



# Westbury Crier

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## Flooding Revisited

Both the 2015 and 2016 June *Criers* featured multiple stories and pictures of flood events. 2017 has been a year without structural flooding and at least one rain event that could have caused flooding. On Wednesday, January 18, the City of Houston experienced another major rain event and **NO** Westbury homes reported any structural flooding.

### *What has helped make the differences in the 2017 rain events that has helped the Westbury homes?*

Many different factors played a role in keeping water out of Westbury homes. Repairs on outfall pipes, continuing work on Project Brays, local drainage projects, de-silting of our ditches, and more. To read more about these reasons, see page 8.

## Brays Bayou Association Special Flood Meeting Wednesday, June 21, 7:30PM

### Willow Meadows Baptist Church

Come to an important presentation and discussion that will focus on how the city, county and other entities DO work together towards achieving the goal of reducing the risk of flooding in the Brays Bayou Watershed. Misconceptions regarding the coordination between the city/county and the effects one project might have on another will be discussed. Hear the updates on Project Brays and possible future flood risk reduction opportunities. Learn information and updates from additional experts regarding the Elevation Grant Program, Flood Plain Maps and the impact and forecast for real estate values.

### **SPEAKERS**

Russ Poppe, Executive Director of the Harris County Flood Control District

**AND**

Steve Costello, Chief Resilience Officer "Flood Czar" for the City of Houston

*The Brays Bayou Association (BBA) was created in 1984 to address the ongoing flooding in the Brays watershed, specifically in the Meyerland and Westbury areas after multiple floods in the 1970s and 1980s. This group has been instrumental throughout the years in speaking up for our area and advocating for flood control.*

## Westbury Pool Opens May 27

The Westbury neighborhood pool, operated by the City of Houston, opens Saturday, May 27, for the Memorial Day Weekend. The pool WILL be open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, from 1-8PM. The pool is typically open Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM and closed on Mondays. **For the full summer pool schedule, see page 6.**

The Westbury Pool will have two sessions of the popular Adult Water Fitness class starting June 6. There will also be a free children's learn to swim program with three levels. **For more information on adult and children classes, see page 6.**

### Westbury Pool 10605 Mullins



## 4TH ANNUAL TOMATO TASTING EVENT WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 9:30-11 AM

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**SEE PAGE 23 for more information**

## WCC Office Summer Hours

Tuesday-Thursday:

10AM-1PM\*

Friday: Closed

\*If you need to visit the office outside of these hours, please call 713-723-5437 and set up an appointment time.

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## HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

June – JUNK WASTE

➡ Thursday, June 8

July—TREE WASTE ONLY

➡ Thursday, July 13

August —JUNK WASTE

➡ Thursday, August 10

DO NOT PLACE TRASH ON CURB UNTIL WEEKEND BEFORE HEAVY TRASH DAY

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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

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## *A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President*

Mayor Turner gave his State of the City address last month and I always like to review the State of Westbury. Flooding is always a hot topic and Mayor Turner reiterated his commitment to flood mitigation. On June 21, the Brays Bayou Association is hosting a meeting the same night as the Westbury Civic Club meeting with HCFCO Director Russ Poppe and Steve Costello to discuss reducing the risk of flooding in the Brays Bayou watershed. If your home flooded or if you are generally interested in the subject, you will want to attend this meeting.

The Westbury Civic Club meeting on June 21 will have Judge Ed Emmett as our guest speaker. You can read about him on page 9. I am excited to have the head of Harris County Commissioners Court come to Westbury for a visit. We often feature City of Houston speakers and City of Houston issues, but Harris County is also an important partner.

At the Super Neighborhood Alliance meeting in May, there was a discussion of Mayor Turner's Complete Communities Plan. The plan calls for the City to focus assets on five specific communities. It reminded me of when Westbury was chosen by the City Planning Department to be "revitalized". Back in 1998, after two years of working with dozens and dozens of Westbury residents and the

Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, the City of Houston Planning Department published the "Westbury Revitalization Strategies". The purpose of the plan was to serve as a guide for residents, civic clubs, churches, businesses and others seeking to preserve, stabilize and revitalize the general Westbury area. We have been using this plan as a guide for almost twenty years now. If you worked on this plan back in the 90s and would like to work on the twenty year review, please email me. Beginning in July we will be starting a 5-part series on Westbury's revitalization.

In addition to looking at the strides we've made in the past 20 years, we will be evaluating and looking at what we need to focus on for the next twenty years. There was a survey for residents done back in 1996/97. We will have a new survey later this summer for residents to give their input. I hope you will participate!

And speaking of participation, there was the HISD election in May. A dismal 4% of the voters showed up at the polls. But not here in Westbury where we voted at twice that rate as a whole. And in Pct. 14, almost 13% of the registered voters cast their votes. 83.8% of the city voters approved the proposition while 89% in Westbury voted yes. A chart on page 13 will give you the precinct level detail.

Summer is upon us and there is usually an uptick in crime. If you travel this summer and have paid your constable dues, be sure to request a vacation watch. Make sure your house doesn't look vacant when you are gone. Have a neighbor keep an eye on things. Summer also means weekly yard work! Be sure and check out the Yard of the month winners as we have some really beautiful yards in Westbury.

