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Harris County Bond Election to Reduce Flooding—August 25

On the one year anniversary of Harvey, Harris County will be having a bond election. The proposed bond could be up to \$2.5 billion in flood reduction projects. The County is holding 23 community meetings to receive community input. As of press time, the meeting for Brays Bayou has not been scheduled. It will likely be in July. Stay tuned to our Facebook page, Westbury Houston or our website, www.westburycrier.com.

One of the proposed “local” projects is of interest to Westbury. To read more about the bond proposal and how it could help Westbury, see pages 8 and 10.

The bond election will be on August 25, 2018. Early voting will start on August 8. The August *Westbury Crier* will have more information regarding polling locations.



Upcoming Road CLOSURES on Chimney Rock

In the very near future (date unknown at press time), there will be lanes closed heading north on Chimney Rock near West Bellfort.

The lane closures will last about a month or so, and all lanes on the northbound side will be affected at different times.

There will also be lane closures planned for South Post Oak.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page, Westbury Houston and our website www.westburycrier.com for up to date information.

Westbury Pool Now Open

The Westbury Pool is located at 10605 Mullins at the corner of Willowbend.

For more information about the pool schedule, adult fitness classes, and children’s learn to swim classes, see page 6.

The Westbury Pool is a City of Houston pool.

Entry is FREE.



2019 WCC BOARD NOMINATIONS AUGUST 9 DEADLINE

Elections for the 2019 WCC Board of Directors



will be conducted in September at the Annual Meeting. **All nominations must be received before 4PM on the second Thursday of August, which is August 9, 2018, the deadline specified in our bylaws.** Come join a great group of volunteers who strive to keep our neighborhood a great place to call home! The board does this in many ways from flood advocacy, esplanade beautification, park workdays, security enforcement of deed restrictions and much more!

Please express your interest in running for the board of the Westbury Civic Club by letter or by email. If you send email, please use subject line of “WCC 2019 Elections”. Email westburycc@sbcglobal.net. The mailing address is our physical address of 5322 W Bellfort, Suite 100, Houston TX, 77035.



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



Section Directors must be a 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.



All candidates must include contact information including home phone, cell home, emails, etc.



The deadline is August 9 by 4PM. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 713-723-5437

RECYCLING DATES

July 2018

Thursday, July 5
Thursday, July 19

August 2018

Thursday, August 2
Thursday, August 16
Thursday, August 30

HEAVY TRASH

July 2018

Thursday, July 12
TREE WASTE ONLY

August 2018

Thursday, August 9
JUNK WASTE

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Summer is here! There is always a flurry of activity in April and May as there are end of school events and many other events. The summer is usually a slower time. The June WCC meeting was canceled by the board since so many of us were traveling.

I had a lot on my mind as we moved through the Memorial Day and into the Tomato Tasting the following weekend. The Friday before Memorial Day weekend in 2015, the Westbury Civic Club was awarded first place in the Neighborhood of the Year contest by Neighborhoods USA for our work in saving the Westbury Community Garden. It was an incredible feeling, first, to have saved the 7 acres as greenspace and, secondly, to be recognized by this organization. Westbury was also featured as a tour stop destination for conference attendees. The *Westbury Crier* was 2nd place award for newsletters. It was a great feeling of accomplishment and good time to be in Westbury.

But life has a way of humbling you. Less than 48 hours later, the rain began to fall and we awoke on that Monday morning to more than 300 flooded homes in Westbury. For the last three years, flooding concerns have dominated the landscape with the Memorial Day 2015 flood, then Halloween 2015 flood, 2016 brought the Tax Day flood, and 2017 brought the Hurricane Harvey flood.

The Westbury Civic Club is working with all the involved entities to bring solutions and resources to end repetitive flooding issues along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. This is an ongoing long term process. If you ever read past issues of the *Westbury Crier*, you will see that the Westbury Civic Club has historically advocated for better drainage along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. Stay tuned for developments and meetings as they occur.

One question asked at a recent workshop was "How do you see this area in twenty years?" In nearby Meyerland, houses are being elevated and others are being razed and replaced by one million dollar plus homes. In Westbury we are seeing some homes being elevated and few being torn down.

In better news, the Westbury Community Garden is thriving. The 5th annual Tomato Tasting was held, as always, the first weekend in June. There was a nice crowd of people and the garden looked wonderful. I am always so thankful for the many gardeners who have taken such good care to grow and protect this incredible asset. That we were able to create this seven acre oasis and then get it protected as green space was quite a feat of accomplishment. The late CM Larry Green was our champion as was David Hawes from the Brays Oaks Management district. We couldn't have done it without the assistance of Mayor Annise Parker, too. They are/were public servants who care about the greater good. I think more people would vote and participate in the political process if they really got to know the people who represent us here. The media paints such a negative picture, sometimes rightfully so, but not every person who serves deserves to be painted with the bad brush.

Our other great social space is the Willow Waterhole Greenspace. You can read about a recent Park Smart meeting on page 20. There are many needs at the park: parking, better accessibility and better security. I had an opportunity to participate in a tour through the park and it is always fun to see people's reactions to this big, beautiful oasis. Our latest visitor said, "Wow, this place should be the next Memorial or Hermann Park." Yes, it should be!

Have a happy and safe 4th of July! Stay cool!

Becky Edmondson



Sponsor Appreciation Lunch with the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods and the Mayor's Office.

"This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."

-Anonymous

WCC Board Meeting June 2018

- June 2018 WCC Board Meeting Cancelled
- Vacant positions on the WCC board: Security Director and Section Directors for Westbury 1, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5.
- The next WCC Board meeting is July 18 at 7PM. Annual Meeting with Board elections will be on September 19.



**NEXT WCC
Board Meeting**
Wed., July 18, 7PM
Westbury Baptist
10425 Hillcroft
RM C109



Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock Rd ♦ 713-726-7107
 Supervisor: Jayla Godbolt, Jayla.godbolt@houstontx.gov

***No Adult Day activities for summer due to Summer Enrichment Program for Kids**

Summer Enrichment Program (S.E.P.)

S.E.P. is a 10-week day-camp style program for youth ages 6 - 13. SEP is from June 4 to August 10. Registration is required for this fun-filled program. Available at 54 HPARD community centers, program activities include: crafts, nutrition, fun fitness, track and field, soccer, swimming, junior golf, nature exploration, computer literacy programs, recycling awareness, kayaking, bird watching, fishing and hiking excursions and youth entrepreneur experiences.

Parents are required to attend a program orientation at their registered community center. Transportation to and from the community center is the parents' responsibility. Student to staff ratio is 1 to 25 with qualified professional recreation staff. The cost is \$30.00 per child per week. **Online registration is available at www.houstonparks.org click on the SEP registration link.** Fee exemptions are available to parents or guardians who qualify. Appropriate documentation is required. Ask for more information regarding qualification criteria.

