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Glass Curbside Recycling Is BACK!

Good News Westbury! Glass Recycling is NOW ACCEPTED again in your green recycle bin for bi-weekly recycle collection. Yay! Two years ago the City of Houston stopped accepting glass in our green recycling bins. The change means that Westbury residents can now conveniently once again place their clean glass items (clear, green, or brown glass) into their green recycle bins instead of driving elsewhere to recycle glass.

The City of Houston is able to collect glass for recycle again due to a new contract with recycling contractor, Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, Inc. (FCC), which built a new recycling facility in northeast Houston. This new facility accepts recycling for the entire city, including Westbury. In 2018, Houston City Council selected FCC after considering several proposals from competing recycling companies. The FCC agreement saves taxpayers millions in recycling costs and expands the type of materials the City's Solid Waste Department can collect curbside.

The FCC facility opened in March and has a 145,000 ton per year capacity, which is more than double the current needs of the City. The City's partnership with FCC also represents a reduction in the cost of Houston's recycling program. The new contract shares the financial risk between the City and FCC, so that the City can limit its liability when the value of recyclables declines and share in revenue when the value rises. The entire facility and plant ownership are transferred to the City; however, FCC will be responsible for operations and maintenance and the liability of the entire plant for the duration of the contract.

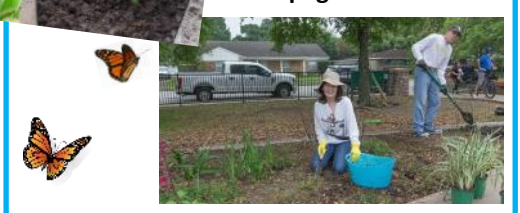
Keep Westbury Beautiful Part 2 @ Hager Park

Saturday, May 4, 9AM-Noon

Bring the family out and help keep Westbury Beautiful at Hager Park (next to Anderson Elementary) on Saturday, May 4, from 9AM to 12PM. We will be collecting trash, trimming trees, and mulching plants at Hager Park. **See page 9 for more information.** Meet at Hager Park between 8AM and 9AM to sign up. Bring the kids out to help and meet great neighbors!



Thank you to all the great volunteers that came out on April 6 to Keep Westbury Beautiful Part 1 at Westbury Park! **For more pictures and to learn more about Keep Westbury Beautiful, see pages 12-13.**



6th Annual Tomato Tasting Westbury Community Garden Saturday, June 1, 10AM-12PM

The Westbury Community Garden will be hosting its 6th Annual Tomato Tasting on Saturday, June 1. This is a fun, family friendly event that is delicious! Tasters can purchase a scorecard for a small donation and do a blind taste test of 25-30 varieties of tomatoes.

This is a popular event each year! Come check out the garden and taste the delicious fresh tomatoes grown locally! For more information, see page 23. The garden is located at 12500 Dunlap.

Westbury HS Gala: May 4

The Friends of Westbury High School Foundation will hold their Annual Gala and Silent Auction to benefit Westbury HS students on May 4 at Braeburn Country Club. Distinguished Westbury alumni, faculty and community leaders are formally honored and scholarships are presented to outstanding graduating WHS Seniors. If you are interested attending the gala, tickets are \$65. Visit www.friendswhs.org.



*****CHANGE IN LOCATION*****
Westbury Civic Club
May 15, 2019 Board Meeting
Westbury High School
11911 Chimney Rock



Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

RECYCLING DATES



May 2019
Thursday, May 9
Thursday, May 23

June 2019
Thursday, June 6
Thursday, June 20

HEAVY TRASH

May 2019
Thursday, May 9
TREE WASTE ONLY

June 2019
Thursday, June 13
JUNK WASTE

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE *NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

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WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appt.

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Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays

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WCC Office Email.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net

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WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

Visit our website at www.westburycrier.com

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SECURITY

Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666

Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch

Emergency.....911

Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131

Southwest HPD Station832-394-0400

CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum..... 832-393-3016

District C Council Member, Ellen Cohen.....832-393-3004

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Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107

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

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

Houston Help & Information.....311

For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services

CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222

Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111

Street light repairs.....713-207-2222

Make sure to give pole number

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111

Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmid.org

Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmid.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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Contact the Westbury Civic Club at 713-723-5437 or westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Have you seen the little "I LOVE Westbury" signs scattered through our community? Perhaps you have one of those signs in your own front yard. We strive to be one of the safest, cleanest, friendliest, greenest neighborhoods in Houston, and hope that you also LOVE living here Westbury. Welcome to Westbury!

What makes Westbury a special place? The answer might vary from person to person, but two special places for me are the Westbury Community Garden and the Willow Waterhole. I remember how scruffy those two places looked ten years ago, and I know how much toil and sweat and devoted care have been spent improving these two places by volunteers who have a vision and are willing to work hard. If you read children's books, "The Lorax" by Dr. Suess has a famous quote, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not." I see Westbury as a community where people care enough to get involved, and where we actively work to make Westbury a better place. We are so fortunate that these unique places are located here in Westbury.

Are you looking for an opportunity to make Westbury a better place? Are you annoyed by trash? Are you looking for an opportunity to clean up and beautify? Please join us on May 4 at Hager Park for Keep Westbury Beautiful Day Part 2. We had a great group of volunteers who participated on April 6 for Part 1. See

page 9 for more information. Kids are welcome to participate. If you are looking for longer term volunteer opportunities, both the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy and the Westbury Community Garden regularly schedule volunteer work days throughout the year. You can learn more about those volunteer opportunities by going to their websites.

Westbury is known to be a friendly neighborhood. As the days get longer, consider spending more time outside, either in your own yard or in our many parks. Take the time to say hello. Perhaps many of you were able to participate at our well-known, twice yearly White Elephant Sale event. This Westbury tradition may seem quaint, but it is lots of fun and a great way to mix and mingle with your neighbors. Likely even more of you were able to attend the MusicFEST event over at Willow Waterhole on April 13-14. If you missed MusicFEST, you will be happy to learn that they plan to host several family-friendly events in the fall this year!

Regarding safety, there has been an upswing in vehicle crimes recently. Please remove valuables from your vehicles and park in the garage if possible. Report all crime, including minor property crime, to the constables at 281-463-6666 or call 911 during emergencies. Pct 5 Constables are aware of the situation with vehicle crime in Westbury. Working together, let's make sure that these criminals get arrested or they decide that it is too risky to be criminals here in Westbury!