Becky Edmondson



### **Westbury Civic Club Board Notes May 2017**

- ⇒ Guests, Mary Seymour from Senator Borris Miles' office and Art Pronin, President of Meyerland Area Democrats
- ⇒ Teneisha Hudspeth, Office of Harris County Clerk, Communications and Voters Outreach Department spoke about voter turnout on May 6 (very low) and the ability to view ballots on [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org)
- ⇒ New Resident Committee reported that they are working on putting together a "Welcome Bag" for new residents (Deed Restrictions, city services, fliers, Crier, etc.)
- ⇒ WCC Flood/Infrastructure Director, Donna Strom, will be the WCC delegate to the Brays Bayou Association. Marica Hartman will be alternate.
- ⇒ Review of 1998 Westbury Revitalization Strategy created in 1998
- ⇒ Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest spoke about its' desire to turn Hillcroft esplanade into a linear park, promoting the idea of more trails in our area.
- ⇒ Brays Oaks Management District has started a Retail Ambassador program and contracted with SEAL security to monitor local businesses.
- ⇒ The next WCC Board meeting is Wed., June 21 at 7PM  
**Speaker: Judge Ed Emmett**

### **NEXT WCC Board Meeting**

**Wed., June 21, 7PM  
Westbury Baptist  
Speaker: Judge Ed Emmett**

**If you are interested in becoming a Westbury Civic Club board member, please attend a WCC board meeting. The following positions are vacant. Section Director for Westbury 2 and Westbury 5, Communication Chair, and Treasurer.**



# Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock  
Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM  
Supervisor: Jayla Godbolt, 713-726-7107  
Email: Jayla.godbolt@houston.tx.gov

# Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort  
Phone: 832-393-1840 /  
www.houstonlibrary.org

ALL REGULAR SCHEDULED PROGRAMS AT THE PLATOU CENTER ARE SUSPENDED FOR THE SUMMER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BELOW.

ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME IN LATE AUGUST WHEN SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO IN FUTURE CRIERS.

The next Family Fun Day will be in September.

## Summer Enrichment Program

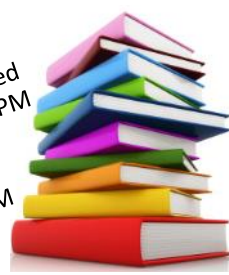
Youths, ages 6 through 13, can register for Summer Enrichment Program at [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org). Only 50 spaces will be available, so register your child early.

This is a full day program full of activities including swimming, tennis, nature walks, etc.

Call Platou Center at 713-726-7107 for info.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday & Monday - Closed  
Tues. & Weds. 10AM-6PM  
Thursday 12PM-8PM  
Friday - 1PM-5PM  
Saturday - 10AM -5PM



## WEEKLY EVENTS JUNE 2017

### Baby Playtime

**Tuesdays, 10:30am – 11:15am**  
Come for creative and collaborative play! For children ages 0-18 months.

### Toddler Storytime

**Wednesdays, 10:30am – 11:15am**  
Stories, songs, activities that will help develop toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. Intended for ages 18-36 months.

### Preschool Playtime

**Wednesdays, 1:30pm – 2:15pm**  
Creative, collaborative play experience that will help prepare your child for school readiness. Intended for ages 3-5 years.

### Kids Craft Time

**Thursdays, 3:30pm**

## STRETCHING EXERCISE CLASS

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9-9:45AM**  
Improve your flexibility by joining this non-strenuous exercise class. No registration required. Wear comfy clothes.



**\*\*\*MOVED TO ST. THOMAS MORE SCOUT HOUSE FOR THE SUMMER, WILL RETURN TO PLATOU ONCE SCHOOL STARTS IN THE FALL\*\*\***

## TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

**A Weight Loss Support Group Tuesdays 5:45-7PM**  
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## Westbury Pool

See dates, hours, and class info on page 6



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# What's Happening in Westbury

## Events/Meetings Calendar JUNE 2017

<b>May 27</b>	<b>Westbury Pool Opens</b> 10605 Mullins More information, see page 6	<b>1-8PM</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>Memorial Day - WCC Office Closed</b>	
<b>Thurs 1</b>	<b>Tai-Chi at the Garden</b> Westbury Community Garden— 12581 Dunlap See page 23 for more information	<b>8-9AM</b>
<b>Sat 3</b>	<b>4th Annual Tomato Tasting</b> Westbury Community Garden For more information, see page 23	<b>9:30-11AM</b>
<b>Sat 3</b>	<b>Westbury Pool Open For Normal Summer Hours</b> 10605 Mullins For more information, see page 6.	
<b>Tues 6</b>	<b>Water Aerobics and Water Zumba Classes Begin</b> Westbury Pool—10605 Mullins More information, see page 6	<b>Various</b>
<b>Thurs 8</b>	<b>Tai-Chi at the Garden</b> Westbury Community Garden— 12581 Dunlap See page 23 for more information	<b>8-9AM</b>
<b>Sat. 17</b>	<b>Audubon Society Bird Survey</b> Meet at the Gathering Place parking lot 5310 S. Willow—see page 20 for more information	<b>7AM</b>
<b>Wed. 21</b>	<b>SPECIAL Brays Bayou Association Meeting</b> The Gathering Place—5310 S Willow See page 1 and 20 for more information	<b>7:30PM</b>
<b>Wed 21</b>	<b>WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting</b> Salem Lutheran Church— 4930 W. Bellfort See page 13 for more information	<b>8:30AM</b>
<b>Wed. 21</b>	<b>Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting</b> Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	<b>7PM</b>
<b>Tues 27</b>	<b>SW PIP (HPD Positive Interaction Program) Meeting</b> Aramco Building—9009 W Loop South	<b>7PM</b>

### SUMMER 2017 WCC OFFICE HOURS

Starting May 30 thru July 15

Tuesday – Thursday 10AM – 1PM

Or by appointment. Phone is 713-723-5437 or  
Email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net)

## Heavy & Recycling Trash Calendar

### June 2017

<b>Thurs 8</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>
<b>Thurs 8</b>	<b>Heavy Trash– JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY</b>	
<b>Thurs 22</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>

### July 2017

<b>Thurs 6</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>
<b>Thurs 13</b>	<b>Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY</b>	
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>

### Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ GLASS can be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend in the orange bin.
- ♻️ 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
- ♻️ Heavy trash can be placed starting at 6PM the Friday before pick-up
- ♻️ YARD WASTE is not considered tree waste. It is collected on regular Thursday trash day
- ♻️ 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](http://www.westburycrier.com) or [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more trash and recycling information

### City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

June	Junk Waste	July	Tree Waste
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# Westbury Pool Opens May 27



## Westbury City Pool Summer 2017 Schedule

**May 27- June 4:** Pool open Sat. & Sun., 1-8PM  
**May 29** (Memorial Day): Pool OPEN 1-8PM  
**June 5– August 13:** Pool OPEN Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Monday  
**July 4:** Pool OPEN, 1-5PM  
**August 14 - September 4:** Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-8PM  
**September 4** (Labor Day): Last day for the pool to be open! 1-6PM  
**Questions? Call pool at 713-723-2192**  
 Address: 10605 Mullins (near Parker Elem.)

