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Covid-19 Updates

Schools Closed Until August 2020 Mandatory Mask Order through May 26

As this edition goes to print, all of Harris County, including Houston, is under a Stay Home, Work Safe Order issued by Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo. The order was originally placed on March 24 and was extended until April 30. There are talks that it could be extended. However, Texas Governor Abbott would like to restart the Texas economy. This is an evolving ever-changing situation. Check www.readyharris.org for updates on County orders regarding to Covid-19.

Governor Abbott created a Texas Strike Force to focus on the best ways to restart the economy and get people back to work. The current state order ends on April 30. It is expected that Governor Abbott will announced a phased in approach to reopening Texas. Abbott also announced the closure of all Texas schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. There are daily press conferences and press releases from the City, County, State and Country. Stay informed and up to date with this evolving situation.

- Mask must be worn by all individuals 10 and over when in public places such as grocery stores
- 6 Ft Social Distancing in all places
- Masks must be worn at all State Parks

STAY HOME. WORK SAFE.

Parker Elementary Students Light up the Neighborhood with Music

Step outside at 10AM on Monday mornings, you will likely hear the joyful sound of music in the air. Parker Elementary teacher Lisa Vosdoganes organized a quarantine flash mob so her students could still practice but also ease anxiety. Every Monday morning, her students go out front with their instruments and play along with Mrs. Vosdoganes as she streams on Facebook Live. See page 9 for more pics.



Thank you Mrs. Vosdoganes and Parker Elementary students for bringing smiles and joyful music during this stressful time.



Fill Out Your Census 2020 Forms NOW

Every home in Westbury should have received an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding either: online, phone, or mail. It is VERY fast and easy. For more info., see page 15.

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Confirmed Local Cases of Covid-19

Data provided by zip code at publichealthharriscountytx.gov.
77035—54 cases
77096—59 cases
Total in Houston—5,330
*Data as of 4/23/20



HEAVY TRASH

May 2020
Thursday, May 14
TREE WASTE ONLY

June 2020
Thursday, June 11
JUNK WASTE

RECYCLING DATES

May 2020
Thursday, May 7
Thursday, May 21

June 2020
Thursday, June 4
Thursday, June 18

Westbury Crier Went Digital For 1st Time in 64 Years

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Westbury Crier for April was NOT delivered to homes in Westbury. The April Westbury Crier is available on our website, www.westburycrier.com. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Westbury Civic Club Office Update

The Westbury Civic Club office is closed to visitors and the office manager is working from home in accordance with the current county and state orders. Voicemails and emails are being checked regularly. Office drop slot and mailbox are being checked twice a week. We are still doing statement of accounts, resale certificates, and reviewing house plans.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE *NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

NOTARY SERVICES are NOT available at this time of COVID-19. When the office opens back to the public then we will have notary service available again.

CONTACT US

WCC Office Hours: Monday- Thursday, 9:30AM-1:30PM
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays

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WCC Office Email.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net
Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net
WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

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“Like” us on Facebook at Westbury Houston

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, Abbie Kamin.....832-393-3004
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333
Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107
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.braysoaksm.org
Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksm.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

2020 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact the Westbury Civic Club at 713-723-5437 or westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

So much has changed during the last two months. Our March newsletter was full of announcements of fun events scheduled this Spring. Since then, the COVID-19 pandemic, which once seemed so far away from Houston, is now a worldwide pandemic and impacting Houston. Our April *Crier* newsletter was digital only for the first time ever in 64 years. The April edition is available on the WCC website. As I write this message, we are still under a STAY HOME, WORK SAFE order issued by Harris County. The Stay Home order is intended to slow the spread of the illness, with a goal to "flatten the curve" significantly, and it has been successful so far! Our hospitals and medical providers have been able to keep up with the medical needs of infected patients and others who have needed vital hospital care.

In these challenging times, it is important to continue to comply with any orders by the City, County, or State. "Cheating" may seem minor, but the orders work best if each of us take steps to reduce our exposure to others outside our immediate family group as much and as often as possible. Take good care of yourselves. Eat healthy. Exercise safely. Stay in contact with friends and family by phone or video. Help others as you are able. Be smart about doing your essential activities.

The Westbury Civic Club is complying with the Stay Home order, while continuing to serve our Westbury residents. Our office manager is able to check WCC email and

voicemail while working at home and is responding to questions and requests. Mail is being checked periodically, but might not be collected every day. Requests by title companies for home sales and refinancing continue to be processed. House plans will continue to be reviewed.

I regret that the April newsletter was a digital newsletter instead of the usual printed newsletter delivered to the doorstep of every Westbury home. The monthly Westbury *Crier* newsletter has been a communications staple of our neighborhood for 65 years. The last time we had such difficulties was after Hurricane Ike in 2008, when the Westbury area had no electricity for 10 or more days, and some places were out of power for 2 to 3 weeks. Usually the Westbury High School Baseball team delivers our newsletter, but the May newsletter will be delivered to you by volunteers associated with the Westbury Civic Club Board of Directors. Our *Crier* delivery volunteers will wear masks and gloves to deliver the newsletter to you as safely as possible.

Our paid Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) constables from Constable Precinct Five continue to patrol the streets of Westbury. Our constables are licensed law enforcement officers and are able to make arrests and to enforce laws. The very last event I attended in March was to speak before the Harris County Commissioner's Court on behalf of the Constable program. Both Becky Edmondson and I and many, many others from across the county waited for

hours to speak in favor of the Constable program. We noted how important the contract Constable services are to supplement the manpower of the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Sheriff's Office, both of which are sorely in need of more law enforcement officers. The Sheriff and all 8 of the elected Constables spoke forcefully and persuasively about the importance of the patrol services provided by the Constables.