Another way to make Westbury a better place is to promptly pay your voluntary dues for Civic Club operations and the Westbury Area Patrol. We have already been seeing a good response in payments received, but it takes \$\$\$ to run an office, pay our staff, pay utility bills, and pay for security patrols. Our goal is to raise enough funds to fully pay for our operating costs and our current 3 deputies by June. We will send a second mailout in June, so your prompt payment will help reduce our mailing costs. Please be aware that your escrow payments do NOT include payments for Westbury Civic Club dues or to the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) by Precinct 5 constables. You will need to pay the dues directly to the WCC. The WCC budget is on a calendar basis, so it is better to pay your dues earlier in the year. If you have misplaced your dues letter, the dues form is on page 7.

If you have questions, problems or concerns, please contact us at the Westbury Civic Club office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net or 713-723-5437.

Cindy Chapman



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WCC Board Meeting Notes April 2019

- ◆ The May WCC Board Meeting will be held at Westbury High School on May 15 at 7PM due to conflict at our normal meeting location.
- ◆ WCC welcomed Mary Seymore from TX Senator Borris Miles office. Senator Miles sponsored SB 6 (Emergency Mgmt.), SB 7 (Flood Control Planning), and SB 285 (Hurricane Preparedness)
- ◆ Yard of the Month began in April with new signs for ALL sections.
- ◆ WCC Treasurer reported YTD income of \$236K. Projected budget is \$389K. A second mail-out will go out to homes in June. Mandatory late notices will be sent in first week of May.
- ◆ The WCC is currently interviewing candidates for a new part time position.
- ◆ Thank you to Weichert Realtors for bringing water and cookies to the WCC board meeting.
- ◆ The next WCC board meeting will be Wednesday, May 15 at 7PM at **WESTBURY HIGH SCHOOL, 11911 Chimney Rock—NEW LOCATION**

WCC Board Meeting

**Wed., May 15. 7PM
Westbury High School*
11911 Chimney Rock
*CHANGE IN LOCATION**



Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd ♦ 713-726-7107 ♦ platou@houston.tx.gov



Summer Enrichment Program at the Platou Center

The City of Houston offers a 10-week day-camp style Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) for youth ages 6 - 13. SEP is available at all 54 city community centers including the Platou Center right here in Westbury. The program runs from Monday, June 3 to August 9. Program activities include: crafts, nutrition, fun fitness, track and field, soccer, swimming, nature exploration, computer literacy programs, recycling awareness, kayaking, bird watching, fishing and hiking excursions and youth entrepreneur experiences. Parents are required to attend a program orientation at their registered community center. Transportation to and from community center is the parents responsibility. Student to staff ratio is 1 to 25 with qualified professional recreation staff. The cost is \$30.00 per child per week. Online registration is available at www.houstonparks.org click on the SEP registration link. (NOTE: Any scheduled field trip costs are not a part of the registration fee).

As a result of the Summer Enrichment Program, all adult programs currently scheduled at the Platou Center will either suspend activity for 10 weeks or relocate. Check with your group/class for status.

Volunteers Sought for Summer Enrichment Program

A group of Westbury residents provides additional experiences for the children enrolled in the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) at the city Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park in Westbury. On Tuesday mornings at 10, they conduct a nature program based on a wide variety of topics such as a particular insect, reptiles, birds, trees, wildflowers, etc. They also usually have a craft activity related to the topic of the day.



The Friends of Chimney Rock Park welcomes adult volunteers to help with the summer enrichment program or to provide their expertise about a nature topic. Contact Hazel Potvin at chimneyrockparkfriends@yahoo.com.

Weekly Classes/Groups

Stretching Exercise Class

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9-9:45AM

Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.

Ms. BeeHaven Quilters

Tuesday, 10AM - 2PM

Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

Table Games

Wednesday, 10AM - 12:30PM

Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and more!

Table Tennis

Wednesday, 4-8PM

Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong/Table Tennis will be available with Mr. Nelson

Learn 2 Line Dance

Monday, 1-2PM

Come learn to line dance with "Rachel the Southern Girl"! www.southernkonnection.com

Evening Aerobics Exercise Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7PM

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays 5:45PM-7PM

A Weight Loss Support Group.

Drop in to preview or call Dorothy at 713-723-4441 or Naomi at 713-988-2233

Meyer Library News

➔ Meyer Library CLOSED Indefinitely

The Meyer Library has long been on the City's replacement list and after minor flooding in Harvey, the decision was made to not re-open Meyer Library. The City recently approved \$1.2 Million to purchase land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. The new location would be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury on Belrose.



"Mini" Meyer Library at Godwin Community Center

A "mini" Meyer Library is now open 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

Fri: 1:00PM-5:00PM



What's Happening in Westbury

May 2019 Calendar Events/Meetings

Sat 4	Rain Date for White Elephant Sale	
Sat 4	Keep Houston Beautiful Day Hager Park See page 9 for more information	
Sat 4	Friends of WHS Gala Braeburn Country Club See page 1 for more information	
Sun 12	Happy Mother's Day	
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St John's Presbyterian - 5020 W Bellfort For more information, see page 19	9:30AM
Wed 15	WCC Board Meeting Westbury High School—11911 Chimney Rock *****CHANGE IN LOCATION*****	7PM
Sat 18	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7AM
Mon 20	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort	7:30PM
Sat 25	Westbury Pool Opens	1-8PM
Mon 27	Memorial Day—WCC Office Closed	
Mon 27	Westbury Pool Open for Memorial Day 1-8PM	
Tues 28	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Station - 13097 Nitida	7PM
Fri 31	Last day of school for HISD	

All About Trash

Trash, recycling, and heavy trash are picked up by the City of Houston.



Household Trash

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can.



