



Westbury Crier

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GET ACTIVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY Westbury Volunteer Opportunities

For over 60 years, Westbury residents have volunteered to help make our community great, from the WCC board members to individual homeowners who sweep their street, any kind of help keeps Westbury a desirable neighborhood. There are several opportunities to get involved in the month of May and beyond.

WOW Workday—Litter Pick-up at Willow Waterhole

Sunday, May 16, 2-4PM

Perfect for the entire family. For more information, see page 6 or 17.

Library Action Committee—First Meeting

Monday, May 17, 6-7PM

This first meeting will be an overview of the Library Action Committee, current status of new library, and update on the library naming process. Zoom Meeting—if you are interested in attending this meeting, email Jennifer at westburycc@sbcglobal.net

“Keeper of the Butterfly Garden”—Westbury Park

Volunteer to become the keeper of the butterfly garden. The WCC will provide guidance. The Butterfly Garden Keeper will need to check on the garden, weed and water. If you are interested in this position, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Join the NEW Westbury Green Team

Join this new, fun group of volunteers who will work throughout Westbury on “Green” projects and monitor our 7 miles of esplanades and 3 city parks. Volunteer opportunities can vary from planning, to hard labor and more. To join the Green Team, email westburygreen@gmail.com.

Join the Westbury Civic Club Board

The following positions are vacant and open to eligible Westbury residents. Volunteer Coordinator, Westbury 1 Section Director, and Westbury 4 Section Director. If you are interested, please e-mail Cindy Chapman, wccpresident@westburycrier.com.

Westbury in Space

Astronaut Dr. Shannon Walker, an alumna of Parker Elementary, Meyerland Middle School (formerly Johnston Middle School), Westbury High School, and Rice University, took command of the International Space Station on April 14, 2021. She is the first native Houstonian to be the Commander of the space station.

Walker, who has a PHD from Rice University, began work on the International Space Program in 1995 and became an astronaut in 2004. She completed her first space flight in 2010. Congratulations!



Name Our Library

The community is invited to participate in the naming of the new state-of-the-art library to be located in Westbury at 5505 Belrose. Construction of the new library is expected to begin in the 3rd quarter of 2021 and completed by the end of 2022.


If you have a name suggestion for the new library, you must fill out a google form (link below) with your contact information and a support statement of 250 words or less. Suggestion period is open until 5PM on May 24.

<https://forms.gle/sbriBubKuKKTgFvVA>

For more information on the naming process and the new library, see page 11.

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Drive-Thru Event
Tuesday, May 18, 5PM-6PM
WCC Parking Lot - 5322 W. Bellfort
Pay your 2021 Dues, Meet WCC Board
Members, Ask Questions
 More information on page 11



COVID-19 Vaccines
 All adults in Texas are now eligible for the COVID vaccine. See page 15 for where to sign up for your vaccine and tips on how to get an appointment.

HEAVY TRASH
May 2021
 Thursday, May 13
TREE WASTE ONLY
June 2021
 Thursday, June 10
JUNK WASTE



RECYCLING
May 2021
 Thursday, May 6
 Thursday, May 20
June 2021
 Thursday, June 3
 Thursday, June 17

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

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

2021 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Spring in Houston is a wonderful time of year. Typically this is a busy time of year for festivals and activities, and, although COVID has hampered holding big events, there have been plenty of smaller activities held.

For the past two months, the Westbury Civic Club has hosted two events for our residents each month – an “I LOVE Westbury” event and a “Working on Westbury” event to improve our parks in Westbury. We plan to hold these events again in May, and I encourage you to participate. More info is on pages 6 & 11.

The focus of the “I LOVE Westbury” event is to allow our residents to drop by and ask questions and to encourage all of our residents to pay their dues. Your dues pay for the programs and operations of the Westbury Civic Club and pay for the popular and effective patrol in Westbury by the Precinct 5 Constables. During the April “I LOVE Westbury” event, one of our new residents mentioned that he had not realized that Houston has no zoning. It is the deed restrictions, enforced by the Westbury Civic Club, that keep the house next door from turning into a bar or a massage parlor. It is the paid contract we have with the Precinct 5 Constables that provides an actual patrol of Westbury streets and fast response to lower priority calls that would take a long time for an understaffed Houston Police Department. If you are confused about the Precinct 5 Constable program, drop by during one of our “I LOVE Westbury” events to learn more.

After a hiatus of several years, we have resumed our “Working on Westbury” workdays. In February and March, we did trash clean ups over at Willow Waterhole around the “Westbury Lake” area. In April, we did a trash clean up at Westbury Park and refreshed the large butterfly garden next to the playground. This month, we again plan a trash de-littering over at Willow Waterhole and would like to also have a de-litter team over at Hager Park (next to Anderson Elementary). Now that we have the Working on Westbury program rolling again, it is time to get a bit more organized. We would like to recruit a team (we used to call it the Green Team) to help plan the projects. Also, we would like to develop a mailing list of volunteers so that we can send reminders about our Working on Westbury events and get an idea in advance of how many volunteers are available. Are you interested in joining the Green Team? Do you want to get emails about future “Working on Westbury” events? Send an email at westburygreen@gmail.com.

The WCC often gets emails or phone calls concerned about nuisances that detract from the appearance of our neighborhood. To encourage attractive yards, the WCC has a Yard of the Month program, which resumes in May. We also try to educate our residents about WHEN and WHAT TYPE of heavy trash will be picked up by the city. Perhaps you think no one cares if you haul out junk waste too early or during the wrong month, but your neighbors DO CARE. Trust me, they really, really do not want to look at your junk. It is a city trash violation to put out

heavy trash too early or to put out Junk Waste during a Tree Waste month. It is a violation whether this trash is at the curb or if it is closer to your house. The front page of the monthly newsletter always has the date and the type of Heavy Trash for both the current month and for the next month.

