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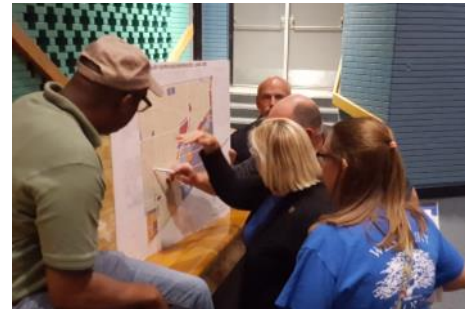
NEW Parker Elementary Construction Begins



The Ground-breaking ceremony for Parker Elementary as on May 2. See page 13 for more information.

ReBuild Houston is Coming to Westbury!

The Westbury area was chosen for a Storm Drain Reconstruction project through Rebuild Houston and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) several years ago. A public Community Meeting was hosted by the Public Works and Engineering Department (PWE) on Wednesday, April 21. The presentation and handout from the meeting are available on the ReBuild Houston website at (www.rebuildhouston.org) under the section labeled "Community Engagement". If you were not able to attend the meeting **the City is accepting public comments on this project through May 21, 2016.** The project area is bounded by Willowbend Blvd. to the north, Main St. to the south, Chimney Rock Rd. to the east, and Braewick Dr. and Haviland St. to the west. Construction is tentatively planned for 2018. For more information on this meeting, see page 11. Please e-mail your comments to PWEplanning@houstontx.gov.



Good news!

Curbside Recycling

Continues in Houston

SPECIAL FLOOD SECTION : PAGES 8-13
 INCLUDES IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FLOODING IN WESTBURY, UPDATE ON WILLOW WATERHOLE DETENTION BASINS, STORM DRAIN RECONSTRUCTION, PROJECT BRAYS, ETC.

Westbury Pool Opens May 28



The Westbury neighborhood pool, operated by the City of Houston, opens Saturday, May 28, for the Memorial Day Weekend. The pool WILL be open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, from 1-8PM. The pool is typically open Tuesday to 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 starting June 7. There will also be a **FREE** children's learn to swim program. **For more info. on adult and children classes, see page 7.**



HOUSTON...WE HAVE A PROBLEM.



Brays Bayou at 610 overpass to W. Bellfort looking West to Meyerland on April 18

Coffee With the Constables

The WCC outreach program, "Coffee with the Constables" is BACK! It allows residents to meet the constables who provide much needed supplemental security in Westbury. The next coffee will be at the PUCS Coffee Truck at Westbury Square on W. Bellfort on Saturday, May 14 from 9:30 to 11AM.

MAY 14, 9:30-11AM

HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

Heavy Trash for **MAY** is **TREE WASTE ONLY.**

Pick-up for ALL of Westbury is **Thursday, MAY 12**

DO NOT PLACE TREE WASTE ON CURB UNTIL May 7.

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Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

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

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

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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Gene Locke.....713-755-6111

Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmd.org

Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.org

Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use "report a problem" link

Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661

Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000

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

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President's Message

Adversity tends to put me in a reflective mood. It has been a week since Houston endured yet another "historic" rainfall and thousands were flooded from their homes. Hundreds of Westbury homes stood in harm's way as the rain waters continued to rise in our streets, unable to drain into the Harris County Flood Control bayous and ditches. The new HCFCF gauge at Landsdowne and the Willow Waterhole Bayou recorded 5.44 inches from 6AM to 10AM. Thankfully the rainfall slowed and we ended with 6.40 inches, sparing the majority of homes that had flooded last Memorial Day. Sadly, about 3 dozen homes had an average of an inch to 4 inches of water enter their homes or garages. As I visited with flooded residents, one stoic homeowner said, "Well, we had some time to prepare and I had a lot less to lose this time."

Structural flooding in Westbury should be mitigated. I believe our problem lies with our ancient city storm drains functioning inadequately, a lack of capacity in our Harris County bayous and ditches that take our storm water away from our homes, and a flaw in the drainage flow to the west of us. I am pleased that movement on all three of these factors is underway. You will read in this *Crier* about the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering public engagement meeting that was held on April 21st and how you can still participate. See page 1 and 11. You will read here about the new House Bill 5025 that was announced at a press conference along the Willow Waterhole Bayou at Hillcroft by Congressmen Al Green and Gene Green to bring federal money to complete unfinished projects like Project Brays. See page 12.

Going forward, both Houston and Harris County need to look

more closely at regulations and design requirements for storm water. We are working with the Super Neighborhood Alliance, the Brays Bayou Association, and Residents Against Flooding to learn more about these issues.

Last month, Mayor Turner took the time to host a small reception on the 99th day of his administration to thank the 250 members of his Transition teams. Thirteen teams examined different policy issues such as Public Works, Quality of Life, Rebuild Houston, Public Safety, Housing, Transportation, the Airport System and more. As a member of one of the teams, I have to say it was impressive to see all the people who care enough about Houston to give their time. Mayor Turner introduced Steve Costello, who ran unsuccessfully for Mayor against him, and called him a great statesman who truly cared enough about Houston to join this transition team and lend his expertise.

Mayor Turner pointed out the diversity of the teams, not just gender or ethnicity, but age, faith and ways of thinking. He said that despite all the diversity, we are one family. He said we choose to be positive or negative. That line resonated with me. I see so much negativism and cynicism on social media. Somewhere between what I see as the online cynicism and my eternal optimism is realism. But I do know for a fact that

"dialog" works. We successfully fought the largest cell tower operator with "dialog". We successfully used "dialog" to save the seven acre Westbury Community Garden from destruction and from becoming an unnecessary and unneeded housing project. None of these challenges were easy, and they took a lot of time and determination and the BELIEF, that in the end what is right will prevail. I, for one, choose to believe that the time we all spend advocating to stop storm water from flooding Westbury is time well spent. I think having a flood czar is a good idea. We in Westbury know the frustration of hearing "it's the city drains" to "no, it's the lack of capacity in the county bayous and ditches". Both systems need to work well and efficiently, now and in the future. The city needs a dedicated person making sure that we, the residents of the city and the county, get the relief that we need to reduce the risk of flooding.

For those of you who see "politicians" and spew it like a dirty word, I see the people we elected to represent us. If they don't know us, then how can they represent us? I choose to see them as friends. I'd like to close with a line I heard at the Friends of WHS Gala attributed to 1966 World Series Little Leaguer Bryan Boyne, "there is no 'me' in Westbury, but there is 'we' ". Together we can make a difference!