Adult Aerobics, Tuesday & Thursday, 6-7PM

Grapevine-step your way into a great cardio workout with adult aerobic classes. Call the Platou Community Center for more information, 713-726-7107. All classes are FREE unless otherwise noted.

Youth Tennis at the Platou Center

The Youth Tennis Program is a **FREE** program offered at a variety of public parks throughout the year by the Houston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Houston Tennis Association, Inc.- NJTL. The program is designed to provide children with the fundamentals of the game of tennis and educational components that develop life skills. Equipment is available for use during class. **No pre-registration is necessary; however, you may register online at www.houstonparks.org.** No new registrants are accepted after the first two weeks of each session and class size may be limited. Call the Platou Center to confirm classes, 713-726-7107.

Summer II: July 3 - July 27

- Ages 4-6 → 8:15 - 9AM
- Ages 7-10 → 9 - 10AM
- Ages 11-18 → 10 - 11:15AM
- All classes are Monday through Thursday.

Stretching Class MOVED for Summer

The Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning stretching class has moved to the St. Thomas More Scout house for the summer.

Meyer Library News

→ Meyer Library CLOSED

The Meyer Library suffered damage from Harvey and is still closed. There is no plan to reopen at this time. Stay tuned.

→ "Mini" Meyer Library at Godwin Community Center

A "mini" Meyer Library has opened in Meyerland at the Godwin Community Center at 5101 Rutherglenn next to Kolter Elementary. Limited Services. Staff can be reached at 832-393-1840.

Hours of operation:
 Mon-Wed: 1:00PM-6:00PM
 Thurs: 1:00PM-8:00PM
 Fri: 1:00PM-5:00PM



Westbury Pool NOW OPEN 10605 Mullins

- See page 6 for:
- full pool schedule
- FREE adult water fitness classes
- FREE Kids Learn to Swim Classes



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What's Happening in Westbury

Events/Meetings Calendar JULY 2018

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| Wed 4 | Happy 4th of July | |
| Wed 4 | Westbury Pool Open 1-5PM 10605 Mullins See page 6 | |
| July 4-5 | WCC Office Closed | |
| Mon 16 | Brays Bayou Association Meeting The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow | 7:30PM |
| Tues 17 | SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Police Station—13097 Nitida | 7PM |
| Wed 18 | WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting | Cancelled for July |
| Wed 18 | WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft | 7PM |
| Sat. 21 | Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow | 7AM |

PLANNING CALENDAR

August 6-10 – WCC Office Closed
 August 22 – Star Party at WCG
 August 25 – Harris County Bond Election
 August 27 – 1st Day of School for HISD
 September 3 – Labor Day Holiday
 September 19 – WCC Annual Mtg
 September 19 – WCC Board Elections



HAPPY

FOURTH OF JULY

TRASH SCHEDULE



Recycling in Westbury

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

July 2018

Thursday, July 5
Thursday, July 19

August 2018

Thursday, August 2
Thursday, August 16
Thursday, August 30

Heavy Trash Schedule

All of Westbury is on the same schedule for Heavy Trash. Pick-up is on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE months.

July 2018

TREE WASTE ONLY
Thursday, July 12

August 2018

JUNK WASTE
Thursday, August 9

Important Trash & Recycling Info



- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- ♻️ NO Glass in the green recycling bins
- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ 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.
- ♻️ GLASS: May be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend, in the orange container near W. Bellfort.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

Westbury City Pool Summer 2018 Schedule



June 2– August 12: Pool OPEN Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Mondays

July 4: Pool OPEN, 1-5PM

August 13 - September 3: Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-5PM

September 3 (Labor Day): Last day for the pool to be open! 1-5PM

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 8AM on the registration date**. To register go to www.houstonparks.com.



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.

Class has already started but newcomers are welcome any time! Just show up before class starts to sign in. The last day of class will be Thursday, August 2, 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

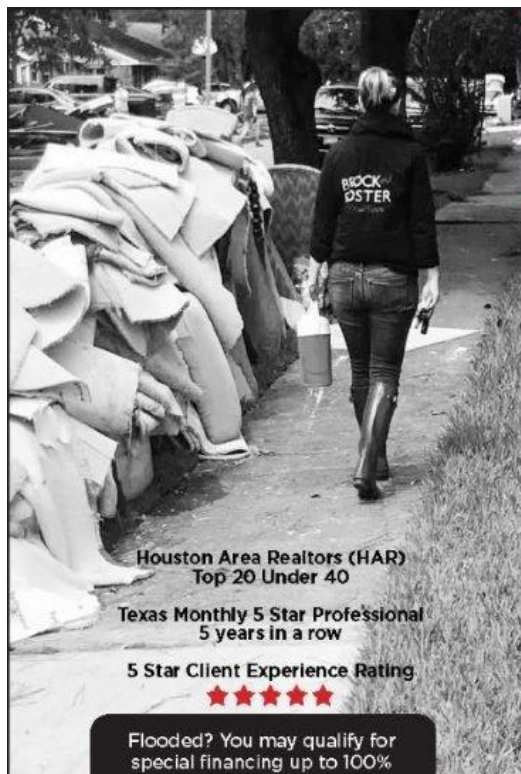
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Adult Circuit Water Fitness Class Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10AM

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.

Hydro Fitness Training Class Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

An athletic approach to water fitness training with sports-specific drills, intense cardiovascular work, intervals, balance/core training, martial arts, and plyometrics. It's a great way to improve your cardiovascular conditioning and muscular strength with minimal stress on your joints. Loud, rocking music is part of the workout. Recommended as a great form of cross training. Intensity: moderate to hard.



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Common Water Safety Rules

Tragically already this season, 22 kids have drowned in Texas so far in 2018. Last year, 78 kids drowned in Texas. 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

After reporting the violation, please call the WCC office with the address so we can follow up.



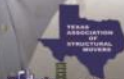
Examples of residential pool violations.

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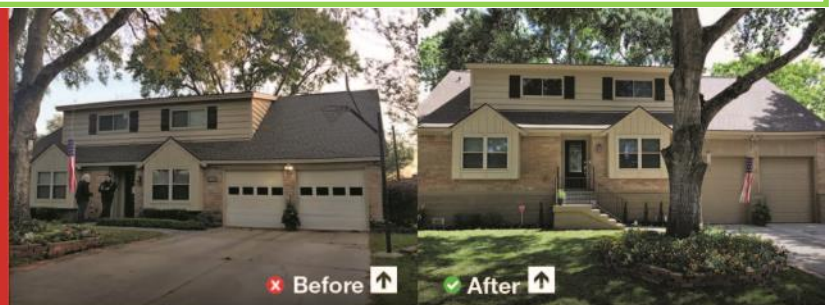
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Brays Bayou Association

The Brays Bayou Association (BBA) was founded after the Brays Bayou devastating floods in 1983. The organization has been instrumental throughout the years in getting studies and projects.