The City has also asked us to help remind people about what types of items can go into your green recycle bin. Too much trash or non-recyclable stuff is going into the green recycle bins, which means entire loads are being rejected and sent to landfill. Just because an item has a use does NOT mean that it can be handled by the city recycle program. For example, absolutely NO PLASTIC BAGS are allowed in the green recycle bins. NO PLASTIC BAGS in recycle bins means exactly that. Don't sort your recycled materials into plastic bags; you are not “helping”, you are causing everything inside that plastic bag to be tossed into the regular trash at the recycle center. Also, don't try to recycle any plastic bags in the green recycle bins. If you have a bunch of plastic bags and you want to recycle them, then you will need to take those bags to a local grocery store that is accepting plastic bags for recycle. NO PLASTIC Bags are allowed in the green recycle bin. The City of Houston does not handle any type of plastic bags at the city recycle center.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Mother's Day. Also, I know many of you are looking forward to the end of the school year and the traditional start of the summer season later in May. Stay safe and have a great month

-Cindy Chapman

WCC Board Notes - April 2021

- ➔ Guest - Westbury Area Patrol Sgt. Derkowski, reported that a Constable motorcycle unit has been enforcing traffic laws on Willowbend and Hillcroft. Burglaries are down. There have been 3 shootings in the general area – all units are aware. The Constables have a good description of one suspect, but the 3 shootings have different suspects and different methods.
- ➔ Guest – Alyce Coffey, Solid Waste Dept., appreciated the patience of Westbury residents with late pickups, caused by personnel shortages.
- ➔ Guest - District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum, spoke about recent proposed legislation regarding Bandit Signs, which has passed the TX State Senate and is now being deliberated in the House. She thanked Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman for writing letters to Texas Senate and House on the topic.
- ➔ Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC), is seeking options for a failing brick wall on Willowbend near Atwell. WAIC has funds for esplanade repairs, and the WCC will get quotes for WAIC to consider.
- ➔ New library naming process discussed. Information on page 4.
- ➔ Board discussed meeting in person in June. Final decision in the June Crier.



*Westbury Civic Club
Board Meeting
May 19 @ 7PM*

**Held via Zoom Streamed LIVE
on Westbury Houston
Facebook page**

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd
713-726-7107

platou@houston.tx.gov



Library News

→ NEW Library Update: Name Our Library

It is time to name the new library in Westbury! A Naming Committee has been formed by the City of Houston to help with the process. Several Westbury residents are on the committee. The local community is encouraged to participate in this process. There is a google form to suggest a name and provide a support statement. <https://forms.gle/sbriBubKuKKTgFvVA> The naming suggestion period will end at 5PM on May 24, 2021. For more on this process, see page 11.

The plans for the new library are being finalized. Construction should begin in the 3rd quarter of 2021 and completed by the end of 2022.



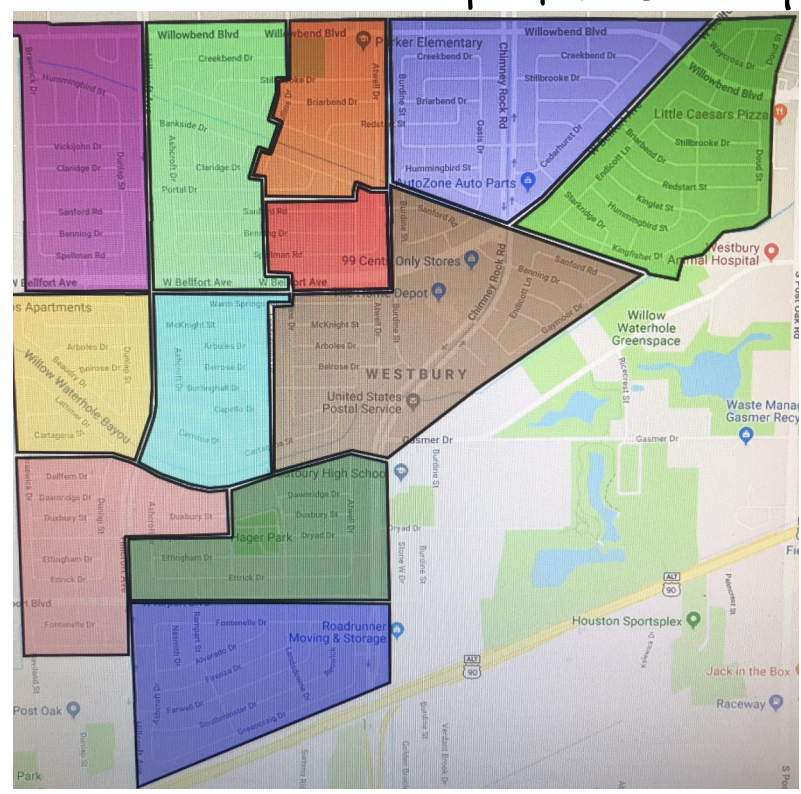
- **Supervisor: Ilea Balderston**
- **Assistant: Justin Thomas**
- **Weekly Classes/Groups CANCELLED**
- **Playground, Swings & Basketball courts are OPEN!!!**

All activities, groups, and classes are still cancelled at the Platou Center.

The playground, tennis and basketball courts are OPEN.

All City parks and playgrounds are now open.