Becky Edmondson



Council Member Larry Green, Mayor Turner, Becky Edmondson, Congressman Al Green, Cindy Chapman



Westbury volunteers at KHB Day

Westbury Civic Club Board Notes—April 2016

- ⇒ Due to the flooding on Monday, April 18, the WCC Board meeting on April 20 was cancelled. The Mayor of Houston held a meeting at Mark Twain Elementary for Flood information that evening. Several board members attended.
- ⇒ We look forward to seeing you at our May WCC Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 18 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist Church.

NEXT
Westbury Civic Club
Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 18
Westbury Baptist, 7PM

Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock
Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM
Supervisor: Dan Reilly,
Daniel.reilly@houstontx.gov or 713-726-7107

Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort
Hours: See box below
Phone: 832-393-1840 /
www.houstonlibrary.org

All About Dragonflies ~ Family Fun Days Saturday, May 21, 10AM-2Pm

The May Family Fun Day will feature a program about the Dragonflies which breed and live in the nearby Willow Waterhole Bayou. Come in and learn about the dragonfly life cycle, walk out to the bayou to count the dragonflies, and make a dragonfly to take home. For more information, contact Dan at 713-726-7107.



Family Fun Days are FREE and held at Chimney Rock Park, 11655 Chimney Rock from 10 AM to 2 PM.

STRETCHING EXERCISE CLASS

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GAMES—Wed., 10AM to 12PM

For more information, contact Wally at 713-729-9310

PORTABLE PROJECTS- Thurs., 9:30-11:30AM

For more information, contact Hazel at 713 -729-4568

LINE DANCING Mondays @ 12:30PM

For more information, contact Dan at 713-726-7107

Ping Pong Leagues—Wednesday & Friday

Open adult ping pong will be on Fridays from 11AM to 2PM.
Open adult and teen play on Wed., from 6-8PM.

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

A Weight Loss Support Group Tuesdays 5:45-7PM
Drop in to preview or call Dorothy at 713-723-4441 or Naomi at 713-988-2233

May 2016 Events

Baby Playtime

Tuesdays | 10–10:45 AM
Ages 0 – 18 Months. Join us for creative and collaborative play! Explore with your little ones, get information about the skills your child is developing, and meet other parents and caregivers in your community

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays | 10- 10:45 AM
Ages 18 – 36 Months. Toddle around with us for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop your toddler’s social, motor and literacy skills

Preschool Storytime

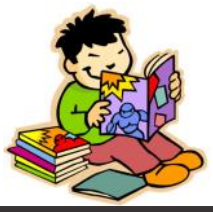
Wednesdays | 11-11:45 AM
Ages 3-5 years. Join us for stories, songs, and activities that will help prepare your child for school readiness with basic concepts including ABCs, 123s, Colors, and Shapes.

Kids Crafts

Thursdays | 3:30-4:15 PM
Ages 5-10 years. Create exciting projects at the library that you can show off at home.

SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS ON PAGE 23

| HOURS | |
|-----------|----------|
| Monday: | Closed |
| Tuesday: | 10AM-6PM |
| Wed.: | 10AM-6PM |
| Thursday: | 12PM-8PM |
| Friday: | 1PM-5PM |
| Saturday: | 10AM-5PM |
| Sunday: | Closed |



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What's Happening in Westbury

Events & Meetings Calendar May 2016

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|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Sat 14 | Coffee With the Constables with PUCS Westbury Square—W. Bellfort @ Burdine For more information, see page 1 | 9:30AM—11AM |
| Mon. 16 | Brays Bayou Association Meeting The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow | 7:30PM |
| Wed. 18 | WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Salem Lutheran Church— 4930 W. Bellfort | 8:30AM |
| Wed. 18 | Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft | 7PM |
| Sat. 21 | Audubon Society Bird Survey Meet at the Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow | 8AM |
| Sat 21 | Family Fun Day @ Platou Center All About Dragonflies For information, see page 4 in blue box | 10AM-2PM |
| Tues 24 | SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Building by Hobby Lobby | |
| Sat 28 | Westbury Pool Open 10605 Mullins More information, see page 6 | 1-8PM |
| Mon 30 | Memorial Day - WCC Office Closed | |
| Mon 30 | Westbury Pool Open 10605 Mullins More information, see page 6 | 1-8PM |
| May 31 - June 1 | WCC Office Closed | |
| Thurs 2 | Westbury Meet & Eat Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant 6579 W. Bellfort | 6PM |
| Sat 4 | Tomato Tasting at the WCG 12581 Dunlap—Westbury Community Garden Pavilion | 10AM—11:30AM |

RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH CALENDAR



| May 2016 | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| Thurs 12 | Curbside Recycling All of Westbury | <i>NO GLASS</i> |
| Thurs 12 | Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY | |
| Thurs 26 | Curbside Recycling All of Westbury | <i>NO GLASS</i> |

| June 2016 | | |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| Thurs 9 | Curbside Recycling All of Westbury | <i>NO GLASS</i> |
| Thurs 9 | Heavy Trash- JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY | |
| Thurs 23 | Curbside Recycling All of Westbury | <i>NO GLASS</i> |

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ 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 be placed starting 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.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center - 11500 S. Post Oak** Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

PLANNING CALENDAR

June 11—Family Night at the Pool

July 4—WCC Office Closed

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City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| April | Junk Waste | May | Tree Waste |
| June | Junk Waste | July | Tree Waste |

Westbury Pool

Westbury City Pool Summer 2016 Schedule

May 28- June 5: Pool open Saturday and Sunday, 1-8PM

May 31 (Memorial Day): Pool OPEN 1-8PM

June 4- August 12: Pool OPEN Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Monday

July 4: Pool OPEN, 1-5PM

August 13 - September 5: Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-8PM

September 5 (Labor Day): Last day for the pool to be open! 1-6PM

Questions? Call pool at 713-723-2192

Address: 10605 Mullins (near Parker Elem.)

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 2 classes this year. See below for class descriptions and times.

Online registration (<https://apm.activecommunities.com/houstonparks/Home>) begins on May 16, or you can register with the instructor on class days, shortly before each class starts. The first day of class will be Tuesday, June 7, and the last day of class will be Thursday, August 6, 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 Circuit Water Fitness:

Tuesday 6:30PM - 7:45PM

A combination of cardio, strength training, and flexibility that takes you through a series of stations using effective circuit training principles and the latest aquatic equipment for a total body workout. The intensity is light to moderate.