The BBA meets monthly on the 3rd Monday each month at 7:30 PM at the Gathering Place at 5310 S. Willow Drive.

The topics at the June 2018 meeting were an update on Project Brays and a discussion about the proposed county bond for flood projects by Gary Zika, Project Manager for Project Brays.

Willow Waterhole Basins

Work is about 75% complete. There has been a delay in installing the new big, box culverts leading from the intersection of Chimney Rock/West Belfort back to the Willow Waterhole Bayou because of a natural gas line that needs to be modified in the corridor by a different organization.

Flood Risk Reduction Bond Project

The county proposes a \$2.5 Billion bond to pay for projects to reduce flooding risk in Harris County. The election for this bond will occur on August 25, 2018, the one year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey. Gary Zika discussed the proposed projects being considered which impact flood risk in the Brays Bayou watershed. This information is available on the bond website, which has an interactive map. www.hcfcd.org/bond-program/

Of particular interest to Westbury is a proposed "Local Project" intended to reduce the water level in the "Fondren Diversion Channel" upstream of Westbury (high water level in this channel overflows through Westbury via the Willow Waterhole Bayou). The proposed project involves "Right-Of-Way Acquisition, Design, and Construction of Channel Conveyance Improvements" on the Fondren Diversion Channel from near Beltway 8 and then as it heads north until it meets Brays Bayou (see map). Detention may be included in the project as mitigation to offset improvements to channel conveyance. There was discussion that the city of Houston is also interested in implementing a project to improve the channel/provide detention in the area of the Fondren Diversion Channel near Willow Waterhole Bayou.

Westbury residents are encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting scheduled to discuss Brays Bayou projects in the proposed bond. This meeting is not yet scheduled, but might be held on July 9. The exact date and time will be posted on social media when it is available.

Westbury residents are also encouraged to submit their project ideas and comments online at the bond website under the table Community Input. www.hcfcd.org/bond-program/



Brays Bayou at 610 in Meyerland during the Tax Day 2016 flood



Aerial photo of the work being done between Sanford and Kingfisher for the new culvert to the Willow Waterhole basins.



A rough map of the proposed work on the Fondren Diversion Channel. This channel connects to the "other" Willow Waterhole bayou and flows directly to Brays Bayou upstream of Westbury.

Follow the Brays Bayou Association on Facebook or come to a meeting!

When it Rains

If you would like to understand Houston's flooding problem, there is a 15 minute film produced back in 1979 that is as timely today as it was 39 years ago. The film is part of the Texas Archive of the Moving Image.



This film, narrated by actor Carle Bensen, presents Houstonians with a comprehensive look at their city's flood control infrastructure, put in place to deal with the heavy rains typical to the area. Due to natural factors such as a flat, low-lying topography and high clay content in the soil, as well as rapid urbanization, Houston has a history of flooding, and flood control projects, dating back as far as 1908. The film educates viewers about flood control systems in place, discussing strengths and weaknesses of the flood drain, storm sewer, bayou, channel, and pond system. It also recounts the physical and economic damage caused by flooding in the 1970s, the consequence of failure to continue to implement flood control improvements. In the end, the film is a plea to get back to the plan, urging the public to take action by voting on bond and tax allocations for drainage projects, and contacting their public officials to support the issues. Part of the TAMI library via the Patrick S. Coakley, Jr. Collection.

The film is available at http://www.texasarchive.org/library/index.php?title=When_it_Rains&p=video1&b=0.

Are you Prepared?

No, really. Are you ready?

Basic Preparedness Tips

- Know where to go. Westbury is not in an evacuation zone, but if your house has flooded before or if you are dependent upon electricity, then you may want to make plans to go elsewhere.
 - Put together a “Grab and Go-Bag”: a bag with disaster supply kit (including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, medications, and copies of your critical information if you need to evacuate)
 - If you are not in an area that is advised to evacuate and you decide to stay in your home, i.e. shelter in place, plan for adequate supplies in case you lose power and water for several days and you are not able to leave due to flooding or blocked roads.
 - Make a family emergency communication plan.
 - Subscribe to AlertHouston to receive up to date info.
- ### Preparing Your Home
- Hurricane winds can cause trees and branches to fall, so before hurricane season, trim or remove damaged trees and limbs to keep you and your property safe.
 - Secure loose rain gutters and downspouts and clear any clogged areas or debris to prevent water damage to your property.
 - Purchase a portable generator or install a generator for use during power outages. Remember to keep generators and other alternate power/heat sources outside, at least 20 feet away from windows and doors and protected from moisture; and NEVER try to power the house wiring by plugging a generator into a wall outlet.

Disabled, or do you have access or functional needs?

- Call 2-1-1 and let them know that you want to register for STEAR (State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry). Registration is VOLUNTARY. Required information is: Name, address, phone number, and primary language. Additional questions include: Emergency contact information, caregiver information, pets, and transportation assistance for home evacuation, communication barriers, Disability or Functional or Medical Needs. This is for planning not evacuation.

Knowledge is
Power

Weather Wary in Westbury

Does rain make you nervous? Are you unsure on the weather forecasts? Does listening to the news weather reports make you panic? You are not alone. Houston weather over the past couple years has made us all very wary, if not scared, of storms.

Houston gets rain. The trick is to know where and how much. There are many good websites and apps available that can help guide you before rain events or during them. One good piece of advice is to look for warnings and alerts from the actual source, for example the National Hurricane Center. This is not a complete list but a sampling meant to help guide you and add to your storm preps.

Harris County Flood Warning System - www.harriscountyfws.org

This website is extremely helpful during a rain event. It shows real time bayou levels and rainfall amounts at gages that have been installed along the bayous. **Gage 445** is located in Westbury on the Willow Waterhole Bayou at the Landsdowne bridge. Gage 440 is located on Brays Bayou at S. Rice. A new tool just introduced to the website is a Flood Inundation real time map that can help residents make critical decisions regarding life and property during events. If you are ever curious about the rainfall amounts and rate, you can also look up historical data.

National Hurricane Center – www.nhc.noaa.gov

If there is a chance of a named storm or there is a current named storm, the National Hurricane Center is your go-to source. During an active named storm, there will be multiple updates issued along with many different maps. These include the wind probability, the storm track cone, storm surge, tides, and many more.

Hype-free Weather Forecast – www.spacecityweather.com

This website is dedicated to covering Houston weather news and forecasting with accuracy and without hype. Space City Weather was founded in October 2015. This website isn't about making money or getting “hits”, it is truly about providing residents and business owners a quality forecast to make informed decisions. Eric Berger and Matt Lanza provide the most reliable forecast for Houston weather. You can also follow them on Facebook.

