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MAY 5—Special Election District K City Councilmember

The City of Houston is holding a special election on May 5 to fill the now vacant District K City Council Member spot. This election is VERY important to Westbury. Council Member Green's untimely death left many projects up in the air and work undone. There are 18 months left in his term. Westbury must show up at the polls and be heard! There are 9 candidates running for District K. See page 7 for polling locations and more.



District K Candidates at the *Candidates Forum* held on April 24 at Westbury HS. From left to right: Larry Blackmon, Patricia "Pat" Frazier, Gerry Vander-Lyn, Martha Castex-Tatum, Lawrence McGaffie, Carl David Evans, Elisabeth E. Johnson, Anthony Freddie, and Aisha Savoy

Westbury Pool Opens May 26

The Westbury Pool is a City of Houston public pool located at the corner of Willowbend and Mullins near Parker Elementary. The pool use and classes are FREE!

See page 6 for more information on schedule, kids learn to swim classes, and adult exercise classes.



Flooding in Houston Be Prepared. Know Your Facts.

Flooding is a constant topic in Houston. There are several articles in this *Crier* that address topics related to flooding. No matter where you live in Houston or Westbury, you should have flood insurance. There are big changes to the City of Houston Floodplain Ordinance and projects being worked on by Harris County Flood Control. You can also help local street flooding and drainage by keeping your storm drain inlets clean of any debris.

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4th Deputy to Remain in 2018

Approximately 60% of the 2018 budget has been collected by the WCC. We still need to collect more money so expect a mail-out letter soon! Thank you to the residents that have paid their 2018 dues.



For those of you that haven't, it is not too late! Support the Westbury Civic Club and its programs today. The dues form is located on page 17.

RECYCLING DATES

May 2018

Thursday, May 10
Thursday, May 24

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Thursday, June 7
Thursday, June 21

HEAVY TRASH

May 2018

Thursday, May 10
TREE WASTE
ONLY

June 2018

Thursday, June 14
JUNK WASTE

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Before I became active in the Westbury Civic Club, I'm not sure I could tell you who my city council person was. I thought of city government as something that didn't have much to do with me. Thankfully there have always been people who were willing to "mind the store" while the rest of us do whatever it is that fills our time. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time being civically engaged. It has given me a whole new appreciation for those who choose to serve us. Public service and public servants have become much maligned in the press and in social media and sometimes rightfully so. But my experience has shown me that, for the majority, that is just not true. The city employees and elected officials, whom I have worked with, are a fine group of people.

On May 5, "WE" will choose who will represent us for the remainder of CM Larry Green's District K term. The question is who "WE" will be. Will "WE" be just 10% of us; 25%; 30%? Are you content to let someone else choose who gets to represent you on City Council? Do you believe that it doesn't make a difference? Trust me, it does make a difference! It makes a difference when our polling numbers are high. It matters if Westbury is seen as an engaged neighborhood.

Every month in the *Crier* we try to bring you the news that affects you as tax-paying Houstonians, whether the news is from the City, County, State, or HISD. Both Cindy Chapman and I appeared several times before City

Council and at the Transportation, Technology, and Infrastructure (TTI) Committee to speak on behalf of the Westbury Super Neighborhood about proposed changes to the Chapter 19 Floodplain Ordinance. Other than representatives from the different Super Neighborhoods and the Super Neighborhood Alliance, almost everyone else who spoke on this topic were lobbyists, builders, developers, and realtors. Unfettered development both upstream and downstream of us is one cause of our flooding (of course, coupled with aging inadequate infrastructure) and that is what the developers still seemed to want. The proposed changes to Chapter 19 were approved and you can read on page 11 how they will affect you.

The District K Town Hall Meeting was held on March 29. Due to the matching costs associated with Hurricane Harvey for federal funding, the usual city Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) that we normally advocate for were not addressed. In fact, all outstanding CIP projects have been delayed by at least a year. What this means for our Westbury street reconstruction CIP projects is that they will need to be addressed again once we have representation for District K at City Council. The Mayor, as well as several At-Large City Council Members, took the time to assure me that they were there for us. District K CM Larry Green was much loved by his colleagues, and many said they were looking out for us until his vacant position is filled by the District K Special Election.

Mayor Sylvester Turner was in Westbury in April to kick off the city-wide "Adopt a Drain" program. You can read on page 9 how you, too, can be a part of this important program to help keep all 115,000 of the city's storm drains clear of debris. It is a major complaint we hear from residents that their neighbors do not sweep street gutter lines free of debris. Now you can "Adopt a Drain" and be part of the solution. I know that many of you already do this. I met one of my neighbors during the press conference, and he regularly clears the storm drains in a commercial area nearby. Go online, claim your drain and let's show the city that residents of Westbury are doing their part. Likewise, we need the City to do its part by coming in and as quickly as possible replacing all of our aging infrastructure. I adopted a drain. How about you? Please sign up at www.houstonadoptadrain.org.

You will read about all the great April spring events that have been taking place from Keep Westbury Beautiful Day to the Willow Waterhole Music Fest. I hope all of you had as much fun as I did. If you missed some of these great events this year, mark your calendar for 2019!

In the meantime, what can you do for Westbury?