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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What's Happening in Westbury

May 2021 Calendar Events/Meetings

Sun 9	Happy Mother's Day
Thurs 13	TREE WASTE ONLY Heavy Trash pickup All of Westbury
Sat 15	Houston Audubon Bird Survey 7AM Willow Waterhole Meet at Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow
Sun 16	WOW! Working on Westbury 2PM-4PM Willow Waterhole— meet at entrance on Dryad More information on page 6 or 17
Mon 17	Westbury Library Action Committee 6PM-7PM Zoom Meeting If interested, email Jennifer at westburycc@sbcglobal.net
Tues 18	I LOVE Westbury 2021 Dues Event 5PM— 6PM 5322 W. Bellfort parking lot See page 11 for more details
Wed 19	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 9:30AM Held via Zoom Live streamed on Facebook, WAIC Houston
Wed 19	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting 7PM Held via Zoom Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston
May 24-31	WCC Office Closed
Mon 31	Memorial Day — WCC Office Closed

PLANNING CALENDAR

June 11—Last Day of School, HISD
June 20—Father's Day



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 2021

June 2021

Thursday, May 6

Thursday, June 3

Thursday, May 20

Thursday, June 17

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 2021

June 2021

TREE WASTE ONLY

JUNK WASTE

Thursday, May 13

Thursday, June 10

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 & recycling info

Get Involved Today!

Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

WOW Workday — Litter Pick-up

Come join us at the Willow Waterhole for another workday at Westbury Lake on Sunday, May 16, 2-4PM. The WAIC, along with the WCC, is hosting monthly regular workdays in Westbury greenspaces. This workday will again focus on litter pick-up at Westbury Lake. The WAIC will provide trash bags and grabbers. You must wear gloves and a mask.

What: Working on Westbury (WOW) Workday

When: Sunday, May 16, 2-4PM

Where: Westbury Lake—meet at the gazebo, 5300 Dryad



Volunteers picked up litter at the Willow Waterhole in January 2021

Eyes on Westbury

Do you wish you could see the detention basins and weirs at the Willow Waterhole? Do you want another way to monitor flooding? Let's get cameras! Join this new group to help get "Eyes on Westbury." This group will research camera options, contact HCFCDD for access questions, fundraise if needed, look into other options with cameras and lights. If you are interested in joining the "Eyes on Westbury" group, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.



CAMERAS TO MONITOR WEIRS AND BAYOU

WESTBURY ACTION COMMITTEES

Westbury Flood Action Group

Westbury needs new infrastructure (storm drains) and better flood control along our bayous and ditches. Recent work at the Willow Waterhole basins and weirs helps with some rain events, but Westbury needs real answers to the repetitive flooding. In the 1980s, Westbury had a very active Flood Action Group that was instrumental in getting changes and action. The WCC board reactivated this group at the October WCC board meeting. Parkwest 3 Section Director, Lisa Placke, will head this group along with Jennifer Edmondson, Director of Flood Control/Infrastructure. If you are interested, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Deed Restriction Revision Action Committee

Westbury's deed restrictions are outdated and need to be revised. If you have already emailed regarding this group, please email us again, we have lost some data with a computer change over. If you are interested in joining, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Library Action Committee

Westbury is getting a new library. The WCC Library Action Committee is finally having its first meeting.

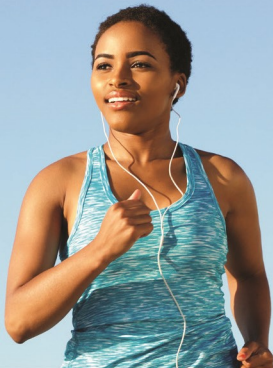
Monday, May 17, 6-7PM. This committee will focus on getting up to date information, meeting with the City, and more.

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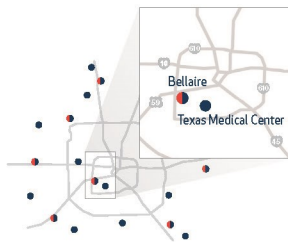
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Westbury is a unique neighborhood. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 463 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents.

Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. The past several years contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and Westbury Area Patrol have been down. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. We all want a safe, flood free neighborhood with great schools and nice neighbors!

The total amount for the **2021 Voluntary dues are \$360**. That is less than a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$300 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas. This allows your payments to be processed immediately. You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office or pay online at www.westburycrier.com

NEW ONLINE RESIDENT PORTAL COMING SOON

We have heard from our residents that they would like to have better options for communications with and payments to the Westbury Civic Club. We agree! We are excited to announce that the WCC is transitioning to a new property management software which adds some features that you residents have been requesting.

We will have a single portal where homeowners can make online payments, view payment history, view important documents, submit requests, and update contact information. The new system will make it easier for you to contact us, and for us to contact you and to be able to track your requests or concerns. There will be more payment options available, including the ability to set up auto-pay scheduled payments.

The office is currently working on the transfer of data and we should have the new system up and running for you early in 2021, Future Criers will have detailed instructions on how to access and use the new system.

In the meantime for those of you that like to pay your dues early, please continue to use the dues form below or paypal.com. You can still pay your dues through our website, www.westburycrier.com.

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

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- ➔ WCC Dues — \$60
- ➔ WCC Constable — \$300
- ➔ WCC Dues + Constable— \$60 + \$300 = \$360
- ➔ Custom Amount—You can enter your own amount

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

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2021 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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Total		\$

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ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. These assessments may be adjusted by the most recently published annual percentage change for US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance to the deed restrictions.

The 2021 Mandatory Assessments of \$250.90
***Due Date Extension-4/1/21 due to mailing issues.**

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Keep Westbury Beautiful Day 2021

Neighborhood volunteers have been working to improve Westbury parks and greenspaces for over 60 years. Each “Keep Houston Beautiful Day” since 2012, volunteers have worked in Westbury to make our corner of the world a little cleaner and a little better. On April 10, the WCC again hosted an official work site in Westbury as part of the “Keep Houston Beautiful” event. This year we focused on Westbury Park. Much of the volunteer work was to refresh the huge butterfly garden that we planted six years ago.