NEW Adult Aqua Zumba:

**Tuesday and Thursday 9-10AM,
Thursday 6:30PM - 7:30PM**

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. It is based on the principle that a workout should be "fun and easy to do" allowing individuals to stick to the Zumba fitness program and achieve long term health benefits. The intensity is light to moderate.

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

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. More information is available at the city aquatic department's website:

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



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Westbury 60th Anniversary

Westbury Civic Club 60th Anniversary Year of Celebration

We invite everyone in our neighborhood to come to at least one of these festivities during the year! They will all be a lot of fun and a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and get more connected with the community! More details to follow as the event dates get closer.

June 11: Westbury Family Night at Pool

September 21: Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting

September 24: Westbury Civic Club 60th Celebration Party

Date TBD: Westbury Covered-Dish Supper (renewing a tradition)

Date TBD - Westbury Family Christmas Party (renewing a tradition)

Date TBD - Westbury Wine Night

We need volunteers for ALL of these events!

Please email the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Sixty Wonderful Years

Westbury Civic Club

WE NEED YOUR WESTBURY PHOTOS!

We are still looking for photos from the 1950's-2000s depicting life in Westbury. You can drop them off in an envelope with your name, phone number, and address to the Civic Club Office or you can scan them and email them to at westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

The photos will be on display at our celebration party as well as in the *Crier* throughout the year. If you have any questions, call Jennifer at 713-723-5437.

Happy Birthday Westbury Civic Club

On April 24, at the Music Fest at the Willow Waterhole, the Westbury Civic Club's 60th Anniversary was recognized. The crowd joined the band in singing Happy Birthday to the Civic Club. Afterwards, the Westbury Civic Club gave out 60 delicious cupcakes!

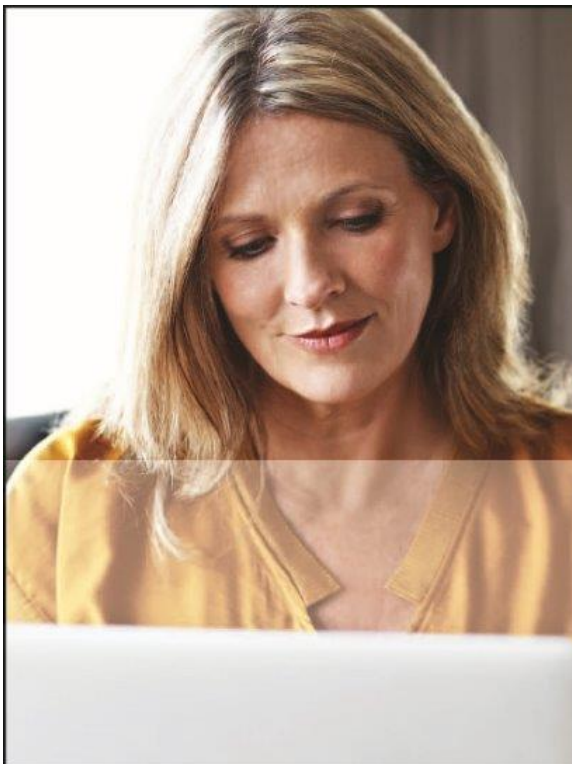


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April "Tax Day" Flood

Westbury Homes Flooded in April

As if the final day to file your federal income tax returns isn't challenging enough, this April 18th Tax day began with torrential rains across the city. Here in Westbury the rain began at 6AM; by 9AM we had 4.8 inches and by 10AM 5.44 had fallen into the HCFCD gauge at Landsdowne and the Willow Waterhole Bayou. Water came perilously close to almost all of the homes that had structural flooding in the 2015 Memorial Day Flood. Sadly about 30 homes had water enter into them yet again— water heights ranging from less than an inch to 4 inches deep. Hundreds of homes were spared from flooding because the water was not as high and the rain in SW Houston stopped. Meyerland was again hard hit but, instead of water measuring in feet, it could be measured for most in inches. However, whether you have an inch or 12 inches your life is disrupted.

It's hard to imagine, but for a few dozen homes, this is the third time in two years that water has come into their homes. These are homes that sat dry for almost 40 years. We believe something has drastically changed. This chart below gives the rainfall and the height of the Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) and that of Brays Bayou.

The good news is that there was very little flooding east of Hillcroft along the Willow Waterhole Bayou where we have had repetitive flooding in the past. What has changed? Several things. Harris County finished de-silting the Willow Waterhole Bayou. The last two compartments of the Willow Waterhole Project along the bayou were dug after Halloween. Both of these ponds were full of water. The last phase of this project is to install the weirs and control devices that will attach all the detention basins to the WWB. Read more about the Willow Waterhole Project on the next page.

The bad news is that the area west of Hillcroft along the WWB, which had not had houses flood since 1975 when work was done by HCFCD, has had structural flooding in 2013, 2015 and 2016. This is why we feel something has changed. Whenever Brays Bayou floods so does this side of Westbury. Water from the Fondren diversion channel tops the dam at the Braewick ditch and the water that is supposed to flow west begins to flow east into Westbury. Finishing Project Brays is a high priority. We believe adding more detention during the reconstruction of Fondren road is also a necessity.

The storm drains in these sections have to be compromised after 60 plus years of shifting ground, sediment and undersized infrastructure. Luckily Westbury is set for a ReBuild Houston project and you can read more about that on page 11 of this month's Crier.

What can you do? Help lobby for Project Brays to be completed ASAP, HB 5025. Contact your US Congressman. Give input on the ReBuild Houston project.