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## FREE Swim Lessons for Kids

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

All classes are free and space is limited on a “first come, first served” basis during specified registration periods. **Online Registration** is required and **begins at 8:00 am on registration date**. To register go to: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/houstonparks/Home>

For more information, contact the Westbury pool directly once it opens.



### FREE Water Fitness Classes

Stay in shape this summer and cool off at the same time! The city will once again offer **FREE** water fitness classes for adults at Westbury Pool this summer. These classes are very popular. There will be 2 classes this year. See below for class descriptions and times.

Registration is online (<https://apm.activecommunities.com/houstonparks/Home>) or you can register with the instructor on class days shortly before each class starts. The first day of class will be Tuesday, June 6, and the last day of class will be Thursday, August 3, at the Westbury Pool. If you have questions, call the city Adult Sports Office at (832) 395-7274.

Water fitness is a great exercise for any age, any fitness level and any body type. Wear appropriate swimwear, aquatic shoes are advised, and always bring a bottle of water for hydration

*NOTE: Westbury Pool will be closed for general swimming use during fitness classes*

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## Adult Water Fitness Class Schedule & Descriptions

**Adult Circuit Water Fitness:**  
**Tuesday 6:30PM - 7:30PM**  
 A combination of cardio, strength training, and flexibility that takes you through a series of stations using effective circuit training principles and the latest aquatic equipment for a total body workout. The intensity is light to moderate.

**NEW Adult Aqua Zumba:**  
**Tuesday and Thursday 9-10AM,**  
**Thursday 6:30PM - 7:30PM**  
 This class combines high energy and Latin music with movement in the water, a combination that helps participants dance away their worries while staying in shape. It is based on the principle that a workout should be “fun and easy to do” allowing individuals to stick to the Zumba fitness program and achieve long term health benefits. The intensity is light to moderate.

*NOTE: Westbury Pool will be closed for general swimming use during fitness classes*

Sessions	Registration Dates	Class Dates
Session One	May 30 – June 7	June 13 – June 23
Session Two	June 12 – June 21	June 27 – July 7
Session Three	June 26 – July 5	July 11 – July 21
Session Four	July 10 – July 19	July 25 – Aug 4

Level 1 / Time	Level 2 / Time	Level 3 / Time
4 pm – 4:30 pm	4:45 pm – 5:15 pm	5:30 pm – 6:00 pm
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## Common Water Safety Rules

Tragically already this season, a two year old child drowned in the pool of a home in a nearby subdivision. Twenty five kids have drowned in Texas so far in 2017. Water is a great way to beat the heat but summer is also when children are most likely to drown. Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for kids under the age of five and toddlers are especially at risk. Drowning can happen in almost any amount of water, indoors or outdoors.

- ⇒ Never leave a child unsupervised around water, inside or outside of the house. It only takes a few minutes for a child to drown.
- ⇒ Never leave children alone around with water whether it is in a pool, wading pool, drainage ditch, etc.
- ⇒ Constantly watch children who are swimming or playing in water. They need an adult or certified lifeguard watching and within reach.
- ⇒ Secure access to swimming pools. Use fences, self-closing and latching gates, and water surface alarms.
- ⇒ Completely remove pool covers when the pool is in use.
- ⇒ Store water toys away from the water when not in use so they don't attract a small child.
- ⇒ Don't assume young children will use good judgment and caution around water.
- ⇒ Be ready for emergencies. Keep emergency telephone numbers handy and learn CPR.
- ⇒ Find out if your child's friends or neighbors have home pools.

## Pool Safety and Violations

The summer heat has arrived! We want everyone in Westbury to have a safe summer. Back in 2013, the Westbury Civic Club's Environmental Committee met with the City of Houston's Health and Human Services pool inspectors to discuss swimming pools and safety. The WCC office has received numerous phone calls regarding unmaintained pools. **All residential pools must be fenced. The fence must be at least 4 ft. high and in good condition (no gaps over 4 inches) with a self-latching gate. The pool water must be maintained.**

Report a violation as soon as possible if,

- ❖ There is a house, occupied or unoccupied, with a pool or spa that has not been properly maintained. This can result in green or black water that may breed mosquitoes.
- ❖ There are any slats broken or missing from a fence surrounding a pool or a spa. This also includes both vacant and occupied houses.
- ❖ If a house or property has any type of outside above-ground pool or spa that is not enclosed by a secure fence.

**To report a violation, call Health and Human Services at 832-393-5100 or go fill out a quick and easy online form available at [http://www.houstontx.gov/health/Environmental/pool\\_complaint.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/health/Environmental/pool_complaint.html)**

After reporting the violation, please call the Westbury Civic Club office with the address so we may follow up.



Examples of residential pool violations.

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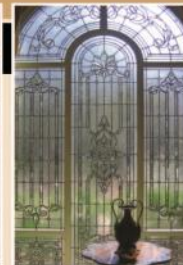
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## Flooding Revisited

Over the past several years, some parts of Westbury have seen multiple flooding events. SW Houston had enough rain on January 18, 2017, to flood Westbury homes, yet none reported damage or water in their homes. Why was this the case? Several important jobs and projects have been completed since the big 2015 Memorial Day Flood. A lower rainfall amount was also an important factor as Brays Bayou did not overflow in 2017.