Approximately 35 volunteers, aged 1 to 74, spent the morning working in Westbury Park. Volunteers picked up trash across the park and cleaned up the park sign bed at the corner of Mullins and Willowbend. Due to COVID, there was no “Keep Houston Beautiful Day” last year, so it had been two years since we had held a work day for the butterfly garden. Overgrown or freeze-damaged branches were pruned back. Weeds were removed. New butterfly-friendly plants were planted, and 28 bags of new soil and 40 bags of mulch were spread. A few pavers were added in the flower bed to reduce trampling of plants by foot traffic. The butterfly garden once again looks spectacular!

Many thanks to the Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) team and Amy Reed who helped arrange soil and mulch donations from Scott’s Miracle Gro. KHB also provided fun goodie bags and t-shirts to those that pre-registered. This event wouldn’t have been possible without Bill and Becky Edmondson, who picked up all the many bags of soil and mulch from the KHB headquarters, and Cindy Chapman, who picked up all the garden tool supplies from Tool Bank.


A special thank you to Jennifer Edmondson, who originally designed the Westbury Park Butterfly garden 6 years ago along with Westbury resident, Laura Falk. This year Jennifer assessed the garden and bought new plants to replace several that were lost in the freeze. Thank you to the WAIC for sponsoring new plant purchases for this event.


The City of Houston is always a good partner of the WCC, especially our District K City Council office and the Solid Waste Department. CM Martha Castex-Tatum and the District K HOT team came by Westbury Park and collected trash and debris. Melvin Hopkins with District K office stopped by with a Declaration from the City for our workday. Alyce Coffey from the Solid Waste Department worked all day at Westbury Park, she is always a big supporter of Westbury.

It was great to see so many Westbury residents and their children come out to the workday. Thank you to Peter Rispin, Andrea Bradford, Walter Chapman, Daniel Figard, Lisa Vosdoganes, Chris & Rachel Wiggs, and Jackie Heidorn. WCC board members Lauren Figard and Angela Furnari both brought their children to help at the butterfly garden. A special thank you to Brett Byers for bringing additional supplies and setting up the hose to water the newly planted butterfly plants.

We really appreciate having the students from the Bellaire National Honor Society volunteer at our events. The high school students are always a joy to have working on a project.

Are you looking to get involved?

 Become the “Keeper of the Butterfly Garden”.
Routinely check, weed, and water.

 Create a Westbury Butterfly Garden Sign

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Jennifer at westburycc@sbcglobal.net.



Before workday



After workday



2021 KHB Day Volunteers



Loading 40 bags of mulch



New butterfly plants



Amy Reed, Becky and Jennifer Edmondson loading dirt and mulch

Keep Westbury Beautiful Day 2021

Thank you to the many hard working volunteers who spent their Saturday morning helping to make Westbury Beautiful! The Westbury Park and Butterfly Garden shine because of you!



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CREATING YOUR OWN BUTTERFLY GARDEN



Do you love watching butterflies flitting about? We encourage Westbury residents to visit the Butterfly Garden at Westbury Park to see various butterfly species at work. (See pages 8-9). Another great place to see butterflies is at the Westbury Community Garden. Both sites have designed their butterfly gardens to support butterflies across their life cycle: egg, caterpillar, pupa, through adult butterfly. If you want to see more butterflies in your garden, then your habitat should support the needs of butterflies during all four stages.

The plants purchased for the Butterfly Garden at Westbury Park were purchased at Buchanan's Garden Center. Here is some advice gleaned from their website.

"Plant flowers to attract butterflies by providing nectar, and provide host plants where the adults can lay their eggs. These plants are not the same. Do not use insecticides in the garden. All insecticides, including Bt are toxic to insects and butterflies are insects, too. After the eggs hatch, the larvae will begin to eat the leaves of the host plant. Don't worry if the host plant is defoliated; it will recover. Butterfly larvae usually prefer native "unimproved" varieties of plants."

Some of the butterfly-nurturing plants, which have been planted at the Butterfly Gardens at Westbury Park and at the Westbury Community Garden, are:

Host Plants: Milkweed, Dutchman's pipe vine, Ruellia/Mexican Petunia, Dill, Parsley, and others

Nectar Plants: Phlox, Ruellia, Sages, Salvias, Zinnia, Milkweed, Purple Coneflower, and others

Some resources to learn more about pollinator gardening in Houston and Texas include:

- Native Plant Society of Texas – Houston Chapter
- Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center
- Butterfly Center at the Natural Science Museum. (Sometimes, there are plants for sale.)



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Do NOT Block Sidewalks

When you park your vehicle in your driveway, do you block the sidewalk? Did you know it is a violation of city ordinance to block a public sidewalk? You can be ticketed and have to pay a fine for parking your vehicle if/when it blocks a public sidewalk.

Be a good neighbor and keep the sidewalks open for pedestrians. Avoid having to pay a parking violation ticket.



Looking Back: Westbury History

Part of Westbury was Once an Airport

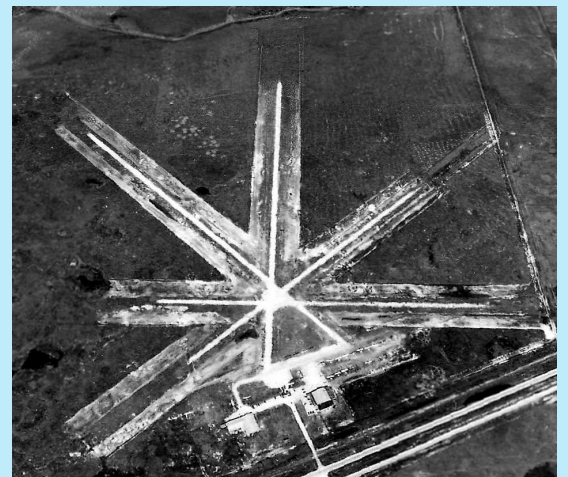
Before the Westbury subdivision was developed, the southern part of the neighborhood was once an airport. Westbury South and part of Westbury 4 were once the Sam Houston Airport. A small general aviation airport, the Sam Houston Airport was opened between 1937-43 and was closed 1956. Originally the airport had 4 unpaired runways but was replaced with 3 larger runways between 1947-53.