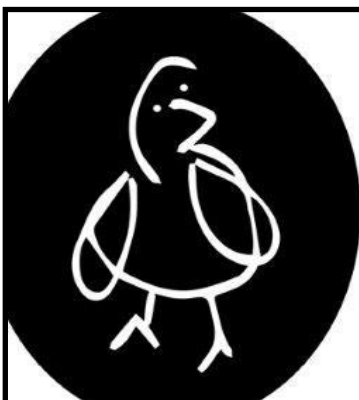


5900 Blk
Beaudry in
Parkwest 3 at
10:45AM
on April 18

Rainfall & Bayou Levels around Westbury

| Event | Rainfall | WWB @ Willowbend | WWB @ Landsdowne | Brays @ Rice | # Flooded Westbury Homes |
|------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 04/27/2013 | 7.20" (3.64" in 1st hour & 5" after 2) | 48.10' | 55.10' | 48.72' | 175-200 |
| 05/26/2015 | 7.48" (6.16" in 4 hours) | 51.70' | 56.70' | 52.90' | 420-450 |
| 10/31/2015 | 8.32" (5.04 in 2 hours) | 48.56' | Not given | 46.57' | 80-100 |
| 04/18/2016 | 6.72" (4.8 in 3 hrs; 5.44 after 4 hours) | 50.68' | 55.55' | 51.36' | 25-35 |

Data from Harris County Flood Control. www.harriscountyfws.org



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Willow Waterhole Detention Basin Status

How Did the Willow Waterhole Detention Lakes Function during the Tax Day Flood?

During the April 18 Tax Day flooding, there were news reports that Willow Waterhole was out of its banks. The newscasters were not referring to the detention lakes which are under construction at the Willow Waterhole Reserve in Westbury. Instead, they were referring to Willow Waterhole Bayou, which threads its way through Westbury and did overflow its banks in Westbury. The 6 detention lakes at Willow Waterhole are named after the bayou, which is a tributary of Brays Bayou.

The final two detention compartments (lakes) of the Willow Waterhole project are currently undergoing construction between the bayou and South Willow. "Compartment 6" (between The Gathering Place and a storage unit facility) and "Compartment 1" (across the street from the Westbury Place nursing home) are nearing completion. During the Tax Day Flood, fortunately, both of these new compartments filled with water from the bayou, even though construction is not yet complete. We feel this helped limit the number of homes that flooded in Westbury 3. When finished, these two lakes will be connected to the other four lakes in the system.

What work remains to be done for these final two compartments? The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) has a consultant working on the final design of the two weirs to be built on the banks of Willow Waterhole Bayou in Westbury. Each weir will be made of concrete and will be a low place in the bank of the bayou to allow high water to overflow from the bayou into the Willow Waterhole detention lakes. The size and shape of the weir controls how much water can overflow from the bayou. If you want to understand more about how these systems work, go <https://www.hcfcd.org/learning-center/stormwater-detention-how-it-works/>

This ongoing work at the Willow Waterhole detention lakes and other proposed improvements along Brays Bayou are important steps toward mitigating structural flooding in Westbury. Another important piece of the puzzle is new storm drains in Westbury. We are advocating for the new City project to start in Parkwest 3 where structural flooding has occurred in 2013, 2015 and now in 2016. See page 11 for more information on the New Storm Drain Project.



FULL Compartment 6 right off the Willow Waterhole Bayou



Main Compartment 5—not hooked up yet to #1 and #6. Once connection is made, more water will be stored from our bayou.



Residents clean debris clogged at the Landsdowne bridge over Willow Waterhole Bayou. Please keep your storm drains clear of debris.

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Do You Have Flood Insurance?

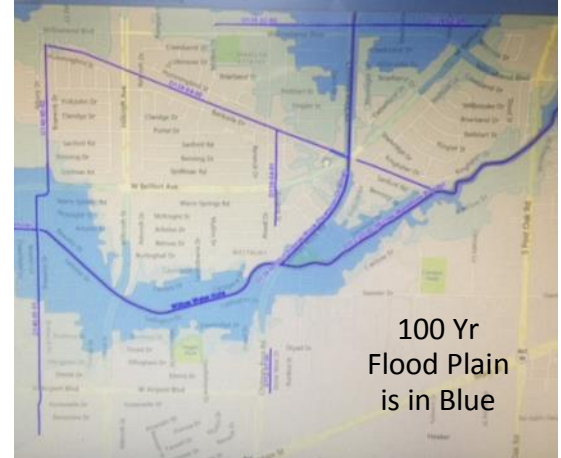
The majority of Westbury is not in the 100 year flood plain. However, with the amount of rainfall that is possible in any one storm, you don't have to be in a flood plain to experience water entering your home. Did you know the record for rainfall in a 24 hour period is held in nearby Alvin, Texas? 44 inches! The good news is that if you are not in a flood plain, then you can buy peace of mind for just a few hundred dollars a year.

The Harris County Flood Control District advises that EVERY HOME in Harris County should have flood insurance, whether or not you live in a 100-year flood plain. The 100-year flood maps do not fully warn of where flooding might occur. They show the risk of rising water from a bayou. The maps do not show where homes might flood due to street flooding from ditches or stormwater drains. The maps may not show where water will flow over land trying to get to a bayou. The maps do not show where houses may flood if the rainfall is higher than that predicted for a 500 year rainfall.

Because your homeowner's policy does not include flood coverage and because no insurance company wants to write an unprofitable line of business, the federal government stepped in. In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners.

As you shop for a flood policy, you may be confused, as many are, about whether the policy is through FEMA or an insurance company. In 1983 the Write Your Own (WYO) Program began and is a cooperative undertaking between the private insurance industry and FEMA. The WYO Program allows participating property and casualty insurance companies to write and service the Standard Flood Insurance Policy in their own names. The companies receive an expense allowance (approx. 30% of premium) for policies written and claims processed, while the federal government retains responsibility for underwriting losses. The WYO Program operates as part of the NFIP and is subject to its rules and regulations.

As of October 2015, there were 79 companies participating in the WYO program and handling the majority of flood insurance policies under the program. FEMA's NFIP Direct2 program administers a small number of policies. For flood events occurring between October 2012 and December 2014, the WYO companies received 162,500 claims and paid out 7.8 billion dollars. The cost of a flood insurance policy varies due to the: deductible chosen, insured value, Replacement Cost or ACV, location in the flood plain, elevation of your home,



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and whether you choose to have both your home and your contents covered. Some Westbury homeowners were caught unaware that they did not have contents coverage.

If you don't have flood insurance, ask your insurance agent for a quote. Make sure that you check the coverages and understand EXACTLY what you are purchasing. If you don't have an insurance agent, then look for one online at the FEMA site. Put in your address and it will give you a local agent. <https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart>

Please note: You cannot purchase flood insurance when a named storm in the Gulf of Mexico. Once purchased, there is a 30 day waiting period before it takes effect.