Recycling in Westbury

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

May 2019

Thursday, May 9
Thursday, May 23

June 2019

Thursday, June 6
Thursday, June 20

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 2019

TREE WASTE ONLY
Thursday, May 9

June 2019

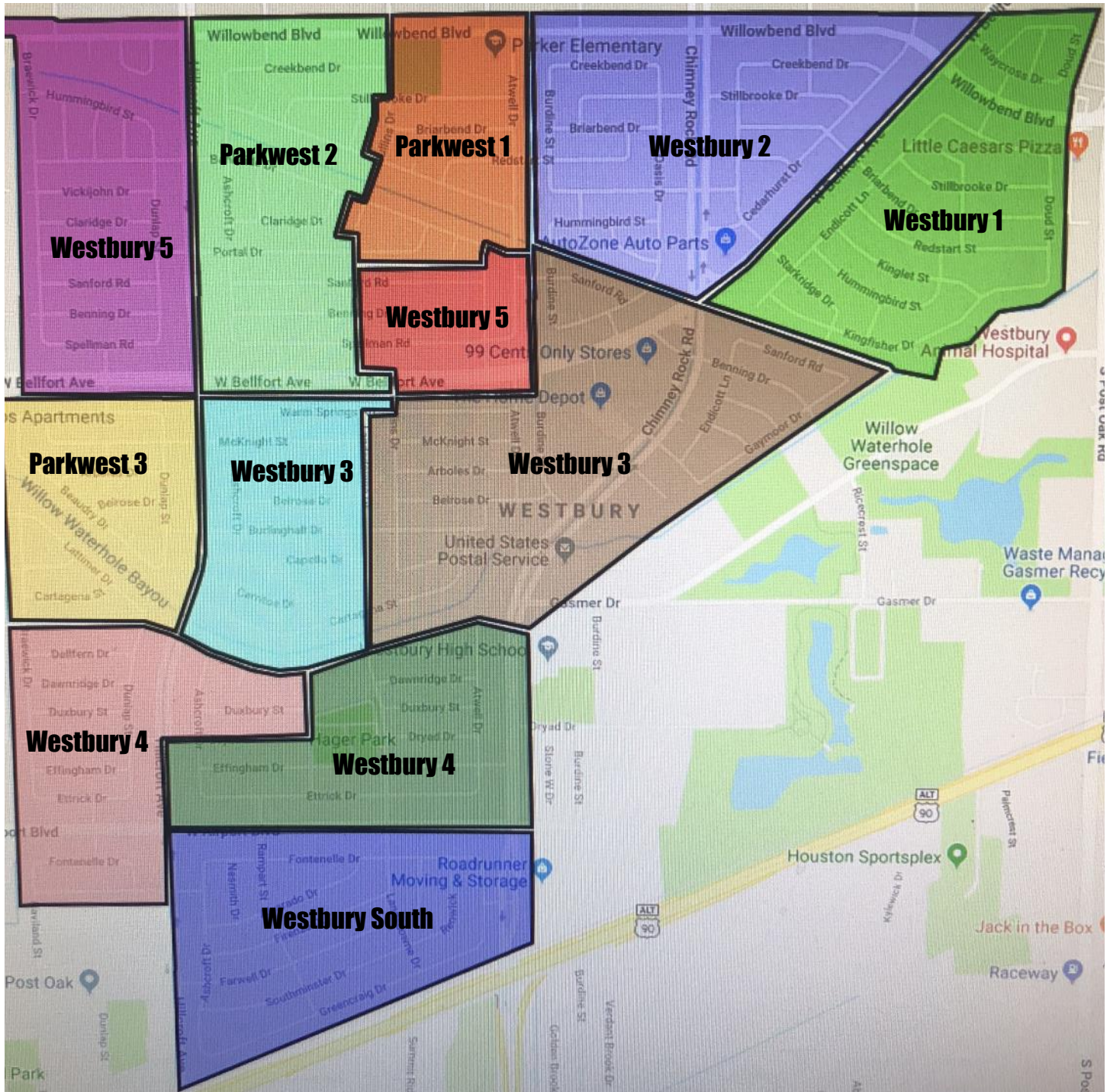
JUNK WASTE
Thursday, June 13

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 Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ 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



Map of Westbury by Section



Westbury is the 2nd largest neighborhood in the City of Houston with 5,000 homes. One reason Westbury has remained such a viable and desirable neighborhood is because of the very active Westbury Civic Club. The WCC has been advocating and working hard for the neighborhood for over 60 years. We often refer to different sections when talking about current or upcoming city projects, crime, or events. This handy map can also be found on our website, www.westburycrier.com.

Here are some fun facts about Westbury that you might not have known.

- ➔ Westbury South was the location of the Sam Houston Airport from 1940-1955.
- ➔ The largest section in Westbury is Section 3 with 852 homes
- ➔ Westbury homeowners paid for the installation of street lights block by block
- ➔ Westbury was originally rice fields.
- ➔ Hager Park is 61 years old and Westbury Park is 60 years old.

	Parkwest 1
	Parkwest 2
	Parkwest 3
	Westbury 1
	Westbury 2
	Westbury 3
	Westbury 4
	Westbury 5
	Westbury 5
	Westbury South

2019 Westbury Civic Club Dues, Assessments, & Westbury Area Patrol

Please send this form in with your payment **2019 Westbury Civic Club Dues**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Please support the Westbury Civic Club and our programs by paying your 2019 Dues and WAP. The majority of Westbury homes do not have mandatory assessments so the WCC relies on donations from residents to run the office, pay for the Constable program, and more. Please use the form to the left and send in your payment today! If you have any questions, please call the WCC office at 713-723-5437.

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

Mail to:
P.O. Box 975182
Dallas, TX 75397-5182

Online payment:
paypal.com—Send Money to
westburycc@sbcglobal.net
 Make sure to include your address

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

Want to send your support in multiple payments?
 You may choose any amount to pay in any increment throughout the year.
 Here are a few examples:
 2 payments of \$167.50 is \$335/yr
 3 payments of \$111.67 is \$335/yr
 4 payments of \$83.75 is \$335/yr
 5 payments of \$67 is \$335/yr

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

By filling out this form, you are giving the WCC permission to send you communications. We DO not sell your information or give it out to other entities.

Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?
 Yes, this is correct! Mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas, allows them to be processed immediately.
 You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office.

Mission of the WCC
 The purposes of the Westbury Civic 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


- 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, Constable Pct 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 National Night Out and Keep Westbury Beautiful

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2 HOMEOWNERS
 Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. **The 2019 Mandatory Assessments of \$240.75 were due 2/1/2019. Late statements will be sent in May.**

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Westbury City Pool Summer 2019 Schedule



May 25-26 : Pool open Sat. & Sun., 1-8PM
May 27 (Memorial Day): Pool OPEN 1-8PM
June 1– August 11: Pool OPEN Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Monday
July 4: Pool OPEN, 1-5PM
August 12 - September 1: Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-5PM
September 2 (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 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 4, and the last day of class will be Thursday, August 1, 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

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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 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 8:00 am on registration date**. To register go to www.houstonparks.com.