The City did a local drainage project to repair four collapsed outfalls on the Willow Waterhole Bayou. This project helped residents east of Hillcroft. One resident on Cartagena reported "the street drained much better than in the past. It seems the repair work helped out." Another resident on Ludington, who has experienced flooding multiple times, had NO water in his home in January 2017.

Gary Zika of Project Brays reported that even though Project Brays is not yet complete, it is further along than it was since we experienced water in some of our homes during the 2016 Tax Day Flood. Project Brays helps all of Westbury because it will help Brays Bayou stay within its banks. Water from Willow Waterhole Bayou was able to directly drain into two of the basins at the Willow Waterhole.

Harris County Commissioner's Court approved the de-silting of Westbury drainage ditches in 2015 and that work (with the exception of some ongoing work on the southern end of the Braewick ditch) is now complete. This work benefitted all areas of Westbury.

The Willowbend asphaltting project also included curbs and gutters and repairs to a drainage line. Two residents on Willowbend, one of whom who had experienced structural flooding in the past, both reported that the water drained more quickly.

Our streets are designed to hold water and we had serious STREET flooding. It is important that unless you absolutely have to be somewhere, **don't drive through flooded Westbury streets**. Gawkers in big trucks have pushed water into more than one Westbury house in the past. Other drivers have seriously rutted esplanades and yards when they drove off road to avoid high water.

## Volunteers Help Make Our Neighborhood GREAT!

Every Westbury Work Day seems to bring out at least one young family. This year's Keep Westbury Beautiful Day was no exception as the Craypo Family brought their children out to show them the importance of giving back to their community. Over the years dozens of children have planted trees, picked up trash and pulled weeds. Watch for more opportunities in the fall for you and your family to work together to make our corner of the world a little nicer.



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## Wonderful Westbury Neighbors

One of the best things about Westbury are our wonderful neighbors. Elmy Biermanns & Gary Muscio are a perfect example of Westbury neighborliness. On a beautiful Sunday afternoon they hosted their 30<sup>th</sup> neighborhood get together. Ever since they moved to Westbury in 2000, they have gathered their neighbors for a get together twice a year. Here is their story:

“The very first one was what Germans call Kaffeeklatsch. Just a few weeks after moving to Briarbend Drive, we made several cakes and invited the immediate neighbors to coffee and cake in our home. We felt it was important to get to know our neighbors and for them to know us. Then the idea was born to invite the entire block, but the living room wasn't big enough for all. The backyard was too ugly at the time, so next time we gathered the neighbors in our driveway. Everyone brought a foldable chair, we cooked some dishes and we all had a good time together. Having moved the Neighbor Get Together outside, the milder temperatures in the spring and fall lent themselves to getting together twice a year. Once we built the deck in our backyard and had some landscaping done, we had plenty of seating available and a beautiful yard as a back drop.

The group grew by neighbors from outside of our block, who we had met over the years. And every time, the make up of the group was different, depending on who had time to come. There are however some neighbors who have not missed a single Neighbor Get Together. It is hard to believe, but now our 30th Neighbor Get Together is upon us.”

On that same afternoon, neighbors on Warm Springs came together in the driveway of Joe and Monica Niles driveway for their second Neighborhood Get together. They always host a National Night Out party in the fall. Just like at the Briarbend party there was that diversity that makes Westbury so unique, there were original residents and newcomers with babies in tow.



*Elmy Biermanns and Gary Muscio in the middle with their neighbors on Briarbend*

## Judge Ed Emmett Guest Speaker at the Next WCC Meeting in June

Harris County Commissioners Court is headed by Harris County Judge Ed Emmett. The court is the main governing body for Harris County. It has a budget of around \$1.5 billion, and sets tax rates, calls for bond elections, builds and maintains roads and bridges, sets boundaries for voting precincts, and oversees county courthouses, jails, libraries and parks. Its decisions impact all Houstonians and the 1.8 million residents who live in the unincorporated parts of Harris County.

The court, has four major seats from its four precincts and are represented by these four people: Rodney Ellis, Precinct 1; Jack Morman, Precinct 2; Steve Radack, Precinct 3; and R. Jack Cagle, Precinct 4. Westbury is located in Precinct 1.



Judge Emmett has served in the Texas House of Representatives, served in the federal government as a President Bush appointee and now manages the third largest county in the country. He is a graduate of Bellaire High School and Rice University (Class of 1971).

**Judge Ed Emmet at  
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# FRIENDS OF WESTBURY HIGH SCHOOL GALA



The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Friends of WHS foundation, on April 29, was a wonderful success. The Friends continues to honor deserving faculty, alumni and community leaders. This year, thirteen \$3,000 scholarships were awarded to deserving seniors. The foundation has raised over \$350,000 and has awarded over 200 scholarships since its inception. All of these scholarships have been underwritten by interested alumni members in the community and business sector.

Community member honored this year was Al Campbell. He is the Jazz Band instructor at Westbury High School and Parker Elementary as well as the Willow Waterhole Music Festival Entertainment Director. With 35 plus years teaching and decades of performing in the Houston areas, Al Campbell has definitely left his mark on the Houston music scene.

Honored this year was Donna Edmundson Tennyson - Class of 1977. Donna spent her entire 30 year legal career with the City of Houston, where she became the first female City Attorney before retiring in 2016. Her contributions greatly improved communities and revitalized neighborhoods.

Faculty honorees this year were Chief Master Sergeant Cyndee Frank and Master Sergeant David Garcia from the JROTC program at WHS. CM Sgt. Frank is the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor for the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (AIRJROTC). After 30 years in the Air Force she came to Westbury in 2011. M Sgt. Garcia is the Aerospace Science Instructor for the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (AIRJROTC). After 23 years in the Air Force he came to Westbury in 2006. Over the years the JROTC program has provided many a volunteer to Westbury. Their latest volunteer project is to put out the flags at our sign markers on certain holidays.