Keep Storm Drains Clear

Did you read last month about the city's new Adopt a Drain program? To adopt-a-drain in your neighborhood, visit: www.HoustonAdoptaDrain.org. By adopting a drain, partners will receive information and tips from the City of Houston and Keep Houston Beautiful and notification of upcoming Houston Adopt-a-Drain events.

This program does not replace any job that City is supposed to be doing. This is a unique way to remind homeowners and residents to keep the gutters and drains clear of debris. This debris will otherwise clog the drains and slow the water flow.

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Harris County Proposes Bond to Reduce Flooding

Harris County Commissioners Court is having a bond election on August 25, 2018, for the Harris County Flood Control District. Registered voters in Harris County will be asked to vote on what could be \$2.5 billion in bonds for flood risk reduction projects throughout Harris County. The date of August 25 was selected because it is the one year anniversary of landfall for Hurricane Harvey, which brought devastating floods to Texas, including in Harris County. Early voting will start on August 8.

Harris County has begun scheduling a series of 23 community engagement meetings to solicit public input. Each of the 23 watersheds in Harris County will have a public meeting. As of press time, the date and place for the community meeting for Brays Bayou / Willow Waterhole Bayou watershed has not yet been announced.

The goal of the meetings is to describe some of the projects the county is proposing and to solicit input on which projects should be included. Flood Control officials also have created an interactive website detailing the status of more than 150 proposed and current projects throughout the county. For more information about the proposed projects, go to www.hcfdc.org/bondprogram.

Proposed projects may include: channel improvements and repairs, floodplain buyouts, and creation of greenspace and detention basins throughout the entire county. Some of these projects have been in the works for several years, but have been stalled by a lack of money. The needs are so great that even \$2.5 billion will not pay for all projects needed.

The Houston Chronicle on June 18, 2018, listed about \$30 million proposed for improvements to the "Fondren Diversion Channel", which is upstream of Westbury in the Brays Bayou and Willow Waterhole Bayou watersheds. The Fondren Diversion Channel overflows through Westbury when the water level gets too high.

Top Questions and Answers about the Bond Proposal

Q: Is this bond election a response to the Hurricane Harvey disaster?

A: The bond election project list developed by the Flood Control District includes projects that address documented flooding issues in each watershed – issues that come into play any time there is excessive rainfall in those watersheds. The list is not aimed only at the specific flooding that occurred during Harvey, but is aimed at making our entire community more resilient in the future. The bond funds would allow the Flood Control District to leverage the federal Harvey-related disaster funding that is on its way to Harris County.

Q: How much would the bonds cost property taxpayers?

A: The full cost of the bond will be phased in over several years, and will not impact property tax bills all at once. The Flood Control District plans to use these bonds over a 10- to 15-year period, as project timelines allow. Based on what could be \$2.5 billion in bonds and a likely borrowing schedule over approximately 15 years, the Harris County Budget Management Department estimates that the overall tax increase will be no more than 2-3 cents per \$100 of home valuation – meaning that most homeowners will see an increase of no more than 1.4 percent in their property tax. A homeowner with an over-65 or disabled exemption and a home worth \$200,000 or less would not pay any additional taxes for these bonds.

Q: How big is the total need in Harris County for flood risk reduction projects?

A: Previous ballpark estimates of \$25 billion to achieve a 1% (100-year) level of service in Harris County suggest the magnitude of the flood risk issue. Additional funding from a bond would allow the Flood Control District to get more projects started and finished faster.

Q: How will projects in the bond proposal be selected and prioritized?

A: Harris County Commissioners Court directed Flood Control District staff to develop a list of projects that could be built with bond funding. This is not an exact list of projects that must be or will be built with bond proceeds. It represents a list of projects that would meet the goal of the bond election, which is to both assist with recovery after previous flooding events (including Harvey) and to make our county more resilient for the future.

High on the priority list are construction-ready projects with federal funding partners (such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency) that give the County "the most bang for its flood control buck." The list also includes locally funded projects in economically disadvantaged communities that may not meet the federal grant requirements, but where there is a substantial need for flood damage reduction work and a potential to serve the greatest number of residents. Consideration is also given to areas that have a lower level of current protection as compared to other areas in the county.

The Flood Control District list also includes potential flood risk reduction projects that will be developed with input from the County Engineer, the Harris County Community Services Department, and other governmental agencies in Harris County.

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Westbury Resident Phyllis Frye Honored

Longtime Westbury resident and former board member, Phyllis Frye, was honored on February 3rd at the American Bar Association Midyear Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity honored University of Houston Law Center Alumna Phyllis Randolph Frye (Class of '81) with its 6th annual Stonewall Award for her long-time efforts on behalf of LGBT causes.

Named after the New York City Stonewall Inn police raid and riot of June 28, 1969, which was a turning point in the gay rights movement, the award recognizes lawyers who have considerably advanced lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in the legal profession and successfully championed LGBT legal causes. According to its statement in announcing the award, "The ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity leads the ABA's commitment to diversity, inclusion and full and equal participation by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the ABA, the legal profession and society. Created in 2007, the commission seeks to secure equal treatment in the ABA, the legal profession and the justice system without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity."

"To be so honored by the ABA is also a reflection on the terrific education and

support that I received almost 40 years ago from the University of Houston Law Center," Frye said.

Frye, a pioneer in the transgender movement, became the nation's first openly transgender judge when she was appointed to the Houston Municipal Court bench in 2010. She has been honored numerous times for her legal and political activism on issues involving the transgender community.

In April of 2018 the Anti-Defamation League, reflecting on the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., paid tribute to Houstonians who carry on his legacy. The ADL's Houston 'Concert Against Hate' was an opportunity to recognize the honorees, while showcasing the many musicians and artists that make Houston a diverse melting pot of talent. Phyllis Frye was one of the 4 Civil Rights awards recipients.

Frye is an Eagle Scout and was a member of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. in civil engineering and an M.S. in mechanical engineering. She was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1972, and transitioned in 1976 before earning an M.B.A. and J.D. from UH. She is a senior partner in the firm of Frye, Benavidez & O'Neil PLLC, where she devotes her practice exclusively



to taking transgender clients – both adults and minors – through the Texas courts to change the clients' names and genders on their legal documents.

Congratulations, Phyllis Frye!

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Upcoming Plays at Company OnStage

The Princess and the Pea
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Directed by Donna Coleman
June 23 - July 15, 2018

Looking for some fun local family fun this summer? Check out our The Company OnStage. They are a local theater group located at Salem Lutheran Church at 4930 W. Bellfort across the street from Kroger.

Company OnStage runs many different shows throughout the year. Currently, the "Princess and the Pea" and "Hay Fever" are running until July 14.