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Please go to the polls on May 5.
Your vote matters!

Becky Edmondson

WCC Board Meeting Notes—April 2018

- WCC welcomed Cheryl Elliot Thornton, candidate for Justice of the Peace, Pct. 7.
- WCC welcomed Mary Seymore for Senator Borris Miles' office.
- WCC welcomed Richard Nguyen from the Solid Waste Department.
- Vice President Report: Ride along with BOMD (R. Rodriguez) to discuss mowing, area debris, and other area concerns.
- Treasurers Report: On pace to be able to keep our 4th constable if we continue to push collections of dues and extra contributions
- Discussed proposed commercial development on S. Post Oak at S. Willow. The proposed plans call for a gas station and residential lots.
- Vacant positions on the WCC board: Security Director and Section Directors for Westbury 3, Westbury 5, and Parkwest 1.
- Thank you Jackie Murray and Kendyl Maurer from Weichert Realtors for bringing cookies and water.



NEXT WCC Board Meeting
Wed., May 16, 7PM
Westbury Baptist
10425 Hillcroft



MAY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock Rd

Houston, TX 77035

Supervisor:

Jayla Godbolt 713.726.7107

Jayla.godbolt@houstontx.gov

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

FRIDAY

Stretching Exercise Class: Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
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Meyer Library News

➔ Meyer Library CLOSED

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

➔ “Mini” Meyer Library at Godwin Community Center

A “mini” Meyer Library has opened in Meyerland at the Godwin Community Center at 5101 Rutherglenn next to Kolter Elementary. Limited Services. Staff can be reached at 832-393-1840.

Hours of operation:

Mon-Wed: 1:00PM-6:00PM

Thurs: 1:00PM-8:00PM



What's Happening in Westbury

Events/Meetings Calendar MAY 2018

Sat 5	Special Election for District K City Council Member See page 7 for more information	
Sat 5	Westbury High School Gala Braeburn Country Club	
Tues 15	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Police Station—13097 Nitida	7PM
Wed 16	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St. John's Presbyterian—5020 W Bellfort	9AM
Wed 16	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Fri 18	Flooding & Floodplain Workshop Bayland Community Center—6400 Bissonnet See page 8 for more information	6:30PM
Sat. 19	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7AM
Sat 19	ECHOS Shred Day 9600 S Gessner See page 13 for more information	9am-Noon
Mon 21	Brays Bayou Association Meeting The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7:30PM
Sat 26	Westbury Pool Opens! 10605 Mullins See page 6 for pool schedule	
Mon 28	Happy Memorial Day WCC Office Closed	
June 1	Last day of school for HISD students	

Planning Calendar

June 2—Tomato Tasting at Westbury Community Garden

June 2—Westbury Pool Regular Summer Hours Begin



TRASH SCHEDULE



Recycling in Westbury

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

May 2018

Thursday, May 10

Thursday, May 24

June 2018

Thursday, June 7

Thursday, June 21

Heavy Trash Schedule

All of Westbury is on the same schedule for Heavy Trash. Pick-up is on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE months.

May 2018

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, May 10

June 2018

JUNK WASTE

Thursday, June 14

Important Trash & Recycling Info



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

Westbury City Pool Summer 2018 Schedule



May 26-27 : Pool open Sat. & Sun., 1-8PM

May 28 (Memorial Day): Pool OPEN 1-8PM

June 2– August 12: Pool OPEN Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Monday

July 4: Pool OPEN, 1-5PM

August 13 - September 3: Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-5PM

September 3 (Labor Day): Last day for the pool to be open! 1-5PM

Questions? Call pool at 713-723-2192

Address: 10605 Mullins (near Parker Elem.)

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FREE Swim Lessons for Kids

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department offers free learn-to-swim classes for youths through the H2OSafe program. Classes are accessible to all and are offered at various skill levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Each session meets Tuesday through Friday for two weeks (30 minute class).

All classes are free and space is limited on a "first come, first served" basis during specified registration periods. **Online Registration** is required and **begins at 8AM on the registration date**. To register go to www.houstonparks.com.



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.

Registration is online (<https://apm.activecommunities.com/houstonparks/Home>) or you can register with the instructor on class days shortly before each class starts. The first day of class will be Tuesday, June 5, and the last day of class will be Thursday, August 2, 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 Circuit Water Fitness Class Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10AM

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.

Hydro Fitness Training Class Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

An athletic approach to water fitness training with sports-specific drills, intense cardiovascular work, intervals, balance/core training, martial arts, and plyometrics. It's a great way to improve your cardiovascular conditioning and muscular strength with minimal stress on your joints. Loud, rocking music is part of the workout. Recommended as a great form of cross training. Intensity: moderate to hard.

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GO District K **VOTE SPECIAL ELECTION**

Saturday
MAY 5

A special election will be held to replace CM Larry Green, who passed away unexpectedly. Nine candidates will be on the ballot. This is a very important election for Westbury as we have many projects still pending and in need of Council support.

Almost all of Westbury is located within District K. The only homes that are not in K are located on the North side of Willowbend. Westbury typically has high percentage of voting participation. Let's make this election a record turnout! Listed below in the blue box are the Precinct locations for election day, May 5.

May 5 Election Locations Westbury Area Precincts

Locations subject to change, check
www.harrisvotes.org.