Westbury South, 1958



Sam Houston Airport, 1953



Sam Houston Airport, 1944

The road at bottom of picture is US 90 (Main) and the channel at the very top of the photo is the Willow Waterhole Bayou

I ❤️ Westbury Event

The WCC held another successful, fun, drive-thru event in the parking lot of the Westbury Civic Club office in April.

Residents who paid their dues in full received a fun I LOVE Westbury sticker. About \$3,000 was collected during the 2-hour event. We will hold another drive-thru event on Tuesday, May 18, 5PM-6PM.

We thank our AMAZING residents for dropping by with their payments. Thank YOU for your support of the Westbury Civic Club and the Precinct 5 Constable Patrol program! We thank WCC Board members Cindy Chapman, Jennifer Edmondson, Susan Brock, Jonathan Hansen, and Brandon Richard for volunteering at the drive-thru event.

We hope to see you on Thursday, May 20. Come by to pay your 2021 dues, meet WCC board members, ask questions, and learn about Westbury!



Westbury Drive-Thru Event

Tuesday, May 18, 5-6PM

Come by the WCC office parking lot on Tuesday, May 18, between 5PM and 6PM. Pay your 2021 Dues and WAP. Meet WCC board members. Ask a question. Just come by to say hi!

The WCC relies on the voluntary support of residents like you. The 2021 WCC Dues and WAP are \$360, that is less than a dollar a day! If you pay your dues in full, you will receive a fun, I LOVE Westbury sticker.



Name Our Library

Houston Public Library (HPL) Executive Director Rhea Lawson, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum and the library naming committee are inviting the community to participate in the naming of the new state-of-the-art library to be located in Westbury at 5505 Belrose. Construction of the new library is expected to begin in the third quarter of 2021 and will be completed by the end of 2022.

If you have a name suggestion for the new library, you must fill out a google form (link below) with your contact information and a support statement of 250 words or less. The naming suggestion period ends at 5PM, May 24. <https://forms.gle/sbriBubKuKKTgFvVA>

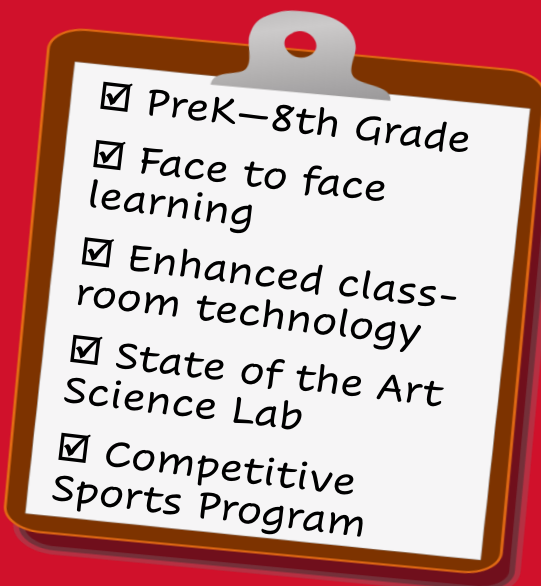
Naming Process

The library naming committee will narrow the suggested names to 3-5 choices and conduct a city-wide poll of the top choices to assist with the narrowing of the name suggestions. The top 3 names will be sent to the library board of directors for review and a final decision will be announced shortly thereafter.

The Library Naming Committee is made up of area residents from Westbury, Brays Oaks, Hiram Clarke, and Meyerland. Westbury board members Katherine Wingfield and Jennifer Edmondson are on the committee along with Westbury residents Art Pronin and Susan Shafer. The committee is supported by two HPL employees and City Council staff from District K and District C.

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Alliance Against Crime

The Houston Police Department (HPD) hosted an “Alliance Against Crime” event across from the Westbury Community Garden at the Heights of Post Oak Apartments. When you look at crime statistics for the Westbury area, this apartment complex has a high number of crimes and many are in the domestic violence category (aggravated assault). Resources were available to help area residents, including a food and water give away during the event hosted by the Houston Food Bank.

WCC board members Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson attended the event and had the opportunity to visit with both Commander Vidal Lopez of the South Gessner HPD division as well as Commander Jonathon Halliday of the Southwest HPD Division. Most of Westbury is located in the SW HPD Division, but a portion is handled by the South Gessner Division.

Veronica Hernandez from the Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office, Alice Lee from the Brays Oak Management District, and Kavita Tewary with SEWA International, were on hand representing their organizations as co-sponsors of the event. Elected officials on hand included: Justice of the Peace Judge Israel Garcia and Congressman Al Green. Long-time Westbury resident, Eddie Hestan, Police Service Officer, represented PACA (the Police and Clergy Alliance).

We appreciate HPD’s outreach to this very challenged corner of our Westbury SuperNeighborhood. Eleven years ago a vision for the Westbury Community Garden was to create a bridge between our single family neighborhood and this large multi-family apartment complex. We’ve met some wonderful people and created a beautiful oasis where there was once a weedy, unused lot.