The COVID-19 pandemic is expected to last for many more weeks. I am concerned that crime will go up as the days and weeks go by. The Constables are the front-line law enforcement officers here in Westbury and they provide an important service. I hate to mention money during times like this, but the fact is that we need to raise more money to pay for our Constable program. If you have already paid your annual fees, please consider an additional contribution. If you have not yet paid, please consider either a full or a partial contribution for the Constable program. If you are fortunate enough to still have a job and income, please consider contributing more than usual because some of our families will not be able to contribute as they would like. Our website has been modified so that we can now accept credit card payments in addition to payments via a PayPal account. See pages 6-7 for more information about donating.

Stay healthy and safe.
Cindy Chapman

It's time to pay your 2020 Westbury Civic Club dues!

Your dues help support the Westbury Civic Club in many ways such as:

- Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol Constable service.
- Improves the look of our greenspaces.
- Keeps the doors to your Civic Club office open.

*The Westbury Civic Club works for you!
Your support of the WCC is important. The dues form is located on page 6.*

WCC Board Notes - April 2020

- ➔ April 2020 meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic and the Stay Home, Work Safe Order.

WCC Board Meeting May 20, 2020

*Zoom Meeting—Details will be on
Westbury Houston Facebook and our
website, www.westburycrier.com*



Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



→ **Weekly Classes/Groups CANCELLED**
→ **Playground, Swings & Basketball courts CLOSED**

The Platou Center is a location for Free Lunches for Children. Children must be in the car in order to receive lunch. Food will be placed in trunks. Drive thru only. Fifty lunches available at each Community center in the City of Houston.

All activities, groups, and classes are cancelled at the Platou Center. The playground and basketballs courts are CLOSED in accordance to the Stay Home, Work Safe order. Please do not use the equipment.

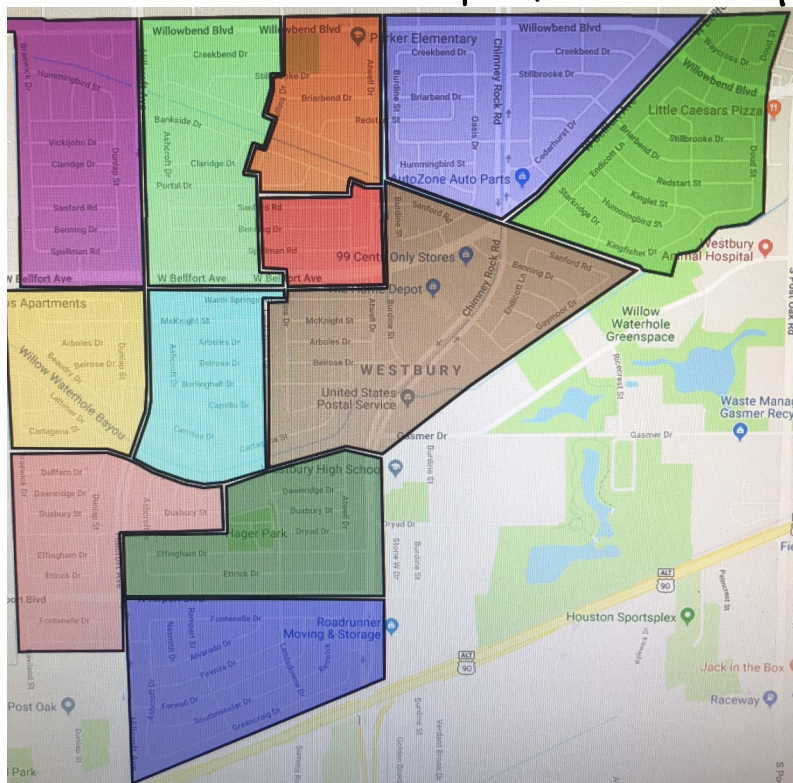


Meyer Library News

→ **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.

→ **City Council approved BRAVE Architecture Inc. for the new Westbury Library on Belrose**
City Council approved the appropriation of funds authorizing BRAVE Architecture Inc. to perform design and construction phase services for the new Houston Public Library at 5505 Belrose in Westbury (Nov 2019). The new location will be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury. Stay tuned to future editions of the *Westbury Crier* for more information about the new library. We expect public meetings to be held in 2020.

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.

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	443 homes
	Parkwest 3	311 homes
	Westbury 1	543 homes
	Westbury 2	530 homes
	Westbury 3	853 homes
	Westbury 4	834 homes
	Westbury 5	501 homes
	Westbury 5	150 homes
	Westbury South	563 homes

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May 2020 Calendar Events/Meetings

Sat 2	Spring White Elephant Sale	CANCELLED
Sun 10	Happy Mother's Day	
Sat 16	Audubon Society Bird Survey	To Be Determined
Mon 18	Brays Bayou Association Meeting	To Be Determined
Wed 20	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Zoom Meeting—Info online at www.westburycrier.com	
Wed 20	WCC Board Meeting Zoom Meeting—Info online at www.westburycrier.com	
Mon 25	Memorial Day— WCC Office Closed	
Tues 26	SW PIP Meeting	To Be Determined