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Storm Drain Reconstruction

Public Input Meeting for ReBuild Houston

In the past, the city Public Works and Engineering (PWE) Department was not noted for openness or for seeking public input. City Councilmember Larry Green requested that the PWE Department conduct a Community Meeting in Westbury to discuss future projects. This meeting held on April 21, 2016 at Westbury High School was well-attended by Westbury residents. Thanks to each and every one of you who came to the meeting. It is vital that the city and our politicians see that our residents care about our community and are involved.

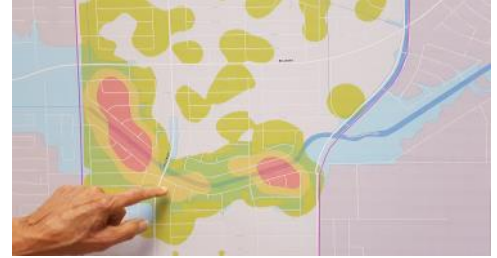
City Councilmember Larry Green was the host of the meeting. Precinct One County Commissioner Gene Locke and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner both spoke to the crowd. Other speakers include Gary Zika, from the Harris County Flood Control District, and Carol Haddock, Interim PWE Deputy Director.

Many in the audience were extremely frustrated that their homes flooded in 2015 or 2016 or in the past. Homes have

flooded because of local street flooding (inadequate street drainage) or from Willow Waterhole Bayou overflowing its banks. Even worse, some of these homes were not originally considered to be in the flood plain, but now they are.

Mayor Turner emphasized that he is working to get federal funding to complete flooding mitigation projects in Harris County. He will appoint a "flood czar," who will focus only on flooding issues and who will also manage coordinating with other government agencies on flooding issues. He is committed to making sure that "we take necessary steps to reduce flooding in Westbury, Meyerland, Spring Branch, and other areas that flood". He asked for "time to take the necessary steps" to show his commitment to this issue and to make the situation better. He emphasized that "every neighborhood is important and should be treated fairly and with respect" and "No more games. No more shoving problems down the road".

Carol Haddock, PWE, said that City Council has approved funds for the Westbury area for infrastructure improvements. The PWE department is studying the area



Map indicating structural flooding. Red is highest, then yellow and green.

bounded by S. Main/Chimney Rock/Willowbend, and Braewick by looking at reports made to 311 about problems with sanitary sewers, water main breaks, and street flooding. She noted that it is very important to report these types of problems to 311. For example, if your toilet or showers back up during periods of heavy rain, then make sure to report to 311. PWE will start design next year for Westbury infrastructure improvements.

Carol Haddock noted that they had already learned important information by talking to Westbury residents. PWE had assumed that flooding in the Westbury area was solely due to the bayou overflowing. PWE was surprised to find out that sometimes residents had flooded solely due to street flooding from inadequate stormwater drainage. After the presentations finished, meeting attendees were asked to breakout into small groups in the cafeteria to tell representatives from PWE about infrastructure problems and concerns.

Again, we want to THANK everyone who was able to attend this meeting. Please continue to report problems to 311 so that PWE has a good idea of where problems are happening in Westbury. Please continue to advocate for better infrastructure in Westbury. Our neighborhood is 60 years old and it is vital that our infrastructure be updated.

Public Comment period ends May 21. Please e-mail your comments to PWEplanning@houstontx.gov.



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Support HB 5025 to Fund Project Brays

HB 5025 – Approval by Congress is Important to Houston and Westbury

Houston Congressional legislators, Rep. Al Green and Rep. Gene Green, have co-sponsored HB5025 in response to the 2016 Tax Day flood. This proposed legislation is vital to Houston and to Westbury. HB 5025 requests \$311 million so that ALL the currently proposed flood projects in Harris County will be funded. The various flood projects have been funded piece by piece, over many years. Sometimes different projects in Harris County have been competing against each other for federal funding. As a result, flood control projects are way behind schedule in Harris County. For example, all homes in Westbury are in the Brays Bayou watershed, but Project Brays is YEARS behind schedule and would have already been finished if it had received full funding previously.

ACTION NEEDED. It is essential that the Texas and Houston Congressional politicians support this vital legislation. Please contact these politicians and let them know that it is important to you that HB5025 is approved in Congress to reduce flooding in Harris County.

Senate: Senator John Cornyn and Senator Ted Cruz

House of Representatives: Kevin Brady, John Culberson, Al Green, Gene Green, Sheila Jackson Lee, Pete Olson, and Ted Poe.



Parkwest 3 resident, Hailey, with Congressmen Al Green and Gene Green.

Congressmen Al Green and Gene Green Introduce Legislation to Fully Fund Houston Area Army Corp Flood Control Construction Projects

A press conference was held on the banks of the Willow Waterhole Bayou at Hillcroft in the flood affected area of Westbury on April 22, 2016. On Thursday, April 21, 2016, Congressmen Al Green (TX-09) and Gene Green (TX-29) introduced **H.R. 5025**, the 2016 Tax Day Floods Supplemental Funding Act, which would appropriate \$311 million for Army Corps flood control construction projects in the Houston area. The legislation would fund the projects using supplemental appropriations until 2026, and return any funds not used on these projects to the U.S. Treasury. If signed into law, the legislation would provide vital funding for the completion of flood control projects, such as the project to widen Brays Bayou.

Westbury and the other neighborhoods in the Brays watershed need Project Brays completed NOW. We need your help to lobby Congress to fund Project Brays. This bill asks for all of the Harris County projects pending to be funded. It is hard to believe that the fourth largest city in the United States should suffer these catastrophic floods when there are projects pending that could mitigate the flooding. It makes fiscal sense to spend money to mitigate flooding rather than to spend even more millions of dollars to repair and rebuild.

Also on hand for the press conference were: Mayor Sylvester Turner; Councilman Larry Green; County Commissioner Gene Locke; representatives from Westbury Civic Club and Westbury Super Neighborhood, Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman; Ralph Reiger and Howard Sacks from the Willow Waterhole Conservancy; Richard Rodriguez from the Brays Oaks Management District; Mike Talbot from HCFCD; and, residents who have had structural flooding in the past, Jane Falk plus Mark and Debra Tice.

After the press conference we walked along the banks of Willow Water-



hole Bayou discussing flooding issues. We also pointed out the damaged bridge on Hillcroft which passes over the bayou that has been awaiting repair since last September. Larry Green's April 28th press release statement said: "We need relief from Washington. We can no longer continue to fund these projects in a piece meal fashion". What can you do? Write your congressman and ask for their support of this bill. Ask your out of town friends and relatives to write their congressmen for support.

