



# Westbury Crier

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## RESIDENTS OF WESTBURY

# LOOKING FOR CONVERSATION PARTICIPANTS

Westbury Area Improvement Corporation is collaborating with researchers at the University of Houston and Texas Southern University for a study on resident involvement in our community and how it has been impacted by our community's experience with Hurricane Harvey. Participants will be a part of a group discussion for an hour and a half.

**PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A \$50 KROGER GIFT CARD**

**TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT JENNIFER AT [JEN.EDMONDSON@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JEN.EDMONDSON@GMAIL.COM) OR SUSAN AT [PGETURNER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PGETURNER@GMAIL.COM)**

This project has been reviewed by the University of Houston Institutional Review Board: 713-743-9204. Please contact Suzanne Pritzker, Ph.D., University of Houston, with any questions about this study: 713-743-8114 or [spritzker@uh.edu](mailto:spritzker@uh.edu)

For more information, see page 9 for more details.

## 2020 WCC BOARD NOMINATIONS AUGUST 8 DEADLINE

Elections for the 2020 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 8, 2019, 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 the 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 an email, please use the subject line of WCC 2020 Elections. Email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net) The mailing address is our physical address of 5322 W Belfort, 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 address, phone number, email, etc.



The deadline is August 8 by 4PM. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 713-723-5437

## Summer 2019 WCC Office Hours

Monday – Thursday  
9AM – 1PM

Or by appointment.

Phone—713-723-5437

Email— [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net)

Location: 5322 W. Belfort, Ste. 100

Houston, TX 77035



Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

## RECYCLING DATES

July 2019

Friday, July 5  
Thursday, July 18

August 2019  
Thursday, August 1  
Thursday, August 15  
Thursday, August 29



## HEAVY TRASH

August 2019  
Thursday, August 8  
JUNK WASTE

July 2019  
Thursday, July 11  
TREE WASTE ONLY

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE \*NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

NOTARY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO DUES PAYING

WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appt.

## CONTACT US

**WCC Office Hours:** Monday- Thursday, 9:30AM-2PM

*Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays*

WCC Office Telephone.....713-723-5437

WCC Office Email.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net

WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

**Visit our website at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com)**

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## SECURITY

**Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666**

*Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch*

Emergency.....911

Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131

Southwest HPD Station .....832-394-0400

## CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum..... 832-393-3016

District C Council Member, Ellen Cohen.....832-393-3004

Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333

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

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

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

**Houston Help & Information.....311**

*For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services*

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222

Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111

Street light repairs.....713-207-2222

*Make sure to give pole number*

## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111

Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmid.org

Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmid.org

*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

# 2019 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

President.....Cindy Chapman

wccpresident@westburycrier.com

Vice President.....Marcia Hartman

Secretary.....Dan Vega

Treasurer.....Becky Edmondson

## DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Communications.....Katherine Wingfield

**Community Relations.....VACANT**

**Deed Restrictions..... VACANT**

Flood Control & Infrastructure.....Jennifer Edmondson

Greenspace Beautification.....Mat Funk

Membership.....Jeff Benavides

**Security.....VACANT**

Volunteer Coordinator.....Robert Ellis-Montgomery

## SECTION DIRECTORS

Westbury 1.....Franny Oxford

Westbury 2.....Susan Brock

Westbury 3.....Tony Robert

**Westbury 3.....VACANT**

Westbury 4.....Eugene Sirls

Westbury 4.....Gail Reaben

Westbury 5.....Virginia Livingston

Westbury 5.....Donna Strom

Westbury South.....Brandon Richard

Parkwest 1..... Angie Furnari

Parkwest 2.....Jeffrey Weiss

Parkwest 3.....Lisa Placke

# NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! It is the 234<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence Day in the United States of America. Granted, Texas did not join the Union until later. The bill accepting Texas as the 28<sup>th</sup> state of Union was signed by President Polk on December 29, 1845. Texas formally joined the union on February 19, 1846, after being its own republic for 10 years. Texas gets to celebrate 173 years of being part of the Union.

There will be July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks displays around the city and nearby suburbs. Do get out and enjoy them rather than setting off a firework in your backyard. In our densely populated city, an unauthorized detonation of a firework could go bad and cause a lot of damage, for example, fires and loss of body parts. Safety is important.

