒ Complete CTV Work by March 2015
- ⇒ Analyze CTV data and issue work orders to rehabilitate about 150,000 ft. of sewer by end of 2015
- ⇒ Complete the rehab work by end of 2016. Some sewer problems may need more time or funding to resolve.

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Address	Price	Days on Market	Status
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3847 Cambridge St 3 beds, 2 baths, 2000 sq. ft. View Details Show On Map	\$122,000 \$94 / sq. ft.	219 days	Price Reduced
3905 S.W. 1st Ave 3 beds, 2 baths, 1900 sq. ft.	\$195,000 \$103 / sq. ft.	63 days	Price Reduced
3915 S.W. 1st Ave 3 beds, 2 baths, 2100 sq. ft.	\$195,000 \$112 / sq. ft.	71 days	Price Reduced
3917 S.W. 1st Ave 3 beds, 2 baths, 2100 sq. ft.	\$177,000 \$94 / sq. ft.	82 days	Price Reduced

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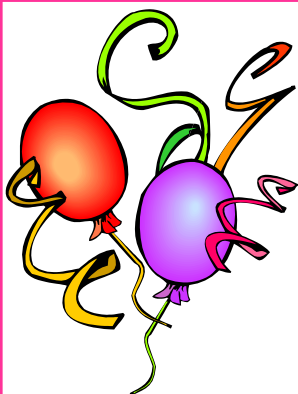


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Westbury Community Garden



Happy 4th Birthday Westbury Community Garden

The Westbury Community Garden members and friends gathered at the garden on March 29 to celebrate the 4th birthday of this wonderful project. The weather was lovely, the flowers were in full bloom, and there was enough food to feed an army. All in all, it was a totally spectacular picnic to celebrate Spring! Many thanks to everyone for all their hard work. Special thanks to Hazel Potvin for organizing things, Debbie Gordon for the wonderful door prizes and fun games, and Allen Potvin for making sure the grounds looked their best. Everyone enjoyed the many and varied dishes, seeing old friends, and taking a chance on the drawings and games. Prizes were donated by members and local businesses.



WCG Adds Accessible Bed

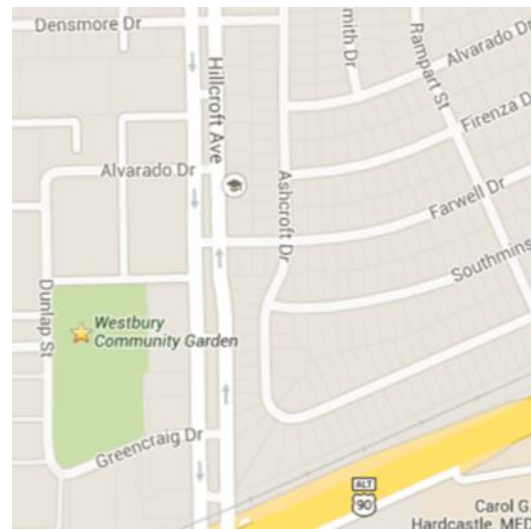
The Westbury Community Garden has added an experimental accessible bed designed to assist people who have limited mobility, but who still wish to garden. Two of our gardeners are trying it out and will report back on the pros and cons. Deciding on the final design was hard, as there were so many options available! We finally elected to go with something that fit more closely with the existing design of the overall garden. If you are interested, please come check it out!



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

The Westbury Community Garden is located near Hillcroft and South Main (US 90A) in zip code 77035. The intersection of Green Craig and Hillcroft is the intersection closest to the railroad tracks at South Main.

Take Green Craig and follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof of the June Hollingsworth Outdoor Learning Center, built by Leadership Houston, is readily visible. Here is a link to a map in Google Maps <http://goo.gl/maps/Z0UFv>



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Westbury Community Garden News

Tree Farm Coming to Westbury

The Westbury Community Garden is proud to announce it will be partnering with Trees for Houston to set up a tree farm at the garden in late May. The goal is to raise trees that can be used in the Westbury area to beautify our esplanades and parks. The trees will be donated by Trees for Houston in 3-5 gallon pots and then will be “bumped up” (replanted) to a 15-gallon container after we get them. After growing for 6 months in the larger pots, the trees will be ready to transplant into the ground. Volunteers from Scotts Miracle Gro will assist with transplanting the trees into their larger pots.