**2017 Scholarship Recipients**

Michael Ajibola	Crystal Ignacio
Brianna Alexander	Donna Lopez
Diana Augustin	Ashley Roman
Vanessa Cantoran	Jazmin Rosas
Carolina Cortes	Luis Sanchez
Monica Garay	

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## HISD Board President, Wanda Adams, Shares GOOD News

At the Friends of Westbury High School Gala, Wanda Adams shared the news that the HISD Board of Trustees was allocating \$9.5 million to Westbury High School for a fine arts wing. The omission of this item was one of our grievances with the 2012 bond. We are both excited and appreciative of our trustee's efforts on getting WHS the items that were promised during the bond process. A meeting of the Project Advisory team will take place at the end of May or first of June to start moving forward with a design. WHS is a Fine Arts magnet for HISD and interest is high in the area to see WHS excel as both Parker Elementary and Meyerland Middle School have great fine art programs.



WHS Principal Susan Monaghan with HISD Board President Wanda Adams

## New Principal for Meyerland MS

J. Auden Sarabia has been selected as the new principal of Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School. Mr. Sarabia is currently the Principal of Crespo Elementary School, a Fine Arts Magnet. He began his career in 1999 as an Instructional Technologist at Wharton K-8 Dual Language Academy. During his career he has also served as a Magnet Coordinator for Wharton K-8 and Roberts Elementary.



New Principal, J. Auden Sarabia

Mr. Sarabia received his bachelor's degree in Spanish/ Education studies from the University of Texas. He completed the Entrepreneurship Program at Rice University. Mr. Sarabia earned his master's degree from the University of Houston in Instructional Technology. Welcome!

## WHS National Honor Society Induction

On May 4, Westbury High School inducted 77 new members into its chapter of the National Honor Society, more than doubling last year's number of inductees! A full auditorium of friends and relatives cheered on the students as they received their certificates and recognition from Mr. Ty Wall, NHS advisor for WHS. He also recognized several community contributors, and presented a certificate to Westbury Civic Club for the role it plays in promoting education in Westbury.

Scholarships for graduating seniors in the group were announced as part of the ceremony. Several graduates boasted full-ride scholarships to their chosen colleges and universities, six were awarded \$20,000 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo scholarships, and many others received multiple scholarships for the coming year. Over \$6 million in scholarships were awarded to WHS seniors this year, the largest increase in all of HISD. The valedictorian was offered over \$500,000 in scholarship money from various schools. Principal Monaghan expressed her pride in this year's group, and her appreciation to the families who supported them. Go, Huskies!



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## The State of the City, the State of Westbury

Mayor Turner gave his State of the City address in May and it is interesting to see how Westbury fits into the Mayor's vision for the City. He started off thanking Steve Costello, the flood czar, the chief resilience officer, for working on Houston's drainage and flooding issues and said flooding would remain a priority. That's good news for Westbury as about 5% of Westbury homes have had water enter into them. On June 21, the Brays Bayou Association is hosting a meeting with HCFCO Director Russ Poppe and Steve Costello to discuss reducing the risk of flooding in the Brays Bayou watershed. This is an important issue for Westbury.

Turner thanked Public Works for the pothole work. Westbury had streets repaired last year and Willowbend was resurfaced. There seem to be far fewer potholes.

He talked about his plan to fix the Pension Plan that is bankrupting our city. He also wants to remove the revenue cap that voters put in place back in 2004. Voters will have a chance to vote on this issue in

November, so expect to see articles in the coming months about the pros and cons of removing the revenue cap.

Homelessness is another issue Mayor Turner is having the city tackle. He has heard from community after community, including Westbury, that we don't want aggressive panhandling, public urination, drug use or people passed out under our freeways. He has a 6-point plan, part of which is asking the public not to give to panhandlers. Meaningful change, not spare change.

Mayor Turner ended with the things that the City of Houston 2017 has never had more of and they are true for Westbury also.

**More people.** That could be true as more homes are being built in the area.

**More diversity.** True as our demographics are fairly consistent with the whole city.

**More parks and greenspace.** The Willow Waterhole continues to grow, Westbury Park had more improvements added, Hager Park had the trail resurfaced and Chimney Rock Park benefited from a grant.

**More connectivity.** We are getting there; the new Neighborhood to Trails Southwest (NTT SW) continues its awesome outreach with help from the National Park Service. Allen Potvin and Kevin O'Brien continue to mow the demonstration trails we have on the drainage easements and bayou.

**More artists, musicians, and talented individuals.** If you attended the Willow Waterhole music fest and saw the depth of talent you know this is true for Westbury!

**A more dedicated police force, fire dept. & municipal workers.** New HPD Chief Acevedo has attended neighborhood meetings in to our area twice.

**A broad, robust and diverse development and business community.** Westbury benefits from the city's robust economy, but there is not much commercially happening in Westbury although the prior Discount Tire building will become the home of Willowbend Crossfit.

Home sales remained robust in 2016 and the price per square foot was up from 2014. See chart below.