Hard to believe but school has been out for a month already. Families are using this time to go on vacations. Don't forget, that as a paid Westbury Area Patrol member, you can call for a vacation watch on your home. If you still haven't paid you 2019 Dues and WAP, the form is on page 7.

June 1 was the first day of Hurricane Season. I suspect we've all seen hurricane damage of one kind or another in Houston over the years. Make a family plan. Have supplies ready. Get your trees trimmed. Please make a point of keeping up with Houston/Harris Country weather forecasts. You can now sign-up for customized alerts on the Willow Waterhole gage from Harris County

Flood Control. Read more about this new service on page 11. On page 10 you will find a weather information box with links to three excellent area weather sources. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

As the Houston daily temperatures and humidity rates climb into the feels-like temperatures of 105 and above, I'm reminded of one of my Westbury neighbors. Coming originally from the Upper Midwest, she celebrates July 15 as the mid-point of summer. She figures if she has endured the first half, she will endure the second. I like to think she will.

She also claims that the summer heat and humidity melts her brain and it drips out of her ears. Her thinking is less clear. She claims, come cooler October, she'll be able to think more clearly again. Life in Houston Summers, yes? I've been tempted to tell her, go jump in a lake, but she should really take a swim in the Westbury Park Pool. Pool hours can be found on page 8. The pool is a pleasant place to take a break. And it's free!

The WCC office has hired a new office assistant, Thereze Hester. She is in the thick of learning how the civic club works and how it helps Westbury. Welcome Thereze! The WCC hopes to improve our service level by adding

an additional employee to the staff.

It's that time of year for Westbury residents to consider whether they would like to be members of the Westbury Civic Club Board. The deadline for your nominations is August 8. See the article on page 1 for more information. If you enjoy living in Westbury and like to work for the greater good, a position on the board could be perfect fit.

Please be sure to take the 2019 Westbury survey on page 18. Give your input NOW!

As the lazy days of Summer roll by, I hope you have a chance to relax and re-charge. Enjoy your family, enjoy your garden, enjoy an adventure or two, and enjoy good times.

Happy Summer Time!  
Cindy Chapman



"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 Notes June 2019

- ◆ The June 2019 WCC Board meeting was cancelled due.
- ◆ The next WCC board meeting will be Wednesday, July 17 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft.
- ◆ August 8 is the deadline for nominations for the 2020 Westbury Civic Club Board. More information on page 1
- ◆ Board meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday at Westbury Baptist at 7PM
- ◆ Current 2019 WCC Board vacancies: Community Relation Director, Security Director, Deed Restriction Director, and Westbury 3 Section Director.

### WCC Board Meeting

Wed., July 17, 7PM

Westbury Baptist Church  
10425 Hillcroft





# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd ♦ 713-726-7107 ♦ [platou@houston.tx.gov](mailto:platou@houston.tx.gov)



## Summer Enrichment Program at the Platou Center

The City of Houston offers a 10-week day-camp style Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) for youth ages 6 - 13. SEP is available at all 54 city community centers, including the Platou Center right here in Westbury. The program runs from Monday, June 3 to August 9. Program activities include: crafts, nutrition, fun fitness, track and field, soccer, swimming, 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 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](http://www.houstonparks.org) click on the SEP registration link. (NOTE: Any scheduled field trip costs are not a part of the registration fee).

## Volunteers Sought for Summer Enrichment Program

A group of Westbury residents provides additional experiences for the children enrolled in the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) at the city Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park in Westbury. On Tuesday mornings at 10, they conduct a nature program based on a wide variety of topics such as a particular insect, reptiles, birds, trees, wildflowers, etc. They also usually have a craft activity related to the topic of the day.

The Friends of Chimney Rock Park welcomes adult volunteers to help with the summer enrichment program or to provide their expertise about a nature topic. Contact Hazel Potvin at [chimneyrockpark-friends@yahoo.com](mailto:chimneyrockpark-friends@yahoo.com).

## Attention—Adult Programs Suspended for Summer

ALL Adult Programs are suspended for 10 weeks due to the Summer Enrichment Program for Kids. Some activities have relocated. Some evening programming will remain. See below or check with your group/class for status

## Stretching Class MOVED for Summer

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

## Evening Aerobics Exercise Class

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7PM**

Free Evening Aerobics Class held at the Platou Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 –7PM.

Remember to bring a bottle of water and to wear comfortable clothing. Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 to register.

## TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

**Tuesdays 5:45PM-7PM**

A Weight Loss Support Group.

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

## Meyer Library News

### ➔ Meyer Library CLOSED Indefinitely

The Meyer Library has long been on the City's replacement list and after minor flooding in Harvey, the decision was made to not re-open Meyer Library.

### ➔ The City purchased land in Westbury for the new location of the library.

The City purchased land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. The new location would be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury on Belrose.

### ➔ Library UPDATE on PAGES 12-13.

### ➔ "Mini" Meyer Library at Godwin Community Center

A "mini" Meyer Library is now open in Meyerland at the Godwin Community Center at 5101 Rutherglenn. 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**

See page 8 for:

- ➔ full pool schedule
- ➔ FREE adult water fitness classes
- ➔ FREE Kids Learn to Swim Classes

Westbury Pool is located at 10605 Mullins (near Parker Elementary)



# What's Happening in Westbury

## July 2019 Calendar Events/Meetings

Thurs 4	Happy 4th of July	
Thurs 4	Westbury Pool Open 1-5PM 10605 Mullins See page 8	
July 3-5	WCC Office Closed	
Mon 15	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort	7:30PM
Wed 17	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St. John's Presbyterian—5020 W Bellfort	9:30AM
Wed 17	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church— 10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Sat 20	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7AM
Tues 23	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Station - 13097 Nitida	7PM

## PLANNING CALENDAR

August 12-16 – WCC Office Open but limited hours and services  
 August 26 – 1st Day of School for HISD  
 September 2 – Labor Day Holiday  
 September 18 – WCC Annual Meeting  
 September 18 – WCC Board Elections



HAPPY

FOURTH OF JULY

## All About Trash

Trash, recycling, and heavy trash are picked up by the City of Houston.



## Household Trash

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can.



