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Westbury Community Garden Begins "Master Plan" Process

We are very proud of the Westbury Community Garden, once a weedy, vacant lot and now a true asset for our community. On June 21, the Westbury Community Garden held its first public forum, as part of the Master Plan process. The most successful master plans glean concerns and ideas from a broad mix of experiences and interests, and the garden invited a long list of experts and community members. The public was also invited to participate. The goal is to develop a long-range vision for the 7-acre site and the steps needed to get there.

Stay tuned as the master plan process continues. For more information, see page 20.



Farm Stand Now Open



WCC Board Nominations August 11 Deadline

Elections for the 2017 WCC Board of Directors will be conducted in September at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please see page 7 for more information. All nominations must be received before 4PM on the first Thursday of August, which is August 11, 2016, the deadline specified in our bylaws. Parkwest 3 Director Joe Niles is Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Come join a great group of volunteers that strive to keep our neighborhood a great place to call home!



WCC Office Summer Hours
Monday-Thursday: 8AM-Noon
Friday: Closed

The office will be closed on July 4-5, July 12, and July 25-29.

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

Heavy Trash for **JULY** is **TREE WASTE ONLY.**

Pick-up for ALL of Westbury is **Thursday, July 14.**



DO NOT PLACE TREE WASTE ON CURB UNTIL JULY 8.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #107, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

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District K Council Member, Larry Green.....832-393-3016

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

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

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

Houston Help & Information.....311

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY

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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Gene Locke.....713-755-6111

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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

2016 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If no contact information is provided, contact the WCC Office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net or 713-723-5437

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President's Message

Have you seen all the City of Houston work going on throughout Westbury? New sanitary sewer lines to bring the size of our lines to code are going in all over Westbury. Willowbend has been asphalted. The Hillcroft bridge is being repaired. Storm drain inlets are being cleaned and repaired. Outfalls into the Willow Waterhole Bayou are being repaired and/or replaced. You can read the details in this month's *Crier*. HISD is also hard at work on both Westbury High School and Parker Elementary. Harris County Flood Control has done some work on a segment of the Braewick Ditch that was not included in the last contracted work and is looking into additional work. The Willow Waterhole Project is moving towards completion. We appreciate all that is being done now, and we look forward to all of our infrastructure repairs and replacements that will be coming to us in the not too distant future.

What can you do? Continue to call 311 when your storm drains aren't functioning correctly. Call 311 when you have a sewer backup in your house. Call 311 to report potholes or street panels that need replacing.

Summer is upon us and our lawns are looking good. You will read on page 22 about yard care. Grass is growing rapidly and yards need to be kept mowed. We receive many complaints from people who see lawn services just blowing the clippings into the street. Please tell your lawn crew not to do that because it clogs our storm drains. In the past, we used a broom to clean; it was quieter and cleaner and better for our storm drains!

Crime picks up during the summer. Kids

are out of school and some choose mischief to alleviate their boredom. When you are away on vacation, make sure your house is secure. If you have paid your WAP Constable dues, request a vacation watch. Stop your newspaper delivery, but ask a neighbor to operate as a backup because we have had reports that placing a hold does not always work. Meet your neighbors, and get to know them and exchange contact information.

June brought some fun events to Westbury. The *Great Day Houston Pack Your Bag Challenge* at the Willow Waterhole was great fun. (see page 9) The third annual Tomato Tasting was held at the Westbury Community Garden. The PIFF (Plant It Forward Farm) farm stand had its grand opening. Isn't it amazing that we have fresh organic produce grown right here in Westbury! It can't get much fresher or closer to home than that. If you are an Anthony Bourdain fan, he visited one of the PIFF farms (sadly not ours) and, when his show on Houston airs, you can be proud to know that we in Westbury are not only eating fresher, but supporting these refugee farmers. The garden is going through the master plan process and I hope some of you interested in gardening or design will join in on the master plan. (page 20)

You will also read in the *Crier* that its time to put your name in the hat if you would like to serve on the Westbury Civic Club board. It is a great opportunity to learn about how things work and to find a way that you can give back to your neighborhood. In addition to board positions, we are always looking for committee members. What is your passion? Green space? Want a better

Hager Park? Public safety? Would you like to coordinate volunteers? Public spaces? Better retail spaces? Yard of the month judging? Historian? Maybe you would like to be a section director. The qualifications are that you must be the owner of record of a single family home in Westbury.

Come to a board meeting and see what it's like first hand. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving on the WCC board and have made many new friends. Before I joined the board, I was a bit unhappy with my neighborhood and the City in general. I wondered why **no one** did anything about the things that bugged me. I saw the City as unresponsive. After 15 years of being on the board in three different positions, I now see Westbury and Houston in a whole new way. I love this city and I love Westbury. **I know that working together we can find solutions to most of our problems. Yes, it can take a long time.** But that doesn't mean it isn't worth the effort. **Perseverance** is the key word NOT patience, because you have to stay "squeaky". So to all of you "squeaky" wheels out there, come hitch up to our wagon and see how we can roll together...toward making Westbury the best that it can be!

Becky Edmondson



Past WCC Pres. Dabney Kennedy and Becky Edmondson

Westbury Civic Club Board Notes—May 2016

- ⇒ Need a board nominating committee to work on the new board. New board to be elected in September.
- ⇒ President- Flooding still a major issue for our area. Mayor expressed his deep regret that our area is continuing to have flooding issues. He committed Public Works to helping figure out some way to help the area.
- ⇒ Office Manager has been working and researching the flooding issues in our area.

Westbury Civic Club Board Notes—June 2016

- ⇒ Discussion about possible joint community website with other neighborhoods (including Maplewood and Meyerland) for publicizing this area of town. The JCC would provide the technical support. Motion for: WCC to contribute half the start-up costs and half the recurring annual costs of this joint community website, provided that the name of the proposed website includes the Westbury name and the logo references Westbury in some manner - APPROVED. General agreement that the original proposed name of "Greater Meyerland" is not acceptable.
- ⇒ ByLaw Committee to review and make recommendations for Sept. General Meeting: C. Chapman, J. Edmondson, and J. Wiess.

NEXT
Westbury Civic
Club
Board Meetings

**Wednesday,
July 20
Westbury
Baptist, 7PM**

Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock
 Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM
 Supervisor: Dan Reilly,
 Daniel.reilly@houstontx.gov or 713-726-7107

Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort
 Hours: See box below
 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. 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 Dan Reilly at 713-726-7107 for info.

