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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Westbury Pool opens Saturday, May 28. For pool schedule, see page 6.
- Hot Topics—Redistricting / METRO US90A Expansion
- June heavy trash is JUNK WASTE

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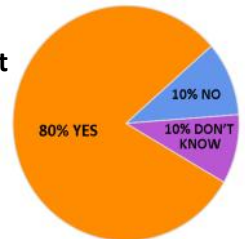
Take the METRO US90A Expansion Survey

We want to know YOUR thoughts and opinions

The Westbury Civic Club has posted a link to a survey made to collect your opinion about several potential METRO light rail options which will affect Westbury. The survey is available via our website (www.westburycrier.com), our Facebook page (Westbury Houston), or directly at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Westburymetrosurvey>. The survey will also be available for pick up in the WCC office during office hours (see page 2 for hours and location). Surveys will be collected through the end of June 2011.

For more important METRO updates and information, see page 11.

As METRO is adding light rail lines throughout the city, will it be important for Westbury to be connected?



152 Surveys received as of 5/16/11

Thank you Deputy Addison of the WAP

The Oswald Family on Stillbrooke Drive in Westbury 1 wrote to commend Deputy Constable Addison for his performance as a patrol officer in Westbury One. Here is what they had to say:

"On a Thursday around noon, I was working on my front lawn when Deputy Addison drove by on routine patrol. He took time to stop and chat with me about the neighborhood. His uniform was sharp, and his vehicle was immaculate. It is always a pleasure to talk to him. In my 38 years of residence in Westbury One, I have never seen another officer as thorough and conscientious. Sometimes, it's the daily routine of keeping the patrol car visible, and taking time to know the people, that produces such confidence in the Westbury Area Patrol. We can go for a morning or evening walk, even strolling down the middle of the street, greeting neighbors, much the same as we would expect in a small town. We do this safely because the quiet, understated presence of Deputy Constable Addison and the other Precinct 5 deputies encourages bad guys to try their luck somewhere else."

Westbury Pool Opens for the Summer

The Westbury neighborhood pool is now open for the summer. The pool is typically open Tuesday—Sunday from 1PM to 8PM and closed on Mondays. **For a full summer pool schedule, see page 6.**

The popular adult water fitness class will be starting June 15. **For more information regarding class times and registration, see page 6.**



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President's Message

May is one of my favorite months: there is Mother's Day (blessed to still have one and be one); the weather is nice (although dry this year) and spring is in full bloom; the end of another school year is here and a whole slew of family graduations; and we have the Westbury Backyard tour. Maybe it's the voyeur in me, but I love visiting the beautiful backyards on the Westbury Backyard Tour. I want to thank the homeowners who so graciously opened their backyards for the tour.

What do you think about METRO light rail in Westbury? Have you taken the Westbury METRO survey? I created my first Westbury survey to find out what **YOU** think about the proposed METRO plans for a US90A commuter rail corridor. The survey is still open, but I summarized the results to-date in

this edition of the *Crier*. Thanks to all of you for the feedback.

June means summer is officially here. Have a barbecue and invite your neighbors. Knowing one another and looking out for one another is a big step in helping combat crime. Sending in your WAP patrol dues is also an important step. I know times are tough, but I'd like to see EVERY home owner participate. Send what you can. I would like to get at least one more constable out on our streets soon. And remember, if you have paid your WAP dues, you can request a vacation watch from the constables when you go out of town. See, membership does have its privileges!

Becky Edmondson

Board Notes

- Unanimously welcomed 3 new Section Directors.: Peter Zografos for Parkwest 2; Ron Brown for Westbury 3W; and Vicki Eldridge for Westbury 4W.
- Approved accounting firm for audit.
- Discussed METRO US 90A corridor options— unveiled Alternate plan 2A.
- Thank you to Jackie Murray of Weichert Realtors for providing cookies and water.

Join us for the WCC board meeting on Wednesday, June 15 @ 7PM at Westbury High School

Thank You Westbury!

We greatly appreciate the residents who used the past *CRIER* issues to submit their 2011 dues. Here's another chance to submit your dues and help continue to make Westbury a great place to live.