## Recycling in Westbury

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

July 2019

Friday, July 5

Thursday, July 18

August 2019

Thursday, August 1

Thursday, August 15

Thursday, August 29

## 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 2019

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, July 11

August 2019

JUNK WASTE

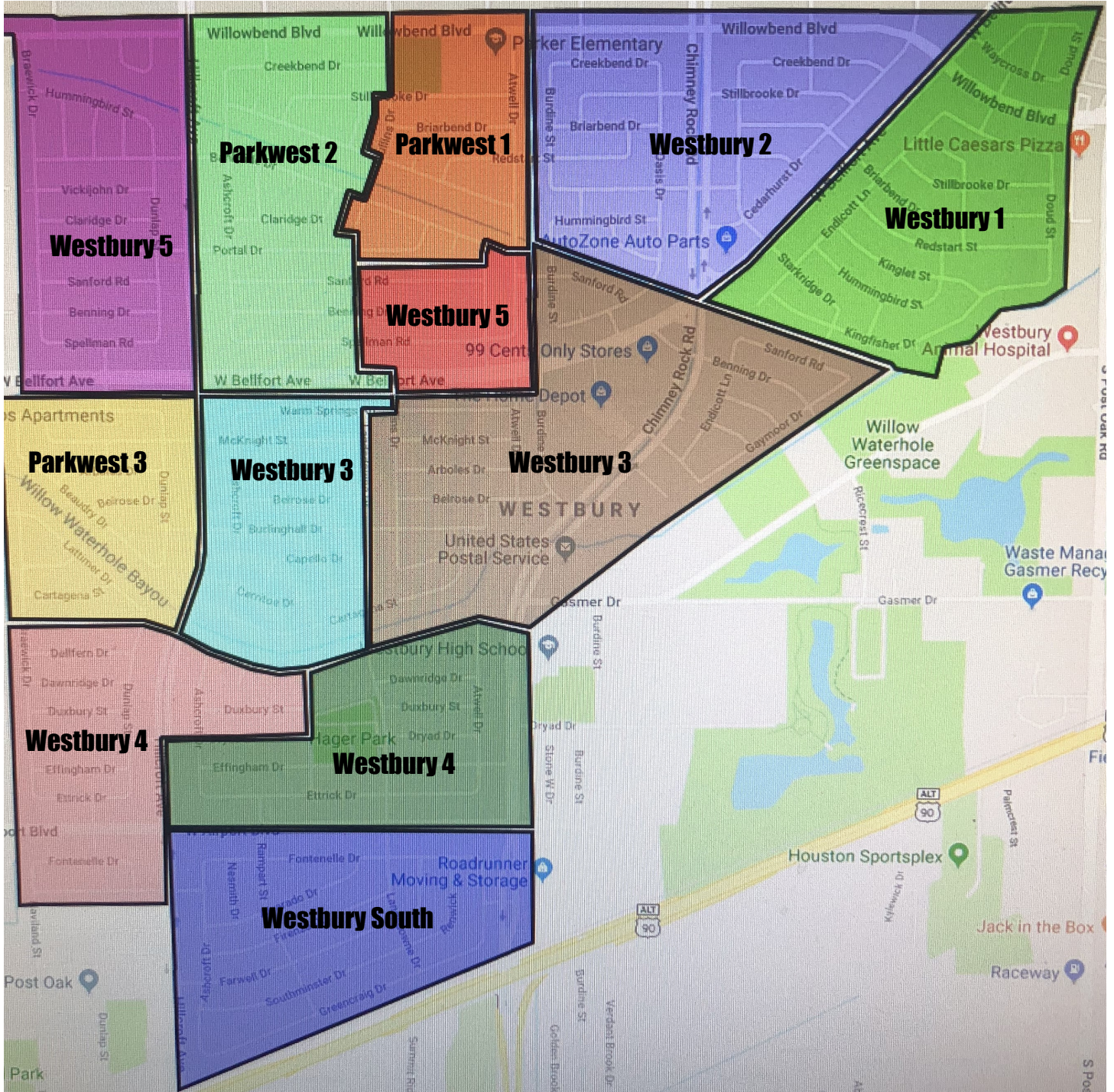
Thursday, August 8

## 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 Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ 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](http://www.westburycrier.com) or [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more trash and recycling information



# Map of Westbury by Section



Westbury is the 2nd largest neighborhood in the City of Houston with 5,000 homes. One reason Westbury has remained such a viable and desirable neighborhood is because of the very active Westbury Civic Club. The WCC has been advocating and working hard for the neighborhood for over 60 years. We often refer to different sections when talking about current or upcoming city projects, crime, or events. This handy map can also be found on our website, [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com).

	Parkwest 1
	Parkwest 2
	Parkwest 3
	Westbury 1
	Westbury 2
	Westbury 3
	Westbury 4
	Westbury 5
	Westbury 5
	Westbury South

**Stay connected with what is happening in Westbury RIGHT NOW!**  
**“Like” our Facebook page, Westbury Houston, to stay updated on neighborhood issues.**



# 2019 Westbury Civic Club Dues, Assessments, & Westbury Area Patrol

Please send this form in with your payment **2019 Westbury Civic Club Dues**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please support the Westbury Civic Club and our programs by paying your 2019 Dues and WAP. The majority of Westbury homes do not have mandatory assessments so the WCC relies on donations from residents to run the office, pay for the Constable program, and more. Please use the form to the left and send in your payment today! If you have any questions, please call the WCC office at 713-723-5437.

**Make checks payable to:**  
**Westbury Civic Club, Inc.**

**Mail to:**  
**P.O. Box 975182**  
**Dallas, TX 75397-5182**

**Online payment:**  
**paypal.com—Send Money to**  
**westburycc@sbcglobal.net**  
 Make sure to include your address

<b>Westbury Civic Club Dues</b>	<b>\$50</b>	\$
<b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>	<b>\$285</b>	\$
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$335</b>	\$
<b>Additional Contributions:</b>		
<b>Westbury Civic Club</b>		\$
<b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

**Want to send your support in multiple payments?**  
 You may choose any amount to pay in any increment throughout the year.  
 Here are a few examples:  
 2 payments of \$167.50 is \$335/yr  
 3 payments of \$111.67 is \$335/yr  
 4 payments of \$83.75 is \$335/yr  
 5 payments of \$67 is \$335/yr

**Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club and our important programs. We can't do it without you! To contact the WCC Office, call 713-723-5437 or email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.**

*By filling out this form, you are giving the WCC permission to send you communications. We DO not sell your information or give it out to other entities.*

**Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?**  
 Yes, this is correct! Mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas, allows them to be processed immediately.  
 You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office.