WCC Director Joe Niles mentioned that he recently participated in a seedling planting (putting small sprouted seedlings into 3-gallon pots) at Trees for Houston—perhaps some of those same seedlings will come to Westbury!

New Website for Westbury Community Garden

The Westbury Community Garden (WCG) has updated their website to make it more visually appealing and informative. Several experienced WCG gardeners have written short articles about gardening. More articles will be written over time to keep the content fresh and informative.

The website also has photos and information about the garden. To learn more, check it out at <http://westburycommunitygarden.org> If you have any questions about the garden or would like to inform the webmaster about ways to improve the website, then use the Contact Us page on the website.

Blooming Bluebonnets

The bluebonnets along with the frog fruit, Heribentia, and spider wart are all blooming at the Westbury Community Garden. Swing by and see how beautiful it is. The Westbury Community Garden is located at 12581 Dunlap (see map and description on prior page)



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Become an important part of Westbury’s history. Donate today to save our 7 acre site that is home to the Westbury Community Garden. Join the thousands of Westbury residents who in the past have donated their hard earned dollars to make a difference from: adding street lights, park and esplanade improvements, and bringing quality programming to Westbury youth etc. It’s now our turn to really make a difference. We have faith that this project is worth doing -- protect this 7-acres of land as a public greenspace instead of yet another apartment complex built in SW Houston. To make donations by check, make the check payable to “WAIC – Land Acquisition”, and then clip the donation form and mail it to the address indicated. To make a donation by PayPal or credit card, go to the WCC website (www.westburycrier.com) and click on the blue button “DONATE NOW – Secure donations through Network for Good”. **Donations are tax-deductible.**

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Outdoors in Westbury

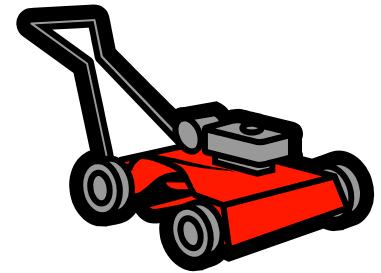
Nature Walk and Public Workshop

On April 10th, about 40 residents joined a nature walk and public workshop coordinated by Asakura Robinson. The firm has been engaged by the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) to create a plan for public access to the Willow Waterhole on the east side of Post Oak. Members of the Houston Audubon Society, Katy Prairie Conservancy, Texas Master Naturalists along with HCFCD were on hand to teach about the amazing ecology of the Willow Waterhole and to help create a plan for how community members can access the resources of the site for passive recreation and education. The group took a short walk through the site and learned from experts regarding the trees, plants, birds and environmental characteristics of the site. A Swainson's Hawk kept a close watch on the gathering from his perch high in a pine tree. A meeting followed at the Gathering Place to discuss future ideas for public access. This will be a unique basin with wetlands, forested areas, and a prairie.



It's finally spring. It's a great time to start up those spring yard projects.

- ⇒ It is time again to get your yard work done on a regular basis. The grass grows much faster now and requires more upkeep. A good application of Weed and Feed will help cut down on the weeds.
- ⇒ Yard clippings may not be left at the curb until trash day. If your clippings are missed by the city on collection day, you must call 311 and report it.
- ⇒ Many yard crews are just blowing the leaves and debris into the street. Please inform the person cleaning your yard that the leaves must be picked up from your yard and the curb in front of your home. The piles of leaves being blown into the street are clogging up the streets drainage system causing drainage to be delayed or blocked.
- ⇒ Do NOT use black trash bags for lawn waste. The city will NOT pick them up. Please use the city-approved recyclable bags.
- ⇒ Remove any dirt and mold build up on the gables, fascia boards, brick, window casings, gutters. Clean out your gutters.



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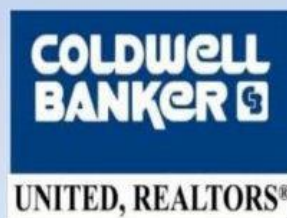
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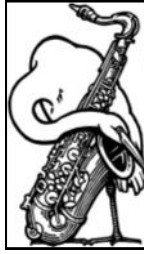
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Willow Waterhole News & Events

Willow Waterhole Music Fest 2014

Many Westbury residents may have been able to faintly hear the delightful music of the 2nd Annual MusicFest held at Willow Waterhole on Saturday April 12. More than 1,000 people enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere of good music and good food in a beautiful setting overlooking water on two sides. Admission was FREE.