Adult Circuit Water Fitness Class

Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10AM

Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

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series of stations using effective circuit training principles and the latest aquatic equipment for a total body workout. The intensity is light to moderate.



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Illegal Dumping in Westbury

A shocking thing has been happening on an INTERIOR street in Westbury: illegal dumping of trash! Illegal dumping has long plagued out-of-the-way areas throughout Houston. In our neighborhood, dumping often occurs at dead ends near the Willow Waterhole. WCC Director Becky Edmondson had a meeting downtown to discuss this problem with Director Francis from the Department of Neighborhoods. The pervasive problem of dumping and littering throughout our city was discussed at length. In fact, the problem is so bad in our region that the Brays Oaks Management District has a budget of over a \$100,000 just for litter pickup on major thoroughfares (including those in Westbury), and they collect between 400 and 2,000 pounds of trash each day!

Many thanks to the Solid Waste Dept. for collecting our illegal dumping twice within a two-week period. Thanks also to CM Martha Castex-Tatum who took Darrel the Barrel from TxDot to see the trash and then requested a camera for our problem areas. We need a new mindset about trash here in Houston. Let's work to make Westbury the cleanest, greenest neighborhood in Houston and District K the cleanest District. Show us your efforts to clean and beautify our area and be sure to tag your posts with #cleanstateofmind!



Left photos: Illegal dumping trash pile, before and after
Top photo: Hard working solid waste crew that picked up the illegal dumping.
Thank You!

Keep Westbury Beautiful Day Part 2 at Hager Park

Saturday, May 4, 9AM-Noon

For the eighth consecutive year, Westbury is partnering with Keep Houston Beautiful to clean up and beautify our Westbury neighborhood at the annual "Keep Westbury Beautiful Day" (Part 2) and Keep Houston Beautiful Day workday event. Now is your chance to help make Westbury shine. This is a great way to meet neighbors, introduce your kids to volunteer work, enjoy the great outdoors during the best time of year in Houston, and help improve our Westbury community. A pizza lunch will be served at the end of the workday.

Originally, the plan was to have one single workday event in April, but there was a change of plans. Due to the possible inclement weather, Keep Houston Beautiful opted to move their official workday event to May 4 while District K and Don't Mess with Texas wanted to stay on April 6 per the original plan. We decided we would participate on BOTH dates! Hager Park needs some love, too, and that is what it is going to get on May 4. Please join us! Bring the whole family!

WHEN: Saturday, May 4
Register from 8 – 9 AM.
Workday from 9 AM to noon. Rain or Shine.
Pizza provided at the end.



WHERE: Register and work at Hager Park located at 5700 Effingham. Hager Park is next to Anderson Elementary. We will meet on the Effingham side of Hager Park. We will be collecting trash, trimming trees, and mulching.



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Sign Up for Alerts from City

Sometimes it is easy to become complacent with weather alerts, but emails, texts, and phone calls sent from the City Alert System definitely were accurate this time. If you haven't signed up to receive City alerts, you may do so with Alert Houston. Timely information during emergencies is important. AlertHouston delivers critical information to Houston residents regarding current conditions, expected impacts, and protective actions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

These alerts are issued by City of Houston Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Messages are issued for citywide and neighborhood level emergencies. They are sent through email and social media (Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor). You must opt-in to receive these alerts.

More information is available at
www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/

Register for emergency alerts through email, text message, voice call, or mobile app push notification. You may download the Everbridge app free of charge from the Apple or Android app store. Most alerts are geo-targeted; subscribers with loved ones around the city may register up to five physical addresses per contact record.

UPDATES for FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM WEBSITE

The Harris County Commissioners Court approved a State Award letter to allow the Harris County Flood Control District to begin work to construct a new public Flood Warning System Website. The new website will include enhanced functionality and viewing capabilities, updated and modernized graphics, and features that allow residents to sign up for specific information to be delivered via e-mail, text message, and automated calls. Additionally, critical mapping features such as channel status and near real time inundation mapping will be built in more prominent locations of the new website to maximize user interaction. The new website will take a more regional approach, allowing residents in nearby counties to easily view rainfall and water level information for their respective jurisdictions where available.

The grant approved for \$1,751,961.35 (Federal \$1,313,971.01 / Local \$437,990.34) from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) will provide the necessary funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to build this new Flood Warning System Website that will allow residents to take action and help protect life and property.

"We want the people of Harris County to have access to critical information in a timely, accessible format that allows them to prepare and take necessary actions in flood situations or possible flood situations," said Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. HCFCDC encourages county residents to bookmark the website URL (www.harriscountyfws.org), for simplified access to timely information during potential flooding events.

In addition to building a new website, the grant will fund an internal flood informational dashboard that will give HCFCDC staff and selected partner agencies access to current and forecasted flooding conditions throughout the county. The dashboard will provide a common user interface that displays the county bayou and stream network and flood forecasted model data, such as future water levels and flooding extents.

"Our current Flood Warning System website is ten years old, and this grant will allow us the ability to provide the residents of Harris and surrounding counties a more modern and user friendly experience," stated Jeff Lindner, Director of Hydraulic Operations and Meteorologist for the Flood Control District.

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Welcomes Dr. Vinisha Patel

Houston Methodist Primary Care Group is pleased to welcome Dr. Vinisha Patel, a board-certified internist who brings over 20 years of health care experience to the Bellaire clinic.

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Project Brays Bridge Update

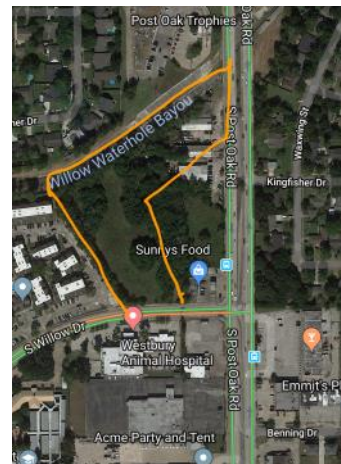
Below are updates from Harris County Flood Control District for bridge projects related to Project Brays.