For times and prices, see their website at www.companystage.com

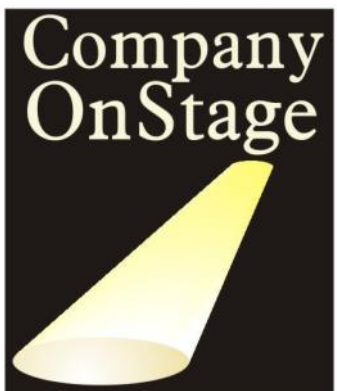
Hay Fever
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Theater Camp at Company OnStage

Join us for the 9th Annual Actors in Wonderland Summer Drama Camp!

Does your kid have imagination, creativity and energy to spare? Join us for Actors in Wonderland Summer Drama Camp! Your child will learn the basics of the theater experience including storytelling, character development, improvisation, acting, stagecraft (sets, costumes and props) and improvisation. Each session will be fun, energetic and educational with a focus on creative and critical thinking as the students work together to create an original production. At the end of each session, students will perform their piece for an audience of family and friends.

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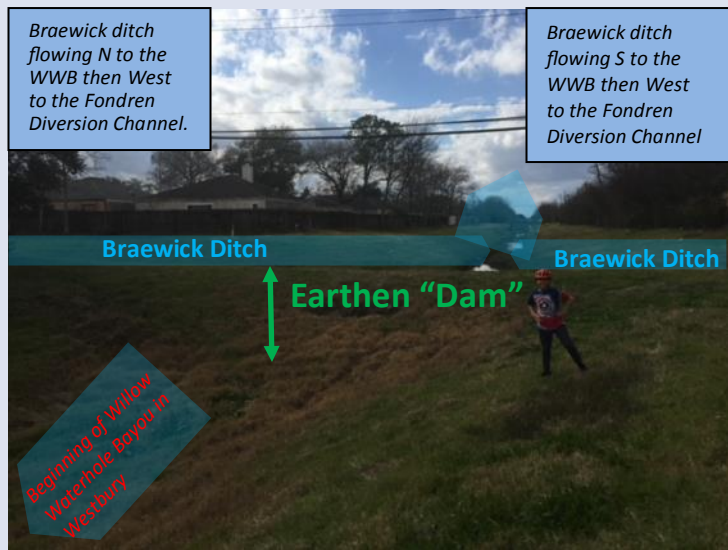
Session 1A - July 16 – July 20, 9am – 12pm— \$225/camper
Session 1B - July 16 – July 20, 1 – 4pm— \$225/camper
Session 2A- July 23 – July 27, 9am – 12pm— \$225/camper
Session 2B - July 23 – July 27, 1 – 4pm— \$225/camper
Cost includes all materials used in class, a daily snack and end of week "Cast Party".

Where is the "Dam" in Westbury?

The "dam" in the Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) is often mentioned in Crier articles when we discuss flooding. It cannot be seen from the road and is often envisioned incorrectly. The dam is an earthen structure that looks more like a big hill of grass. After the floods in 1975, the WCC Flood Action Committee had several proposals for an upcoming bond. One of them was to "install a barrier to the flow in the Willow Waterhole Bayou Channel immediately east of the Fondren Ditch to prevent floods in Westbury from rainstorms in Fort Bend County and Western Harris County". (Westbury Crier, August 1975, President John C. Severance).

Sometime in the early 1980s, the Willow Waterhole Bayou was dammed to separate Westbury from the Fondren water. This dam was funded thru a County bond election in 1982. The earthen dam is located on the edge of Westbury behind Beaudry/Braewick and Lattimer/Braewick homes. It is the "beginning" of the WWB. While the earthen structure holds water back during an average rain storm, during heavy rains such as Memorial Day and Harvey, the dam is overtopped with water flowing from the Braewick ditches and the other side of the WWB coming from the Fondren area and the Fondren Diversion Channel, which sit at a higher elevation than Westbury. The developers of the Fondren area tinkered mightily with the natural flow of WWB which once meandered lazily through Western Harris County and in Ft. Bend County. Now there are narrow channels with 90 degree turns upstream of Westbury and this small "dam" at the entrance of the WWB into Westbury.

The Westbury Civic Club strongly believes that the "dam" is outdated and in need of repairs. This structure needs maintenance and needs to be addressed. A study of the Willow Waterhole Bayou needs to be done so real answers and solutions to our flooding can really start.



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30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

May 18—June 17, 2018

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

| Block | Street | Crime | Date | Time | Section of W |
|-------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------|------|----------------|
| 12300 | Ashcroft | Robbery | 6/14 | 9PM | Westbury South |
| 5800 | Belrose | Burglary of Habitation | 6/12 | 2PM | Westbury 3 |
| 10900 | Braewick | Burglary of Habitation | 6/3 | 2PM | Westbury 5 |
| 11400 | Braewick | Theft of US Mail | 5/31 | 4PM | Parkwest 3 |
| 12000 | Braewick | Burglary of Motor Vehicle | 6/2 | 7AM | Westbury 4 |
| 12000 | Braewick | Burglary of Motor Vehicle | 6/8 | 3PM | Westbury 4 |
| 5900 | Dellfern | Burglary of Motor Vehicle | 6/6 | 9AM | Westbury 4 |
| 5200 | Hummingbird | Theft - Misc. items | 6/7 | 10AM | Westbury 2 |
| 5400 | Kinglet | Theft - Vehicle Parts | 6/5 | 12PM | Westbury 2 |
| 6000 | Lattimer | Theft of License Plate | 6/8 | 7PM | Parkwest 3 |
| 11900 | Mullins | Burglary of Habitation | 6/2 | 2PM | Westbury 4 |
| 11900 | Mullins | Burglary of Habitation | 6/17 | 9AM | Westbury 4 |
| 5200 | Stillbrooke | Burglary of Motor Vehicle | 6/12 | 2PM | Westbury 1 |
| 5800 | W. Airport | Burglary of Habitation | 6/6 | 2PM | Westbury South |
| 6000 | W. Belfort | Aggravated Assault with deadly weapon | 6/5 | 11PM | Westbury 5 |

KEY

- Burglary from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Theft
- Burglary
- Aggravated Assault with Weapon
- Aggravated robbery with weapon

The Westbury Civic Club strives to provide accurate information. Due to the printing date of the *Crier*, crime statistics are always delayed. For crime alerts, follow Westbury Houston on Facebook or sign up for email alerts at www.westburycrier.com.