Security and Crime Updates

Westbury Area Patrol Sergeant Derkowski made a report at the April WCC Board Meeting. He noted that a Constable motorcycle unit has been enforcing traffic laws on Willowbend and Hillcroft. Burglaries are down in Westbury. There have been 3 shootings in the general area – all units are aware. The Constables have a good description of one suspect, but the 3 shootings have different suspects and different methods

Here is a list of some of the crimes that the Constables reported in April—

Arrest - Two people arrested after vehicle ran red light at W Bellfort/Chimney Rock – unlawful carry of weapons and possession of controlled substances

Arrest- driver observed on a Westbury residential street – did not pass field sobriety test. Had blood drawn and was booked in jail for DWI.

Arrest – burglary of a vacant home. Suspect arrested at the scene by Constables.

Arrest – assault during dispute between neighbors

Missing Person – Missing elderly person was reported to Constables, who then worked with Constables from another area to locate the missing elderly person and get reunited with family.

Abandoned vehicle – Towed away after waiting period

Recovery of Stolen Vehicle – resident reported a vehicle parked on residential street - investigation by Constables indicated the vehicle was listed by HPD as stolen. The catalytic converter had also been stolen. Owner of vehicle was notified.

Graffiti – How to Report

It was very disappointing this month to see that Hager Park (next to Anderson Elementary School) had been plastered with gang graffiti and vulgarity in many places – on park benches, on swing sets, on the basketball pavilion, on picnic tables, on trash cans, and on signs. This must not be tolerated, or else graffiti will continue to mar our public parks. It is important to report graffiti so that it will be removed.



Here is how the Westbury Civic Club reported the recent graffiti at Hager Park. We reported in two ways.

➔ Report to the Brays Oaks Management District via their website and select the REPORT AN ISSUE button on the main page. All of Westbury is in the Brays Oaks Management District, and BOMD has a contract with a graffiti abatement team. It is important to report graffiti as soon as it is found because the abatement team works across the entire city.
www.braysoaksmid.org/report-an-issue/

➔ Report graffiti at public parks to 311 and then notify District K. After receiving the 311 Service Request Number, than email to District K at district@houstontx.gov It can be helpful to report using the Houston311 app, which allows including several photos and an exact location which can be pinpointed on the map in the Houston311 app. If you have never used the app before, to report a problem, start by selecting the orange + button at the bottom of the screen. The app will ask you to select a location on the map. To report GRAFFITI, select report a NUISANCE on PROPERTY and then select GRAFFITI. Or you can call 311 to report graffiti at a public park.



Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

March 26 — April 26, 2021

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
11400	Ashcroft	Aggravated Assault	4/11	11AM	Westbury 3
12500	Ashcroft	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	4/11	11PM	Westbury South
10900	Cedarhurst	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	4/14	5PM	Westbury 2
5000	Creekbend	Theft from Motor Vehicle	4/10	10AM	Westbury 3
5800	Duxbury	Simple Assault	4/25	10PM	Westbury 4
5500	Effingham	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	3/30	11AM	Westbury 4
5600	Effingham	Aggravated Assault	4/4	4AM	Westbury 4
6000	Ettrick	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	4/10	2AM	Westbury 4
5700	Firenza	Aggravated Assault	3/29	2PM	Westbury South
5800	Greencraig	Simple Assault	4/10	2PM	Westbury South
10700	Landsdowne	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	4/21	1PM	Parkwest 2
5800	Ludington	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	3/27	2AM	Westbury 4
5800	McKnight	Simple Assault	4/22	9PM	Westbury 3
5700	Southminster	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	4/9	12AM	Westbury South
5800	Southminster	Simple Assault	4/1	10AM	Westbury South
5800	Southminster	Auto Theft	4/25	8PM	Westbury South
5800	Willowbend	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	4/13	7PM	Parkwest 2
5700	W. Airport	Aggravated Assault	4/6	3AM	Westbury 4
5900	W. Airport	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	4/6	7AM	Westbury South

- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Property Crime
- Burglary
- Assault, Simple or aggravated
- Robbery

The crimes listed took place between March 26 and April 26, 2021.

They are in alphabetical order by street.

The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.



Vacation Watch

Going on a trip? Visiting family? 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> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

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Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	4	4	2	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	4	3	1	1
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	2	7	3	0
Robbery	0	1	4	0
Simple Assault	4	13	2	0
Shoplifting	0	0	8	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	0	0	0
Vandalism, Damage	3	13	1	2
Auto Theft	1	2	0	0
Theft from a Building	0	0	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	1	4	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	19	48	21	4

Are YOU Recycling RIGHT?

All Westbury homes are part of the City of Houston recycling program. Houston has single stream recycling, which means you do not have to separate your recyclables. Recycling is picked up every other Thursday in Westbury (Schedule A). Every home has a big green rolling can for CITY APPROVED RECYCLABLE ITEMS. Just because an item is technically recyclable does not mean the City of Houston allows it in their recycling stream.

Plastic bags are NOT allowed in your recycling can. Do NOT bag your recyclables in trash bags or plastic grocery store bags. These items are NOT recyclable.

Alyce Coffey, with the COH Solid Waste Department, attended the March and April WCC board meetings to express how important it is to recycle correctly. The City is experiencing extremely high contamination in the recycling. The current contamination rate for the City of Houston is approximately 45% which is extremely high. If a load is too contaminated with non-recyclable items, then the entire load ends up diverted to landfill instead of being recycled. The biggest culprit is plastic bags— trash bags and plastic grocery store bags.

DO NOT PUT YOUR RECYCLING IN ANY TYPE OF BAG.