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The Faces of the Westbury Civic Club



Peter Zografos is the new Section Director for Parkwest 2. He grew up in Maplewood and attended Parker Elementary, Fondren Middle School, graduated from Westbury High School in 1986 and then later graduated from the U of H. He played baseball at Westbury Little League from tadpoles up to senior majors and football for Westbury High School. He also played a little college football. He enjoys going to the gym and bike riding. Peter moved back to Westbury in 2000 because, pure and simple, this is a great neighborhood to live in and raise a family. Peter and his wife Jennifer are looking forward to their son attending Parker Elementary and playing baseball on the same Westbury American Little League fields as his father did. Peter is a self-employed insurance agent and owner of a Farmers Insurance Agency since 1999. His office is located here in Westbury. Peter is excited to join the WCC board.

Cindy Chapman was honored as a community leader at the May annual Scholarship Gala hosted by the Friends of Westbury High School Foundation. This award could not have gone to a more deserving person. Cindy has worked tirelessly on behalf of Westbury for almost 20 years. Most of you know of her work on behalf of the Civic Club as President the last 3 years and now as Director of Community Relations. She also was instrumental in building playgrounds at Westbury and Hager Parks back in the 1990s and has spent four years working with a coalition of organizations to improve Westbury High School. Cindy is the WCC representative at the monthly Westbury Area Improvement Corporation and the SWHouston 2000 board meetings and has recently joined the board of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. Cindy is a retired chemical engineer.



Ron Brown is the new Section Director for Westbury 3W. Ron has been a Westbury resident for 4 years, and has family roots in the neighborhood going back to the 1950's. After working a number of years in finance, and with an keen interest in improving the area, he started a real estate investment company that specializes in the Westbury / Meyerland area. Ron is also an avid photographer and gardener. He and his wife, recently welcomed a new daughter into their family.

Who's missing from this page? YOU! If you live in Westbury, contact the office if you are interested in volunteering or serving on the board.

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June 2011 Events & Meetings Calendar

Wed 1	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:30-7:30PM Community Garden under the pavilion—12500 Dunlap Open to the public
Sat 4	Westbury Pool Opens 1-8PM 10605 Mullins @ Willowbend Open Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM—see page 6 for full schedule
Wed 15	WCC Board Meeting 7-9PM Westbury High School—11911 Chimney Rock
Sat 18	Willow Waterhole Monthly Audubon Society Bird Survey 7AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot at 5310 S. Willow
Mon 20	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow Speaker: Chris Browne, LEED AP, Chair, Greater Houston Partnership Parks and Greenspace Committee
Tues 21	METRO Public Workshop 6-8PM The Power Center—12401 S Post Oak Houston, TX 77045
Tues 28	SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Building—9009 W. Loop South
28-31	Yard of the Month Judging—Winners awarded July 1 Make sure your yards are ready!

Important Trash & Recycling Information

- 🗑️ Trash cans need to be out on curb by 7AM Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- 🗑️ No heavy trash out before 6PM the Friday before pick-up date
- 🗑️ YARD WASTE is not considered tree waste and will not be collected with heavy trash. It is collected on Westbury's regular Thursday trash day as long as it is in the correct recyclable bags
- 🗑️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- 🗑️ There are 2 Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers nearby:
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- 🗑️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com for more trash and recycling information



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June 2011 Heavy Trash & Recycling Calendar

Thur 2	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Wed 15	Heavy Trash—JUNK WASTE (North of W. Bellfort)
Thurs 16	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Tues 21	Heavy Trash—JUNK WASTE (South of W. Bellfort)
Thur 30	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
July	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY

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When: Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6-7PM starting June 15

Where: Westbury Pool (10605 Mullins)

Who can register: Anyone over 18

Cost: Free

Registration: All enrollments are filled on a "first-come, first served" basis. Early registration is available by calling 832-395-7284 or online at <http://activenet11.com/houstonparks/> You may also register at the pool before class if space is available.

Westbury Pool Summer 2011 Schedule

Pool is open daily 1-8PM from June 4 to August 14, Closed on Mondays.

Monday July 4—Pool OPEN 1-5PM

Tuesday July 5 - Pool CLOSED

August 20 - September 4— Pool open on Saturday and Sundays only, 1-8PM

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

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Security / Crime

A Message from your Security Director:

Crime statistics for theft and burglary have increased. Please make sure to contact your home security company to perform a routine inspection of your security system. If you have a system, please make sure to activate your alarm when you leave your home or are home alone. We are also gearing up for a campaign to increase the visibility of our Constable Deputies in the neighborhood. Stay tuned for how you can help.