The crimes listed below took place between May 18-June 17. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

| Block | Street | Crime | Date | Time | Where |
|-------|--------------|---------------------------------------|------|------|--------------|
| 11000 | Chimney Rock | Theft from Building | 6/10 | 10AM | |
| 11500 | Chimney Rock | Theft | 6/13 | 2PM | Home Depot |
| 11800 | Chimney Rock | Aggravated Assault with Deadly weapon | 6/14 | 2PM | Commercial |
| 12500 | Dunlap | Burglary of Motor Vehicle | 6/16 | 10AM | Apartments |
| 5400 | Gasmer | Burglary of Motor Vehicle | 6/9 | 10AM | Apartments |
| 5500 | Gasmer | Aggravated Robbery with deadly weapon | 6/9 | 11AM | Apartments |
| 12500 | Hillcroft | Theft of Firearm | 6/3 | 10AM | |
| 12600 | Hillcroft | Aggravated Assault with deadly weapon | 6/2 | 12AM | |
| 10500 | S. Post Oak | Auto Theft (car) | 6/6 | 11PM | |
| 10600 | S. Post Oak | Burglary of Motor Vehicle | 6/15 | 10PM | Apartments |
| 10700 | S. Post Oak | Aggravated Assault with deadly weapon | 5/23 | 3AM | |
| 5000 | S. Willow | Aggravated Assault - Injury to Child | 5/21 | 9AM | Apartments |
| 5000 | S. Willow | Theft- Other | 5/24 | 12PM | Apartments |
| 5000 | S. Willow | Auto Theft (Car) | 6/8 | 3PM | Apartments |
| 4900 | W. Airport | Robbery | 6/10 | 2PM | Stones Throw |
| 4900 | W. Airport | Burglary of Habitation | 6/1 | 12PM | Stones Throw |



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Vacation Watch

Summer is here! Houstonians are escaping the heat and taking vacations. If you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables. This is a great service that is included in our contract. You can register for a vacation watch online at <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch/> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your home.

Why I Pay my WCC Dues

The WCC recently received this email from a resident who gave us permission to print it. Please pay your WCC Dues.

"I recently went on vacation and asked for a vacation watch. Since I have a Ring doorbell, I could tell that the Constable came by every day. They did not just drive by. They got out of their car and walked around the perimeter of my home. This gave me great peace of mind.

Thanks to the Constables and I will always pay my dues to assure this service continues.

*Thank you Westbury Civic Club"
Joyce Ramsey Coleman*

Is your Alarm Permitted?

Did you know that City Ordinance requires burglar and panic alarm systems installed, in use, and/or monitored within the city limits to receive emergency response from the Houston Police Department to have a valid and current alarm permit? The alarm system owner is responsible for any false alarm fees and penalties for violation of this ordinance. Many residents may already have permitted alarm systems with the city while others may be operating illegally.

Why get a permit?

In addition to being compliant with the ordinance, the Houston Police Department (HPD) may refuse to respond to an alarm notification from a non-permitted burglar alarm system. Non-permitted locations receiving police response are subject to costly penalties currently ranging from \$114.03 to \$478.93 for each false alarm. A non-compliant location is a Class C misdemeanor and a ticket could be issued.

Additionally, residential burglar alarm permit holders receive their first 3 false burglar alarms and first false panic alarm free. Did you know last year 96% of all alarm calls HPD responded to were false? When HPD responds to false alarms, they are diverted from true emergencies, citywide response times increase, and limited city financial resources are strained. Proper alarm system installation and use combined with regular system maintenance can reduce false alarms.

There are three different ways to apply for an alarm permit: online, postal mail or in-person. To apply go to: <https://www.houstonburglaralarmpermits.org>

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.

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Westbury Area News

Feeding Stray Cats

Westbury is known as an animal loving neighborhood. BUT for some residents too much love is not a good thing. The Civic Club has received numerous complaints about neighbors feeding stray cats. It is against City ordinance to feed stray cats unless you trap them and have them neutered.

Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
 Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



AlertHouston

Staying informed during emergencies is important. There are two notification systems you can sign up for that the City of Houston will use to alert the public when emergencies occur. AlertHouston provides Houston residents with timely information about current conditions, expected impacts, and tips for keeping themselves, and their families safe.

[https:// www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/](https://www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/)



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 5, 6PM

August Meet & Eat: Thurs., August 2, 6PM

METRO Summer of Fun Pass

METRO will again be offering free rides on bus and rail for kids (K- 12th grade) from June 1 to September 1. Kids must register.

You can apply online, by mail, or in person. Go to www.ridemetro.org for more information.



Welcome Angela to the WCC Board

New Parkwest 1 Section Director

Newly elected WCC Board member Angela Furnari was born and raised in Clearwater Beach, Florida, before moving to Houston in 2008, and becoming a proud Westbury resident in 2009. Angela has worked in public education since 2000, and currently works as a Reading Intervention Specialist for Houston ISD. She is married to Lonnie Parker, and has two children, one age 15, who attends Bellaire High School and the second age 7, who will attend Parker Elementary School. Angela has a background in education, communications, and technology. She enjoys helping others, and is excited to have the opportunity to represent Parkwest 1 in the Westbury Civic Club.



Thank You Nancy Stewart

It is with sadness that we accept the resignation of Nancy Stewart, Westbury 1 Section Director. Nancy has served on the board now for several years and has been a faithful attender of many meetings even before she joined the WCC Board. Her cheerful spirit and willingness to do what was needed doing made her a board favorite. This resignation means the position for Westbury 1 is now open. Won't you consider filling Nancy's shoes? And before you think you might not have the time or energy, Nancy joined the board while undergoing treatment for cancer. Sadly, she is now in hospice care. Please keep her in your prayers.

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2018 Dues/Assessments

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2

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

The amount of the 2018 Mandatory Assessments is \$235.80. The 2018 Assessments were due by April 1, 2018.

If you have any questions or did not get your invoice, please contact the WCC office at 713-723-5437 or email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

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
- Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year
- Organizes community get togethers such as Coffee with Constables and National Night Out

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2018 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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| Westbury Civic Club Dues* | \$50 | \$ |
| Westbury Area Patrol | \$285 | \$ |
| Subtotal | \$335 | \$ |
| Additional Contributions: | | |
| Westbury Civic Club | | \$ |
| Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) | | \$ |
| Total | | \$ |

*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!
 To contact the WCC Office, email westburycc@sbcglobal.net or call 713-723-5437.

Wild about Wildlife in Westbury

Typical city wildlife includes rats, mice, possums, and raccoons. Westbury has plenty of these critters running around but we also have some unique animal habitats in our waterways. The local bayous and ditches are a haven for wildlife, even in the big City! From alligators to snakes to turtles, if you pay close attention, you will see all these and more in Westbury's waterways. Did you know that over 100 different bird species have been identified at the Willow Waterhole basins? Some of these birds find their way to Westbury backyards for unique feeding opportunities.