July 2016 Events

Baby Playtime

Tuesdays, 10:30am – 11:15am
 Come for creative and collaborative play! Explore with your little ones, get information about the skills your child is developing, and meet other parents and caregivers in your community. Intended for children ages 0-18 months.

Teen Craft

Thursdays, 2:30pm – 3:15pm
 Get your craft on at the library with other teens! Geared for teens ages 13-18.

Kids Craft

Thursdays, 3:30pm – 4:15pm
 Bring your imagination and let's get crafting! Create exciting projects at the library that you can show off at home. Geared for kids ages 5-10.

SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS ON PAGE 23

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

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

HOURS

Monday: Closed
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M-F 8-5 Thurs. 8-7 Sat. 10-4
 6 Months No Interest Financing

What's Happening in Westbury

Events & Meetings Calendar July 2016

July 4	Westbury Pool Open 10605 Mullins More information, see page 6	1-5PM
July 4-5	WCC Office Closed for 4th of July	
Thurs 7	Westbury Meet & Eat Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant—6579 W. Belfort	6PM
Sat. 16	Audubon Society Bird Survey Meet at the Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow	8AM
Mon. 18	Brays Bayou Association Meeting The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7:30PM
Wed. 20	NO WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Salem Lutheran Church— 4930 W. Belfort	CANCELLED
Wed. 20	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Tues 26	SW PIP (HPD Positive Interaction Program) Meeting Aramco Building by Hobby Lobby	7PM
July 25-29	WCC Office Closed Please email wccpresident@westburycrier.com for immediate assistance during this time.	

PLANNING CALENDAR August 22- 1st Day of Classes for HISD



Happy 4th of July!

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RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH CALENDAR



July 2016		
Thurs 7	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS
Thurs 14	Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY	
Thurs 21	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS

August 2016		
Thurs 4	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS
Thurs 11	Heavy Trash- JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY	
Thurs 18	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	NO GLASS

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ 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 or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

June	Junk Waste	July	Tree Waste
August	Junk Waste	September	Tree Waste

Westbury Pool

Westbury City Pool Summer 2016 Schedule

May 28- June 5: Pool open Saturday and Sunday, 1-8PM

June 4- August 12: Pool OPEN Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Monday

July 4: Pool OPEN, 1-5PM

August 13 - September 5: Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-8PM

September 5 (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.)

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.

Online registration (<https://apm.activecommunities.com/houstonparks/Home>) began on May 16, or you can register with the instructor on class days, shortly before each class starts. The first day of class will be Tuesday, June 7, and the last day of class will be Thursday, August 6, 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

Adult Water Fitness Class Schedule & Descriptions

Adult Circuit Water Fitness:

Tuesday 6:30PM - 7:45PM

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

FREE Swim Lessons for Kids

The City of Houston will be offering a Learn To Swim program called *H2OSAFE* for youth ages 6 – 13 at the Westbury Pool. This class will consist of 3 instructional levels. More information is available at the city aquatic department's website:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/aquatics>



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Westbury 60th Anniversary

Westbury Civic Club 60th Anniversary Year of Celebration

We invite everyone in our neighborhood to come to at least one of these festivities during the year! They will all be a lot of fun and a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and get more connected with the community! More details to follow as the event dates get closer.

September 21: Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting

September 24: Westbury Civic Club 60th Celebration Party

Date TBD: Westbury Covered-Dish Supper (*renewing a tradition*)

Date TBD: Westbury Family Christmas Party (*renewing a tradition*)

Date TBD: Westbury Wine Night

We need volunteers for ALL of these events!

Please email the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Sixty Wonderful Years

Westbury Civic Club

TIME IS ALMOST UP. WE NEED YOUR WESTBURY PHOTOS NOW!

We are still looking for photos from the 1950's-2000s depicting life in Westbury. You can drop them off in an envelope with your name, phone number, and address to the Civic Club Office or you can scan them and email them to at westburycc@sbcglobal.net. The photos will be on display at our celebration party as well as in the *Crier* throughout the year. If you have any questions, call Jennifer at 713-723-5437.

Due to multiple floods, the WCC office is behind in processing payments. As a result, the WCC Budget To Date is not ready to print in the July Crier. Please look in the next Crier for the up to date financial statements. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Volunteer for the 2016-2017 Westbury Civic Club Board

Please express your interest in running for the board of the Westbury Civic Club, either by letter or by email. Parkwest 3 Director Joe Niles is Chairman of the Nominating Committee. His email address is parkwest3@westburycrier.com; please use subject line of WCC 2016 elections and copy the email westburycc@sbcglobal.net. The mailing address is our physical address of 5322 W Bellfort, Suite 107, Houston TX. 77035.

*All board members must be a listed Owner of Record for a property with Westbury, Parkwest or Westbury South.

*Section Directors must be listed Owner of Record of home that is in the section they wish to represent.

*Candidates must submit interest to serve on the board by the deadline and must include the following statement filled out.

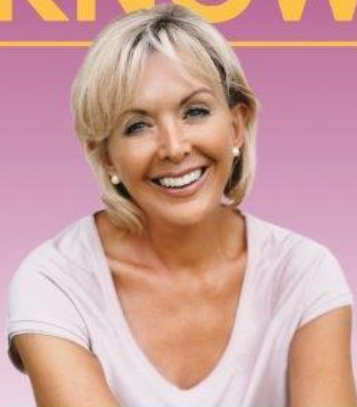
"My name is ____ and I declare that I am eligible to be a Director or Officer of the Westbury Civic Club. I am the listed owner of record for _____ (street address of home)."

*Candidates may submit a statement, not to exceed 100 words in length, when submitting their nomination for office.

*The deadline is August 11 by 4PM.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 713-723-5437.

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House Values Continue to Increase in Westbury

Housing values continue to increase in Westbury, and we note that housing values are rising faster in Westbury than in nearby communities. The data below from HAR.com (Houston Area Realtors), is based on MEDIAN values for houses that sold in 2015 (half of the houses sold for more and half sold for less).