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37 * 30 days preceding May 20, 2011

	Single-Family Residential	Apartment/ Condominium	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	10	4	0	0	14
Theft	8	6	6	5	25
Auto Theft	2	2	0	0	4
Robbery	1	1	2	1	5
Assault	0	4	0	1	5
Rape	0	0	0	1	1
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	21	17	8	8	54

*Area bounded by: S. Post Oak, US 90/S. Main, utility easement north of Willowbend and drainage bayou west of Braewick

This Month in Westbury History

The first *Westbury Crier* was published in July 1956. We have 55 years of monthly history at our fingertips. Here are some headlines and stories from the past.

June 1959

◆ Thirty-six homes by 29 builders participated in the Houston Parade of Homes held on Warm Springs between Ashcroft and Landsdowne in Westbury 3. Models estimated total value at \$1,000,000.

June 1968

◆ Speaker at the monthly WCC meeting: "Protect your family –how to build an Inexpensive bomb shelter."

June 1979

◆ West Airport bridge at Braewick constructed and the street extended to Fondren

June 1986

◆ City Councilman George Greanias speaks at the annual covered dish supper. (2011 update– Mr. Greanias is now the CEO of METRO)

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(see page 3)

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Outdoors in Westbury



Westbury 5 Yard of the Month Winner for May

Yard of the Month May Winners

Parkwest 1 & 2

5735 Hummingbird—Arlene Koob

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5910 Belrose— Doug & Lisa Creamer

Westbury 1

5206 Hummingbird—Shelly & Roy Johnson

Westbury 2

5430 Stillbrooke—Rachel Gumbert

Westbury 3

5231 Spellman—Stanley Malbrough

Westbury 4

6002 Densmore— Marcos & Angela Ponce

Westbury 5 (see photo)

5531 Sanford— Mark Faulk

Westbury South

5622 Greencraig— Frank Zelaya

Yard of the Month Update

We are pleased to announce that our good friends at **Scotts Miracle-Gro** have offered to sponsor our Yard of the Month program by donating Scotts products to our winners! You might remember that the Community Garden was the grateful recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Scotts last year.

Judges are encouraged to consider a variety of gardening styles for awards since Westbury has a wide range of garden types ranging from: formal to cottage, exotics to natives, sunny to shady, and traditional to unconventional. Trash violations disqualify a home from consideration.

May's lucky winners will receive a new Snap Spreader from Scotts that is not yet available in stores here. Congratulations to May's winners. It was hard to choose a winner with so many wonderful yards. If you have a yard or see a yard that you think is a good choice for Yard of the Month, call or email the address to the WCC office.

Audubon Bird Survey

Willow Waterhole Monthly bird survey will be Saturday, June 18, at 7AM. Meet at the Gathering Place 5310 South Willow

Westbury Community Garden Update

May was a good time in the community garden. The month began with hosting Urban Harvest's Spring Fling, where gardeners from community gardens all over the city gathered to hear about and walk through our garden. Many of our gardeners were present to guide visitors and listen to all the oohs and ahs.

Next, we learned that Thermo Fisher Scientific was providing money and people

to help with a 3,000 gallon water collection cistern to be installed in June. We have had plans from the beginning of the garden to have a water cistern for watering the butterfly garden and orchards. Soon, all we will need is a few nice rains.

The garden has been producing an abundance of tomatoes with every bed filled to some extent with tomatoes. The record is 24 tomato plants in one bed. Squash, bush

beans, cucumbers, eggplant, long beans, basil, sweet potatoes, peppers, corn, Irish potatoes, okra, Malabar spinach and flowers are other crops that most gardeners are growing.

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Chimney Rock Park, located at 11655 Chimney Rock near the Westbury Post Office, has a community center operated by the city. The building was a former office space for a Public Works facility and was converted into a community center in the 1960s. In the old days it had a stage. Teen dances were held there as well as community meetings and other activities. In 1998, the center was renovated and renamed in honor of Leiv and Betty Platou, both of whom had been longtime volunteers in the Westbury community. Leiv Platou had been President of the WCC several times and Betty Platou had been active at the community center raising funds and promoting programs for children. The wonderful mural painted by children on the front of the building was added at that time.