The City is starting a pilot recycling enforcement program in the Heights area. WCC board members expressed the need for such a program in SW Houston as well. The WCC Office Manager was recently driving down a street in a nearby subdivision (not Westbury) and was shocked to see over 20 recycling cans in a row ALL with plastic trash bags or wrong items (fencing, lamps, extension cords) sticking out the tops visible from the street.

Know What You Can Recycle in Houston

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Recycle DOs and DON'Ts

-  **DO** put your caps back on to plastic bottles after emptying.
-  **DON'T** put your recycling in plastic bags
-  **DO** remove the labels of plastics if they cover over 50% of the bottle
-  **DON'T** use plastic bags for recycling
-  **DO** rinse and clean your recyclables
-  **DON'T** store your recyclables in plastic bags
-  **DO** flatten your cardboard boxes
-  **DON'T** recycle pizza boxes

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COVID Vaccines – Now Available to ALL Adults

There are three COVID-19 vaccines that have been given emergency approval in the United States. Moderna and Pfizer are both two shot regimes while the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is just one shot. The J&J shot was temporarily suspended, but has now been allowed to resume.

ALL adults in the State of Texas are eligible to receive the vaccine. Persons between 16 and 18 are also eligible, but only the Pfizer vaccine can be used for someone who is 16 to 18 years old. Reminder: the federal government is providing all COVID-19 vaccines for FREE, regardless of your immigration or health insurance status.

Finding a vaccine is becoming easier and easier in Houston. Most locations have readily available appointments or they are allowing walk-ins. You can find vaccines thru the City, County, hospitals, and local pharmacies.

General vaccine search by zip code: www.vaccinefinder.org/search

Harris County Public Health — Pfizer Vaccine— Get appointment for [NRG Park](http://NRG.Park) online at www.vacstrac.hctx.net or by calling **832-927-8787**. **People without appointments are welcome, 12PM—9PM.**

City of Houston— Moderna —Appointments preferred but walk-ins allowed. The City has multiple locations throughout the City providing the Moderna vaccine. <https://houstonemergency.org/covid-19-vaccines/>
The City currently has 300 doses of the J&J in stock and anticipates using it for a new in-home vaccine program.

Houston Methodist Hospital — www.houstonmethodist.org/texas-vaccine-hub/

St. Luke’s Hospital — <https://www.stlukeshealth.org/covidvaccine>

Memorial Hermann Hospital — <https://secureaccess.memorialhermann.org/authenticated/COVID19Vax/HUB/PreRegistration/>

Local Pharmacies— Another good source for vaccines is local pharmacies.

- ★ **WalMart** — <https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302> .) Check the Hillcroft and S. Post Oak Walmart locations.
- ★ **CVS** — <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>
- ★ **Walgreens** — <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>
- ★ **H-E-B** — <https://vaccine.heb.com/>
- ★ **Sam’s Club** — www.samsclub.com/pharmacy/immunizations?imzType=covid
Membership not required for Covid-19 vaccine.

FEMA Registration for February Winter Storm Deadline Extended to May 20, 2021

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has extended the deadline for Harris County residents to apply for Individual Assistance for damage sustained from February's winter storm until May 20, 2021.

More information about federal aid for this disaster can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4586>.

As a reminder, if you sustained damage to your residence from the winter storms and you have insurance, contact your insurance company and then FEMA. Applying for help is easy! Go to www.disasterassistance.gov or you can call the FEMA Disaster Assistance Helpline at 1-800-621-3362. There are no in-person disaster recovery centers.

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9009 W. Loop South. City of Houston testing site. Must call 832-393-4220 for access code. Drive thru. Nasal self-swab.

*Southwest Multi Service Center

6400 High Star. City of Houston testing site. Register online at doineedacovid19test.com. Drive thru. Nasal self swab.

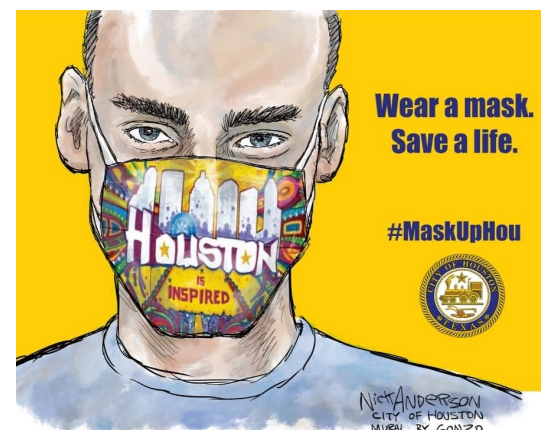
*Minute Maid Park

Downtown. City of Houston. Drive thru and walk-up. Mouth self swab. Curative test.

Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19

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	77035	77096	Houston
4/23/20	54	59	2,975
5/21/20	108	85	6,188
6/24/20	334	183	16,253
7/27/20	748	492	45,145
8/26/20	1,102	700	62,097
9/26/20	1,255	817	72,684
10/26/20	1,360	894	82,999
11/23/20	1,504	1,026	93,988
12/20/20	1,779	1,240	110,445
1/26/21	2,238	1,659	150,091
2/23/21	2,613	1,943	170,667
3/29/21	2,752	2,069	182,440
4/25/21	2,837	2,126	189,585



Grand Opening of Naturescape Garden

On a beautiful sunny day in early April, the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy held the grand opening for its newest project – the Naturescape Garden. Forty people were in attendance for the ribbon cutting and celebration of 20 years of conservancy at the Willow Waterhole.

Howard Sacks', the WWGC first president and one of the founding members, served as master of the ceremonies. He first provided a history of the WWGC and then led the ribbon cutting. There were two simultaneous ribbon cuttings! One by the City, County and Community partners and the other by the founding members of the WCGC that were in attendance.