- ◆ **Hillcroft Bridge** is currently in design and to begin construction in July, 2019
- ◆ **Chimney Rock and South Rice Bridges** are close to completing design and bidding for construction will begin in June 2019. These adjacent bridges will not be shut down at the same time.
- ◆ **Buffalo Speedway Bridge** design is complete and currently working on utility relocation with construction starting in December, 2019
- ◆ **Almeda, Lawndale, South 75th, and Telephone Bridges** are to complete design in August, 2019 and to begin bidding for construction in September 2019
- ◆ **Forest Hill Bridge** is currently in construction and to be completed in September, 2019
- ◆ **Calhoun Bridge**, being managed by TxDOT, is currently in design
- ◆ **Greenbriar Bridge** is beginning construction starting in May 2019
- ◆ **Ardmore and Stella Link Bridges** are beginning construction in May 2019

HCFCD Acquired Land Along the WWB

On April 12, the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) closed on a deal purchasing 4.37 acres of land which abuts the Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) near South Post Oak. The site will be used by HCFCD to add about 15 acre-feet of new detention along WWB. The land had been cleared for a new townhome development near the intersection of South Willow at South Post Oak when it was purchased for detention by HCFCD. Part of the site is in the floodway and part is in the current 500 year flood plain. A new gasoline station planned for that intersection will still be built, but the 56 proposed townhomes will not be built.

We want to thank the Harris County Flood Control District, Harris County Commissioners Court, the City of Houston, District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum, District K Chief of Staff Janae Winfield, and City of Houston Chief Recovery Officer Steve Costello for working together to obtain this vacant land next to the bayou for flood reduction purposes, and also for maintaining a wide HCFCD maintenance easement next to this narrow bayou, which had been at risk due to the proposed development.



Due to its location and size, this new detention site will not have a significant impact in reducing the flooding that is a problem in Westbury (because Westbury is located upstream of this new detention), but it will help our neighbors to our east and it will eliminate a source of new stormwater runoff into our local bayou. The Westbury Civic Club continues to advocate for new detention located UPSTREAM of Westbury, and for priority implementation of the county bond flood reduction project for the Fondren Diversion Channel and Willow Waterhole Bayou.



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Keep Westbury Beautiful Day at Westbury Park

This April marked the fourth year that volunteers have come together to beautify Westbury Park on Keep Westbury Beautiful day. It's amazing to see how those empty beds and fence lines have been transformed into thriving gardens. Westbury's dedicated Green Team was joined this year by CM Martha Castex-Tatum and TXDOT Don't Mess with Texas crew.

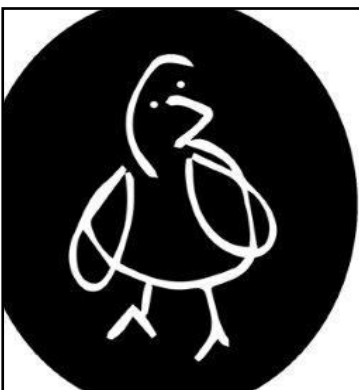
Due to weather concerns, Keep Houston Beautiful Day was postponed until May 4th but work went on as scheduled at Westbury Park. The Butterfly garden was weeded and new plants were planted and mulched. Bags of trash were also collected. The beds at the pool and at the sign on Mullins were weeded and mulched and dead plants replaced.

Thanks to all our volunteers, especially the young people who showed up on a weekend morning! Thanks to Mat Funk and Marcia Hartman from the WCC for planning and getting plants and mulch. Also thanks to Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman of WCC for logistical support and to WCC board members Eugene Sirls, Angela Funari, Jeffrey Wiess, and Franny Oxford for assisting and leading. Thank you Boy Scouts from Troop 426, Girl Scouts from Troop 147041, National Honor Society students from Sharpstown High, Westbury residents of all ages, City Council candidate Sallie Alcorn and her husband George. The team from Don't Mess with Texas who brought games and goodies. Once the work was done, the volunteers enjoyed the games, ate pizza and won some prizes. Volunteer Ray Mora won the grand prize of a Yeti cooler. Darrel the Barrel reminded us that trash needs to be placed in a container for proper disposal.

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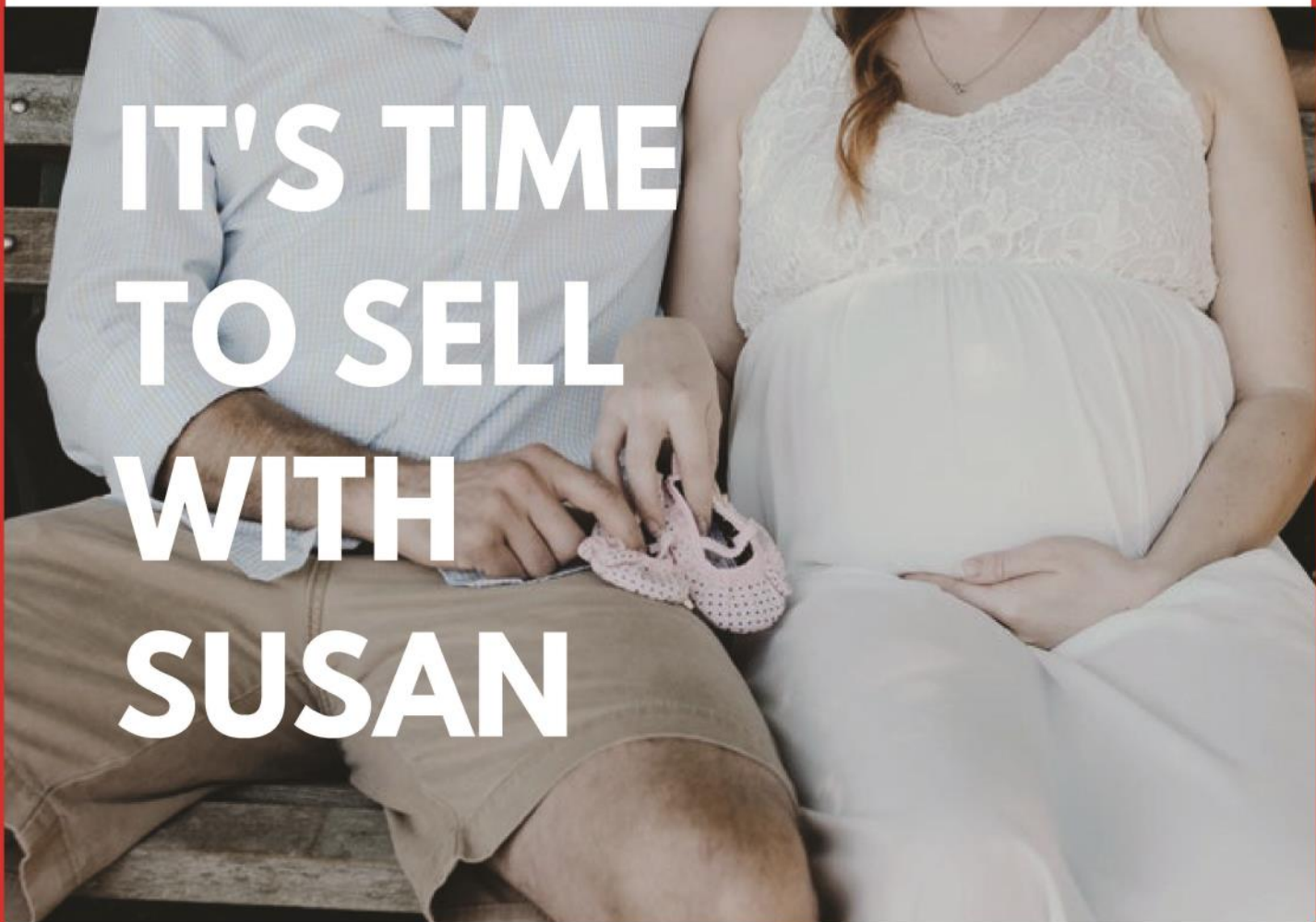
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Do You Have Flood Insurance? You Should.