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Solid Waste in Westbury

Several dozen homes in Westbury had water enter their homes or garages from the April 18 Tax Day Flood event. Piles of debris, wet carpet, sheetrock, and ruined wood flooring lined a few streets in Westbury. The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) was quick to respond.



Westbury Civic Club President, Becky Edmondson, had an opportunity to ride along as the flood debris was being collected.

Picking up our Junk or Tree

Waste can be very challenging on our tree-lined streets. The heavy machine operator has to be skilled to maneuver the mechanical claw arm around trees, hydrants, and light poles if the debris is placed too close to these obstructions. Vehicles parked on the street can make it impossible to pick up piles of debris or can obstruct the road so that the large truck cannot drive down the street.

For more information about the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department and its services, go to www.houstonsolidwaste.org, like them on facebook at www.facebook.com/houstonsolidwaste, follow them on twitter @houstontrash

Ground Broken for New Parker Elementary

April 2, 2016, was an especially beautiful day for the ground breaking ceremony for a new Parker Elementary, an HISD Music Magnet. The Parker Band, fresh from winning first place at the annual Waltrip Band Festival that morning, performed as the people gathered. Principal Lori Frodine officially welcomed everyone. The Westbury High School color guard presented the colors. The Parker Chorus sang the *National Anthem*.

Ms. Frodine introduced Mr. Christian Sheridan, principal architect for Parker at Brave Architecture. He said that he'd met with Parker students for 2 hours and they'd given him a 3-page written list. The students' list is what he kept on his desk through all of the months of design. He said he'd had it framed to hang in the new building. He presented Ms. Frodine with the three pages neatly matted within a wide frame. The Student PAT committee members are then 5th graders: Abby Nitsch, Isabel Pitts, Maddy Vanlandingham, Rory Johnson, Ellis Haverkamp, and Keith Armwood.

He went on to say, when people asked why the plan called for an auditorium, he'd say, "Because it's Parker." When people asked why there were music rooms and practice rooms, he'd say, "Because it's Parker." He considers Parker a unique and exceptional school and that is what the final design reflects.



District IX Trustee Wanda Adams stepped to the podium and spoke of her enthusiastic support for the new school building. Ms. Frodine, Ms. Adams, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Josh Vanlandingham, member of the Parker Elementary PAT, then donned hard hats, grabbed their shovels, and broke ground. The crowd cheered!



From Left: Josh Vanlandingham, Christian Sheridan, Lori Frodine, Jeff Jefferson and Wanda Adams.

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Crime & Security

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37* 30 days April 20, 2016

| | Single-Family Home | Apt/Condo | Commercial Property | Public Areas | Totals |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Burglary | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Theft | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 11 |
| Auto Theft | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Assault | 0 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| Rape | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Murder | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 12 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 29 |

*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 by block number, not exact address. Stats for 30 days preceding April 20, 2016

| Block # | Street | Crime |
|---------|--------------|------------|
| 5800 | Arboles | Burglary |
| 5300 | Briarbend | Burglary |
| 6000 | Cartagena | Auto Theft |
| 12400 | Chimney Rock | Theft |
| 5900 | Ettrick | Theft |
| 5700 | Greencraig | Theft |
| 5800 | Greencraig | Theft |
| 5800 | Southminster | Theft |
| 5600 | Stillbrooke | Theft |
| 5700 | Stillbrooke | Theft |
| 5900 | Vickijohn | Auto Theft |
| 6000 | Willowbend | Burglary |

IMPORTANT NUMBERS & CONTACTS

Westbury Area Patrol / Constables
281-463-6666

Westbury HPD Storefront
832.394.7520 *new number*

HPD Non-Emergency
713-884-3131

Do you hear sirens?

Go to <http://cohweb.houstontx.gov/ActiveIncidents/Search.aspx>



Is Crime on the Increase?

If you spend any time on local social media sites, you could definitely feel that crime is rampant. The numbers for Westbury have remained pretty consistent for years for crimes reported to the police. Petty property crimes are probably not reported as diligently as other crimes.

When you see something suspicious, call it in right way. A frustration for the Westbury Area Patrol is that time lag in reporting. For example: 1. A resident hears someone outside in their driveway by their car. 2. They turn on the lights, go outside and chase the perpetrator away. 3. Then they call the Constables (and expect them to do some kind of CSI forensics). The perpetrator is now breaking into to another car, on another street. If you think a crime is being committed outside, immediately call the Constables and stay inside.

The good news is, that in the past 30 days, the single family homes in Westbury had no crimes in the violent categories (murder/rape/ aggravated assault). However there were 5 juveniles involved in a shooting at Hager Park. Two of the kids were treated and released and three were apprehended and arrested by the WAP officers. Ten of the 12 single family home crimes were theft (basically someone taking something that was left out - no burglary involved.) The 3 burglaries in the single family homes is down from 15 last year. The best defense for all of us is to be prepared. Get a security check done by HPD or Pct 5.

The bad news is that there is crime around us. At Houston area grocery stores and gas stations, people continue to be targeted. Kroger on W. Bellfort recently had 2 purse snatchings in broad daylight where the women were injured in the process and a customer shot at 2AM. What can you do? Ask for an escort if you feel unsafe. Pay attention to your surroundings. Put your phone in your pocket and pay attention to what is going on. Don't unlock your car doors until you are fully ready to get out of your car. This includes putting your keys facing outward in between your knuckles to hit somebody with. Watch all around you as you're going into whatever store you're going into. If you see something suspicious go the other way. If you see something suspicious honk your horn or shout. Before you come out of the store get your keys ready, watch around you, then get in your car and lock the door. Don't wait for the electronic locking of your car-that may be too late. If you're stopping for gas please put that purse under the seat closest to where you are standing to pump gas then lock the car. Take a personal safety class. Stay alert - everywhere and always!

Crime is not a recent phenomena. Here is an excerpt of an article from April 1966:

"Support Your Local Police

They need it and certainly need for them to have it. Lately in any newspaper you pick up there appears a smear campaign crying "Police Brutality". There has been in the last decade a subtle, but now increasingly bolder and more extensive effort more to harass and discredit our police forces and their individual officials or members.