Several polling locations have changed 3 times so make sure you double check your location before voting!

Pct.	Location	Address
14	Parker Elementary*	10626 Atwell
22	Westbury High School*	11911 Chimney Rock
146	Platou Community Center	11655 Chimney Rock
291	Braeswood Assembly of God*	10611 Fondren
293	Anderson Elementary	5727 Ludington
453	Westbury High School*	11911 Chimney Rock
693	Braeswood Assembly of God	10611 Fondren

*Change in location since April *Crier*



Sample Ballot—District K

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



District K Candidates from L to R: Larry Blackmon, Pat Frazier, Gerry Vander-Lyn, Martha Castex-Tatum, Lawrence McGaffie, Carl David Evans, Elisabeth E. Johnson, Anthony Freddie, and Aisha Savoy

District K Candidates Forum - April 24

The Super Neighborhoods of District K along with the Brays Oaks and Five Corners Management and three non-profits Neighborhood to Trails SW, South Central Concerned Citizens, Southwest Houston 2000 hosted a well-attended candidates forum to meet the nine candidates vying to be our District K council person. The leadership at Westbury High School did a GREAT job preparing for the event, and the ROTC students were fantastic as they helped with parking, the flag ceremony, and assisted the 9 candidates. The candidate forum Planning Team was AMAZING - planning the event, spreading the word about the event far and wide, preparing the questions (both preliminary for written responses and the questions for the event), soliciting and organizing the candidate information, working as greeters and timekeepers and assisting as needed during the event. And, finally the forum had the vital financial support from the Brays Oaks and the Five Corners Management Districts - who provided the resources to print our event flyers and candidate bios/question responses, helped with audio and filmography, brought cookies and water tonight, and did a fantastic job spreading the word about our event.

Each candidate submitted a bio and answers to 12 submitted questions which were printed and available at the event in hard copy and are

available at www.westburycrier.com. All nine candidates attended the forum and gave thoughtful answers to the 6 additional questions for the live forum. The live topics were public safety, infrastructure, community responsiveness, city ordinances and neighborhood violations, and flooding.

Principal Susan Monaghan welcomed the crowd as the Westbury Jazz Band entertained in the foyer. The event opened with the WHS ROTC presentation of the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Ray Washington from SN39/40. Cindy Chapman introduced the Moderator Larry Seward of KHOU tonight and the next hour and half went by quickly as each candidate had 1 or 2 minutes to answer the questions posed.

The auditorium was full and I think speaks to the importance of this election. Be sure to cast your vote on May 5!



Flooding and Floodplains in the Houston Area: Past, Present, and Future

an Informational Workshop sponsored by the *Houston Geological Society*

Where: Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet

When: Friday, May 18, 6:30-8:30PM

Presenter: Dr. William R. Dupre', Dept. of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Houston

Flooding in the Houston area over the last three years has caused residents and professionals alike to reconsider how we evaluate and respond to flood hazards in the region.

Dr. Dupre' will discuss how watersheds and floodplains are defined and mapped, and how individuals can obtain (and understand) information on local watersheds and floodplain maps of interest. He will also discuss recent floods, including how floods are measured and how flood frequency is calculated (including critical assumptions). Of particular importance is how and why floods and floodplains in Houston have changed in the past, and are likely to change in the future. Lastly, he will review some of the possible approaches to reducing flood risk in the future.

Work on HCFCD Easement

Have you seen the mountain of dirt being excavated along the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) easement that runs from Chimney Rock and West Belfort back to the Willow Waterhole Bayou between Kingfisher and Sanford? The piles of dirt are there as a result of culvert boxes being installed in the drainage easement. The dirt is being moved to other places on the project site. The vast majority will be relocated in the next month. They will finish installing the boxing near the end of July.

Due to a number of calls into the WCC office we reached out to the always accessible HCFCD who had this to say: "We will speak with the contractor about sweeping the area better to decrease the mud onto the streets. The contractor is also digging swales away from the fences to facilitate drainage. Thank you for letting us know the residents' concerns. They will be addressed. Let us know if you have any questions or need more information."

When this piece of the project is completed in August, the Willow Waterhole part of Project Brays will be complete. As to the work on Brays Bayou itself, the last leg of Project Brays itself from Rice to Fondren will begin in August.



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Kickoff in Westbury for a New "Adopt-A-Drain" Program

Mayor Turner and Amy Reed, the new executive director of Keep Houston Beautiful, announced the launch of the City's new "Adopt-A-Drain" Program, which is a partnership between Houston Public Works, Keep Houston Beautiful, and community partners. This program hopes to help prevent future flooding, save taxpayer money and keep our neighborhood storm drains clean and litter free. The site of the announcement was a Westbury street corner with 4 storm drains. Thank you Chen family for your children (below) and your corner!

The city is addressing its flooding challenges on many levels, and spends \$13 million each year on storm drain maintenance, inspection, and repairs. As it plans for regional detention and large-scale drainage improvement projects to make our city more flood resilient, it also recognizes that all Houstonians can individually contribute in the efforts to reduce local street flooding.

"Anyone in the community can help by adopting a drain and promising to keep it free from leaves and trash, especially

before it rains," said Mayor Turner, "these are just small actions that can add up to make a big difference for our entire City".