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

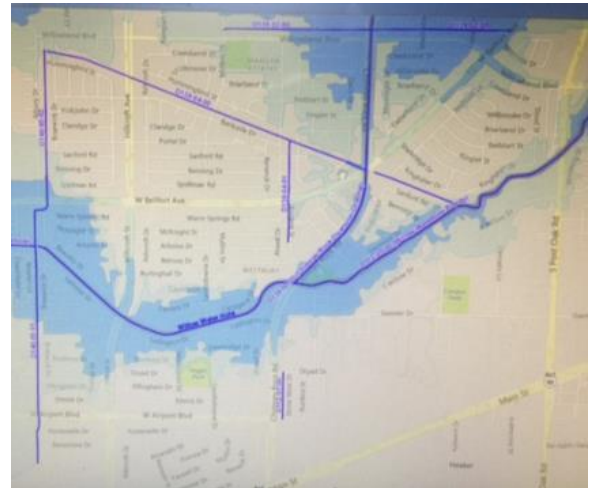
government stepped in. In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners.

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 ACV, 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 in the Gulf of Mexico. Once purchased, there is a 30 day waiting period before it takes effect.



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

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Public Safety Information from the Westbury Area Patrol

High Amount of BMVs

The week of April 10—April 17 had an unusually high amount of property crimes related to vehicles. On April 10 there were 3 BMVs (Burglary of Motor Vehicle) and on April 12 there were 10 vehicles which were burglarized. Additionally, there were 2 vehicles stolen during the week. Most of these BMV's were forced entry by glass break. The suspects are 3 young adult males. Much of the crime has happened either in Westbury 1 (near Willowbend /W. Belfort) or in Westbury 4 (west of Hillcroft and south of W. Belfort). On 04/18 Pct. 5 constables arrested two suspects who were believed to be responsible for at least 5 BMVs in Maplewood overnight. They were arrested just a block north of Westbury off of Hillcroft.

Precinct 5 (Constables) is aware of the recent criminal activity and is implementing a plan of action.

What can you do to help?

If at all possible, park vehicles in your garage or behind a locked gate. If you must park vehicles in your driveway or on the street, please remove valuables from your vehicles – every time, regardless of the time of day. If you are a victim of property crime, please REPORT the CRIME to the constables at 281-463-6666, no matter how small or trivial you think the crime might be.

Why bother to report a small crime or an attempted crime?

It is very important to REPORT CRIME to the Constables at 281-463-6666 as soon as possible, even if it is a small amount that has been stolen or even if a crime was only attempted. We have noticed some situations where people are discussing a crime on social media, but have not reported the crime to the Constables or to HPD. Keep in mind that we are PAYING Precinct 5 Constables to be in Westbury. You are not bothering them by reporting a small crime. Instead, you are helping them to solve crimes by providing them with information about WHEN and WHERE crime is happening in Westbury and WHO is doing it. Thieves tend to be prolific at stealing, so if you have had something stolen then it is likely that others will soon be victims, too. Also, you will not have to wait hours to report a property crime to the constables as you might if you called HPD. The constables excel in these type situations because they are here patrolling on a routine basis in Westbury and they can communicate with other Constable patrols in nearby neighborhoods, too. The constables are licensed law enforcement officers and can process crime scenes and fingerprints (if conditions allow). The constables forward their crime information to HPD, so by contacting the constables both HPD and the constables have the crime information available. (On the other hand, if you

report to HPD, the constables may not know about the crime.)

What if I am at work and I observe a crime on my home security camera system? REPORT CRIME as soon as possible to the Constables at 281-463-6666 – even while you are still at work, especially if you can describe what the suspect(s) looks like. The constables can take a preliminary crime report and a description of the suspect immediately and then take a more detailed report later on, but meanwhile constable patrols in Westbury and nearby neighborhoods can be on the lookout for the suspect(s).

Constables Helping Clear Debris

A powerful storm cell passed through Westbury on Sunday April 7, downing trees and power lines. Our WAP Sgt. Derkowski with Pct. 5 was out helping to clear limbs and debris after the storm. Thank you Sgt. Derkowski!



Vacation Watch

Going on a Spring Break Vacation? Leaving for a week long getaway? Well, if you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables. This is a great service that is included in our contract. A deputy will check out your property at least once a day to make sure it is secured and nothing suspicious going on.

You can register for a vacation watch online at <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch/> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

Support our Westbury Area Patrol TODAY

A large part of the funds paid to Precinct 5 for our WAP Security Patrol (Harris County Precinct 5 Constables) is paid VOLUNTARILY by our residents who do not have mandatory assessments. If you appreciate this vital service, please consider showing your appreciation by sending a contribution TODAY for the WAP security patrol. See page 7 with information about how to send an online payment by PayPal or where to send your checks to our bank deposit lockbox in Dallas. Thank you for supporting WAP security patrol and for supporting our Westbury neighborhood!