We have had our problems with the criminal element here in Westbury. Homes are constantly being burglarized, cars and bikes stolen, and other lawlessness. We encourage you to be ever alert. If you have the misfortune to be a victim of crime, please contact your local police immediately. "

Westbury News

Do You Give Money to Panhandlers?

District K Councilmember Larry Green held a meeting to discuss panhandling, homelessness, and the problems of vagrancy at South Post Oak. Community representatives from Westbury, Meyerland, Willow Meadows, and Willowbend listened to representatives from METRO, HPD, City Legal, Mayor's Office, TxDOT, and the Coalition for the Homeless.

Panhandlers: There is a business to panhandling, especially if you see them wearing safety vests. Many are dropped off at major intersections and actually forced into panhandling by their handlers. It is almost like a form of prostitution and victims are forced to pass their money to these handlers. Many are not homeless.

Homeless: If the people on the street corners are truly homeless, then there are solutions and help is available. There are those who prey on the homeless. If you want to help the homeless, the recommended way is **donate to a group that serves the homeless**. To report people whom you think need are homeless and who need help finding a home, send an email to Info@thewayhomehouston.org

If you want to donate or get involved, the following link goes to a list of some of the organizations in Houston working to address the complex issue of homelessness. <http://www.thewayhomehouston.org/partners/>

If we want to see panhandlers leave our street corners, then we have to stop giving money. When questioned, one panhandler said he can make as much as \$60 per hour at a major street corner. We are a compassionate neighborhood and it is hard to turn our heads and refuse to give. Experts tell us that while we believe giving to them is helpful, we are actually hurting them. Giving to the panhandlers can actually hurt them rather than help them. According to experts, much of your cash will go for drug sales. Kush, a form of synthetic marijuana, is becoming a serious problem. Just say NO!

SB Hillcroft Bridge Repair and Lane Closures

The Hillcroft bridge that passes over Willow Waterhole Bayou has had one southbound lane closed since September of 2015. The bridge was slated to have repairs begin the week of April 18. However, the "Tax Day" flood of April 18 interfered with this start time, and construction is now scheduled to begin the week of May 1. The southbound traffic lanes will be closed and the traffic will be rerouted from Burlinghall to Ludington along the north-bound side of Hillcroft. According to the City of Houston Project Manager this project should last for a few weeks. Please drive carefully during this stretch of Hillcroft while it is temporarily set up for 2 way traffic.

The Westbury Civic Club again has expressed our concerns that the bridge should be completely replaced. We have been told that it is scheduled for replacement in about three years. We also expressed concern that the helical piles that will be added to temporarily shore up the bridge would add more obstruction of water flow, but have been assured that HCFCF has approved the project.

Crime/Security Details

Crimes/stats for 30 days preceding to April 20, 2016.

Here are some details from the last 30 days.

- *Lawn crew had blower & edger stolen
- *Missing green recycle bin.
- *Unlocked work van - attempted auto theft
- *Breaker box power turned off in middle of night (person scared away)
- *11000 Endicott - attempted burglary of a motor vehicle - neighbors scared burglar away
- *5800 Arboles - Back door kicked in (Black male - grey Toyota with paper tags)
- *5200 Spellman - Juvenile broke into relative's home
- *5800 Southminster -unlocked power washer stolen from back of truck
- *5700 Greencraig- rims stolen from Toyota truck in driveway
- *2003 Dodge van stolen from driveway
- *Hager park - shooting 3 juveniles in custody

Security Concerns?

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Westbury Area News

New Gauge for Rainfall & Water Level along the Willow Waterhole Bayou

We are very pleased that Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) added a new flood gauge location in the Westbury community. This is the first gauge to actually be located in Westbury. The gauge is located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou near Lansdowne. This is near Anderson Elementary / Hager Park and Westbury High School. Information from this gauge can be found at www.harriscountyfws.org/. The name of the new gauge is: Gauge 445 (the full name is "D112_445 Willow Water Hole @ Lansdowne Drive"). It will report rainfall amounts every 15 minutes when raining and will also report the water level in Willow Waterhole Bayou. There is a "Near Top of Bank" and "Out of Bank" feature on the overall map.

Keep Storm Drains Clean & Clear

If you have a storm drain inlet in the street in front of your home, check it regularly. You should remove any debris including newspapers, twigs and leaves from the grates. Also, look inside and see if you have standing water. If your storm drain is full of water and if has NOT rained recently, report to 311 for storm drain cleaning and maintenance.

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. Clogged drains slow water flow and cause flooding.

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Street Sign Cleaning Contest winner

We are pleased to announce that Jennifer Ferguson is the winner of the Westbury 60th Anniversary Spring Street Sign Cleaning contest and winner of a \$100 gift card. Jennifer cleaned the signs at Stillbrooke and Torchlight. In addition she reported: "As part of this effort, I decided to clean my STOP sign. Unfortunately it had seen better days, so I requested a new one using the Houston 311 app. The next morning (less than 18 hours after request), the city came and installed a new STOP sign on my corner and the opposite corner."



Westbury Meet & Eat

Come out to Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant at 6579 W. Bellfort every 1st Thursday of the month to meet Westbury residents. This event is open to anyone who lives in Westbury.
April Meet & Eat: Thurs., May 5 @ 6PM

Links for Lost & Found Pets in Westbury

- Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com
- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/westburyhoustontexas?fref=nf>
- CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.

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The amount of the 2016 Mandatory Assessments is \$233.50. The 2016 Assessments are due by February 1.

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Mission of the WCC

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

Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?

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- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
- Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year
- Organizes community get togethers such as Coffee with Constables and National Night Out

Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?

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| 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.

Successful Spring White Elephant Sale

2016 Spring White Elephant Sale was a Success

Hundreds of shoppers descended upon the April 16th Westbury Civic Club semi-annual White Elephant Sale and many treasures found new homes. By the time the doors opened, at 8 AM, there were over 150 shoppers in line. The weather was nice and it was a very successful event.

PUCS coffee truck was on hand again. We thank them for setting up in the lot! I think many of us who started our morning at 5AM would not have been still standing at 1PM without sustenance and coffee from PUCS.

The volunteers of Westbury Civic Club Board and the WCC Office Manager, Jennifer Edmondson, work hard to make this twice a year event successful. Thanks to everyone who participated as a seller, buyer or volunteer! The WCC had a booth this year to meet residents and sell WCC



swag! We will be out in the Fall Sale as well with 60th Anniversary Shirts so make sure to stop by!