Ribbon 1: City Councilmembers Martha Castex-Tatum and Sallie Alcorn, Luci Correa from Parks and Recreation Department, Project Brays Manager Gary Zika from HCPCD, Precinct One Community Engagement Coordinator Shannon Martin, BOMD Executive Director Ben Brewer, and WHS Principal Jerri Nixon

Ribbon 2: Conservancy founding members in attendance: Edith Smith, Russell Schexnayder, Dabney Kennedy, and Howard Sacks.

The Naturescape was carved by the renowned and talented, tree sculptor James Phillips. He is famous for all the tree sculptures created in Galveston after Hurricane Ike.

The carved figures in the new Naturescapes Garden were commissioned by Conservancy Board members. The eight sculptures at the Willow Waterhole represent what is commonly seen at the Greenway: birds, fish, turtles, wildflowers, dogs, and people.



Thank you to donors Barbara Richards, Becky and Bill Edmondson, Cindy and Walter Chapman, Donna and Tony Robert, Russell and Janie Schexnayder, Bruce Krewinghaus, Ray and Valerie Runge, and Kelley and Bill Burhans.

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March WOW Workday

Despite cloudy and sometimes drizzly conditions, an intrepid group collected trash around Westbury Lake. Boy Scout Troop 11 filled bags of trash and then hiked in preparation for a trip to Philmont. The ever-reliable Jennifer Kuhleman, now an NHS advisor at Bellaire High, had several students with her. Families from Westbury joined in on this afternoon of service for scouting requirements and service hours. From the board, Donna and Tony Robert joined Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman. We thank everyone who came out and hope many of you will join us in the future to enjoy this jewel in our neighborhood. The WCC and WAIC have adopted Westbury Lake and will host monthly cleanups. The next workday will be Sunday, May 16, from 2-4PM.

Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

WOW Workday — Litter Pick-up

Come join us at the Willow Waterhole for another workday at Westbury Lake on Sunday, May 16, 2-4PM. The WAIC, along with the WCC, is hosting monthly regular workdays in Westbury greenspaces. This workday will again focus on litter pick-up at Westbury Lake. The WAIC will provide trash bags and grabbers. You must wear gloves and a mask.

What: Working on Westbury (WOW) Workday

When: Sunday, May 16, 2-4PM

Where: Westbury Lake—meet at the gazebo, 5300 Dryad



Volunteers picked up litter at the Willow Waterhole in January 2021

Audubon Bird Survey is BACK!

Saturday, May 15, 7AM

Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow, to help survey the many types of birds located in the Willow Waterhole Greenway. The 2-hour bird count usually ranges from 30 species in the summer to over 50 in the winter.

The Audubon Bird Survey did not meet for 13 months due to COVID. April 2021 was their first month back in person.

Bat Mitzvah Tree Planting Project

On Sunday, February 28, Rayna Laufman and Melodie Leal invited family and friends to join their Bat Mitzvah tree planting at the Willow Waterhole Greenway. They strategically planted and staked 18 pines and wax myrtles, providing shade to benches and tables and a green screen of buildings and parking lots. They also mulched 25 additional trees.



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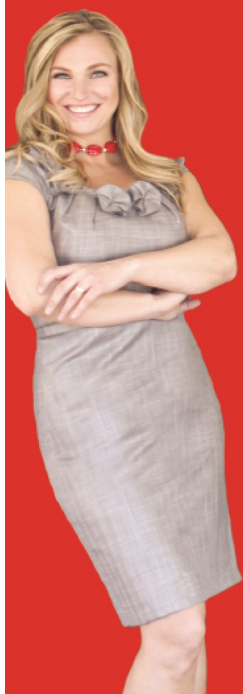
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End of the Tree Farm at the WCG New Sunflower Maze Coming Soon!

Over the course of the last 7 years, more than 500 hundred trees were raised, grown, and nurtured at a Tree Farm at the Westbury Community Garden (WCG). The trees were then planted in parks and esplanades in Westbury and beyond.



In February of 2014, Becky Edmondson and Hazel Potvin initiated the Tree Farm with the support of the WCG board. The watering system was installed by Trees for Houston. Wayne Slaiku, Al Potvin, Stephen Cook, H. Lipscombe, Marcia Hartman, Virginia Livingston, and Bill Burhans helped. Trees for Houston donated all of the trees. Many volunteer groups -- Scots Miracle Gro, Salem Lutheran Church, Boy Scouts, PAIR Houston, Memorial High Mustang Outreach Bunch (MMOB), and more -- helped with weeding and watering. The majority of trees were planted at the Willow Waterhole, with others planted at Hager Park and Westbury Park. One year, the Bessie Swindle Community Center in the Sunnyside area received all the available trees. The beautiful pine trees on the Hillcroft esplanade just south of West Airport came from the Tree Farm and were planted as an Eagle Scout project.

The Tree Farm became part of the WCG's history on Sunday, April 11, 2021, when the area was cleared to make way for a new project of the Westbury Community Garden -- a Sunflower Maze. The last of the trees went to the Willow Waterhole and to Chimney Rock Park. The WCG would like to extend its thanks to all who helped with the Tree Farm over the years.

New Farm Stand at Westbury Community Garden

Plant it Forward Farms will be operating a new weekly Farm Stand in Westbury! Take the opportunity to purchase fresh produce from your local neighborhood farmer, Farmer Sarment.



Sundays— 11AM-3PM

Farmer Sarment offers ready-harvested produce as well as harvested-to-order service!

<https://plantitforward.farm/purchaseourproduce/#farmstand>



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.



Like "Westbury Community Garden Houston" on Facebook

Visitors are welcome to drop by the Westbury Community Garde, BUT please remember to only LOOK. Do not pick fruits, vegetables, herbs or flowers that are being grown at the garden.



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