All About Trash

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



Regular Household Trash

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

Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY week either on Thursday or Saturday or any day the City decides to come by. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



Recycling in Westbury

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

May 2020

Thursday, May 7
Thursday, May 21

June 2020

Thursday, June 4
Thursday, June 18

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 2020

TREE WASTE ONLY
Thursday, May 12

June 2020

JUNK WASTE
Thursday, June 11

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- ♻️ Recycling is every other Thursday.
- ♻️ Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ Yard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- ♻️ 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 with City logo
- ♻️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
 - SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr** - 10785 SW Frwy
Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM;
Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
 - Environmental Service Center** - 11500 S. Post Oak
Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM.
Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information



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Why Support the WCC and WAP?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood in Southwest Houston. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 463 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on financial contributions from residents like you. Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. However, contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and to the Westbury Area Patrol were down in 2019. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. The total amount for the **2020 Voluntary Dues is \$335**. That is less than a dollar a day! The **Westbury Civic Club dues are \$50** for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of **\$285 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables)**.

Why should you pay your Westbury Civic Club dues? (\$50)

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) works on: reducing neighborhood blight, enforcing deed restrictions, improving economic development, and advocating for our fair share of the City's budget. We hold two semi-annual White Elephant Sales and host neighborhood events such as Keep Westbury Beautiful Day. We publish the award-winning Westbury Crier monthly. The WCC has one employee who works closely with our City Council Office and city departments to ensure timely responses to residents' complaints, like Solid Waste problems. We also continue to work diligently with the City and the County to find real solutions to flooding along Willow Waterhole Bayou. The WCC is a strong advocate for the City to continue on schedule with storm drain reconstruction projects in Westbury with ReBuild Houston. This project was to start in 2020 but has been delayed a year due to Harvey. **Please pay your Westbury Civic Club dues.**

Why should you support the Westbury Area Patrol? (\$285)

The largest program and biggest expenditure for the WCC is for the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). The WCC has had a contract with Harris County Precinct 5 deputies since 1984. The WAP offers 24 hour coverage, vacation watches, home security checks, and alarm monitoring. The program provides high visibility, rapid response to emergency and non-emergency calls. Daily patrolling enables the deputies assigned to Westbury to become familiar with the neighborhood, thereby alerting them to "out of the ordinary" situations and ability to respond better and faster. WAP officers were instrumental in recently catching young criminals in Westbury South who were attacking and robbing elderly residents. Harris County Pct. 5 has a dedicated investigative unit that can be available if needed. The WCC has had to lower the number of deputies from 4 to 3 in 2019, and we could be in danger of losing the program if participation in this important program does not improve. **Please support the Westbury Area Patrol.**

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 or pay online at www.westburycrier.com

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments.

The 2020 Mandatory Assessments of \$246.75 were due 2/1/2020. Invoices have been mailed out.

Payment plans can be set up for homes that have a past due balance. Please contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437.

The WCC does NOT receive payments from escrow accounts or any other source. If you receive a Mandatory Assessment bill, it is due by 2-1-2020.

An attorney will be contacted for accounts past due.

Please send this form in with your payment

2020 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____
 E-mail _____

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

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

Online payment:
www.westburycrier.com
www.paypal.com to email
westburycc@sbcglobal.net
 Make sure to include your address

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

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$50	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
Subtotal	\$335	\$

Additional Contributions:

Westbury Civic Club

\$

Westbury Area Patrol

\$

Total

\$

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.

We LOVE Our Constables

Contract Program Threatened



In the days before a looming COVID-19 pandemic, the Westbury Civic Club was notified of an agenda item added to the March 10, 2020 Harris County Commissioner’s Court meeting. This agenda item was to initiate a study of the contract deputy program to prohibit the Constables from being able to sign contracts to do neighborhood patrols. This item was added by Pct. 2 County Commission Adrian Garcia. Westbury contracts with Harris County Precinct 5 Constables to patrol our neighborhood.

WCC Board Members Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson both spoke on behalf of the Constable Patrol program at the March 10 Harris County Commissioner’s Court meeting. Over 175 people signed up to speak in favor of the Constable Patrol Program including Harris

County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez and all 8 of the elected Constables.

Constable Ted Heap, from Precinct 5 (Westbury contracts with Precinct 5), said that his constables see their work as a calling for community service. He warned that crime will go up if the constable patrols are ended. He noted that the private constable patrol contracts serve the greater public good by providing an additional 1,115 law enforcement officers patrolling in Precinct 5. The officers with Precinct 5 responded to 59,000 calls last year not in a contracted area, which greatly reduced the workload on the Houston Police Department (HPD) or the Harris County Sheriff’s Office.

law enforcement departments to deploy resources elsewhere when needed.

After hearing from hundreds of citizens and officials affirming and supporting the Constable Deputy program, the Court voted against the controversial proposal by Commissioner Garcia. The Court instead voted to affirm the contract program and not to study to eliminate or terminate the Constable or Sheriff deputy program.

Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman waited so many hours, in uncomfortable seats, to be able to speak on behalf of the Constable Patrol contracts because they know the importance of the Westbury Area Patrol. Houston CM Mike Knox knows how important it is. Sheriff Ed Gonzalez knows how important it is. We hope that all of our residents also know how important it is, and that you appreciate that the Westbury Area Patrol by the constables is an important factor to keeping Westbury as a desirable, safe community. Read below why we need your support for the Westbury Area Patrol Constable program!