Westbury			Westbury South			Parkwest 1,2,3		
Tax Year	Price/SQFT	# Sold out of 3398 total	Tax Year	Price/SQFT	# Sold out of 572 total	Tax Year	Price/SQFT	# Sold out of 955 total
2014	139.52	219	2014	79.03	21	2014	130.72	61
2015	153.66	189	2015	107.46	22	2015	156.21	45
2016	159.92	171	2016	115.93	19	2016	143.15	43



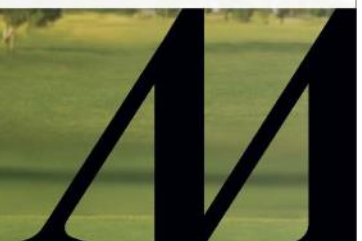
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## Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

The nonprofit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) works to improve the quality of life right here in Westbury! Please consider making a donation to the WAIC to make Westbury even better than it already is! Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Projects supported by the WAIC in 2017 include:

- ☑ Westbury HPD Storefront - New refrigerator. Supplies.
- ☑ Westbury Community Garden - WAIC manages the garden finances.
- ☑ Company OnStage - donation to local community theater group
- ☑ MusicFest at Willow Waterhole - donation to music event
- ☑ Westbury High School Fine Arts Magnet Program - WAIC purchased performing outfits for Choir (see picture)
- ☑ Sponsored a table for WHS students/teachers to attend the scholarship fundraising gala



The public is welcome to attend our monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 8:30 AM at Salem Lutheran at 4930 West Belfort. The monthly WAIC meeting also serves as the monthly meeting of the Westbury Super Neighborhood.

## May 6 HISD Election Results

Only 4% of the city's registered voters turned to vote on the HISD Proposition on recapture.

However, in Westbury the turnout was much better. Parts of Westbury are in 9 different precincts and combined voted at almost twice the rate of the city. Precinct 14, which votes at Parker Elementary, had almost 13% voter participation!

Westbury approved at 89% and the City of Houston at 84%.

Voting location	Pct #	Registered voters	%	Total	For	Against
Parker	0014	1850	12.70	235	217	18
Kolter	0281	2607	10.78	281	265	16
West Bapt C	0403	1690	10.18	172	155	16
Platou	0146	1957	8.74	171	146	25
Anderson	0293	1738	8.40	146	127	19
Hou Christian	0291	1225	5.88	72	65	7
Braewick	0693	655	5.65	37	31	6
Foerster	0022	2425	3.01	73	57	16
Span Pent	0453	1886	2.76	52	40	11
		16033	7.73	1239	1103	134
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# Crime & Security

## Westbury Constable Calls—May 2017

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Accidents	4
Alarm local	17
Animal	2
Arson/fire	2
Assault	1
Burglary/Habitat	0
Burglary/Motor Vehicle	2
Check Religious FC	1
Child custody dispute	1
Contract Check	322
Criminal Mischief	1
Discharge firearm	15
Dist/Family	2
Disturbance/Loud noise	5
Dist weapon	1
Dist./other	5
Incident report	3
Indecent Exposure	1
Information call	12
Meet the Citizen	21
Meet the officer	1
Mental case	1
Open Door/Window	4
Property found lost	2
Road rage	1
Stranded motor vehicle	3
Suspicious person	19
Theft/Other	1
Traffic initiative	1
Traffic hazard	2
Traffic stop	29
Vacation watch	47
Vehicle abandoned	3
Vehicle speeding	2
Vehicle suspicious	26
Warrant service	1
Welfare check	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>564</b>



## Crime Stats will be BACK!

The City of Houston has removed the website that we pulled our crime statistics from. It was set up by Super Neighborhood and gave daily, 7 day, or month long crime details. The new system is not as user friendly and we haven't figured out how to get the correct information we need for Westbury! This month we are listing the Constable calls for May. The July Crier should have the normal crime statistics for May and June! Thank you for your patience.

## Don't forget Vacation Watch!

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

Westbury was annexed into the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) several years ago. Public Safety is one of their areas of service for their commercial tax paying constituents. Each month the BOMD Public Safety Committee has a meeting. May was a very informative meeting.

The first speaker was Julie Stroup from the City of Houston and Homeland security. It was interesting to learn how the City is working to keep us safe with cameras in public spaces, where having a scalable and robust system to improve the security posture of populated areas with critical infrastructure is important. These cameras are for situational awareness not monitoring. They are for incident management and response.

A representative from Genetec Community Connect told how other cities were having businesses and possibly even neighborhoods install and pay for cameras that could become part of this grid. They are looking at ways of connecting law enforcement and citizens for safer communities. Cameras are installed privately and then law enforcement opts in so when things, like gunshots, are reported they can use cameras from all over to pull up license plates, etc.

Crime is up in Southwest Houston. Property crimes and burglaries of motor vehicles were on the rise this past month. One thing the Brays Oaks Management District has done to help curb crime is to enter into a retail ambassador program with Seal Security. This service provides Seal officers to answer trespass/vagrancy calls, alarm calls, trespass affidavits, and any other calls for service by the commercial businesses within the BOMD. They will have both marked and unmarked cars. The control center for SEAL has access to over 200 languages. Look for the special decal in the window. If you are at a commercial business in the BOMD and have safety concerns, please call this number that is dedicated to the Brays Oaks District.

The surrounding management districts are already using SEAL Security and perhaps the increase in vagrants we see in the BOMD has come from their efforts to remove them from their areas. No one likes to try to enter a store and be accosted by a vagrant asking for something. This program will help bring an end to that. Keeping our retail and commercial establishments safe is good for business and good for us as consumers.



**Westbury Area Patrol 281-463-6666**  
**Westbury HPD Storefront 832-394-7520**  
**HPD Non-Emergency 713-884-3131**



## June is National Safety Awareness Month

Observed annually in June, National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities.

**On the roads:** Slow down and save a life! A Westbury resident was hit by a car and killed one morning in February of 2016 as he crossed at Hillcroft and West Bellfort. A Meyerland resident was struck and killed while crossing West Bellfort at Runnymede this past month. Neither of the drivers in these two cases were ticketed, but cars do speed up and down West Bellfort and Hillcroft with complete disregard for other peoples' lives and property.

**At home:** Update your first aid kit. 95% of emergency assistance is given by bystanders or the victims themselves. Are you ready? Take a CPR class.