**Mission of the WCC**  
 The purposes of the Westbury Civic 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

- 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, Constable Pct 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 National Night Out and Keep Westbury Beautiful

**ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2 HOMEOWNERS**  
 Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. **The 2019 Mandatory Assessments of \$240.75 were due 2/1/2019. Late statements will be sent in July.**



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## Westbury City Pool Summer 2019 Schedule



**June 1– August 11:** Pool OPEN Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Monday

**July 4:** Pool OPEN, 1-5PM

**August 12 - September 1:** Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-5PM

**September 2 (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.)

## FREE Water Fitness Classes

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

Registration is online (<https://apm.activecommunities.com/houstonparks/Home>) or you can register with the instructor on class days shortly before each class starts. The last day of class will be Thursday, August 1, 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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## 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 offered at various skill levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Each session meets Tuesday through Friday for two weeks (30 minute class).

All classes are free and space is limited on a "first come, first served" basis during specified registration periods. **Online Registration** is required and **begins at 8:00 am on registration date**. To register go to [www.houstonparks.com](http://www.houstonparks.com).



## Adult Circuit Water Fitness Class

**Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10AM**

**Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30PM - 7:30PM**

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## Are Your Kids Pool Proof?

It seems that there has been a drowning or near drowning every weekend this summer. These rules bear repeating. 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.
- ◆ And Last buT NOT LEAST, TEACH YOUR CHILD TO SWIM.

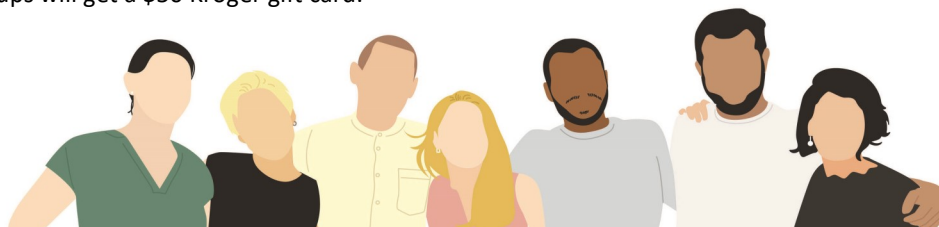


## Focus Groups Being Conducted in Westbury

The Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) was chosen along with three other neighborhoods to participate in a study being conducted by the University of Houston and Texas Southern University. The study is on community involvement and how that involvement has been impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The WAIC felt it was important for Westbury to be part of the study. Four to six focus groups will be held in Westbury in July and we are looking for participants.

The WAIC chose two community members, Susan Schafer and Jennifer Edmondson, to help facilitate the focus groups in our neighborhood along with team members from UH and TSU. These focus groups are not being run by the Westbury Civic Club or the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation. Information shared during the focus groups will not be discussed by the facilitators at board meetings or any other time. Both Susan and Jennifer have received the proper training to facilitate the focus groups.

If you are interested in participating, please contact either Jennifer at [jen.edmondson@gmail.com](mailto:jen.edmondson@gmail.com) or Susan at [pgeturner@gmail.com](mailto:pgeturner@gmail.com). Participants in the focus groups will get a \$50 Kroger gift card.



# WANTED: CONVERSATION VOLUNTEERS FROM WESTBURY

*Westbury Area Improvement Corporation is collaborating with researchers with the University of Houston and Texas Southern University in a study on resident involvement in our community, and how it has been affected by Hurricane Harvey. Participants will engage in conversations about these issues with fellow community members and the study team.*

*Participation is completely voluntary!*

**DISCUSSIONS WILL BE ONE HOUR AND  
A HALF LONG  
PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A \$50  
KROGER GIFT CARD**

**TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT JENNIFER  
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This project has been reviewed by the University of Houston Institutional Review Board: 713-743-9204. Please contact Suzanne Pritzker, Ph.D., University of Houston, with any questions about this study: 713-743-8114 or [spritzker@uh.edu](mailto:spritzker@uh.edu)



## 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 just one meant to help guide you and add to your storm preparations.

### Harris County Flood Warning System

[www.harriscountyfws.org](http://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 is the ability to sign up for Flood Alerts by gage. Another tool available on 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](http://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](http://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 best forecast for Houston weather. You can also follow them on Facebook.

**Be Alert. Be Weather Smart.**

## When it Rains in Houston

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](http://www.texasarchive.org/library/index.php?title=When_it_Rains&p=video1&b=0).

### Are You Ready for Hurricane Season?

If you, or someone you know, have special needs such as medical problems, hearing loss, or impaired vision, is there a plan in place when a hurricane is coming?