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said that the contract Constable Patrol program is a “force multiplier” and is successful at reducing crime. He said that the constables work collaboratively both with HPD and his Harris County Sheriff’s Office. Houston City Councilmember Mike Knox, a retired HPD officer, spoke in favor of the Constable Patrol contracts. He said that the Constable contract patrols allow other



Pct 5 Constables ★ 281-463-6666

The Westbury Area Patrol contract is the largest expense of the Westbury Civic Club. The WCC still needs to raise a lot more money to be able to pay for our constable patrol contract. The timing of the COVID-19 pandemic happening in mid-March while we are still raising funds to pay for WCC Operations and the WAP Constable Patrol is unfortunate. Please pay your 2020 dues today.

NEW Pay your 2020 dues ONLINE at westburycrrier.com

If you have already paid, please consider sending an additional contribution for the WAP Constable Patrol. If you have been intending to pay, right now is the perfect time to make a payment. The full recommended payment for the Constable Patrol program is \$285. The WCC website has been improved so that you can now pay either by PayPal or by credit card.

Go to westburycrrier.com then to the Dues and Assessments page.

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- ➔ WCC Dues — \$50
- ➔ WCC Constable — \$285
- ➔ WCC Dues + Constable— \$50 + \$285 = \$335
- ➔ Additional Donation of \$100 or more

Once you get to the payment page you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card.

If you want to pay an amount different than the options in the Shopping Cart on the WCC website, you can send a check to the address indicated on the Dues form on the page to the left or you can use your PayPal account to send the amount you want by sending the money to our email address of westburycrrier@sbcglobal.net.

During this challenging period, we know that some will not be able to pay the amount they would like to pay for the Westbury Constable program. If you have the ability to send a payment, please help your friends and neighbors who may not be able to pay, so that the important service provided by the Westbury Constable program is able to continue. We would not ask unless it was important. **Please help us keep our Westbury Constable Program patrolling on our streets!**

Food Distribution Sites in Westbury during COVID-19

Platou Community Center
11655 Chimney Rock

A free meal (lunch and a snack) for children 1 – 18 years old is being distributed by the City of Houston at City community centers. Child must be present to receive a meal. Monday through Friday from 1PM to 3PM.

HISD Locations—Sites Vary

When schools closed, HISD, along with the Houston Food Bank, began distributing food to families at various campus throughout Houston. From March 14 to April 18, they distributed over 2 million pounds of food to more than 60,000 families. HISD and the Food Bank held a mass community distribution at NRG on April 18 that gave away more than 280,000 pounds of good to 4,256 cars and 450 families on foot. They are planning a second mass community distribution event at end of April with possibly more in May.

HISD currently has 25 campuses that each week distribute 500 bags of food per site. Westbury High School is typically a distribution site. Check Houston ISD blog for up to date information about locations and times. They normally announced one week in advance.



JFS Counseling & Case Management Services during COVID-19

Counseling for Adults, Children and Adolescents, and Families

Anyone can call Jewish Family Services (JFS) for counseling if they are feeling anxious about their situation or for other mental health concerns. Call 713-986-7832. To fill out a counseling request form online, which will be responded to within 48 hours, go to: https://www.jfshouston.org/client_referral_form.php

All therapy sessions and Intensive Outpatient Program are conducted by HIPPA licensed ZOOM teleconferencing.

Group sessions via Zoom Video Conference Calls to help participants get through this stressful time amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. Practical tips and ideas will be shared to promote mental well-being. These sessions are open to anyone in Texas, without appointments. Monday–Friday there will be sessions at noon for parents; at 1PM for adults and at 2PM for adolescents. Call-in numbers and ZOOM video links can be found through the JFS homepage at jfshouston.org.

Case Management Services

Case managers are available to help current or new clients with practical needs related to the current situation. These needs can relate to food, medicine, financial assistance due to loss of income or increased expenses, or other essential needs.

For any of these services, please call 713 667 9336 or email disastercasemanagement@jfshouston.org

**Important Note - You do not need to be Jewish to sign up for services provided by JFS (Jewish Family Services)*

City and State Road Construction Projects Continuing During Pandemic

One small bright spot during the COVID-19 pandemic is that road traffic in the Houston area is significantly lower than usual. If you watch the daily traffic reports, you probably have noticed the main Houston highways lately show “green” during commuting hours instead of the typical yellow or red warning colors of slow traffic. The Houston Chronicle noted that on Wednesday afternoon of 3/18/2020, Houston TranStar data indicated that it took only 17 minutes (about 63 miles per hour) to drive west on I-10 from I-45 to Texas 6. It typically takes twice as long.

The state Department of Transportation is taking advantage of the lower road traffic counts. The cancellation of the Houston Rodeo means that TxDOT projects in the vicinity, which had been postponed during the event, have now resumed. Also, state contractors have moved up work to place some connector beams at the interchange of the West Loop and Interstate 69 (often locally called “59”). Part of the new interchange should be open by press time.

Additionally, work crews for Houston Public Works and city contractors are continuing to work on city road projects.

Comcast Internet Access Info During the COVID-19 Epidemic

Here is information from Comcast about steps they are taking to ensure that everyone who needs internet access during this challenging time has access.

➔ **Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone:** Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi. Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the “xfinitywifi” network name in the list of available hotspots, and then launch a browser.

➔ **Pausing Our Data Plan:** With so many people working and educating from home, we want our customers to access the internet without thinking about data plans. While the vast majority of our customers do not come close to using 1TB of data in a month, we are pausing our data plans for 60 days giving all customers Unlimited data for no additional charge.