The mayor encourages Houstonians to adopt at least one of the 115,000 available storm drains. As Adopt-A-Drain partners, program participants are asked to keep their drain clear of leaves and trash by cleaning it at least four times a year (especially before it rains), clean 10 feet on both sides of the drain, and compost or dispose of leaves and trash properly.

"The Adopt-A-Drain program is one that neighbors, and families, civic groups and businesses can all take part in to make their community a better place to live, work and play," said Amy Reed, executive director of Keep Houston Beautiful. "Thanks to the help of our generous sponsors, Keep Houston Beautiful will host five events as a part of this program to distribute supplies and create educational materials for the Adopt-A-Drain program."

"We know that there will be another storm and this program will make a daily difference in the lives of our residents by making sure that your storm drainage system is ready for the next storm," said Carol Haddock, director Houston Public Works. "Houstonians are our eyes and ears and only you can help us know if an inlet top is broken or if a grade cover is missing. Please help us, help you by reporting these items to 3-1-1."



Becky Edmondson, WCC President, was at the press announcement held here in Westbury and noted, "Keeping our undersized and aging storm drains as clear as possible by routinely checking that water drains away quickly is just one piece of making our neighborhood more resilient. Westbury residents are hyper aware of flooding concerns and many already do this on an informal basis."

To adopt-a-drain on your street, go to www.HoustonAdoptaDrain.org. By adopting a drain, partners will receive information and tips from the City of Houston and Keep Houston Beautiful and notification of upcoming Houston Adopt-a-Drain events. For some added fun, you get to name your drain!

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Do You Have Flood Insurance? You Should.

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 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.

Only 15% of the structures that flooded during Hurricane Harvey had flood insurance.

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

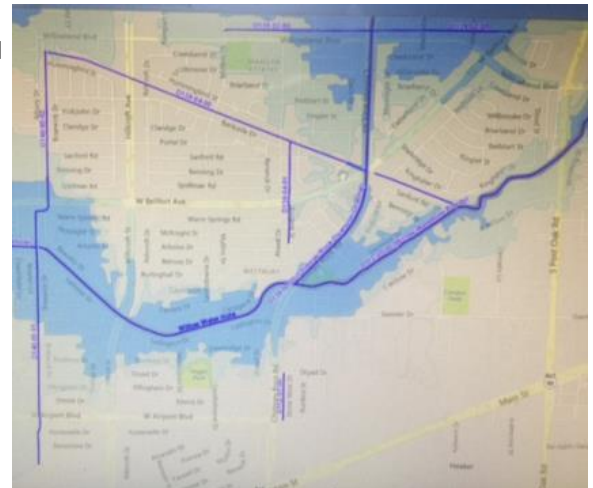
government stepped in. In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners.

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 Actual Cost, location in the flood plain, elevation of your home, 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 is in the Gulf of Mexico. Once purchased, there is a 30 day waiting period before it takes



Flood plains in Westbury. Blue is 100 and light green is 500.

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Chapter 19 "Floodplain Ordinance Changes APPROVED"

The following was taken from a special announcement email from At-Large Council Member Amanda Edwards

On April 4, 2018, by a vote of 9-7, the City Council approved new measures for Chapter 19, otherwise known as the floodplain ordinance. The previous code only applied to properties in the 100-year floodplain, but the new ordinance applies to both the 100-year and 500-year floodplains. However, there are some important distinctions between the two different floodplains. In order to clarify, we have separately discussed the new ordinance's effects on the respective floodplain areas.

The new ordinance does not expressly regulate foundations for elevation, but many people may end up utilizing pier and beams to elevate a home.

These changes to the floodplain ordinance were controversial. However, the Mayor felt that going beyond the 100-year floodplain paradigm was necessary due to the numerous areas of the city outside of the 100-year floodplain that were severely impacted by Hurricane Harvey. In fact, Houston Public Works cites 33% of single family homes, multifamily homes and commercial structures within the 500-year floodplains flooded after Harvey. Studies show that 84% of the structures in the 100 and 500-year floodplains would not have flooded if the proposed changes were in place prior to Harvey.[3]

Council Member Edwards said, "We cannot continue down the exact same path, knowing that these 500-year flooding events are now occurring every year. These reforms contribute to creating a Houston community more resilient to future floods that will inevitably occur."

Most Westbury homes are not in the floodplains, however, about 20% of the neighborhood is. The majority of these homes are along the Willow Waterhole Bayou, however, there are some homes that are located in the flood plain for Brays Bayou. It is important to know where your home is located and what rules pertain to you.

[1] Net fill is the amount of solid building materials, such as soil dirt or concrete added to a property as compared to the amount of building materials removed. Zero net fill is important, because it protects the area in the floodplain available to store flood water and maintains neighborhood drainage patterns. This will help prevent run-off from new property to existing property.

[2] Sheet flow is the natural runoff or drainage of rainfall over the ground. <https://definedterm.com/a/definition/50835>

[3] <http://www.houstontx.gov/council/g/chapter19/Floodplain-Mgmt-Data-Analysis.pdf>

EVERY HOME IN HOUSTON SHOULD HAVE FLOOD INSURANCE. See page 10.