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## Sign Up for Alerts from The City



Sometimes it is easy to become complacent with weather alerts, but emails, texts, and phone calls sent from the City Alert System definitely were accurate this time. If you haven't signed up to receive City alerts, you may do so with AlertHouston. Timely information during emergencies is important. AlertHouston delivers critical information to Houston residents regarding current conditions, expected impacts, and protective actions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

These alerts are issued by City of Houston Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Messages are issued for citywide and neighborhood level emergencies. They are sent through email and social media (Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor). You must opt-in to receive these alerts.

More information is available at [www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/](http://www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/)

Register for emergency alerts through email, text message, voice call, or mobile app push notification. You may download the Everbridge app free of charge from the Apple or Android app store. Most alerts are geo-targeted; subscribers with loved ones around the city may register up to five physical addresses per contact record.

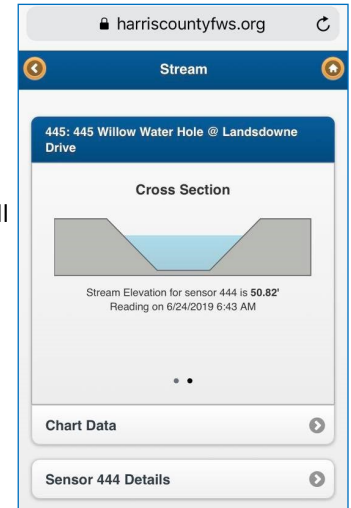
## Sign up for Flood Gage Warning Alerts

The regional Flood Warning System measures rainfall and monitors water levels in bayous, creeks, and rivers on a real-time basis to inform area residents of potential flooding conditions. This system relies on a network of 250 gage stations that have been strategically placed throughout a Harris and surrounding counties. Westbury has one of

these gages located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou (#445). This information is available at [www.harriscountyfws.org](http://www.harriscountyfws.org).

You can now sign up for alerts on a specific gages near your home or work. You can receive default rainfall and water level alerts or create custom water alerts.

The Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne rises quickly and it's imperative to surrounding homeowners to know what is happening. It is important to remember that this gage will likely stay at a certain level (approximately 51-52ft) when flood waters are going over the weirs downstream at the Willow Waterhole detention basins.



Alert received on June 24

## Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) Gages

#445 – WWB at Landsdowne (Westbury)

#435 – WWB at Willowbend

## Brays Bayou (BB) Gages

#440 – BB at Rice Ave.

#460 – BB at Gessner

#465 – BB at Beltway 8

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# Library Tour of Possibilities

## Westbury Community Members Tour Area Libraries

A hot topic right now is the new Westbury library. The City of Houston recently purchased the “old post office” property on Belrose in Westbury for the site of a new library. A new library is very exciting. Libraries are not just places to check out books anymore. Houston Public Library Director Rhea Lawson and her Executive team hosted District K CM Member Martha Castex-Tatum and several Westbury SuperNeighborhood residents on a tour of three of Houston’s 21st century libraries. They saw many possibilities for our new library. Read on this page and the next to see what exciting things are at each of these libraries.

The Westbury group started the tour with a stop at the Belrose site. Although the site looks a little rough right now but the building is quite large, and the site has ample room for parking. It is not known at this time whether the old building can be preserved or converted to usable space, but the architects plan to investigate that possibility.

After touring the three libraries with the City, the Westbury team made one last stop at the newly re-opened McGovern- Stella Link Library to see their renovated space. It was open and airy. As the plans for the new library progress the District K office will host a community meeting for all District K residents to discuss and get community input. We encourage everyone to visit Scenic Woods Regional Library (which houses the only full TechLink site), Robinson-Westchase Library (which has a large square-footage), and Young Neighborhood Library (which has an open concept). We look forward to your feedback during the public comment period for this project. After all this time without a library, it is very exciting to imagine some of these wonderful elements coming here to Westbury!

## Judson W. Robinson Jr. Westchase Neighborhood Library

The Judson W. Robinson Jr. Westchase Neighborhood library features a soaring, open entryway, with beautiful, natural light throughout. The building was remodeled from an existing structure, giving the Westbury team an inspiring example of the kind of transformation that is possible with an older building. Many of the windows looked out onto colorful landscaping, with a trail on one side. The library offers tablets that visitors can use within the space, and much of the main entrance contains shelves, filled with books ready and waiting for patrons to pick up.