➔ **No Disconnects or Late Fees:** We will not disconnect a customer’s internet service or assess late fees **if they contact us** and let us know that they can’t pay their bills during this period. Our care teams will be available to offer flexible payment options and other solutions.

➔ **24x7 Network Monitoring:** Comcast’s technology and engineering teams will continue to work tirelessly to support our network operations. We engineer our network capacity to handle spikes and shifts in usage patterns, and continuously test, monitor and enhance our systems and network to ensure they are ready to support customer usage. Our engineers and technicians staff our network operations centers 24/7 to ensure network performance and reliability. We are monitoring network usage and watching the load on the network both nationally and locally, and to date it is performing well.

Fun Around the Neighborhood

Schools have been closed since March 12. Houston has been under a stay at home order since March 24. This means more Westbury residents are home and walking around the neighborhood. Kids are playing in the front yard and riding bikes. Family walks are a daily occurrence. There are several fun things to look for when walking. Teddy bears in windows, fun holiday decorations, chalk art, hopscotch, flowers, and more. If you see something fun in and around Westbury, send it to westburycc@sbcglobal.net.



Mosaic chalk art



Westbury 2 residents taking advantage of the lovely spring weather



Finding hopscotches on walks is super fun!



This beautiful Human Butterfly reminds drivers of the importance of keeping a Wide Social Distance by flapping her wings on the W. Bellfort esplanade at the Chimney Rock intersection.



Even the cars social distance at the Meyerland HEB

AS SEEN IN WESTBURY



Pandemic Easter decorations on Creekbend in Westbury 2



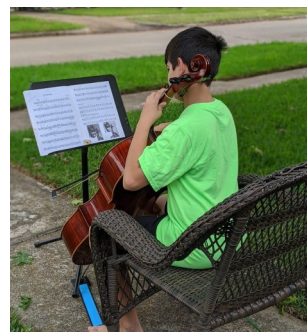
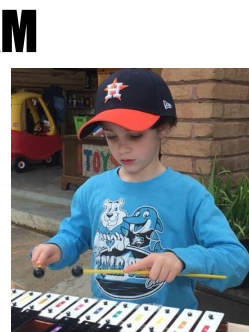
Social distance high five by WCC board members at Willow Waterhole



Social distance neighbor chat

Send us your "As Seen in Westbury" moments!
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Parker Elementary Quarantine Flash Mob



Every Monday 10AM



Playgrounds & Basketball Courts CLOSED

All the playgrounds, basketball courts, and swing sets are closed at all City and County parks. No group sports such as soccer are allowed. There are signs and caution tape at all Westbury area playgrounds and swing sets. The City has removed the basketball goals at all the parks due to continued usage. If you see people playing on the playgrounds, basketball, or soccer, please call the Constables at 281-463-6666. The Constables can enforce this violation as it is a County wide order. Please stay off the park equipment.



**ALL SCHOOLS
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Fun Things to do at Home During Covid-19

So, what can you do (for fun) until life returns to normal? Here's just a few ideas:

- ◆ **Get creative in the kitchen.** Make a one-pot meal with only the ingredients you have in your pantry - or only the ones you have in your refrigerator. No cheating. It could be fun to see what you can come up with. And, it might even be delicious!
- ◆ **Re-start an old hobby.** Many of us have taken up a hobby at some point but, for some reason, we stopped taking the time to enjoy it. Well, there's no better time than now to go back to it. Maybe your hobby is playing the piano, but your piano is just sitting there collecting dust. Well, why not pull out your old sheet music, and see how well (or badly) you play now. Practice daily to improve on the status quo!
- ◆ **Schedule a virtual happy hour.** This idea will work with any group of people you would naturally have drinks with: your family, friends, co-workers or club members. The idea is to connect humans with other humans who already know each other, folks who miss seeing each other and want to share a few laughs and play "catch-up."
- ◆ **Go on a scavenger-hunt.** As silly as this may sound, taking a nature walk, and looking around for specific items, can be great fun. Get a friend to play this game with you. Have her come up with 10 items for you to find, while you make a list of 10 items she needs to bring back to you. Go on your walks separately. See who brings back the most items on her list. The winner picks the restaurant they will next dine at together. Loser picks up the tab, of course!
- ◆ **Take an online tour of famous museums around the world.** Most museums are closed for now, but their curators have gotten creative and are now offering free digital tours. A simple search of Google will take you where you want to go.
- ◆ **Explore a National Park online.** One of America's best ideas was our National Parks. There are several fun ways to visit the parks and their amazing sites. Check out via google and nps.gov. Most of the major National Parks have Facebook pages as well that are doing interactive tours or stories.
- ◆ **Plant a new vegetable or flower garden.**

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Harris County Under Mandatory Mask Order

CDC Mask Recommendation for Covid-19

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that the general public wear some form of a mask/covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain such as the grocery store and pharmacy, especially in areas of significant community based transmission.

Harris County Judge, Lina Hidalgo, issued an order for Mandatory Face Coverings for all of Harris County. The order is effective through May 26. The order states that all individuals age 10 and older must wear a face covering while in a public settings such as grocery stores. More up to date information can be found on the County website for Covid-19, www.readyharris.org.

The CDC advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus, but do not know it, from transmitting it to others. The virus that causes COVID-19 can spread from a person before they have symptoms. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under the age of 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators as these items are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for front line workers.