Median Price, \$/Sq. Ft. for Houses Sold in 2015

NEARBY COMMUNITIES

Marilyn Estates.....	\$189.12 (up 45.1% in 5 years)
Maplewood.....	\$175.08 (up 46.3% in 5 years)
Meyerland.....	\$169.83 (up 22.3% in 5 years)
	values fell last year due to flooding
Maplewood South.....	\$161.05 (up 66.7% in 5 years)
Westbury Parkwest	\$156.21 (up 66.1% in 5 years)
Westbury.....	\$153.66 (up 80.7% in 5 years)
Westbury South.....	\$107.46 (up 123.9% in 5 years)
Houston Metro Area.....	\$ 95.44

OTHER COMMUNITIES in Southwest Houston

Robindell.....	\$100.23 (up 24% in 5 years, values fell last year due to flooding)
Sharpstown.....	\$94.86 (up 67.1% in 5 years)
Glenshire.....	\$84.17 (up 37.9% in 5 years)
Fondren SW Northfield.....	\$70.22 (up 44.8% in 5 years)
Fonmeadow.....	\$64.26 (up 97.1% in 5 years)
Fondren SW Southmeadow....	\$59.06 (up 68.2% in 5 years)

We are pleased, but not surprised, that house values continue to rise in Westbury. We are conveniently located to major employment centers like downtown, the Med Center, and the Galleria. In the absence of zoning, all our homes are protected by deed restrictions, including requirements that every lot must be at least a certain minimum size.

Our residential streets look attractive because Westbury has many mature, large trees and residents over the years have added beautiful landscaping, beyond the basic minimum you see in new subdivisions. Furthermore, our homeowners continue to look to the future and plant more trees.

Also, our homes are solidly built, constructed at a time when a 2 by 4 was really 2" by 4". Rather than tearing down a home, investors find that they can remodel an existing home with modern updates and make a nice profit. We have many residents who have chosen to live here in Westbury for decades, and it is not unusual for people who grew up in Westbury to move back to Westbury, if they move back to Houston.

Remodeling your home? Adding On? Do you know your deed restrictions?

Did you know that the Westbury Civic Club can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction? We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5 have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know that there is a minimum percentage of brick that must be on your home? Did you know that you can't build in front of your building line?

We want to help you! We want you to find out about possible violations before it costs you money and time. Several homeowners in the past couple years have had to tear down and/or modify their construction due to deed restriction violations. **The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits.** They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. Call the Westbury Civic Club Office at 713-723-5437. All deed restrictions are available online at westburycrier.com.

WAIC June 2016 Board Notes

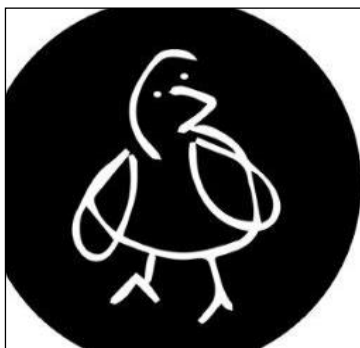
Flooding and Infrastructure: Detailed discussion about stormwater drainage work being done in Westbury by Public Works for the Westbury Local Drainage Project.

Discussion about a possible community website with Maplewood and Meyerland. The board **approved** a motion to support investigating a website to promote single-family residential homes in this area, provided that the Westbury name is included in name and the logo.

Request for a covered METRO bus stop at W. Bellfort at Burdine has been approved, but implementation time is not yet known.

Motion Approved to: Contribute up to \$75 for supplies to refurbish and provide a protective sealant for the remaining (approx. 14) historic Westbury street markers.

South Post Oak: District K and City Legal are considering revising ordinances/signs to reduce panhandling. District K is considering funding HPD overtime for an HPD officer to periodically visit certain problem intersections, and several commercial properties plan to install security cameras near these intersections. BOMD is funding a lighting study for some road overpasses in/near BOMD.



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Hillcroft Street Bridge Rehabilitation

Reconstruction of the two southbound lanes of the Hillcroft Street Bridge, between Ludington Drive and Burlinghall Drive over the Willow Waterhole Bayou, began in May. The project is expected to be completed this summer. This approximately \$122,000 project is designed to improve the overall road surface and safety of the bridge. This project is funded through ReBuild Houston - the voter-approved pay-as-you-go plan to rebuild and maintain the City's aging drainage and street infrastructure, without incurring new debt.

Reports of the bridge sagging were made to the city in September of 2015. We had hoped that the Hillcroft bridge could be completely replaced as it is on the Texas Department of Transportation's list for replacement in 2020. However, the City deemed that this repair work would work in the interim. We had concerns about the overall safety of the bridge and we were told "the bridge has been determined to be safe to travel on at the POSTED speed limit and safe for vehicles 15,000 pounds or less".



Willowbend Overlay Project Update

The WCC received a phone call and an email from the city of Houston project manager with an update regarding the Willowbend street overlay project. The remaining unfinished strip of street roadway, that was left unpaved near Atwell & Willowbend, will be completed soon. There is a problem with the stormwater sewer piping underneath the street. The plan to correct the storm sewer pipe under Willowbend has been received and is ready to be constructed. Depending on the weather, the work may be completed before this Crier is delivered. The City is also evaluating several driveway issues along Willowbend caused by the overlay. If you have a problem, please call and report it to 311.

Willow Waterhole on Great Day Houston

Great Day Houston's Pack Your Bag Challenge took place on May 27 at the Willow Waterhole Park.

Great Day Houston reporter Courtney Pena hits the streets every Friday with fun challenges. Two people compete for the grand prize of a Houston weekend getaway.



Westbury Crier reader and resident Michael Vu read about the event in the *May Crier* and was chosen to participate in the "matching the foot prints to the animal" game set up by Jed Apalaca of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department. And Michael was the winner! It pays to read the *Crier*!

Council Member Green had this to say "It was great to showcase Willow Waterhole Park with the viewers of Great Day Houston. Residents of Houston should know about this gem we have in District K. The recreational opportunities, as well as relief from flooding concerns, make this 290 acre development an extremely valuable resource in our area".

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City Of Houston Working on Flooding Issues In Westbury

Onsite Meeting with Drainage Engineers

On the afternoon of May 20, 2016, Cindy Chapman and Jennifer Edmondson, from the Westbury Civic Club, along with several Westbury residents, met with engineers for a field survey of conditions along Ludington and Cartegena and Landsdowne near the Willow Waterhole Bayou. Three engineers were from Half Associates and have been assigned by the City to investigate and identify short-term solutions to improve drainage in the areas which have been hit hardest by flooding. The other engineer was with Brown and Gay Engineers, which has been hired by the City to look at longer-term solutions in the area.