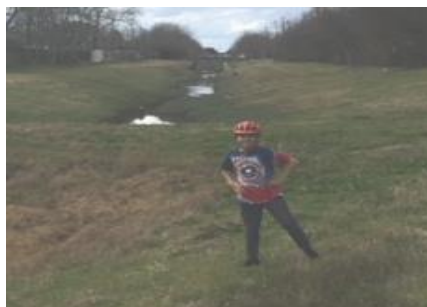
Westbury might be located inside the 4th largest City in the United States, but that doesn't mean we don't get our fair share of wildlife! City wildlife is always exciting especially for the kids who do not typically see such animals. See and read all about Westbury's Wild Creatures below!

ALLIGATORS IN THE BAYOU

Westbury resident Dan Berry and son Caspar went exploring in Westbury on their bikes. After hearing about the dam on the Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB), they decided to check it out. It was not an easy trek. They had a two mile bike ride from their home and then trudged 500 ft. along the bank of the WWB through very high weeds with their bikes in tow. Once there, they found the dam itself to be quite unremarkable. It is really just an earthen barrier placed in the bayou to the east of the Braewick ditches.

What caught Dan's eye and Caspar's delight was the 5 foot long alligator on the banks of the bayou near the water. No one is sure where it came from or how long it's been there. Maybe we should name him Harvey. If you walk along the Willow Waterhole Bayou in this area, be mindful of your surroundings.

Thanks to Dan for sending these great photos in!



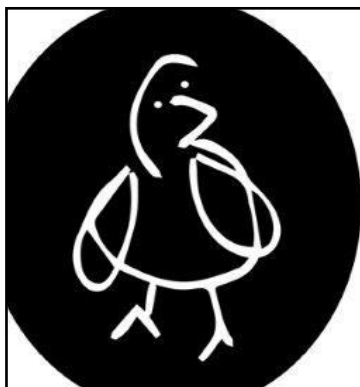
THE HERONS ARE HUNGRY

The yellow crowned night herons have returned to Westbury. These two young herons have found a pond in a Westbury backyard and are feasting on the frogs. Herons are not known to prey on small furry pets such as small cats and dogs.



Turtle Crossing on Mullins

If you are walking along Mullins in Parkwest and you cross the ditch bridge, make sure you stop and look over the edge. The turtle habitat that has been formed in the ditch between Bankside and Hummingbird on Mullins is amazing. On this day pictured, over 25 turtles were counted and at least 3 different types seem. Take the kids for a walk or bike ride to the turtle habitat! There is always water in the spot and a turtle can be seen at any time of the day.



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Westbury 1 Yard of the Month - 5251 Kingfisher

June Yard of the Month

- Westbury 1**—5251 Kingfisher — Carrie Busch
- Westbury 2**— 5307 Stillbrooke — Ben & Claire Metz
- Westbury 3**—5815 Arboles — Leslie Kane
- Westbury 4**— 5806 Dryad — Henry Abiera
- Parkwest 3**— 6007 Cartagena — Rosalie Manuel
- Parkwest 1 & 2, Westbury 5, and Westbury South** — Are you interested in volunteering to judge these sections? Contact the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net or 713-723-5437.

Summer Yard Care

Summer is upon us and 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. A heavy rain will flush such lawn debris down the storm sewers, plugging them bit by bit, impairing their ability to move the water out of Westbury. The end result can be street flooding. I suspect we've all seen enough street flooding by now. If you employ a lawn service, please tell them **DO NOT BLOW YOUR LAWN CLIPPINGS OR LEAVES** 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.

Mosquito Control



It's that time of year again. The mosquitoes are out full force! Mosquitoes are not only annoying but they can carry dangerous illnesses. The best way to keep down the number of mosquitos is to not let them breed.

Mosquitos can breed anywhere that water is left to stand or collect. If you look in the standing water, you may see little wiggling things. Those are baby mosquitoes (larvae). 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 mosquitos?

- ◆ Tip over all the water collectors in your yard and leave them turned over to discourage mosquitoes
- ◆ Don't allow standing water in saucers 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 the mosquitos out.
- ◆ If you have a decorative pond in your backyard, check it for mosquito larvae. Small fish called Gambusia (Mosquito Fish) can be added to eat the mosquito larvae.
- ◆ Keep gutters in good repair.
- ◆ Get rid of old tires.

3D ZIKA DEFENSE

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM ZIKA WITH THE 3 Ds.



DRAIN

- > Once a week, empty items that hold water such as flower pots, toys, trash or old tires.
- > Keep your yard trimmed and tidy.
- > Help your neighbors drain standing water.



DRESS

- > As weather permits, dress in long pants and long sleeve shirts.
- > Make sure doors and window screens are in good repair.
- > Use air conditioning when available.



DEET

- > Spray insect repellent with DEET on exposed skin.
- > Follow label instructions; reapply as needed.
- > Use a mosquito net to protect babies in a stroller or car seat.



Park Smart Meeting at Willow Waterhole

As we've reported previously, Harris County Precinct One County Commissioner Rodney Ellis has been conducting an evaluation of all parks in Precinct One. This is being done as a yearlong project called "Park Smart Precinct One" with assistance from The Trust for Public Land (a national nonprofit which helps communities plan, fund, protect, and create parks and public land) and Asakura Robinson (a local planning, urban design, and landscape architecture firm). There have been multiple workshops soliciting input from the public.

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) and Precinct One scheduled a meeting on May 31 at The Gathering Place to discuss the specific needs of this 300 acre park, which overlays stormwater detention lakes owned by Harris County. The venue was packed with supporters of this unique site to hear more about the Willow Waterhole wants and needs.

Howard Sacks, past president of the WWGC and current president of the Levitt Pavilion Houston Board, hosted the event and gave a brief synopsis of the WWGC. Becky Edmondson, President of the WCC, welcomed everyone to the Westbury neighborhood and explained how her definition of the Westbury community had changed over time. In the beginning, she saw Westbury simply as 5000 single-family homes, but with the creation of the Westbury Super Neighborhood, her definition of Westbury expanded to include the 3500 multi-family units, the schools, the churches, the parks, and the retail spaces. She saw how issues like flooding and crime brought the

surrounding Super Neighborhoods together with common issues. Westbury is not an insular neighborhood; it is an inclusive neighborhood.

Skip Reeder talked about how diverse our community is: that every major religion is represented in the Brays Oak Management District (BOMD); and that almost every country in Central America, South America, Asia, Europe, and Africa were represented in our community. He spoke of the diversity of ethnicity, language, faith, and economics. He likened the Willow Waterhole to Central Park. In 1853, New York City set aside 750 acres to improve public health and contribute greatly to the formation of a civil society made up of so many immigrants and freed slaves.

Accentuating the true diversity of the community surrounding the Willow Waterhole Greenway, statements were presented by nearby entities: the convent of St. Catherine's Vietnamese Dominican Sisters, the Westbury Place nursing home, the Gathering Place, Westbury High School, and Westbury Little League.