Westbury tour members Jeri Brown (WHS), Katherine Wingfield (WCC), Becky Edmondson (WAIC) and Susan Schafer (retired librarian) with District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum



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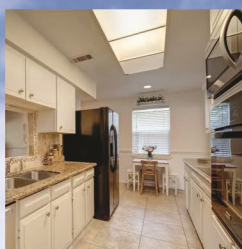
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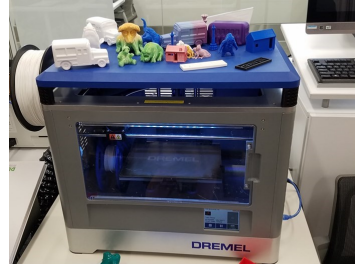
## Alice McKean Young Library

The Alice McKean Young Library is in southeast Houston. The library features lots of artistic elements: three large bird sculptures greet visitors outside, while a whimsical mosaic wallpaper brightens the children’s section. The library includes communal spaces for visitors to use computers or their own laptops, as well as a large, private room for community meetings and presentations. There was even a space for Teens only.



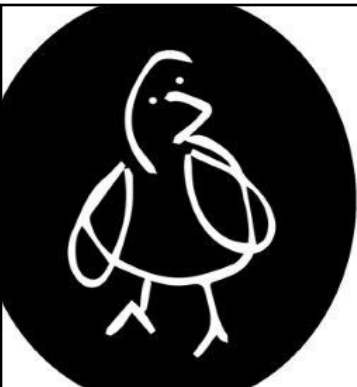
## Scenic Woods Regional Library

The Scenic Woods Regional Library located in the northeastern part of Houston. Much of the original library space was converted to accommodate an innovative Tech Link area. This area is complete with video and music recording spaces, 3D printers, embroidery machines, and more. The section is staffed with knowledgeable personnel who are able to assist visitors with all the computers and equipment. The furnishings in the section are modern and colorful, and the focus seems to be on helping community members to learn new skills, start a personal business, or just have fun. The whole team enjoyed creating a music video, playing instruments together, and marveling at all the crafts that could be made throughout the room.



### Westbury tour member Katherine Wingfield had this to say.

*“As a mother of young children (3 and 6), I was particularly interested in the ways that young children could use the libraries we visited. I also wanted to see how these libraries and spaces welcomed children and how their layouts and facilities would encourage or discourage children and their parents from spending time at the library. One thing that stood out for me was how open the children’s sections were at all the libraries we visited. While the sections for teens and adults were more private, more secluded, the sections for children were less enclosed. With two small children, I actually thought this might create some challenges for me. I would prefer a more defined entrance to the children’s section that would not allow a child to wander away so quickly into the rest of the library. I also thought the libraries could use more comfortable seating for both children AND adults. One of the members of the Houston Public Library team commented that it was so difficult to find durable kid furniture, saying that adults sit in the kid chairs and break them. With nothing but kid furniture in the sections, though, adults have nowhere else to sit. A comfy place for adults to sit might encourage parents to sit and read together with their children. Other small amenities, like bathroom step stools, would also be a great way to show young visitors that they are welcome. In spite of the physical accommodations, perhaps the biggest thing that would draw me and my children into the library would be exciting programming: story times, craft hours, puppet shows, science demonstrations, and more. Those programs are, apparently, determined at a local branch level and will be something to continue to advocate for when our library opens.”*



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## 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.

**June Meet & Eat: Thurs., July 4, 6PM**

## Links for Lost & Found

### Pets

☑ Nextdoor Westbury - [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

☑ Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook

☑ Westbury CARE- Contact at [westburycare@gmail.com](mailto:westburycare@gmail.com) or at [www.westburycare.com](http://www.westburycare.com), Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



## Thank You John's Tree Service

A big thank you goes to John's Tree Service for picking up the limbs and debris from our May 4 Keep Westbury Beautiful Day at Hager Park. Westbury resident Joyce Bryouskis helped arrange this great service! We really appreciate their help keeping Westbury Beautiful.



## Changes in Immigration Forum

Recent changes in immigration law, the process for gaining permanent legal status, the legal meaning of "refugee" and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival) will be covered in a forum on **July 28 at 4PM at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 4930 W. Bellfort Ave.