Residents described how flooding begins from the street drainage system, sometimes while the bayou is still well



within its banks. Some "outfall pipes" were observed to be partially collapsed, which obstructs the flow to the bayou. The "Outfall pipes" are the portion of the storm drain system that is at the end, that actually allows the water to flow into the Willow Waterhole Bayou. Also, residents showed a picture of a damaged underground street drainage pipe that had not been repaired by a road crew and was repaved over. It was also discussed that Cartegena and Ludington are lower than the banks of the bayou and the bridge over the bayou.

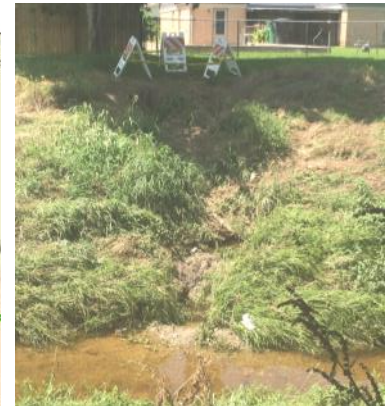
The City has been working hard on solutions to help alleviate some of the flooding in Westbury. There is NOT one answer. There are multiple factors at play.

The result of this meeting was getting four outfall pipes along this area included in a Local Drainage Project. The City has been in constant contact with the

Westbury Civic Club since the meeting on May 20. This project timeline should occur quickly. A sticking point is that these outfall pipes run in between homes, so homeowners must sign an affidavit for Right of Entry. The City is hopeful that we are looking at months, not years!

This project will NOT fix ALL the flooding problems, but we are hopeful that this project, along with others, will alleviate flooding for the great majority of Westbury residents who experienced flooding over the past years.

Local Drainage Projects Program: Westbury Outfall Replacement Locations



Above: Collapsed storm drain along Willow Waterhole off Cartegena;
Left: Local Drainage project along WWB bayou

CITY OF HOUSTON PRESS RELEASE

Westbury Drainage Infrastructure Action Plan Announced by Department of Public Works and Engineering

The Westbury Community Engagement meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016, provided the Department of Public Works and Engineering (PWE) with great information about the neighborhood. Public engagement with Westbury residents on long term solutions resulted in the residents helping PWE to understand areas needing immediate attention that would not have been known through just a field visit. PWE is reviewing ways to quickly provide a localized project to help mitigate some of the flooding in Westbury. Based on this community input, the study focus will include the length of Willow Waterhole Bayou that traverses Westbury. Using engineers already under contract with PWE, we expect to identify minor improvements or modifications to existing drainage infrastructure and then implement appropriate solutions in an expedited manner.

A team of PWE consultants and engineers will walk-through the area this week to identify potential short-term actions to be taken in Westbury. Harris County Flood Control is also planning similar assessments of their drainage infrastructure serving this neighborhood. Boots on the ground experience is invaluable to PWE teams as we seek solutions.

Westbury storm sewer inspection and cleaning is ongoing to ensure that all storm sewer capacity within the subdivision is available. A few locations were recently found in need of minor maintenance work which is being scheduled. For questions or concerns, contact: Julie Gilbert, Public Works and Engineering, Departmentpweqip@houston.tx.gov 832-395-2459.

City of Houston Public Works in Westbury

The City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Dept. is hard at work in Westbury. You have read the articles here in the Crier about the City sending out crews to find short term solutions to flooding. Here is the rest of the story:

First, how is the water supposed to flow? Rainwater will flow down a street until it gets to a drain inlet. These “drain inlets” will be located at a low point in the road near a curb. The water will flow down into the drain inlet and then into the piping underneath the street (sometimes called the “storm sewer” piping). After the water is under the street, then the water needs to get into a bayou/ditch to carry the water away (In Westbury, this path is usually via Willow Waterhole Bayou to Brays Bayou and then to Galveston Bay). An “outfall pipe” is the pipe that takes that underground storm sewer water and then pours it into the local bayou/ditch.

Who controls and maintains what? The City of Houston owns and maintains the streets, the drain inlets, the underground storm sewer piping, and the “outfall pipes”. The Harris County Flood Control District owns and maintains the Willow Waterhole Bayou.

What did the crews find that could be fixed for a short-term solution for flooding? Multiple “outfall pipes” were found to be damaged or collapsed. Work to repair/replace those “outfall pipes” is being planned, and this work will be completed soon. In addition, a storm sewer line at the corner of Cartagena and Landsdowne had separated underneath the street, and repair crews have already been busy making repairs. Additionally, some “outfall pipes” were found to be submerged, so the City has reported the situation to the County so that the ditch or bayou can be desilted.

We cannot thank the City of Houston's new administration enough for their prompt response and their commitment to mitigating our flooding woes. Yes, our ReBuild Houston projects are long overdue, but progress is being made.

"Houston needs conscientious, regional land-use management and drainage infrastructure planning. The Houston way – ‘growth at any cost, deal with the consequences later’ - has worked magnificently to build a great city, but the consequences have been ignored at great and growing cost. Now that we are "world-class," it is past time to put Houston on a more sustainable path." From an email by Bruce Nichols, who lives in an area prone to flooding.



WHO TO CALL— Harris County Flood Control or City of Houston???

City of Houston: Report to 311
Harris county Flood Control: HCFC

My street floods with a little rain.
REPORT TO 311

The bayou behind my house is full of
debris and junk.
REPORT TO HCFC

The storm drain on my street is broken
and collapsed.
REPORT TO 311

The storm drain in front of my house is
holding water.
REPORT TO 311

The bayou needs to be mowed.
REPORT TO HCFC

The street in front of my home holds
water for days after rain.
REPORT TO 311

To contact the City of Houston, call 311
or report via Houston 311 app or email
to 311@houstontx.gov.

To contact Harris County Flood Control,
call the Citizen Service Center,
(713) 684-4197

Want to be Better Informed about Drainage Issues and Project Brays?

The Brays Bayou Association has been advocating for flood mitigation in the Brays Bayou watershed since 1983. Their monthly meetings are open to the public and the next two speakers should be of interest to many Westbury homeowners.

Monday, July 18, 2016, **Gary Zika, Program Manager of Project Brays**, will discuss the updated schedule and what we can expect from the future timeline for Project Brays.