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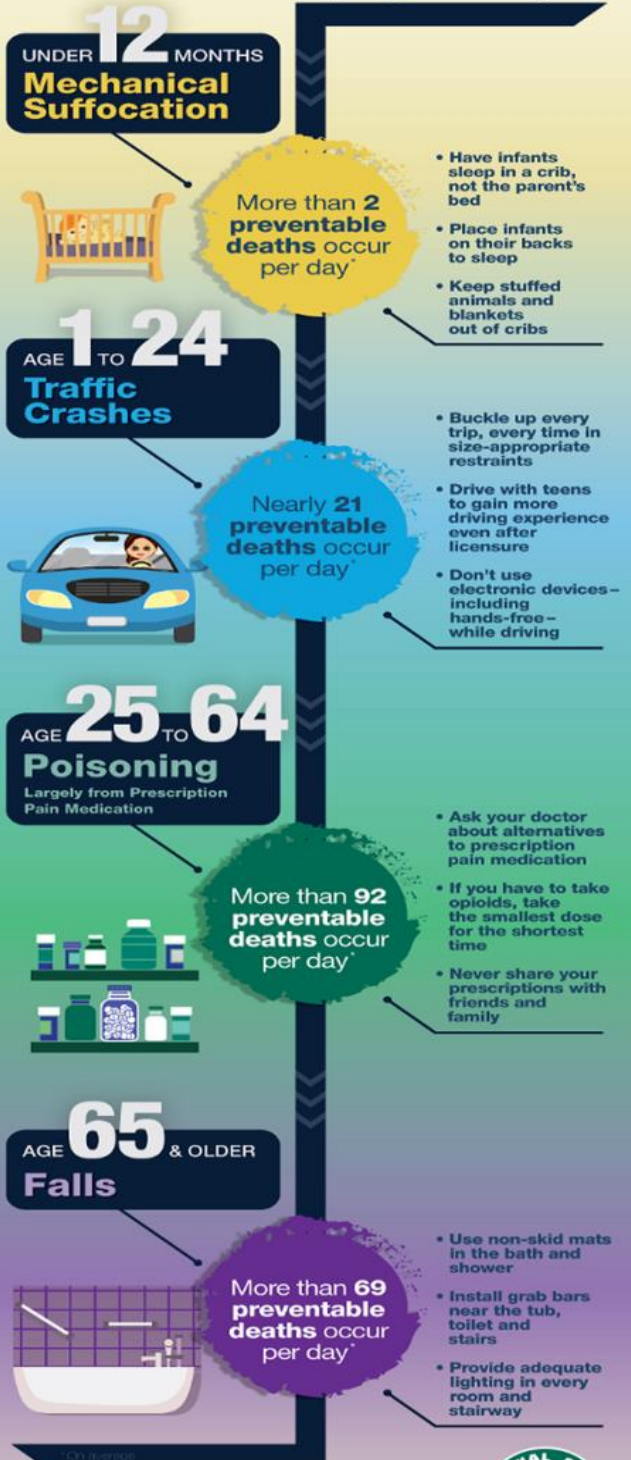
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# Westbury Area News

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⇒ **Who Should Register?** People with Disabilities. People with access and functional needs such as: People who have limited mobility, People who have communication barriers, People who require transportation assistance, People who require personal care assistance.

⇒ **How do you register?** Call 2-1-1 and let them know that you want to register for STEAR. Registration is VOLUNTARY. Required information is: Name, address, phone number, and primary language. Additional questions include: Emergency contact information, caregiver information, pets, transportation assistance for home evacuation, communication barriers, Disability or Functional or Medical Needs.

⇒ **How long will my information be kept?** Your information will be kept for 1 year. You should re-register after that time period.

⇒ **What if I move or do not need assistance?** Contact 2-1-1

⇒ **Will I be evacuated during an emergency such as a hurricane?** No. Each local government uses the information in different ways.

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## Links for Lost & Found Pets

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## Westbury Meet & Eat

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Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

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

Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club and our important programs. We can't do it without you!  
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Proposed Willow Waterhole Bayou Trail and Connecting Trails



## Trails In and Through Westbury

The subject of trails in Westbury isn't a new one. The 1998 Westbury Revitalization strategy called for a linear park on Hillcroft. Al Potvin and Kevin O'Brien have been mowing the ditch and bayou right of ways for over two years now giving residents a place to walk off road. The group was awarded grants that provided "Demonstration" trail signs that can be seen along trails in Westbury. If you would like to join the volunteer trails maintenance crew, please contact Kevin O'Brien, kmoman2@yahoo.com.

Two years ago, a new trail initiative that included multiple southwest Houston neighborhoods came into being: Neighborhood to Trails, Southwest. Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest (NTTSW) is dedicated to developing hike and bike trails to provide safe, economical, and environmentally friendly transportation from and to the Brays Bayou trail system and destinations in Southwest Houston such as Willow Waterhole Greenspace. NTTSW is a newly established all-volunteer nonprofit organization founded in 2015 by local neighborhood walkers, runners, and bikers, who have come together with a common interest of working together to provide better off-street trails that connect to local destinations. Southwest Houston neighborhoods participating thus far are Braeburn Valley West, Maplewood West, Maplewood North/South, Meyerland, Marilyn Estates, Westbury, and Willow Meadows.

With a grant from the National Park Service the group has been working to draft their organizational goals. One of those goals is community outreach and they have been participating in events all over SW Houston spreading the word about trails. After all these years of dreaming about trails, they are becoming a reality! Look for meeting notices if you are interested in joining this effort.

[www.nttsw.org](http://www.nttsw.org)



Neighborhood to Trails SW group

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## Pack Your Bag Challenge Willow Waterhole June 30, 2017.

VisitHouston.com and Great Day Houston are giving you the chance to win a summer vacation! Every Friday at 9AM there will be a chance to play the Pack Your Bag Challenge.

Great Day Houston reporter Cristina Kooker will hit the streets every Friday with fun challenges. Two people will compete for the grand prize of a Houston weekend getaway, but there will be other ways to win fantastic giveaways. 12 Weeks, 24 Winners! The games are easy and most of all, fun!