Changes to the 100-Year Floodplain

- ⇒ New homes will be required to be built to the 500-year floodplain level plus 2 feet.
- ⇒ Existing homes where a planned addition increases the footprint by over 1/3 of the existing square foot space will be required to elevate only the addition to the 500-year flood plan level plus 2 feet (not the entire home).
- ⇒ This change does not apply to existing homes where the planned addition will be less than 1/3 the current floor space.
- ⇒ Note: the existing rule of an elevated level of 100-year floodplain level plus 1 foot still applies.
- ⇒ Existing homes that engage in "substantial improvements" that increase the value of the home by 50% or more will be required to elevate the entire home to the 500-year floodplain level plus 2 feet or more.
- ⇒ The current rule of "zero net fill" will remain in place.[1]

Changes to the 500-Year Floodplain

- ⇒ New homes will be required to be built at the 500-year floodplain level plus 2 feet.
- ⇒ Existing homes where a planned addition increases the footprint by over 1/3 of the existing square foot space will be required to elevate only the addition to the 500-year flood plan level plus 2 feet (not the entire home).
- ⇒ This does not apply to existing homes where the planned addition will be less than 1/3 the current floor space.
- ⇒ The "substantial improvement" rule for 100-year floodplain does not apply.
- ⇒ "Minimal net fill" is allowed for homes in the 500-year floodplain areas, as long as there is no interference with the "sheet flow" of potential flood waters.[2]



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To get started just click on the link below or go to: <https://www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/>

Keep in mind that many notifications will be targeted only to impacted neighborhoods. Entering a physical address outside of the City of Houston may limit the notifications you receive, particularly from AlertHouston.

ECHOS Shred Day— May 19

Do you have sensitive or personal documents piling up? Bring it to ECHOS SHRED DAY!

Saturday, May 19th from 9 AM – 12 PM
Electronics accepted.

Location: The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany parking lot located at 9600 S. Gessner – corner of Bissonnet.

How it Works: Drive up, get a donation receipt and we'll unload your car for you! It is just that easy! Businesses and individuals welcome. Minimum \$15 donation – Senior Discount \$12.

All documents are shredded securely on site, and shredding certificates will be provided upon request.

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Next ECHOS Shred dates are July 21 and October 20

MAY 15 PROTEST HARRIS COUNTY TAX DEADLINE

District K held an informative Neighborhood 101 workshop on Property tax.

The deadline to file a property value protest is Tuesday, May 15. If you have not received your property value notice, you will still have 30 days from when the notice was sent to file a protest. Your protest deadline will be printed on your property value notice. As we went to press, none of our areas appraisals have been sent.

In addition be sure you are getting all the tax exemptions you are qualified to receive. Exemptions reduce the value of your property before the tax rate is applied and are not automatically granted. You have to apply for the exemption. In addition to the well-known Homestead Exemption there are exemptions for the disabled, the over 65, over 55 surviving spouse, disabled veterans and their survivors as well as surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty.



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




30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

April 1 –25, 2018

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5600	Cartagena	Burglary of Building	4/13	10AM	Westbury 3
5700	Cartagena	Burglary of Habitation	4/8	12PM	Westbury 3
6000	Effingham	Robbery	4/14	5PM	Westbury 4
5600	Ettrick	Auto Theft (Auto/Car)	4/10	10PM	Westbury 4
5500	Ettrick	Theft - Other	4/6	1PM	Westbury 4
5500	Ettrick	Aggravated Assault with Weapon	4/21	2PM	Westbury 4
5700	Firenza	Robbery	4/16	7PM	Westbury South
5700	Firenza	Auto Theft (Truck/Van)	4/11	11AM	Westbury South
11500	Hillcroft	Burglary of Habitation	4/15	5PM	Westbury 3
5100	Kingfisher	Theft- Other	4/2	5PM	Westbury 1
5700	Ludington	Burglary of Building	4/10	3PM	Westbury 4
5700	Ludington	Aggravated robbery with Weapon	4/16	2AM	Westbury 4
10700	Oasis	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/2	6AM	Westbury 2
5600	Portal	Theft of US Mail	4/6	5PM	Parkwest 2
5200	Redstart	Burglary of Habitation	4/18	7PM	Westbury 1
11100	Renwick	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/5	1PM	Westbury 5
5700	Southminster	Aggravated Robbery (no Loss or attempt)	4/12	11PM	Westbury South
5800	W. Airport	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/8	2AM	Westbury 4
5200	W. Belfort	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/23	4PM	Westbury 2