Monday, August 15, 2016, **Steve Costello, the new COH “Flood Czar”**, and former Councilmember, will discuss his responsibilities and what the job will entail.

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Westbury News

Culberson Addresses Meyerland Concerns over Frequent Flooding

During a lively meeting at Pershing Middle School the evening of June 6, U. S. Rep. John Culberson put forward his ideas about how to deal with flooding issues in Harris County. After an introduction, in which he decried the inefficiency of multiple layers of government, he urged voters to contact their county commissioners and demand that Harris County take direct action on the issues. His view was that the City needs to get out of street and road construction, and instead pay the county to take care of it. "Circumvent the system" he suggested, and he promoted "thinking outside the box" as a way to come up with new ideas. He said that TIRZ (Tax Incentive Reinvestment Zones) could generate creative ways to handle flooding/drainage issues, as they have already proven in the Memorial City area. Suggestions such as pumping excess water back into aquifers (to help combat subsidence) were put forward by Culberson as examples of new ways to think about the problem.

Angry residents participated actively in a Q&A session with Culberson, stating that:

- ❖ They felt all the money for flood and drainage retrofitting was going to the Texas Medical Center, and not to their hard-hit neighborhoods.
- ❖ They were frustrated that no one seemed to be taking responsibility. "It's like one big shell game out there", said one resident.
- ❖ Several objected to West University paying the City of Houston for capacity rights in the Poorfarm Ditch (which drains parts of Meyerland), allowing West U. to push water into a drainage ditch which then overflowed and flooded homes in Meyerland.

Hurricane Season is here

Hurricane Season starts June 1st and runs through November 30th. It's important to be prepared. Here are a few reminders.

1) Make an Emergency Plan: Every family should have an emergency plan that details where they will go in the event of an emergency. Only those residents, who either live in an evacuation zone, or who use a medical device which requires electricity to sustain their life, should evacuate ahead of a storm. Westbury is NOT in an evacuation zone. However, with all of our trees, the loss of electricity is rated as medium to high risk by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Natural gas generators, installed at your home or having a free standing gasoline generator, can give you peace of mind.

2) Have an Emergency Supply Kit: Houston residents should have what they need to be on their own for **5-7 days** following a storm. This includes food, water, medications and individual needs such as medical devices or pet supplies or sanitary supplies. Also, remember that ATMs or debit/credit cards may not work while communication lines are damaged, so cash may be helpful. It may take 5 – 7+ days before grocery stores or gas stations re-open. During Hurricane Ike in 2008, some Westbury homes went 10 – 14 days before electric power was available.

3) Be Informed: Know where to get updated information. This includes local television and radio, as well as websites like: houstontx.gov/emergency; hurricanes.gov; or weather.gov/

4) Know your Neighbors: During disasters, having a community around you that can help is essential to making it through. Meet your neighbors, and build a plan that includes sharing resources, such as generators, chainsaws and tools to prepare for, and respond to a hurricane. For those of us who were here during Hurricane Ike, this neighborliness was evident all over Westbury.

For more information helping your neighborhood get ready for hurricane season, visit neighborhood.readyhoustontx.gov

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April Yard of the Month

- Parkwest 1: 10618 Ashcroft - Stephen and Cathryn Mellon
- Parkwest 2: 11007 Renwick - Charles and Leigh Smith
- Parkwest 3: 6034 Lattimer - Susie and L.A. Nation
- Westbury 1: 5126 Torchlight - Randy and Brenda Wright
- Westbury 2: 5307 Stillbrooke - The Metz Family
- Westbury 3: 5714 Warm Springs - Avi Katz
- Westbury 5: 6023 Benning - Ken Procter



April Yard of the Month Winner Westbury 2

May Yard of the Month

- Parkwest 1: 5739 Creekbend -John Jagger
- Parkwest 2: 5806 Stanford - Johnnie Aden
- Parkwest 3: 6015 Cartagena - The Clark Family
- Westbury 1: 5102 Stillbrooke- Franny "Granny" Oxford
- Westbury 3: 11526 Ashcroft - Tim Pierce and Shannon White



June Yard of the Month Winner Westbury 3

June Yard of the Month

- Parkwest 1: 5515 Stillbrooke-Nathaniel & Elizabeth Martinez
- Parkwest 2: 5726 Creekbend – Karen Calabro
- Parkwest 3: 5910 Belrose – Lisa & Doug Creamer
- Westbury 1: 5155 Kingfisher – Leah & Nathan Klemcke
- Westbury 2: 5262 Briarbend— Larry & Camille Sammons
- Westbury 3: 5714 Cartagena - Matthew Bruns
- Westbury 5: 11015 Dunlap - Curtis Justice

To nominate your yard or a neighbor's yard for Yard of the Month, please e-mail Robert Montgomery at rmontgomery002@comcast.net.

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Crime & Security

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37* 30 days June 15, 2016

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	4	1	0	0	5
Theft	11	9	5	4	29
Auto Theft	6	0	0	0	6
Robbery	1	1	2	0	4
Assault	0	0	0	2	2
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	23	11	7	6	47

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

Single Family Residential Crime

Locations by block number, not exact address. Stats for 30 days preceding June 15, 2016

Block #	Street	Crime
10700	Braewick	Robbery
11500	Braewick	Burglary
5500	Benning	Theft
5300	Creekbend	Theft
11400	Dunlap	Theft
5700	Effingham	Theft
5700	Ettrick	Theft
6000	Ettrick	Murder
5700	Farwell	Auto Theft
5800	Firenza	Theft
5000	Hazelton	Theft
5000	Kingfisher	Auto Theft
5000	Kingfisher	Theft
5100	Kingfisher	Theft
11900	Landsdowne	Auto Theft
12300	Rampart	Burglary
5100	Sanford	Theft
5100	Sanford	Burglary
5200	Spellman	Auto Theft
5800	Southminster	Auto Theft
5100	Stillbrooke	Auto Theft
5200	Warm Springs	Theft
5000	Willowbend	Burglary

IMPORTANT NUMBERS & CONTACTS

Westbury Area Patrol / Constables

281-463-6666

Westbury HPD Storefront
832.394.7520 *new number*

HPD Non-Emergency
713-884-3131

Message from the WCC Security Director

The bad guys were busy in May. There were 47 incidents, with half the crime in single family homes, the other half in apartments, businesses and public areas. There was an upswing in thefts. Theft without burglary is another way of saying, "you left your property in plain view and unlocked". It could be in an unlocked car, the back of a truck or trailer, or an unlocked garage door. It attracts bad guys like standing water attracts mosquitoes.