The CDC issued a template for an easy basic sew mask and a no-sew mask option. Many Facebook groups are dedicated to making cloth masks for front line workers as well as the general public. There are many templates available online, see below for some websites.

How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

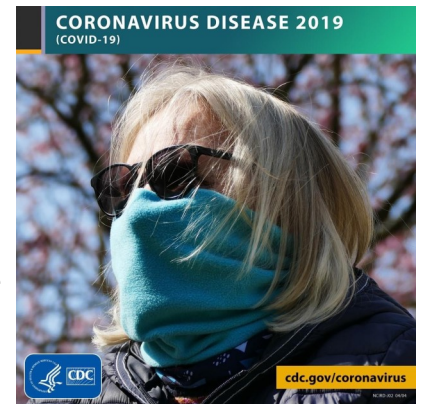
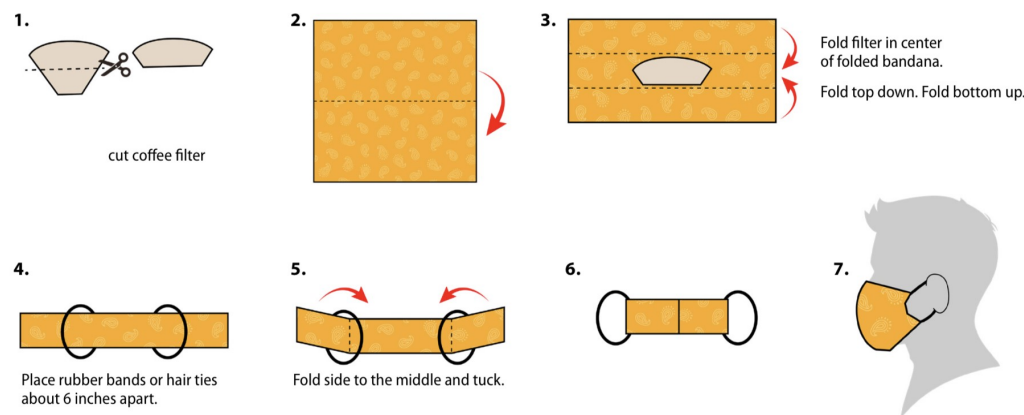
- ➔ Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- ➔ Be secured with ties or ear loops
- ➔ Include multiple layers of fabric
- ➔ Allow for breathing without restriction
- ➔ Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

Bandana Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

Materials

- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20"x20")
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Coffee filter
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

Tutorial



COVID-19
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Sat: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Websites for Mask Templates

- ➔ www.craftypassion.com/face-mask-sewing-pattern/
 - ➔ www.joann.com/how-to-make-a-face-mask/0421188731P321
 - ➔ www.madebybarb.com/2020/03/25/diy-fitted-face-mask/
- Check out YouTube for how to videos.

Separate Fact from Fiction

The Houston Health Department has set up a coronavirus call center for Houston residents needing more information about the disease. You can call the center at 832-393-4220 to speak to department staff and obtain information about the disease or get your questions answered.

The Houston Health Department call center will be open on weekdays from 9AM to 7PM and Saturdays from 9AM to 3PM. Voice messages left after hours will be returned the following work day on a first call, first serve basis.

Alternately, you can call the Harris County Public Health's dedicated hotline at 832-927-7575 (9AM to 7PM everyday).

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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

April 6—April 26, 2020

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5900	Beaudry	Destruction, Vandalism, Damage	4/20	7PM	Parkwest 3
12200	Chimney Rock	Simple Assault	4/14	8PM	Westbury 4
6000	Dellfern	Simple Assault	4/10	11PM	Westbury 4
6000	Densmore	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	4/22	5AM	Westbury 4
5800	Ettrick	Destruction, Vandalism, Damage	4/6	3PM	Westbury 4
5900	Fontenelle	Robbery	4/6	11PM	Westbury 4
6000	Lattimer	Robbery	4/23	10PM	Parkwest 3
5900	McKnight	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	4/15	4PM	Parkwest 3
12300	Mullins	Theft from Motor Vehicle	4/10	7AM	Westbury 4
5700	Spellman	Destruction, Vandalism, Damage	4/9	12PM	Parkwest 2
5700	West Airport	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	4/13	4AM	Westbury 4
6000	Willowbend	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	4/16	6PM	Westbury 5

KEY

- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Robbery
- Property Crime
- Burglary
- Simple Assault
- Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts

The crimes listed took place between April 6 thru April 26. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	0	1	1	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	0	1	0
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	3	4	0	0
Robbery	2	0	1	0
Simple Assault	2	3	1	0
Shoplifting	0	0	5	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	0	0	1
Vandalism, Damage	3	7	1	0
Auto Theft	0	1	0	0
Fire Arson	0	1	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	1	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	1	2	1	0
Counterfeit, Forgery	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	12	20	13	1

Support the Westbury Area Patrol TODAY

The WCC contracts with Harris County Precinct 5 Constables for our Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) program. A large part of the funds paid to Precinct 5 are paid VOLUNTARILY by 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.

The WCC currently has a contract for 3 deputies to patrol Westbury and we would like to increase this number. We can only do this by raising additional funding. A neighborhood our size should have more deputies.

See pages 6 & 7 for the dues form including 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 your support!



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It's Time to be Counted! US Census 2020

How many people live here in the Westbury neighborhood? How do we find out? The government does a population count every ten years, called a "census", and this is a census year. Every residence should have received an official Census Bureau census request by mail in mid-March with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. There are three ways to respond to the 2020 Census.