KEY

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

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

The crimes listed below took place between April 1 – April 25. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Where
11000	Chimney Rock	Aggravated Assault with weapon	4/13	9PM	
11300	Chimney Rock	Robbery with Weapon	4/9	12PM	
11500	Chimney Rock	Robbery with weapon	4/9	7PM	Home Depot
11500	Chimney Rock	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	4/11	1PM	Commercial
11500	Chimney Rock	Theft - Other	4/9	5PM	Commercial
11500	Chimney Rock	Auto Theft (Tuck/Van)	4/13	6PM	Commercial
11800	Chimney Rock	Auto Theft (Truck/Van)	4/17	7AM	Townhomes
11800	Chimney Rock	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/22	7AM	Townhomes
11800	Chimney Rock	Sexual Assault	4/3	5AM	Townhomes
12500	Dunlap	Auto Theft	4/5	5PM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Assault (Serious bodily injury)	4/12	5PM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Aggravated Assault with weapon	4/12	8PM	Apartments
12500	Dunlap	Burglary of Habitation (4/7)	4/20	6PM	Apartments
12600	Dunlap	Assault (Serious Bodily injury)	4/21	1PM	Apartments
12600	Dunlap	Auto Theft (Truck/Van)	4/24	9AM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Assault with weapon	4/7	1PM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Auto Theft	4/12	10PM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Burglary of Habitation	4/24	4PM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Theft - Other	4/24	10AM	Apartments
5500	Gasmer	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4/4	6AM	Apartments
10500	S Post Oak	Theft - Shoplifting	4/2	7PM	Walgreens
10500	S Post Oak	Burglary of a motor vehicle	4/17	2PM	Commercial
10700	S Post Oak	Burglary of a motor vehicle (4/5 and 4/7)	4/4	6PM	Commercial
10700	S Post Oak	Auto Theft (Car)	4/18	8PM	Commercial
5000	S. Willow	Assault (Injury to a Child)	4/9	1PM	Apartments
5000	S. Willow	Burglary of Habitation	4/4	12AM	Apartments
5400	W. Belfort	Burglary of Building	4/23	2PM	
6000	Willowbend	Robbery with weapon	4/12	7PM	

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Suspects Arrested in Recent Crimes

HPD Sgt Ortiz shared the good news that three people have been arrested in conjunction with the recent driveway/street robberies with the Toyota Highlander. Additionally, 2 people are in custody in conjunction with jugging crime originating in the Meyerland Plaza area. (Where people are followed from banks).

Dues Payments on Track to Support the WAP

Thanks to all of you who sent in your 2018 dues payments to support the programs of the WCC. About 60% of the budget has been collected and a mailout will be sent out in May. As long as the funds keep coming in, the 4 deputies who patrol in Westbury will stay in our contract! A special thanks to those who sent in extra and to one special family that sent in \$1,000 in support of the WAP.

Having officers to answer non emergency calls within minutes is an important safety feature. On April 6, a resident called the Constables to report a suspicious person walking after midnight on Greencraig. The night time deputy stopped him, found drug paraphernalia, and issued him a Class C arrest by citation. On April 23, a resident called in a suspicious vehicle on Atwell. This same night deputy responded and discovered it was an abandoned stolen vehicle with tools inside.

This is why the "See Something, Say Something" message is so important.

Speeding in Westbury

The speed trailers that Councilman Green had purchased for District K are back in service. You should see one popping up in our hot spots. You will also see continued ticketing in our Westbury hot spots like West Bellfort. Last Wednesday, even a Trooper was in on the action.

School will be out this month and more children will be outside. Please slow down; put your phones down, and stay alert.



New WAP Deputies and Sergeant

Westbury has been assigned several new deputies and new sergeant.



Sergeant Nick Derkowski (left) has been with Pct 5 for 12 years and has previously worked Westbury. He is a field training officer and carries an advanced peace officer license.

Deputy Turbe (right) is our new morning deputy and is excited to be back in SW Houston. He used to patrol Maplewood and is familiar with Westbury. Deputy Turbe has been with Pct 5 for 11 years and holds a master peace officer license. He also has a masters degree in Criminal Justice and is currently a Master Sergeant with the Texas National Guard.

If you see Sgt. Derkowski or Deputy Turbe make sure to wave and big them a big Westbury welcome!!

Don't forget Vacation Watch!

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

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Westbury Area News

Heavy Trash Returns!

Heavy trash pickup returned to Westbury in April! Many thanks to Solid Waste for getting us cleaned up. If you have been missed on trash day, please call 311 and report it, preferably by 6 PM of the day that trash has been missed. Don't assume that someone else is reporting, plus it makes a difference when 7 houses in a row call in missed trash. These reports go directly the Solid Waste Department.

May is tree waste.

Junk Waste will return in June.

Heavy trash collection in Westbury is always on the Second Thursday each month.



Thank you City of Houston Solid Waste workers! Westbury is happy to have Heavy Trash back!

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

Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook

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



Westbury Meet & Eat

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

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

June Meet & Eat: Thurs., June 7, 6PM



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2018 Dues/Assessments

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2

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The amount of the 2018 Mandatory Assessments is \$235.80. The 2018 Assessments were due by April 1, 2018.

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

Mission of the WCC

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

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

Yes, this is correct! We have you mail your payments directly to our bank's processing center. This allows your payments to be processed immediately.

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

- 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 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

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2018 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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Westbury Civic Club Dues*	\$50	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
Subtotal	\$335	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
Total		\$

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

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

Keep Westbury Beautiful

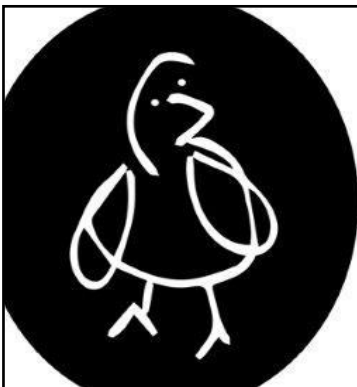
Every year Westbury hosts a “Keep Westbury Beautiful Day” workday event in coordination with “Keep District K Beautiful” and “Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB)” events. This year the event at Westbury Park was bittersweet due to the untimely passing of District K Councilman Larry Green in March, but with District K staffers Donald Perkins and Martha Castex-Tatum in the park, it still felt right.