A Westbury Security Committee meets monthly to try to help find solutions to crime and help the neighborhood. One of the things that the committee is looking at, is group purchases of burglar resistant door hardware.

The sad news for May, however, was that there was a home invasion and a Westbury resident was murdered. The good news is that there was an arrest and the alleged perpetrator has been charged with Capital Murder and is off the streets. Due to privacy concerns and the impending trial no further details are available.

Teen Police Academy

In 2015, the Harris County Constable's Office Pct. 5 launched the Citizens Police Academy. The program was designed to bridge the gap that can sometimes exist between law enforcement and the community we serve by giving participants a behind the scenes look at our department and law enforcement in general.

Participants were presented with a perspective from the deputy patrolling the streets, and given the opportunity to experience firsthand what it takes to be a peace officer in today's world. In short the academy provided a forum to promote understanding and communication between our department and those we are sworn to protect and serve.

In 2016, the program has been expanded to include a Teen Police Academy. The goal remains the same, to promote understanding and communication between our department and teens so that by working together we can overcome challenges faced by both. Seats are limited and fill up quickly so apply as soon as possible. **The academy begins July 11, 2016 and runs one night a week for 6 weeks. Graduation for this class will be Thursday night, 8-11 from 7pm-9pm. For more information go to <http://www.constablepct5.com/teen-police-academy/>**

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 add website. 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.

Do you hear sirens?

Go to <http://cohweb.houstontx.gov/ActiveIncidents/Search.aspx>



Conditions on South Post Oak

On April 2016, Council Member Green coordinated a community stakeholder meeting at Salem Lutheran Church to discuss the aggressive panhandling concerns at the West Belfort/ South Post Oak Rd. intersection. The stakeholders in attendance included the nearby civic associations of Willow Meadows, Willowbend, Westbury, Meyerland, and Pct. 287 Civic Association as well as representatives from the Houston Police Dept., METRO Police, and the Coalition for the Homeless.



soliciting" if there are no City of Houston ordinances that say you can't do those things. Also, the Texas Supreme Court has determined that certain activities are protected by the US Constitution, so a sign or ordinance has to be carefully worded in order to protect the legal rights we all enjoy under the US Constitution.

Over the past year, the District K office has received a number of phone calls and e-mails regarding this citywide issue. Council Member Green says "I am committed to working with the community stakeholders of the West Belfort/ South Post Oak Rd. area to combat this concern."

Houston police can ONLY enforce the laws and TxDOT can only enforce ordinances the City has enacted. "We are working diligently to strengthen the ordinance. Our goal is to address the verbiage in the ordinance, then our police officers will have the ability to enforce the law and get approval from the City Legal Department", states Council Member Green.

The city cannot install signage such as "no camping", "no littering", "no

An officer has to witness a vagrant/ panhandler actually in the street with the cars before they can take action. There is no law in Texas against loitering on public property. The police officer has to witness the person loitering on private property that is posted to not allow loitering. There is also a law against urinating in public, but the officer must witness that action. METRO will send out their police department to deal with people who take over the bus shelters and are not Metro bus patrons.

The District K office will continue to work on this initiative and keep the community apprised. "It's a dreadful problem and we are definitely working on this matter with the City's Legal Dept., HPD, METRO, the State of Texas, the Mayor's Office for the Homeless, and other outside agencies", said Larry Green.

JUST SAY NO

While SPO is not in Westbury, it is a gateway to our neighborhood and the Willow Waterhole. Many of us use it daily. The Civic boards of the adjoining neighborhoods (Westbury, Meyerland, Willow Meadows, Willowbend, Post Oak Manor and Precinct 287) all view this corridor as a gateway to our communities. The Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) has the west side of SPO in its district from down to South Main. BOMD is actively working to address many of the SPO issues: vagrancy, panhandling, trash, unkempt commercial properties, Metro Bus shelters, and commercial properties that have been long-standing problems.

But there are things that YOU can do. **We need to lay claim to SPO.** We need to patronize the businesses -- long time area favorites like Annie's and Cue's. There are new Peruvian and Chinese restaurants. We need to **JUST SAY NO** to the panhandlers. I will remind everyone that just because you think nothing is being done, does not make it so! It takes a while, and sometimes a long while to get things done. Two thousand years later the saying that Rome wasn't built in a day still holds true! Representatives from District K attended the Willow Meadows Civic meeting in June, and plans are moving forward in several different areas. Another multi-neighborhood initiative meeting is planned for late June or early July. Panhandlers are on our corners because we pay them to stand there.

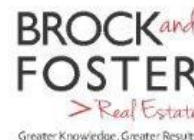
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1st flr	\$47,157	SOLD
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Westbury Area News

Summer Street Sign Cleaning Contest

Have you ever had friends visiting say they had a tough time seeing the streets signs in Westbury? Have you noticed the signs are covered in grime and mold and have lost their reflective properties? Many of these signs are original to our neighborhood and have never been cleaned. Can you clean the signs on your block or can you recruit some neighbors to help? It simply takes liquid cleaner with bleach and some paper towels to do the job! Just another way to make Westbury shine!

If you have cleaned a Westbury street sign, please send an email to Bill Burhans at burhans56@yahoo.com to inform him of its location. Make sure to include a before and after photo. You will be then entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of two \$100 gift cards. You may submit as many street signs as you wish. One entry per pole.

Remodeling your home? Adding On? Do you know your deed restrictions? Did you know that the Westbury Civic Club can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction? We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5 have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know that there is a minimum percentage of brick that must be on your home? Did you know that you can't build in front of your building line? We want to help you! We want you to find out about possible violations before it costs you money and time. Several homeowners in the past couple years have had to tear down and/or modify their construction due to deed restriction violations. **The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits.** They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. All deed restrictions are available online at westburycrier.com.

Keep Storm Drains Clean & Clear

If you have a storm drain inlet in the street in front of your home, check it regularly. You should remove any debris including newspapers, twigs and leaves from the grates. Also, look inside and see if you have standing water. If your storm drain is full of water and if has NOT rained recently, report to 311 for storm drain cleaning and maintenance.