- ➔ **Online**
- ➔ **By phone**
- ➔ **By mail**



Why respond? It's important that the count be correct because it affects funding, schools, voting districts, developers and others who rely on the data to make decisions.

You can track response rates in Westbury at 2020census.gov.

Location	Census Tract	Pct.
Westbury 1	4206	62.7%
Westbury 3 & 4 Westbury South	4221	57.5%
Westbury 4	4223.02	54.8%
Westbury 5	4224.03	51.3%
Parkwest 1 & 2 Westbury 2 & 5	4220	66.2%
Parkwest 3	4224.04	27.1

*Data as of April 27, 2020

Ten years ago, it is estimated that zip code 77035 was "under reported" by 24%. Zip code 77096 was "under reported" at 12%. It is very important for Westbury, the City of Houston, and our state that as many people as possible here in Westbury get COUNTED.

Only RAIN in the DRAIN!

As it rains in Westbury, water begins to build up along the street edges and gutters. It's here that it begins its long journey to the sea. The first destination on this journey is to the storm drain inlet on your street. Clearing the path to the storm drains is essential. Once it reaches the inlet, it flows into the storm drains and eventually ends up in one of the drainage ditches or Willow Waterhole Bayou, then off to Brays Bayou, then the Houston Ship Channel and ultimately to the Gulf of Mexico.

It's very important that you prevent debris from blocking the flow of the water to the storm drain inlet. It is vital to keep the water flowing in the storm drain pipes under the streets that we don't see.

Solid debris takes up space in the storm drain pipes making them less effective in transporting storm water to our ditches and bayous. Small sticks, leaves, newspapers, and other trash become wrapped together and could clog and slow the draining on your street. Our storm drains in Westbury are old. They are original to the neighborhood and should be treated with care. **Only rain in the drain!!!** Our trees are old and have huge roots that are bound to have popped through, combine this with leaves and other debris, and water just can't flow at the rate it should. If the rain is falling very rapidly (as it has many times in the past several years), our water on the streets needs to flow as fast as it can to the bayous.

Here are some things you can do to help.

- ➔ Sweep & BAG your leaves out of the street.
- ➔ Ask your yard crew to NOT blow the leaves and grass clippings down the street or into the storm drains.
- ➔ Clean the storm drain inlet in front of your home
- ➔ Pick up the newspapers that are thrown in your yard. Pick it up, read it or not, and throw it in the recycling can.



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HCFCF Demolished Three Westbury Homes

In March, the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCF) demolished three homes along the Willow Waterhole Bayou in Westbury. The purchased properties had been for sale on the open market.

The land will be used to create swales (long sloping channels to collect excess storm water to direct it into the bayou). This project will complement the City of Houston’s upcoming capital improvement efforts in Westbury to reduce street flooding by upgrading the neighborhood drainage system.

“The soon-to-be-installed swales will minimize street flooding in the neighborhood and help to improve local drainage during heavy rainfall events,” said Matt Zeve, Deputy Executive Director for the Harris County Flood Control District. “The properties will be transformed into environmentally-friendly flood risk mitigation projects for the benefit of the entire neighborhood.”

The properties where the new swales will be installed are adjacent to the Willow Waterhole Bayou at:

- ➔ 5747 Cartagena Street
- ➔ 5638 Ludington Drive
- ➔ 5730 Ludington Drive

“This project, funded by 2018 flood bond, is an important step in helping Westbury and Harris County become more resilient communities,” said Commissioner Rodney Ellis. “Every neighborhood should have the same level of protection during severe weather and Precinct One will continue to advocate for projects that reduce flooding and keep families safe.”



Questions & Answers from HCFCF

HCFCF had been invited to speak at the March WCC meeting, which was canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic. Here are the answers to some questions by the WCC.

Q: This project funded from the 2018 Bond is the purchasing of the homes and demo, does it include the swales?

Yes, HCFCF will fund the buyout, demolition, and installation of the swales for the 3 homes (including the potential of 3 additional homes which are still in the negotiation process). The City of Houston (COH) will follow this project with a major Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to replace all the neighborhood drainage in Westbury in the coming years. We defer to COH on the details and schedule of their follow on CIP work.

Q. When are the swales being installed?

The entire project from home demo to shallow swale installation takes about 3-4 days each - with the entire effort expected to be complete within 2-3 weeks (weather permitting) beginning the week of March 16.

Q. The City of Houston is a partner, when will their work be done?

While this is listed as a “partnership” effort, the City of Houston’s work and financial contribution will come at a later date upon completion of their CIP (Capital Improvement Project), after which they will take over the ownership and maintenance of these swales (which they also plan to enlarge/enhance as part of their CIP).



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All About Deed Restrictions & Nuisances



Westbury is a Deed Restricted Neighborhood

ALL homes in Westbury have active deed restrictions. There are over 30 sets for the 9 sections and 5,000 homes in Westbury. Why do we have deed restrictions? To protect and maintain our neighborhood for the benefit of all residents. The City of Houston does not have any zoning or rules on where commercial business can be located. Deed restrictions help maintain our neighborhood as a neighborhood. All lots in Westbury must be residential usage.

When you bought your home, you should have received a copy of your deed restrictions. Certified copies of the deed restrictions can be obtained at the County Clerk office downtown for a fee. The WCC office has copies of the deed restrictions by section online at www.westburycrier.com. You will need to know your legal address to know which set applies to you. An easy way to find your legal address is to look up your property on Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) website, www.hcad.org.



Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

Updating Westbury Deed Restrictions

Join the Action Group Today!

Covid-19 Update– We are still collecting names and information from interested residents who would like to be part of the Deed Restriction Revision Action Group. Depending on how long the Stay Home order lasts, we might do a zoom meeting with interested parties.

Westbury's deed restrictions are old and need to be updated. While they are still active and still have validity, they are slowly losing their original meaning in today's legal climate. There are many reasons to update the deed restrictions. It is no longer 1958. How people live and use their homes is different in 2020. While it is nice that no one can hang a visible clothes line in their front yard, I am sure the residents of Westbury 5 East of Hillcroft would like the option to build a 2 story home. They are the ONLY section that cannot. With the elevations and new home construction on the rise, a better set of deed restrictions and guidelines are needed.

The Westbury Civic Club worked with residents in Parkwest 1 and 2 in the 1990s and successfully updated and modernized their deed restrictions with changes such as allowing two story homes, three car garages, and mandatory assessments. This process can be long and frustrating. Later deed restrictions revisions over the years have stalled, failed, and fizzled out.

It is time to seriously think of Westbury's future. 2020 is the time to move Westbury forward and update our aging deed restrictions. The first step is to get a group of active residents who are dedicated to seeing the process all the way through. This group will first meet to get their bearings, then start to break down the choices of how to tackle a massive deed restrictions revision for 5,000 homes. Even Parkwest 1 and 2 need to be updated, despite the changes made in the 90s. We will do surveys, in the *Crier* and online, and hold several public meetings to get feedback from residents.

If you are interested in the joining the Deed Restriction Revision Action Group, please call 713-723-5437 or email the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Safe Passable Sidewalk Reminder

It is your responsibility, by City Ordinance, to make sure that the public sidewalk on your property is passable. That means that your shrubs and trees need to be trimmed, both above and next to the sidewalk, to allow passage. It also means that you must not obstruct the public sidewalk with a vehicle. Due to the COVID19 epidemic, a lot of families are walking for exercise since playgrounds and sports are closed, so be mindful.

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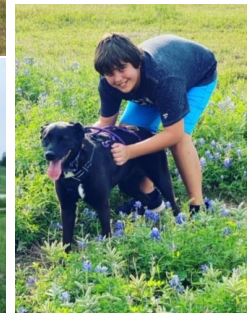
BRAESWOOD FARMER'S MARKET STILL OPEN

Are you looking for an alternative to grocery stores? Can't find fresh eggs at the store? Come to the Braeswood Farmer's Market at Chimney Rock and South Braeswood on **Saturdays and Sundays from 9AM-1PM** or **Wednesday evenings from 4-8PM**. The market is open per County and State laws and has been visited by City inspectors multiple times. The vendors and customers are adhering to 6 foot social distancing. There is hand sanitizer and a hand washing station on-site. Support local.



Walk the Willow Waterhole

The Willow Waterhole offers several different trails that can be enjoyed during this isolation period. Walking and being outdoors is encouraged, just NOT in groups. Walk alone or with your immediate household. Take your binoculars and look for birds!



Links for Lost & Found Pets

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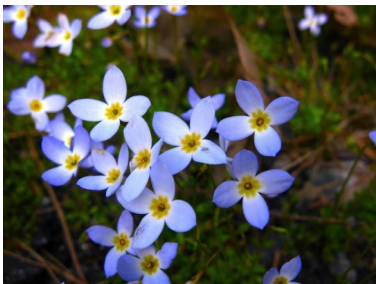
Westbury Pocket Prairie is located on the south side of the Westbury Community Garden property along Greencraig Drive. Park on the prairie side of the street. It's recommended you visit on Sunday when the auto repair shops are closed and there is plenty of parking. Take the walkway loop to look at a wide variety of Texas wildflowers coming into bloom. Come take a walk at the Pocket Prairie

Flowers to look for in the prairie garden. (Some are big and showy. Others are tiny and low growing. Some close-up in the afternoon.)

- ☼ Tiny white morning glory
- ☼ Corpus Christi fleabane, very short version of fleabane
- ☼ Prairie parsley, look for a very interesting lobed leaf.

Flowers are in bud.

- ☼ Spiderwort, showy purple flower
- ☼ Milkweed, Asclepias vividis and Asclepias oenotheroides
- ☼ Herbertia, tiny iris
- ☼ Wine cups
- ☼ Bluets, four petaled and white. Not tall (see photo to right)



- ☼ Thistle
- ☼ Flax, short yellow orange flower
- ☼ Verbena halei, Texas vervain — delicate multi-branched lavender colored flower
- ☼ Lots of other things will begin to show as the weeks pass. Try to see the earliest flowers on the list now.

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.



Garden Celebration Postponed
 Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and Stay Home, Work Safe order, the Westbury Community Garden cancelled their 10 year celebration. Talks are in the works for rescheduling in the Fall. Stay tuned to future Criers for more information.

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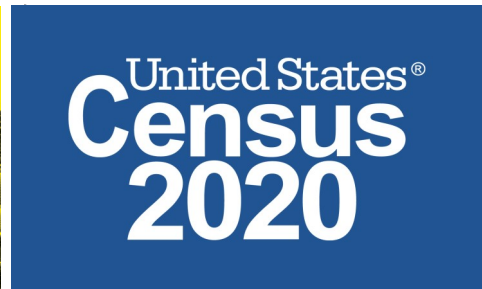
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