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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

March 26 - April 18, 2019

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
12400	Ashcroft	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/2	6AM	Westbury South
5000	Briarbend	Auto Theft	4/12	7AM	Westbury 1
5500	Cartagena	Theft—US Mail	4/5	4PM	Westbury 3
5600	Cerritos	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/12	10PM	Westbury 3
5000	Creekbend	Auto Theft	4/16	10AM	Westbury 1
5100	Creekbend	Burglary of Habitation	4/4	11PM	Westbury 1
5900	Dellfern	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/12	7AM	Westbury 4
5900	Dellfern	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/12	7AM	Westbury 4
5900	Dryad	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/12	7AM	Westbury 4
11900	Dunlap	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/12	5AM	Westbury 4
11400	Dunlap	Burglary of Habitation	4/12	12PM	Parkwest 3
5900	Effingham	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/12	6AM	Westbury 4
5900	Effingham	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/12	8AM	Westbury 4
6000	Effingham	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/12	8AM	Westbury 4
5800	Farwell	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/7	11AM	Westbury South
5800	Farwell	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/10	10AM	Westbury South
5000	Kinglet	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/16	12AM	Westbury 1
5900	Lattimer	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/12	7AM	Parkwest 3
6000	Lattimer	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/7	3PM	Parkwest 3
5600	Ludington	Burglary of Habitation	4/6	12PM	Westbury 4
11900	McClearn	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/12	8AM	Westbury 4
5800	McKnight	Burglary of Habitation	4/10	11AM	Westbury 3
5600	Portal	Burglary of Habitation	3/28	3PM	Parkwest 1
5600	Portal	Burglary of Habitation	3-29	3PM	Parkwest 1
5000	Redstart	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/10	7AM	Westbury 1
5200	Sanford	Sexual Assault	4/7	9AM	Westbury 3
5100	W. Belfort	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/10	7AM	Westbury 1
5000	Willowbend	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/16	7AM	Westbury 1
5000	Willowbend	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	4/16	8AM	Westbury 1
5600	Willowbend	Burglary of Habitation	4/4	1PM	Parkwest 2

KEY

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

The crimes listed took place between March 26 and April 18. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

Crime Type	Homes	Apts.	Comm./ Business	Public Space
Aggravated Assault	0	1	1	0
Aggravated Robbery	0	0	2	0
Burglary of Building	0	0	2	0
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	19	2	0	0
Burglary of Habitation	7	3	0	0
Robbery	0	0	1	0
Sexual Assault	1	0	0	0
Theft - Misc.	0	1	1	0
Theft - Bicycle	0	1	0	0
Theft - Firearm	0	1	0	0
Theft - US Mail	1	0	0	0
Auto Theft	2	4	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0
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Congratulations to Mr. Jose Clemente, 2018-19 Teacher of the Year and Ms. Sonana Baig, 2018-19 Beginning Teacher of the Year of Westbury High School. Mr. Clemente teaches Pre Calculus and AP Calculus. Ms. Baig teaches PreAP Biology and AP Biology. Westbury is indeed very fortunate to have these two outstanding educators here for our students!

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 2, 6PM

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

Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com

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



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Westbury Area Improvement Corp.

What is the WAIC?

The Westbury Area Improvement Corporation is a 501c3 nonprofit founded in 1991 serving the geographical area of the Westbury Super Neighborhood. The WAIC board includes representatives from local civic organizations (including the Westbury Civic Club), schools (Westbury High, Meyerland Middle, Anderson Elementary, and Parker Elementary), businesses, and area nonprofits. The WAIC board meets monthly at 9:30 AM on the 3rd Wednesday. This meeting also functions as the "Westbury Super Neighborhood" meeting and is thus also attended by representatives from METRO, the Mayor's Office, District K, HPD, Solid Waste, and others.

The focus of the April 2019 meeting was to discuss revitalizing the Westbury Revitalization Strategies that were developed back in 1998 by the WAIC in partnership with the City of Houston planning and development department. It's been twenty years since hundreds of volunteers came together to create a list of goals and actions to revitalize the area. Twenty years ago the action plan had five sets of recommendations on

- 1.) how to improve the physical appearance of the area
- 2.) how to promote and improve existing businesses
- 3.) how to prevent crime and improve public safety
- 4.) how to improve and maintain the condition of properties
- 5.) how to provide more recreational and education activities to the area.

The question around the table was "What do you think the pressing issues are today"? The responses were:

Flooding; Creating a sense of community toward our neighborhood schools; livability; public safety; trails and parks; improving the area around Westbury High School; having places to gather together like restaurants and shops; and of course as always the deplorable condition of Westbury Square.

Announcements:

- Metro** – two new bus shelters have been approved, one on W. Belfort and one on S. Willow
- Parker Elementary** – Spark Park open on weekends and evenings
- Security** – HPD Sgt Ortiz—new Victims Outreach (see blue box to the left)
- Senator Miles Office**— coauthored three new bills
- Westbury Community Garden** – upcoming tomato tasting event on June 1 from 10AM to Noon
- Neighborhoods to Trails SW** – Trails presentation

2019 Neighborhood 101 Workshop

Please join the District K office as they continue the bimonthly Neighborhood 101 ENGAGE. LEARN. LEAD series for 2019. They are working to ensure every neighborhood in the district is equipped with tools for success.

Topic: "Learning To Live With Water In The Bayou City". This workshop will review changes to Chapter 19 (floodplain guidelines) and what you should know before you elevate your home.

Saturday, May 11, 2019, 9AM - 11AM

**Location: Southwest HPD Station
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Congratulations Hillcroft Walmart Store of the Year

Last month we announced that our local Walmart Neighborhood Market on Hillcroft had been honored as the 2018 Store of the Year for best small format store in the entire USA. In April, Greg Foran, President and CEO of Walmart U.S., along with other executives, visited the store to congratulate the associates of Walmart 5094 for their achievement. Congratulations!



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Seeking Photos of YOUR Resilient Yard in Westbury

Every month we plan to feature ways to make Westbury a greener, more resilient community. Westbury is fortunate to have a cadre of experienced gardeners and new gardeners eager to learn how to select plants and trees adapted for the Houston climate. If you have a photo of your own yard which you have improved to be more resilient and greener, please send a photo and a brief description to WCCPresident@westburycrier.com

Wildflowers in Westbury

People in Houston and in Texas love to see bluebonnets in the spring. Koula Theo, a resident on Hummingbird, has planted a beautiful display of Texas native bluebonnet flowers in her yard. The bluebonnets contrast nicely with yellow and red wildflowers (Indian blanket flowers and golden yellow rudbeckia) which also bloom in the springtime.