Please keep the curb line in front of your house free of leaves by raking and bagging them weekly. It is spring and the oak trees are dropping their leaves, and our storm sewers are filling up with them because some homeowners are not keeping their curbs clean. Remember if you use a yard service to tell them not to blow your leaves or debris out into the street. The debris should be bagged or composted. This will help get the storm water on its way more quickly. It is important for storm water to be able drain freely and as quickly as possible.

Westbury Meet & Eat

Come out to Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant at 6579 W. Bellfort every 1st Thursday of the month to meet Westbury residents. This event is open to anyone who lives in Westbury.
July Meet & Eat: Thurs., July 7 @ 6PM

Links for Lost & Found Pets in Westbury

- Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com
- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/westburyhoustontexas?ref=nf>
- CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.

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Mission of the WCC

The purposes of the Westbury Civic Club, Inc. (the "Club") are to improve the appearance of the Westbury area and promote the civic, cultural educational, health, and general welfare of the residents of the Westbury and Parkwest subdivisions in Harris County, Texas (collectively, the "Community").

Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?

- Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
- Keeps the doors of the Civic Club office open and staffed.
- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
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Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
Subtotal	\$335	\$
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Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
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*The Westbury Civic Club Dues encompasses all operations, programs, and services including greenspace, of the Westbury Civic Club, except patrol services.

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Westbury Residents Honored

Sandra Little

Congratulations to Westbury resident Sandra Little, who has retired after almost 50 years with HISD. She has been the only principal at Valley West Elementary School (on S. Gessner near Creekbend) since it opened 20 years ago in 1996. During her tenure, Valley West has been recognized for solid student achievement, and the 2016 "Children at Risk" report gave the school a B+ rating. District K CM Larry Green and the City of Houston issued a proclamation declaring June 14, 2016, to be "Sandra Little Day". Additionally, SWHouston2000 and the Brays Oaks Management District honored her at their May 2016 Breakfast event. Congratulations!



Donna Edmundson

Donna Edmundson grew up in Westbury and still has family living in Westbury. For more than 30 years, Donna worked for the City of Houston Legal Department. She was the first female City Attorney for Houston. As the City celebrated her service, it had this to say, "Throughout those three decades, her tireless and fearless work has improved neighborhoods, secured settlements (BP oil spill!) for the City from developers that cut down trees or weren't good stewards of land, and so much more."

Hundreds of colleagues, coworkers, and elected officials gathered to thank her for her leadership, mentorship, and service to their communities. Mayor Turner said, "Thank you, Donna Edmundson, for being a steady and incredible city attorney and an inspiration for so many. I declared May 18, 2016 as Donna Edmundson Day in Houston, Texas!"



We in Westbury owe her a debt of gratitude for her work on behalf of our neighborhood, as well as neighborhoods all over the city. Houston is a better city due to her service. We wish Donna all the best in her future endeavors.

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URGENT CARE

Westbury Community Garden Master Plan



On June 21, the first community forum for the Westbury Community Garden Master Plan was held at Disciples Methodist Church. The planning team from Asakura Robinson shared their initial observations of the site and wanted to hear from everyone who has an interest in the garden, the adjacent Plant It Forward Farm, the prairie restoration or anything else happening on the site. They wanted to know what was working and what was not; what the master plan should focus on. The event included a brief presentation, exhibits, and plenty of time for discussion.

The Westbury Community Garden is 6 years old. The 7-acre garden has won awards and brought visitors to Westbury who might otherwise never have visited this part of town. For those who may not remember, at one time this site was vacant land owned by the Houston Housing Authority (HHA) and it was temporarily leased to the Westbury Civic Club with the idea that volunteers could build a great community garden with a motto of "Growing Community Through

Gardening". After a lot of sweat and labor, the site soon had garden beds for individuals, a tree farm, urban farming by refugees, a butterfly garden, and a native prairie area. Then, the HHA decided that they wanted to build an apartment complex there and would demolish the garden.

After years of begging, pleading, raising money, and advocacy by the many friends and allies of the garden, Mayor Annise Parker agreed to have the city obtain the land from the HHA by a land swap. This was an incredible achievement! Then the details had to be worked out. The city owns the land, with the Brays Oaks Management District as the operator, and the Westbury Community Garden runs the site as a project of the non-profit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC). The WCC and the WAIC gave much thought as to whether the WCC or WAIC should operate the garden, and it was decided that the non-profit status of the WAIC would be beneficial when seeking grants in the future.

The HHA did not allow any permanent structures or building foundations to be built at the garden when it owned the land. The years of uncertainty that the garden might get demolished by the HHA also meant that drainage and infrastructure problems were deferred with



temporary fixes.

After the garden was safe from being demolished, garden leadership began looking at the garden's future. One goal was for changes and improvements to be thoughtfully planned and implemented. Another goal was to be a good steward of the land. After much discussion about these issues, the garden decided to solicit funds to pay for a Master Plan.

Furthermore, since drainage and infrastructure problems were the biggest needs, it was decided that it would be most prudent to do the second phase (engineering design and drawings) together with the master plan. The United Way Houston agreed with this approach and agreed to contribute for the first time ever toward a Master Plan. Then BOMD and District K Larry Green agreed to pay the rest of the cost.

Look for more opportunities in the future to have input into this very



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3rd Annual Tomato Tasting was a Success!

The 3rd Annual Tomato Tasting took place on June 11 on a bright sunny day! Twenty-two varieties of tomatoes were available for tasting this year and there were some standouts in great tomato taste!

- The favorite cherry tomato this year was Sun Gold with Orange Paruche coming in second place. Sunsugar also had a large number of fans.
- Two saladettes, Juliet and Mountain Magic, had an equal number of votes.
- There were three Romas this year. San Marzano, the classic Italian sauce tomato, took first place.
- Among seven large slicing tomatoes, Bella Rosa took top honors, with Carmello and Carbon tying for second place.

There was a crowd enjoying the morning under the pavilion. It's nice to see that Westbury Community Garden's reputation as an organic gardening destination and a spot for fun community events is growing! Joining neighbors were At-large Council Member David Robinson and District K Council Member Larry Green and his staff. We thank them for their continued interest and support of Westbury Community Garden. Thank you to the door prize sponsors for this event – Wabash Feed and Sweet Tomatoes restaurant in Stafford. Be sure to thank them when you visit these businesses.

Favorite Cherry Tomato



Sun Gold

Favorite Saladette Tomato



Juliet (pictured) & Mountain Magic



Our great District K Council Member, Larry Green (in middle) surrounded by his staff!