Ralph Reiger, Eugene Sirls, and Bill Burhans made presentations about accessibility and basic needs of the park. Eugene Sirls, a Westbury resident and WCC board member representing Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest, described trails proposed to connect people to places. Ralph Reiger discussed paving, parking, and land acquisition needs. Bill Burhans, a Westbury resident and Conservation Director for the WWGC spoke about security issues and the need for restrooms.

Afterwards, Bill Burhans said: "I was so pleased with the presentation, it accomplished the objective of providing Precinct One with information it did not have in regard to the population served by the Greenway, its most needed projects, and security issues. The presenters at the meeting were very representative of the community and did a great job in providing data and examples to support a unified message. We are shovel ready, just need some funding assistance."



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Dow Chemical Leadership Service Day at Westbury Park

On Friday June 15th, 50 leaders from Dow Chemical Company held a community service day at Westbury Park. The employees were in Houston for a worldwide conference and were connected to Westbury by the Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) Executive Director, Amy Reed. The volunteers were fantastic: they mulched every tree at the park (a total of 23 cubic yards to over 100 trees and 30 star jasmine vines), pulled weeds and placed new plants near the Westbury Park sign, and cleaned up a muddy mess that persisted along the curb on the south side of the Park. Despite the heat and humidity, that is uncommon to many of their native countries, they were undaunted.



Westbury Greenspace Committee members helping at the workday were Bill Schubert, Tony and Donna Robert, Joe and Marcie Nolan, and Bill Burhans. Hazel Potvin donated plants for the Westbury Park sign. Becky Edmondson serves on the Board of KHB and has established a partnership that has been beneficial to our community many times over. Thanks to all for a wonderful day. The trees will love the additional nutrients and we have added to the beauty of the Park!



Public Art Brightens Westbury

Three years ago Westbury was the recipient of the very FIRST mini-mural art project in Houston, at the corner of Willowbend and West Belfort. Mini-murals, initially funded by District K and the Brays Oaks Management District and facilitated by UP Art Studio, are now found at intersections all over town. The late CM Larry Green was looking at ways to expand public art in District K since most public art in Houston is found inside the 610 Loop. One idea was to create murals on eyesores or frequent graffiti covered places. Mini-murals are still being created, but near us, a building was recently transformed with art.

Westbury Park has received a new public art installation on the tennis courts. The artwork features children using the park on screens on the tennis court fences. Check out this fresh new art at the park!

Westbury Park is located at 5630 Stillbrooke next to Parker Elementary.



A Salvation Army resale and donation shop, at 6150 Bissonnet near Hillcroft, was covered in graffiti. Veronica Hernandez, with the Mayor's Assistance Office and the Dept. of Neighborhoods, worked with District J and UP Art Studio to try a new solution. What was once an eyesore has transformed into beautiful art. Noah and Elia Quiles with UP Art Studio worked with students from Braeburn Elementary, which flooded during Hurricane Harvey, and the children's artwork is incorporated into the design.

If you know of a place in Westbury that would benefit from a mural or public art, send your suggestions to the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net.



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WCG Tomato Tasting Success!

The 5th annual Tomato Tasting was a huge success. Not only do the WCG gardeners know how to grow tomatoes, they know how to put on a successful event! New WCG President, Betsy Longoria, and Debbie Gordon, WCG Event Coordinator, along with 18 volunteers hosted close to 80 participants for the tasting.

The participants had the pleasure of tasting 30 varieties of tomatoes grown by Westbury gardeners. Three tables were arranged with plates of tomatoes to taste and a score card provided. There were four categories: Slicers, Saladettes, Paste and Cherry. There were some old time favorites and some new varieties this year. Tasters got to sample 11 different slicer tomatoes, 3 saladettes, 1 plum/paste tomato and 8 cherries. The crowd then voted on their favorites.

The tomato voted favorite slicer was Black Krim. Second place in the slicer category was Cherokee Purple. The black/purple tomatoes have such an interesting and complex flavor. The favorite salad tomato was Juliet, a prolific variety with great flavor this year. The paste tomato was San Marzano, the classic Italian variety. In the cherry category, a new red cherry called Braveheart took top honors. In second place was Sun Gold, which is a WCG favorite that always places at or near the top. Sugary and Sweet Chelsea were tied for third in the cherry category.

Many people feel that they can't grow tomatoes, but the Westbury Community Gardeners prove that it can be done! Look for opportunities to learn how to garden and become a successful gardener in your own backyard. It's both rewarding and tasty!



Tomato Tasting WINNERS

Slicers

- 1st place: Black Krim
- 2nd place: Cherokee Purple

Saladettes

Juliet

Paste

San Marzano

Cherry

- 1st place: Braveheart
- 2nd place: Sun Gold
- 3rd place: Sugary
- 3rd place: Sweet Chelsea

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TELESCOPE STAR PARTY

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Open to the public. Reserve a spot for your family or group on the WCG website. Admission is free.
<http://westburycommunitygarden.org/events/telescope-star-party/>
 Hosted by Houston Astronomical Society and Westbury Community Garden

Summer Gardening 101

It's too late to plant tomatoes, but there are other plants that thrive in the heat. Plant vegetables that like heat such as okra, eggplant, peppers, sweet potatoes, and heat loving beans, edamame (Midori Giant), and southern peas (zipper cream). Beans and peas make nitrogen and so they need little fertilizer, and they "prepare" the soil for the next crop.



Be sure to mulch properly. Use alfalfa hay, pine needles or leaves and evenly cover with 2 inches of material.

Watering: Keep newly planted seeds and plants moist, which might mean watering daily or more often. For established plants, test soil and only water when soil is dry one inch below the surface and then water evenly and thoroughly.

How does your Garden Grow?

Amelia Goldberg, member of the Westbury Community Garden, has had a very productive year from her one plot at the garden. This picture shows tomatoes canned (24 pints) in one day, plus those waiting to be canned. She previously had canned 56 pints in the last couple of weeks. That totals 80 pints so far of tomatoes and tomato sauce.

Amelia says "I picked some of the tomatoes still green and roasted them with onions, garlic and red pepper flakes to make a green sauce that we love. During the winter, we love chili, vegetable soup and pasta with tomato sauce. I will have plenty of good, organic tomatoes for those dishes, all from my plot in the community garden."



Happy Gardening!

WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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

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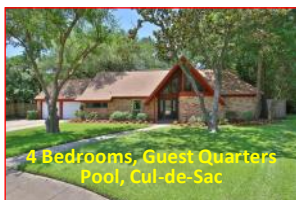
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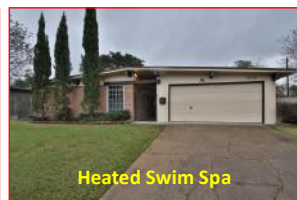
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