Public locations in Westbury having bluebonnets or other wildflowers are the Westbury Community Garden (butterfly and pollinator beds near the pavilion) and the Willow Waterhole greenway (along the banks and trails).



Tours at the Wildflower Demonstration Garden at Willow Waterhole

When: Sunday, May 19 from 2 to 4 PM. .

What: Come see the Willow Waterhole wildflower demonstration gardens and talk to lovers of wildflowers and native plants. These gardens were first planted in the spring of 2017 with native plants and grasses. Since December of 2018, a group of volunteer gardeners and native plant lovers have been working to keep the gardens attractive as well as to show a wide range of native flowers in a natural setting.

Where: The Willow Waterhole wildflower demonstration gardens are located the Willow Waterhole greenway, along the S. Willow. Park at "The Gathering Place" parking lot at 5310 S. Willow and take a short walk to the gardens, which are located on S. Willow Drive across from Store Space Storage Company

Local Park Information

Parker Elementary Spark Park *NOW OPEN*

At 6PM each day after school the gate to the Spark Park in the front of Parker Elementary will be unlocked and the park open to the public. It will also be open on the weekends. We are happy to have even more greenspace available in our neighborhood!

FREE Youth Tennis Lessons at Platou Center

The Youth Tennis Program is a FREE program offered at Chimney Rock Park next to the Platou Center. This fun program is by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Houston Tennis Association, Inc.- NJTL. The program is designed to provide children with the fundamentals of the game of tennis and educational components that develop life skills. Equipment is available for use during class. No pre-registration is necessary; however, you may register online at www.houstonparks.org. No new registrants are accepted after the first week of each session. Class size limited.

Ages: 4 - 18

Registration: Online or On Site First Day of Class

Summer I June 3 – June 27, 2019

Summer II July 1 – July 25, 2019 (No classes July 4)

Information: (832) 395-7561

Age	Times	Days
4-6	8:15AM-9AM	M-Th
7-10	9AM-10AM	M-Th
11-18	10AM-11:15AM	M-Th

Hager Park Renovation Update

We are waiting for word on when the much needed improvements will happen at Hager Park. Two million dollars was allocated for Hager Park in the 2017 City bond election. When asked at the District K CIP meeting when we would be seeing plans for the park improvements, Becky Edmondson was told that another park was going to be renovated BEFORE Hager and that it might be 2023 before we saw improvements. The City Parks master plan listed Hager as the WORST park in Sector 8. Cambridge was listed second and it was redone when the new Police station was built on Nitida. The park being renovated before Hager was not even in the list of 6 parks needing work. Needless to say, the Westbury Civic Club is perturbed and is asking for an explanation.

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The 7th annual Willow Waterhole Music Fest was a rousing success. Thousands of people enjoyed fun, food, friends, art, and music. Saturday was cloudy, but after a short rain delay as the cold front arrived, it was a nice evening. 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, the performance artists entertaining. There was plenty of good food to eat and beverages to drink at the Food Trucks from Cool Runnings, Happy Hours, Fainmous Barbecue, and Fröhana Hawaiian Ice. Adult and other beverages were provided thanks to the Knights of Columbus from St. Thomas More.



Booths of community interest from the Willow Waterhole, Levitt Pavilion Houston, Westbury High School, Westbury Civic Club, Westbury Community Garden, Master Naturalists, Neighborhood to Trails Southwest, Westbury Animal Hospital, Harris County Flood Control, METRO, KTSU radio, Plant it Forward Farms, Jewish Federation, HCC, and the YMCA. Mayor Turner, CM Castex-Tatum and CM Mike Knox also joined the festivities and bluebonnets!



There were performance artists on stilts and others performing aerial acrobatics. The blue bonnets were still in abundance and hundreds of pictures were taken, including some by officers for the Back the Bluebonnets challenge. There really was something for everyone!



Willow Waterhole Monthly Bird Surveys

Nature-lovers of Westbury, did you know that the Houston Audubon Society conducts a monthly bird survey at Willow Waterhole and that the public is invited to participate? Since the study area is so large, the effort is divided into several teams, each headed by an experienced leader. The next bird survey will be held on April 21 at 7AM. Meet in the parking lot of The Gathering Place at 5310 S. Willow.

Consider a Donation to MusicFEST or Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

Did you know that it takes more than \$70,000 dollars to conduct the MusicFest event? It takes a lot of money and in-kind donations 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. <http://www.willowwaterhole.org/donate/>

Westbury Yard of the Month Winners

April 2019

Parkwest 1

Harry & Carol Selig
5627 Hummingbird St.

Parkwest 2

Nancy & David Yeary
5719 Creekbend

Parkwest 3

Steve Carbone
11406 Hillcroft

Westbury 1

Brian & Julia Rice
11206 Endicott Lane

Westbury 2

John and Kristi Pewthers
10702 Moonlight

Westbury 3

Stanley Malbrough & David Smith
5231 Spellman

Westbury 4

Ana Mercado
5626 W. Airport

Westbury 5

Linda Anselmo
11002 Braewick

Westbury South

Jose, Yaneth and Ingrid Guevara
12418 Atwell



Do you want to win Yard of the Month?

For the first time in many years, every section of Westbury has a Yard of the Month judge. The judges drive their assigned sections around the 15th of each month. Make sure your yard looks good and you have NO deed restriction violations, especially visible trash cans.

Do you think your yard should win Yard of the Month?
Do you want to nominate your neighbor's yard?

Email Robert Montgomery at robertmontgomery@icloud.com. He will forward the nominations to the correct judge for your section.

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Westbury Community Garden News

6th Annual Tomato Tasting

Saturday, June 1, 10AM - 12PM

It's Tomato Tasting Time again! For the sixth 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 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. We are opening up the tomato submissions to home growers and other community gardeners this year. Contact Debbie Gordon, event chairperson, if you'd like to show off your own home-grown tomatoes in this event. Email debbie@digiroo.com.

Enter Your Homegrown Tomatoes

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 24 (before Memorial Day weekend) and then bring them to the garden pavilion in a labeled bag or container at 8:30 AM on Saturday, June 1 (1 1/2 hours before the event starts.)



Donate Raffle Prizes

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 the Westbury Crier newsletter's garden page 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 Greencraig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible. Street parking.

JOIN the garden TODAY at
www.westburycommunitygarden.org

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WCG at MusicFEST

The Westbury Community Garden and the Texas Master Naturalists provided educational information about watersheds and using natural materials to dye eggs at MusicFEST.



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