6/30/17 - be there by 8:30 a.m.  
Willow Waterhole Greenspace

7/21/17 - be there by 8:30 a.m.  
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## Audubon Society Bird Survey

Saturday June 17, 7AM, Meet at the Gathering Place

The Willow Waterhole Bird Survey was started in June 2007 and is held on the third Saturday of each month (no survey in December). During the 2-hour count, the number of species identified can range from around 30 in summer to over 50 in the winter.

The survey begins in the parking lot of the Gathering Place at 5310 South Willow Drive. As of mid-2015, nearly 200 species had been reported to eBird.



Willow Waterhole  
Greenspace Conservancy

## Brays Bayou Association Meeting Notice

Wednesday, JUNE 21, 7:30PM

Willow Meadows Baptist Church

Speaker: Russ Poppe, Director of HCFC and Steven Costello, Flood Czar COH

See page 1 for more information!

The Brays Bayou Association's purpose is to help reduce flooding in the Brays Bayou watershed. Westbury is located within the Brays watershed. The BBA was formed after rains flooded over 1,800 homes in 1983. The rain in 1983 was NOT a hurricane. The BBA holds monthly meetings with a range of speakers to keep the neighborhood informed of drainage/flooding concerns in our area.

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# White Elephant Sale

For over 50 years the WCC has been hosting two giant garage sales each year known as the White Elephant Sale. Our Spring sale was on April 29 and was another successful, fun-filled day despite the wind!

There was an amazing selection of wares from toys to books to clothes to furniture to plants and more. There so many great bargains. One never knows what one might find. Some shoppers looked in earnest for just the right treasure. Others just looked. Both kinds of shopper found armfuls of items to purchase take home.

The number of conversations between friends, who'd accidentally met up after not seeing each other for a while, was amazing, too. It was impossible not to notice them. The community atmosphere of the sale was welcoming and pleasing. The PUCS coffee truck at the end of the row was a nice touch.

Thank you to the amazing Westbury Civic Club board volunteers who worked to make this event happen! The morning starts at 5AM for our volunteers and doesn't end until the last seller leaves the parking lot! THANK YOU!



The 5AM WCC Crew! Cindy Chapman, Jeff Benavides, Jennifer Edmondson, Donna Robert, Becky Edmondson, Tony Robert, Dan Vega, and Virginia Livingston. (not pictured: Marcia Hartman, Robert Montgomery, Larry Ellis)



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# Westbury Yard of the Month

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Westbury 3 April  
Yard of the Month

## April Yard of the Month

### Westbury 1

5014 Redstart—Sandy Crego & Connie Smith

### Westbury 3

5719 Arboles -- Josie Bolivar

### Parkwest 1

10919 Atwell—Scott & Melinda Elder

### Parkwest 2

5730 Bankside—Nancy Oldham Purcell

### Parkwest 3

6014 Warm Springs—Kenneth & Laura Turner

## May Yard of the Month

### Westbury 1

5170 Kingfisher—Lenore Brooks

### Westbury 2

5258 Briarbend—The Grahams

### Westbury 3

11607 Ashcroft—Dayna & William Baxter

### Parkwest 1

5511 Briarbend—Homeowner

### Parkwest 2

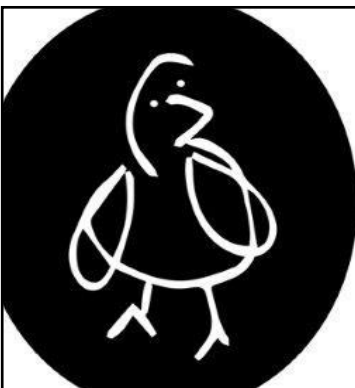
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### Parkwest 3

5911 Belrose—Jean Anderson & David Cunningham



Westbury 3 May  
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## Westbury Community Garden News

**Tai-Chi at the Garden – June 1 & June 8, 8-9AM**  
*More details below about this fun event!*

**4th Annual Tomato Tasting – June 3, 9:30-11AM**  
*More details below about this fun event!*

**Plant It Forward Farm Stand – Open ONCE a month.**  
*June 10, and July 8 from 10AM to 5PM*



## WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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

**JOIN the garden TODAY at**  
[www.westburycommunitygarden.org](http://www.westburycommunitygarden.org)



2014 Tomato Tasting at the Community Garden!

## 4TH ANNUAL TOMATO TASTING EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 9:30-11AM

The tomato plants are lush at the Westbury Community Garden. By the end of May there will be ripe tomatoes galore, just in time for the 4th Annual Tomato Tasting. If you'd like to taste and compare tomatoes in our informal tomato tasting, come and join us! Our gardeners and other tomato growers will supply a wide variety of heirloom and hybrids of all sizes, shapes and colors. It is really a sight to see!

A \$5 donation gets you a score card to rate each numbered tomato as to its sweetness, tartness, juiciness, meatiness and other attributes in the slicer, salad and cherry tomato categories. Then choose your favorite in each category and we'll vote for overall best slicer, salad and cherry. Once scoring is done, we'll reveal the names and descriptions of each tomato.

Last year we had over 30 tomato varieties to taste. Come just to taste or save your notes for tomato planting time next year. There will be drawings for prizes and plain crackers, flat breads and water to cleanse the palate. This is a fun event for the whole family.

## Tai-Chi at the Garden

*Come and join us for Tai-Chi and improve your inner and outer strength, mobility and balance! Let us move and harness the true energy of our bodies!*

**Class:** Tai Chi for Strength and Balance

**Where:** The Pavilion - Westbury Community Garden, 12581 Dunlap

**When :** Thursdays, June 1 and June 8, 8AM to 9AM

**Fee:** None, but donations are welcome for the garden.

Please come wearing loose fitting clothes, comfortable shoes and your best smiles!

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