The park has a playground, two tennis courts, where free lessons are given several times a year, and three basketball courts recently cleaned up by the NCAA Men's Final Four local organizing committee effort in April 2011. There are many shade trees, picnic tables and several grills on the property. The park is well used on the weekends and in the evenings. One park boundary is a branch of Brays Bayou called Willow Waterhole Bayou, which gives its name to nearby Willow Waterhole Greenspace Park. Walking along the bank of the bayou provides a pleasant nature walk on a nice day.

Parks and Recreation to promote programs at the park. They help to oversee the park and community center, facilitate cleanup activities, and fundraising. The three paper recycling bins in the park help provide funds for supplemental items needed at the community center. Thanks to all of you who recycled in 2010. We recycled 50.61 tons of paper which related to a savings of 158 cubic yards of landfill. Members of the Friends of Chimney Rock Park are: Hazel Potvin, Wally Davenport, Diana Lovelady, Karen Schubert, Dawn Asher, Janie Schexnayder, Priscilla Bloomquist, Pat Metcalfe, Gloria Garcia and Ron Hodge.

The Friends of Chimney Rock Park, a group of Westbury residents, acts as a partner with the City of Houston

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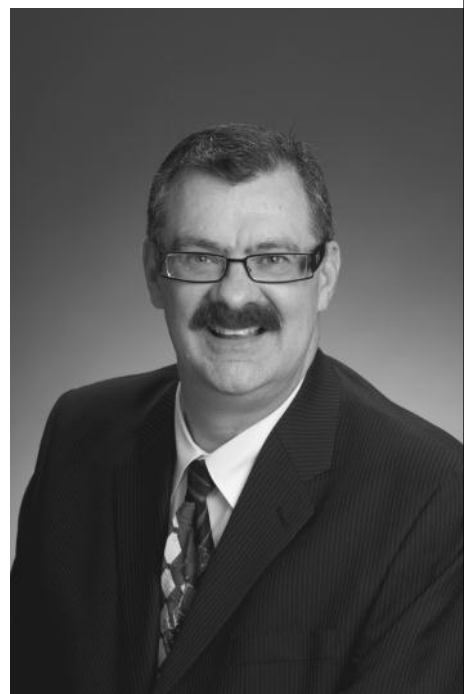
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Hot Topic: METRO US90A Light Rail Survey

We thank the 150 plus residents who have already taken the time to give their opinions. Here are the results to date: Of the three alternatives listed for the proposed 90A rail line: 69% preferred the new line to be located on the south side of US90A (farthest from Westbury) and 68% did not want it on the esplanades of Hillcroft and W. Airport.

One tough follow-up question asked residents to consider which option was preferable if rail could not be constructed on the south side of US90A. In that situation, 82% preferred the option which placed the new line parallel to the existing railroad line versus the option which routed the new line along the esplanades of Hillcroft and W. Airport. Opinion was split pretty evenly as to the preferred location of a station, but Chimney Rock was the winner.

Over half of survey takers have used public transportation in the last 6 months and some use it regularly. Every section was represented in the survey. Forty percent of the responders have lived in Westbury for over 20 years; 25% for less than 5 years; 35% from 5-20. As for the ages: 8% under 30; 31% 30-45; 27% 45-60 and 27% over 60.

Many of you left comments, which were greatly appreciated! As someone commented, "This is a tough one" and it is.

AGAINST METRO COMMENTS

"I DO NOT support the rail line cutting through Westbury neighborhood and affecting our esplanade. I think it would be loss for the residents. Imagine the congestion and noise it would create if we had a rail line along West Airport."

"Please, no more rail. No more noise."

"I am not in favor of METRO expansion in any shape or form. I have rarely (never?) seen a full bus, and I believe that private competition is either not permitted or made so difficult as to be impossible. I'd like to see METRO disappear entirely."

PRO METRO COMMENTS

"Let's get some rail for Westbury!!!"

"As a former resident of a city where the general population relies on public transportation (NYC), I use the Houston METRO system all the time. I think any city of the future, and any desirable neighborhood in that city, will have to make public transportation a priority. It will not be used primarily by the poor, but by the young urban professionals that are buying into "first ring" suburbs like Westbury."

"I agree that a rail line serving Westbury would be a good thing even if I never use it."

METRO Public Workshops

METRO is hosting a series of public workshops to discuss the future of transit in our region. They are working with communities throughout the service area to learn where service is needed and how they can modify or add to existing service to better serve the needs of the community.