Many people enjoyed the tomato tasting event



One of the tables of tomatoes at the tasting

LOCAL FARM STAND

Buy Fresh, Locally-Grown Veggies

You can buy fresh locally-grown veggies, right here in Westbury on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Westbury Community Garden. Plant It Forward Farms provides Houston with fresh, local produce by helping refugees grow their own urban farm businesses. Each farmer is trained to farm using organic methods and to sell their produce through farmers markets, farm stands, restaurants, and farm shares. Get to know our farmers and learn about organic gardening. We offer the freshest produce available in Houston. All of our produce is grown within city limits and without the use of chemicals or pesticides.



July Farm Stand Hours

- Friday: 4PM-7PM
- Saturday: 11AM - 7PM
- Sunday: 11AM - 7PM





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Summer Yard Care in Westbury

HIDE THOSE CANS!

Did you know City Ordinance requires that your trash cans/bins be stored OUT of view? Every month the WCC office gets complaints from neighbors who are sick of looking at your trash cans. Not sure how to get your cans out of view? In 2013, the WCC ran a Hidden Trash can contest. Here are two great ideas



Tips for Mosquito Control

It's that time of the year again! Now with the added threat of the Zika virus, mosquito control is even more important. Mosquitoes are not only annoying, but they can spread dangerous human illnesses: Dengue Fever, St. Louise Encephalitis, Chikungunya Virus, Malaria, Yellow Fever, West Nile Virus; and even Heartworms to dogs.



The best way to keep down the number of mosquitoes is not to let them breed. Mosquitoes can breed in a shallow tray, in a deep bucket, or old tires. Anywhere that water is left to stand or collect can result in mosquitoes. If you look in the standing water, you may see little wiggling things. Those are mosquito larvae (babies). Some examples of where water may be left standing include: pet water bowls, bird baths, low puddle areas, saggy gutters, and plant container saucers.



What can each of us do to reduce the numbers of mosquitoes?

- ❖ Get out in your yard and tip all those water collectors and leave them turned over to discourage mosquito larvae.
- ❖ Don't allow standing water in the saucer under a pot.
- ❖ Rinse and refresh bird baths and pet water bowls daily.
- ❖ If you collect rainwater to water your plants, be sure the container has a good screen cover to keep mosquito out of the water.
- ❖ If you have a decorative pond in your backyard, check it for mosquito larvae. There are small fish called Gambusia (Mosquito Fish) which should be added to your decorative pond to eat the mosquito larva.
- ❖ Mosquito dunks, available at hardware stores, can also be placed in one's backyard pond water, one per month during our warm months, to kill mosquito larvae.
- ❖ Keep gutters in good repair.
- ❖ Get rid of old tires.

Summer Yard Care Q&A

Summer is upon us and with all the rain our grass is really growing. Let's talk mowing.

Sweep or Blow? We receive regular complaints about lawn services blowing yard clippings into the street. Where do they end up? In our storm sewers. If you employ a lawn service, please tell them to NOT BLOW YOUR CLIPPINGS into the street.

How tall should your grass be? Grass over 9 inches is in violation of city ordinance and should be reported to 311. Remember to increase the height setting on your lawn mower. As the summer days get hotter lawns should not be cut too short.

Can I park on my grass? It is a violation of city ordinance to park any vehicle on the front or side yard of a residential property in Westbury. In November 2009, the Prohibited Yard-Parking ordinance went into effect in all parts of Westbury. How are violations handled? Report yard-parking violations to the officers at the Westbury HPD Storefront at 832-394-7520. Since the officers do not work on weekends or in the evenings, photographs of violations are accepted to help document the problem. It is helpful to record the license plate and make/model of the offending vehicle.

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Meyer Library Special Events

Dads & Doughnuts Storytime

Wed., July 6, 11am – 12pm

Toddle around with your dad or father figure for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop your toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. Join us to celebrate the important men and books in your child's life. Intended for children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers.

Toddler Storytime

Sat., July 9, 10:30am - 11:15am

Toddle around with us for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop your toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. Intended for children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers.

Nutty Scientists: Mission to Space

Wed., July 13, 11am – 12pm

Nutty scientists take kids on a space adventure where they blast off in their rockets from planet to planet and even stop by the Earth's Moon. They discover interesting facts and unique properties of each planet: dry sand of Mars, volcanoes of Venus, strong winds of Neptune, freezing temperatures of Uranus, moons of Jupiter, and much more! Come join the fun! Recommended for youth ages 3-10 yrs.

Read with Paws-itive Pups

Sat., July 16, 10:30am - 11:30am

Woof! Woof! for reading books! Come and read with our trained therapy dogs! Children are invited to relax and read aloud their favorite picture books alongside comforting canine companions to ease their reading discomforts and paws-ively encourage them. Intended for school age children (5-10 yrs).

Tune Time

Wed., July 20, 11am – 12pm

Who needs a campfire to get a good sing-along going? We've got the songs and music to get your toes tappin'! This family friendly event celebrates the oldest forms of social bonding- singing & dancing.

Para Los Niños

Tues., July 26, 4pm - 5pm

¡Bienvenido! Come explore the library, all of its resources and our parent workshops that will teach strategies and activities to improve family literacy and parents' abilities to serve as their child's first teacher in a friendly, bilingual environment. Each of the workshops includes a story-reading modeling session and a series of learning activities for use at home related to the workshop's theme.

This program is conducted by the Children's Museum of Houston.

Mark Shepherd: The Crazy Scientist is Back

Wed., July 27, 11am – 12pm

This very popular, hands-on, adventure brings discovery and amazing new demonstrations to light! Children enjoy hands experiments involving the first 'Steam Engine' and lift their weight using 'Pulley Power.' All the LED circuitry and Electrifying Generator Demos are back as well. All ages.

Pajama Storytime

Thurs., July 28, 6:30pm - 7:15pm

Snuggle up to a good book at the Houston Public Library's Pajama Storytime. Wear your pajamas and bring your bedtime friend as we sooth you into an evening storytime. All ages welcome.



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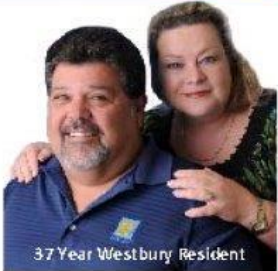
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