Westbury Park now looks beautiful and well loved. We had an army of volunteers who weeded and cleaned all the garden beds, picked up trash, and replanted the plants which had died over our long, unusually cold winter. The butterfly garden looks spectacular. We replaced a dead tree, thanks to Trees for Houston, and dedicated the healthy new tree to Robin Blut (retiring director of Keep Houston Beautiful) and to Larry Green (District K city council).

A million thanks go out to all the organizers who worked to make this day a rousing success. Jennifer Edmondson shopped for new plants. Hazel Potvin donated plants. WCC Beautification Director Mat Funk picked up the mulch and created a great plan to redo the garden beds at the pool entrance with plants which have blue blooms. The amazing Willow Waterhole team of Bill Burhans and Brett Byers picked up and delivered the tools used for the workday project.

Here is a list of the amazing volunteers who helped on the day of the event.

- ◆ From our Westbury neighborhood, we had help from: Bill Burhans, Donna Robert and Tony Robert, Marcia Hartman, Brett Byers, Mat Funk, and Tom Gwillim.
- ◆ Jennifer Lea Kuhleman and her amazing students from Sharpstown High School are always a joy when they show up to help at projects.
- ◆ From the Houston Clean City Commission / Keep Houston Beautiful were Joyce Akins, Jan Rose, and Walter Sloan. Continuing the KHB tradition, Howard Rambin’s son and daughter-in-law were hard at work giving back.
- ◆ Larry Green’s cohort on these workdays and his fellow Council colleague CM Jack Christie came to lend a hand. Jack has been at our last 6 KHB days in K. Not only is he a good worker; he thrills the kids with his questions and rewards for right answers!
- ◆ Anthony Freddie a candidate for K came with volunteers and his help was greatly appreciated.
- ◆ There were more volunteers from nearby neighborhoods like Willow Meadows. Students from Emery Weiner, Westside High, Sharpstown High and HSPVA also earned volunteer hours.



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New Pumper Truck for Westbury Fire Station #48

On April 18, the Houston Fire Department introduced four new Fire Engines, also known as “pumpers” in front of City Hall. One of these new pumpers is coming to Westbury! The decision of assignment was based on call volume, age of current apparatus and annual maintenance cost. These new units were funded through the 2017 Fiscal Year Operating budget and follows another introduction of new engines in January of this year.

The new Spartan Engines are equipped with many safety features to include David Clark intercom headset communication system/hearing protection, backup camera with microphone transmitting sound inside the cab for the E.O., frontal collision airbag system, full curtain impact side airbag system, seatbelt pre-tensioner system to keep the firefighters locked into their seats, if involved in a collision, anti-theft door lock system, in-cab tool brackets complying with NFPA safety requirements and IFS, Independent Front Suspension, providing improved ride quality and safety and long term health for our firefighters.



Commercial Updates

Bucky's Gas Station & Residential lots at S. Post Oak at S. Willow

Representatives from Bucky's met with Westbury leaders to discuss the proposed development. This property will require a public hearing due to existing deed restrictions on the property. The public hearing will take place at the Planning Commission meeting on May 10. This replat is to split the property into two lots. One for the gas station and the other larger one will be platted later.

Gas Station at 12540 Hillcroft

Heavy equipment was seen on site in April at 12540 Hillcroft. This vacant land has had a Valero sign on it for several years. It appears construction will be starting soon. The WCC has inquired about the plans. We hope to have an update in the next *Crier*.

METRO Summer of Fun Pass

METRO will again be offering free rides on bus and rail for kids (K– 12th grade) from June 1 to September 1. Kids must register. You can apply online, by mail, or in person. Go to www.ridemetro.org for more info.



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Westbury Baptist Summer Day Camp
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and run through Friday, August 24,
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Camp is for students in grades K-6.
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Did you know that it costs more than \$40,000 dollars to conduct the MusicFest event? It takes a lot of money to organize a music festival, and even more money when the event is offered for free to the community. All the performing artists (musicians, chalk artists, stilt walker, etc) have to be paid. Shuttle buses have to be leased. Tables and chairs and tents need to be leased. Security officers need to be paid. Please consider making a donation designated for MusicFest or a general donation to the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy which organizes the event. Or, you can TEXT "WILLOW" to 41444.

<http://www.willowwaterhole.org/donate/>



Volunteer of the Year Award

Jennifer Lea Kuhleman, Justin Cochran and Ty Wall

This weekend, three proud NHS advisors accepted Volunteer of the Year awards from the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy for their commitment to service. Jennifer and Justin are at Sharpstown High School and Ty Wall took over as advisor at Westbury High School after Jennifer left to go to Sharpstown HS.

Their students have performed thousands of hours of community service at the Willow Waterhole and throughout Westbury, while they worked alongside them leading and teaching by example.