There will be 3 workshops in our area:

Tuesday, June 21st - Power Center, 12401 S Post Oak

Tuesday, June 28th - Missouri City Community Center, 1522 Texas Pkwy., Missouri City

Thursday, June 30th - Baker Ripley, 6500 Rookin

Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman and Becky Edmondson attended the kick-off workshop on May 3rd and heard the draft presentation by Kimberly Slaughter and CEO George Greanias. It was very informative, interesting and thought provoking.

Think public transportation isn't for you? With the cost of gasoline today, riding a bus, sharing a van or riding the rail just might be in your future. Our recent survey shows that as many as 75% of Westbury residents who responded would be more likely or would research public transportation as the cost of gasoline increases. It is important that we in the Westbury community participate in this process. How do we want public transportation to serve Westbury as we look forward over the next 25 years?

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Hot Topic: City Council Redistricting

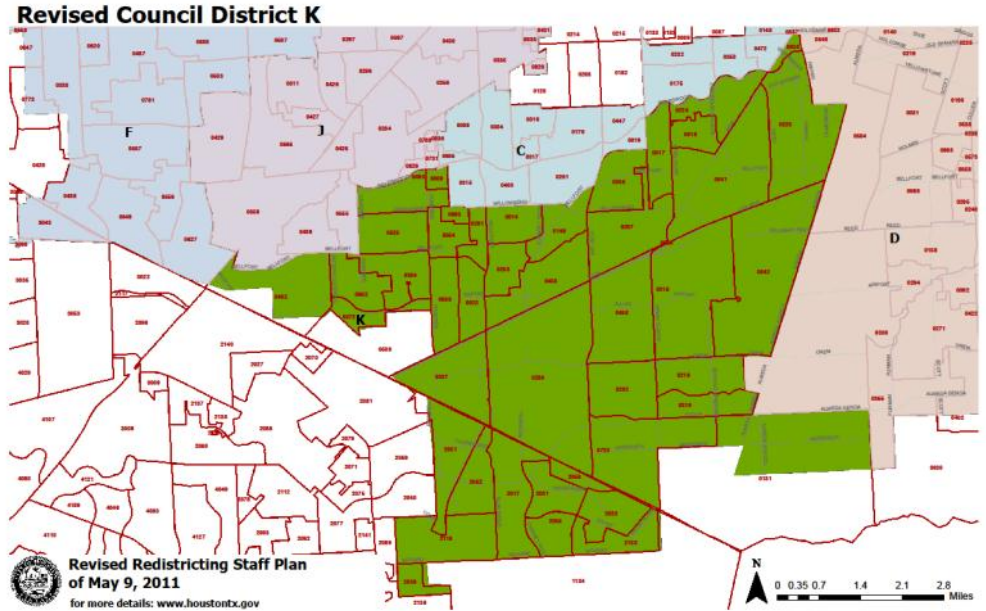
Were you as surprised as I was to find the majority of Westbury out of District C and into the newly created District K? Were you surprised that District C is now the Heights and Montrose and just a little bit of Southwest Houston? The map approved by City Council on May 18th added our neighbors on the other side of S. Post Oak (Willowbend, Willow Meadows, and Precinct 287), plus the Linkwood and Reliant Stadium areas into District K. District K is the majority of Southwest Houston including most of the Brays Oaks Management District and the areas south of us.

What does this mean to Westbury? About 100 homes remain in District C by virtue of the Precinct lines. There are also five at large council positions. Both Districts C & K will

get a new council member in November. What matters is whether Westbury is seen as an involved neighborhood that cares about Quality of Life issues and **VOTES**. We need to be part of the electoral process. We need to attend *en masse* all prospective candidate forums. We need to let all the candidates know what OUR issues are and that we care about the future of our neighborhood and our city. Westbury needs to participate. Let's help elect someone who cares about Neighborhood issues, because whether you live north or south of South Main or to the east or west of us, our neighborhood Quality of Life issues are all the same.

Westbury will continue to grow and prosper whatever the letter of our District. Our new partnership with the Brays Oaks Management District is a step in the right direction. Being part of a brand new Council district is an opportunity. Let's make the most of it! As always when we work together, we do make a difference. The election will be in November and the candidates will start attending our Civic Club meetings soon. Join us the third Wednesday of each month to show these candidates "Westbury Cares".