Remember, it is against deed restrictions to have individual garage and estate sales in Westbury. The White Elephant Sale is a fun way to safely sell used items in a group setting. There is security present. The sale has an excellent reputation; sellers get results! The next White Elephant Sale will be in October. Stay tuned for more info!



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Westbury Area News

Westbury HS Huskies Support the Johnston MS Greyhounds!

Westbury High School Huskies showed up in full force to cheer on the Johnston Middle School Greyhounds at their last home game to a nail biting 8-7 win. Greyhound players were excited with the arrival of the "big boys" talking it up one on one with the group ... fun for all!

We at Westbury High School are energized to educate others about what we have to offer and promote our students as some of the most respectful you will find in all of HISD.

Huskies baseball will continue to support Johnston Middle School as both schools are music magnets. Westbury HS will soon start construction with many new additions and upgrades along with a new baseball field, new softball field, new tennis courts, and much more. Read for yourselves at <http://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/19544/WestburyHS%20-Sept%2017%202015.pdf>



Westbury Soccer Club

May is always an exciting month for Westbury Soccer Club (WSC). The club will celebrate another great soccer year with two events. On May 14, WSC families and supporters will be at Dynamo stadium cheering on Houston Dynamo as they battle Real Salt Lake. On May 22, we'll have the second celebration outside Herod Elementary complete with food, entertainment and trophies. Both events are always well attended and our players' smiles speak volumes.

Westbury Soccer Club continues to be a volunteer-led club serving our youth from Westbury, Meyerland, Bellaire, West University and other outlying areas. Being the oldest soccer club in Houston, some players are even 3rd generation Westbury Soccer Club members.

To learn more about the club and to register for the Fall Season, please visit www.westburysoccer.org. You may also visit us between 1PM- 4PM at Herod Elementary on May 22.

See you on the pitch! Go Westbury!



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Greenspace News

What does it take to put together a successful “Keep Westbury Beautiful” day? The dedicated Westbury Green team, led by WCC Director of Greenspaces, Marcia Hartman, develops a plan and then enthusiastic volunteers make it happen. We couldn't do it without the support of Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) and our District K council office, whose motto is “*Klean It Up, Green It Up*”.

Marcia Hartman and Jennifer Edmondson led the work at **Westbury Park**, ably assisted by Green team members Donna and Tony Robert. With our army of volunteers, 165 plants were added to the butterfly garden; 25 bags of mulch were spread; hundreds of weeds were pulled; several bags of litter were collected; and everything watered in just three hours.

Karen and Bill Schubert led the volunteers at **Chimney Rock Park** to put in a much needed sidewalk to the employee entrance. They also put in new wood trim for the raised garden at the park sign. With the help of Memorial High School students, Al Potvin and Kevin O'Brien, supervised the filling of some grassy areas near the courts at Chimney Rock Park and they helped students plant three pine trees near the tennis courts.

Eugene Sirls led the work at **Hager Park**, assisted by Cindy and Walter Chapman, where newly planted trees received some TLC and bags of mulch were spread. Bags of litter were collected.

At noon, the volunteers converged back at Westbury Park to enjoy pizza. KHB Executive Director Robin Blut and KHB Commissioner Susan Cita joined the group and thanked everyone for their participation.

We thank the District K office for the Certificate of Recognition presented by Barbara Hite. It states "CM Larry Green recognizes the dedication of the Westbury Civic Club." Each of you who live in Westbury are members of this Civic Club and share in this recognition.



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Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

For Earth Day, the Westbury Community Garden (WCG) hosted a free tree planting class and tree give-away at the WCG outdoor learning pavilion. The guest speaker was Gary O'Neil, forester at CenterPoint Energy. The class entitled, "Right Tree / Right Place." was free and open to the public. At the end of the class, a drawing was held to win a free shade tree. / WCG Tree Farm. CenterPoint Energy understands that planting trees is a way to care for our environment and beautify our community. CenterPoint Energy encourages you to "plant the right tree in the right place" to avoid power outages and help prevent safety hazards for you and your neighbors. The Arbor Day Foundation has recognized CenterPoint for planting trees and utilizing best practices in utility arboriculture.

Tai Chi at the Garden

Jasmin Regalado, a member of the Westbury Community Garden and an instructor of Tai Chi, offered a beginner Tai Chi class at the garden on April 28. Betsy Longoria, one of the gardeners, noted that she "went because I heard it was 'good for me.' Who knew it would also be ENJOYABLE and ENERGIZING!?"



SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 4

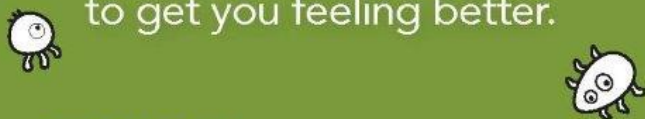
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Knitting & Crochet Club—Thurs., May 12, 6 – 7pm

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Mystery Book Club, Thurs., May 19, 1pm – 2pm

Do you enjoy reading and discussing books? Come for a lively discussion with the Meyer Mystery Book Club.

Read With Paws-itive Pups, Sat., May 21, 10:30am – 11:30am

Woof! Woof! for reading books! Come and read with our trained therapy dogs! Children are invited to relax and read aloud their favorite picture books alongside comforting canine companions to ease their reading discomforts and paws-itive encourage them. Intended for school age children (5-10yr. olds).

Para Los Niños Bilingual Storytime, Wed., May 24, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

¡Bienvenido! Come explore the library, all of its resources and our parent workshops that will teach strategies and activities to improve family literacy and parents' abilities to serve as their child's first teacher in a friendly, bilingual environment. Each of the workshops includes a story-reading modeling session and a series of learning activities for use at home related to the workshop's theme. This program is conducted by the Children's Museum of Houston.

Pajama Storytime, Thurs., May 26, 6:30pm – 7:15pm

Snuggle up to a good book at the Houston Public Library's Pajama Storytime. Wear your pajamas and bring your bedtime friend as we

Platou Center Family Fun Days are Fun for All



Family Fun Day at the Platou Community Center on April 23 featured wildflowers and painting. Families enjoyed looking at wildflowers in Chimney Rock Park and painting on a variety of surfaces and creating a large background for wildflower paintings. Painting on the background will be an on-going project for the After School Program. Art teacher Gigi Spence guided the painters in their work.

The next Family Fun Day will be on May 14. The topic will be All About Dragonflies. More information on page 4.

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