Hungry guests were able to choose from a variety of fun outdoor foods to suit every taste and wallet: Popcorn, Ice Cream, Candy, Chips, Tamales, Turkey Legs, Red Beans & Rice, Burgers, and more. Soft drinks, beer, and wine were also available for purchase. Kids enjoyed drawing with sidewalk chalk and getting their faces painted. Kites danced in the wind.

There was ample room to spread out a blanket or grab a chair while listening to the talented artists. Students from Parker Elementary, Johnston Middle, Westbury High, and the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts were on the stage first, followed by 7 different professional groups. In addition to their extraordinary talents on display at the MusicFest, we are proud to note that many of these professional musicians live in or near Westbury or they teach at our local music magnet programs.



Willow Waterhole General Meeting

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) held its annual General Meeting and Elections on March 27 at Westbury High School. Dr John Leinhard was the guest speaker and his presentation on "Of Birds, Airplanes and the Problem of Staying Aloft" was fascinating. His photos of birds in the presentation were stunning.

Edith Smith of the WWGC summarized a recent Native Plant Rescue project where volunteers from various organizations rescued more than 3,000 native prairie plants from a site where construction is planned at Willow Waterhole. These plants are now being cared for off-site at a HISD facility and will be replanted next year at Willow Waterhole.

Bob Schwartz of the WWGC said about \$40,000 has been spent by the WWGC to provide electrical service and lighting in the "South Gazebo" area. The electrical installation has been completed in time for the April MusicFest event.

Raouf Farid of the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) gave an update on the \$530 million dollar Project Brays to reduce flooding in the Brays Bayou watershed. About \$13 million has been scheduled for new work at Willow Waterhole in Compartments 2 & 3. Compartments 4 & 5 are completed. Almost 8,000 trees in total have been planted at Willow Waterhole. The total acreage at Willow Waterhole is now about 292 acres, including land which had been owned by the Harris County Toll Road Authority.

A new board for the WWGC was elected and Ralph Rieger continues in his position as president.



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Keep Westbury Beautiful HAGER PARK

A beautiful morning greeted over 50 volunteers on Saturday April 5 as they planted and mulched 50 new trees in Hager Park and picked up bags of trash. This was a wonderful event organized for the annual Keep Westbury Beautiful Day and timed to coincide with the Keep District K Beautiful Day and Keep Houston Beautiful Day. It was heartwarming to see so many kids and young families in Hager Park planting for the future.

Whenever you stand under a big, shady tree in a park, or along our streets, or in our yards, please remember and thank that person from the past who planted that tree. You only have to look at pictures of Westbury from 1961 to see what a difference our tree canopy has made. It is hard to imagine when looking at our leafy canopy today that Westbury once was a grassy plain. Per an old saying, "The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best time is now."





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SPECIAL THANKS TO

- ◆ Stephanie Lester, our new Director of Volunteers, for all her work spreading the word to volunteers, arranging the set-up, and for the much appreciated coffee and pizza!
- ◆ Bill and Mark Edmondson, who provided the trucks and the labor to pick up the mulch and tools
- ◆ Westbury Civic Club Board members: Jennifer Edmondson for setting up and so much more; Carlos Mata for supervising and placement of trees; Eugene Sirls who wielded a mean shovel and single handedly planted at least 10 trees; and Marcia Hartman who manned the volunteer tent.
- ◆ Lanier Middle School's Humanitarian group of 15 volunteers planted all the redbud trees
- ◆ Lach Mullen, experienced tree planter, made quick work of the hard ground.
- ◆ Westbury Christian School volunteers, who worked diligently digging holes in the hard ground.
- ◆ Council member Larry Green and staffer Lynnette who stopped by to give us a Certificate of Appreciation which was much appreciated and rallied the troops.
- ◆ Susan Brock came with hot, fresh donuts with her trusty camera and took some great pictures!
- ◆ Jackie Murray provided water from Weichert Realty.
- ◆ Apache Foundation for donating 4 pine, 25 redbud, 20 white oak, and 5 wax myrtle trees
- ◆ Keep Houston Beautiful for the tools and 30 bags of mulch. Our neighborhood owes much to this organization that has been supporting beautification in Westbury for decades.
- ◆ Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) for approving the project and hauling away the trash
- ◆ All of YOU who pay dues to the WCC to support projects like this. The WCC will be watering these trees for the next two years to make sure the young trees get a good start.

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