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Westbury Backyard Tour

Garden Tour Success: Fun and Funds

The garden tour of 2011, garnering 150 guests, is finished but not forgotten. Visitors streamed in to buy their tickets and see the gardens belonging to Richard and Jean Tapia, Melissa Denney, Pamela and Stephen Cook, Amos and Miriam Pacht, and Jean Anderson and David Cunningham as well as the prairie wildflower garden of Noreen Wright and Betsy Cross.

We thank all of our gardeners who so generously opened their gardens to the public and helped the civic club raise money for fall plantings on our esplanades. We thank the guests who came from outside the neighborhood as well as Westbury itself for taking the time to meet gardeners and learn more about types of things being grown and types of gardens. Much was shared and friendships were formed.

We also thank all of our docents who served as guides at each garden to discuss plants and point out special features. They are Bill Edmondson, Ray Mora, Cindy Chapman, Karen Schubert, Wanda Henao, Mary Ann Longley, Genie Mitchell, Lynne Hester, Barbara Haverkamp, Koula Theo, Emily Smith, Ashley Hope, MacArthur Elayda, Marcia Hartman, Kathy Elder, Kate Wilson, Tony & Donna Robert, and Lois Black. Diana Lovelady and Becky Edmondson sold tickets. We thank Jennifer Edmondson for help in printing our advertising. Southwest News and the Chronicle carried articles about the tour.

For pictures of the tour visit www.houstongardengirl.com, www.westburycrier.com, and Westbury Houston on Facebook.

Hazel Potvin and Janie Schexnayder, Chairpersons



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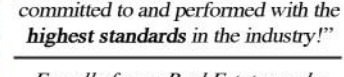
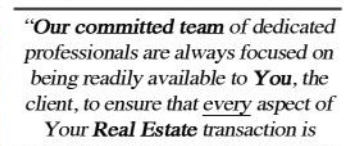


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Neighborhood and Section News

Westbury Square Update

We are continuing to monitor the situation at the "Heart of Westbury". Still no trial date for the November trial. Still no buyer. Still no improvement.

CVS is coming

The strip shopping center at the corner of North Braeswood and Hillcroft was demolished last month making room for a CVS Pharmacy. It's not in Westbury, but it is nearby.

La Peak Apartments

In April, HISD began to demolish the vacant and derelict LaPeak Apartments on Gasmer near Westbury High School. After the buildings are torn down and foundations removed, then HISD will install several soccer fields, a baseball diamond, and parking. This is good news.

Nominations for 2012 WCC Board

Nominations are being accepted for the 2012 WCC Board. Consider giving back to your community by becoming involved. Applications (in writing by email or by mail or dropped off at the WCC office) are due no later than 4 PM on Thurs, August 4, 2011, per our by-laws. Marcia Hartman is chairing the Election committee.

SLOW DOWN

Summer is here and more children will be outside. Please slow down on our neighborhood streets. We have had complaints about speeding on Braewick, Atwell, Landsdowne and W. Bellfort. We will be asking our WAP patrol deputies to patrol these spots.

Garden Club

No meeting in June and July

Commercial Businesses operating out of Westbury Homes

All Westbury homes are protected by deed restrictions which limit how the property may be used. One requirement is your property is to be used for residential purposes. The City of Houston Legal Department enforces this deed restriction (and others). Recent violators handled by the city involved: an auto repair business, a landscaping business, and vehicles defined as commercial (tow truck, ambulance, delivery truck, etc) parked on residential property. Violators can be fined and may incur expenses for legal representation in court.

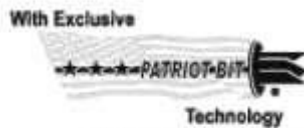
811- Call before you dig

Building a deck? Planting a tree? Installing a mailbox? 811 is the new number you should call before you begin any digging project.

A new, federally-mandated, national "Call Before You Dig" number 811 was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. People digging often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked due to concerns about project delays, costs and previous calls about other projects. These assumptions can be life-threatening. Every digging job requires a call - even small projects like planting trees or shrubs. If you hit an underground utility line while digging, you can harm yourself or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood and potentially be responsible for fines and repair costs.



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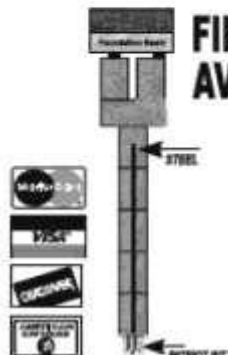


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