Our green spaces are grateful for their service and their friendship!



Audubon Society Bird Survey

Saturday, April 21, 7AM

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



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The 6th annual Willow Waterhole Music Fest was a rousing success. Thousands of people enjoyed fun, food, friends, art, and music. Saturday was cloudy, but other than a few sprinkles, the predicted rain did not materialize until late in the night. Sunday was a beautiful, sunny day. Throngs of people showed up to enjoy the perfect spring weather.

As always, the music was excellent and diverse. The Artist Village, which was added last year, really adds to the experience. The chalk art was magnificent, as was the art offered for sale. A silent auction of certain art pieces helped defray the cost of this still free festival. Also this year, a feature to text a donation was added to make it easier for people to donate to the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. There were a host of donors that helped make this Music Fest event possible, including the Westbury Civic Club and our non-profit partner, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation.

There was plenty of good food to eat and beverages to drink at the Food Trucks: Cool Runnings, Happy Hours, and Shaved Ice. Adult beverages were provided thanks to the Knights of Columbus from St Thomas More.

Booths of community interest were the Westbury Community Garden along with the Master Naturalists and the Westbury Civic Club, Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest, Westbury Animal Hospital, Harris County Flood Control, METRO, Fiesta, St. Nicolas School, and KTSU radio.

There were performance artists on stilts and others performing aerial acrobatics. Surfs Up offered paddle boarding. There really was something for everyone to enjoy!

Willow Waterhole 2018 MUSICFEST

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Hailey Falk enjoying the art



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Westbury 1—10910 Endicott— Rusty Grones

Westbury 2— 10706 Burdine— Sergio Chavez & Robin Paige

Westbury 3—5715 Burlinghall— David Oster

Westbury 4— 5626 W. Airport— Ana Mercado

Parkwest 1 & 2, Westbury 5, and Westbury South — Are you interested in volunteering to judge these sections? Contact the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net or 713-723-5437.



Westbury 3 Yard of the Month—5715 Burlinghall

Yard Parking is NOT ALLOWED in Westbury

REMINDER - "Yard Parking" is not allowed in Westbury. The city Prohibited Yard Parking ordinance states that it is an offense for any person to park or to cause, suffer or permit the parking of a vehicle or equipment on any surface that is not an improved surface, within any front or side yard of a single-family residence in a residential area subject to this section. This ordinance applies to neighborhoods, such as Westbury, that have signed up for the Prohibited Yard Parking ordinance. In Westbury, the board and president of the WCC submitted an application for inclusion under the ordinance, a public hearing was conducted, and the application by Westbury was then approved by Houston City Council. All homes in the Westbury / Parkwest subdivision are prohibited from having "yard parking" violations in their front or side yards.

It Takes A Village

Here are some of the people who work hard every day to help make our neighborhoods in Houston a better place to live and work. Starting on the left is: Jennifer Edmondson, who works so hard on behalf of Westbury as the Civic Club office manager; Martha Castex-Tatum, the hard working District K constituent rep who is running for the District K council seat; Donald Perkins, the hardest working Chief of Staff in the City; Carol Haddock, director of Public Works, and the FIRST female to hold that spot in Houston's 120 years; Becky Edmondson, President of the WCC; and to Veronica Hernandez our hard working rep from the Dept. of Neighborhoods and Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office.



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Westbury Community Garden News

5th Annual Tomato Tasting

Saturday, June 2, 10AM - 11:30AM

It's Tomato Tasting Time again! For the fifth year running, Westbury Community Garden will be showcasing heirloom and hybrid tomatoes of all shapes and colors in our annual Tomato Tasting fundraiser event. Tasters can purchase a tasting scorecard for a small donation and, like at a wine tasting, do a blind taste test of 25-30 varieties of tomatoes in the Slicer, Salad, Paste, and Cherry categories. Tomatoes are scored on color, texture, sweetness, acidity, traditional tomato flavor, and other traits. At the end of the event, we vote on the favorite in each of the four categories. The names and growing information are revealed on each variety. Growers will be on hand to answer questions about different varieties.

The final list of varieties will be assembled just before the event date and depends on the productivity, weather and generosity of WCG gardeners and other tomato aficionados.

Do you have the best tasting tomatoes around? The WCG is opening up the tomato submissions to home growers and other community gardeners this year. Will you have around 2 lbs. of tomatoes or about 50 cherry tomatoes of the same variety? If you enter your tomatoes in the tasting, you get a free tasting scorecard! You must be absolutely sure of the variety name and have about 4-5 large tomatoes, 8-12 salad tomatoes or 50 cherries to donate. We ask that you pick as close to the event date as possible and don't refrigerate the tomatoes. Get your entry on the list by contacting the Tomato committee by May 25 (before Memorial Day weekend) and then bring them to the garden pavilion in a labeled bag or container at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 2 (one hour before the event starts).



Contact Debbie Gordon, event chairperson, if you'd like to show off your own home-grown tomatoes in this event. Email debbie@digiroo.com.

Raffle items requested — Would your local business like to participate by supplying a raffle prize to this popular Westbury event? Please contact event chairperson, Debbie Gordon. Your company will be acknowledged at the event, on the WCG website, and in our social media channels.



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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

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