Immigration attorney Javier Rivera and Bishop Michael Rinehart of the Gulf Coast Synod of the ELCA will be there.

'Changes in Immigration' is part of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church's Mercy and Justice speaker series. The event is free and open to the public. To attend, please RSVP to [office@salemhouston.org](mailto:office@salemhouston.org) or call 713-723-3509.

## New Parker Elementary Principal

Chavis Mitchell has been selected as the new principal of Parker Elementary School. Mitchell has served as a teacher, teacher development specialist and assistant principal at Anderson Elementary School in Westbury. As a highly effective teacher, he was selected to serve on HISD's Teacher Advisory Council for Career Pathways and Compensation and under HISD's Transformational School Initiative, he provided coaching, mentoring, and teacher development support for more than 40 campuses. He holds a Bachelor's degree in political science from Southern University A&M, and a Master's in public administration from Texas Southern University.



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## HPD PIP Meeting on Preparedness

### Ready for Anything: Your Family, Your Plan, Your Safety

Brett Shyrook, of the Harris County office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, was the speaker at the May HPD PIP meeting. He had lots of statistics and advice on how to prepare for disasters. Hurricane season began June 1 and peaks in September. Last year there were 5 named storms and 8 major hurricanes. The 2019 prediction is for 9-15 named storms, 4-8 hurricanes and 2-4 major hurricanes. But it only takes one storm to wreak havoc.

**Four fundamentals:** Get a kit. Make a plan. Stay informed. Be involved.

- ➔ Keep your vehicle's tank full in hurricane system. Don't go below half tank.
- ➔ Remember your needs change year to year.
- ➔ Make copies of your important documents and email them to yourself or store on a flash drive so that they are somewhere you can access them.
- ➔ Download the Ready Harris app
- ➔ Subscribe to AlertHouston to receive up to date info
- ➔ Preparing Your Home: Hurricane winds can cause trees & branches to fall, so before hurricane season, trim or remove damaged trees & limbs to keep you and your property safe. Secure loose rain gutters & 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.
- ➔ If your health is dependent upon electric service, call and register with 211. NOTE: You must re-register every year. 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 info., caregiver info., pets, & transportation assistance for home evacuation, communication barriers, disability or functional or medical Needs. This is for planning not evacuation.

## Address Numbers: Are you Numbers Visible?

A little bit of news we hear repeatedly from first responders is how many homes in Westbury do not have their house numbers clearly visible. When seconds count, any delay could be catastrophic.

## Vacation Watch

Going on a Summer Vacation? Leaving for a week long getaway? Well, if you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables. This is a great service that is included in our contract. A deputy will check out your property at least once a day to make sure it is secured and nothing suspicious is going on.

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 house.



Good news! Our SW HPD station has two high water rescue vehicles. And thanks to the Brays Oaks and Five Corners Management for purchasing high water gear for the officers.

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



# Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

May 21 - June 23, 2019

## Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
11600	Dunlap	Theft of car parts	6/2	4AM	Parkwest 3
11500	Endicott	Burglary of a motor vehicle	6/22	8PM	Westbury 3
11100	Fonda	Burglary of Habitation	5/28	10AM	Westbury 1
5800	Fontenelle	Burglary of a motor vehicle	6/17	9PM	Westbury South
11400	Hillcroft	Theft of car parts	6/4	10PM	Parkwest 3
5200	Willowbend	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	5/21	12PM	Westbury 2

### KEY

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

## Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Location
5200	Arboles	Auto Theft	6/23	9AM	Townhome
11600	Chimney Rock	Aggravated Assault	5/29	11PM	Public Space
12500	Dunlap	Theft of car parts	5/21	11PM	Apartment
12500	Dunlap	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	5/27	8PM	Apartment
12500	Dunlap	Burglary of a motor vehicle	6/21	8AM	Apartment
12600	Dunlap	Theft of car parts	5/30	8AM	Apartment
5500	Gasmer	Theft of car parts	5/25	6PM	Apartment
12500	Hillcroft	Simple assault	6/23	10AM	Apartment
10500	S. Post Oak	Simple assault	6/21	5PM	Apartment
10800	S. Post Oak	Burglary of a motor vehicle	6/18	12PM	Commercial
4900	S. Willow	Auto Theft	5/30	6PM	Commercial

The crimes listed took place between May 21 thru June 23. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

## Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	1
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	2	1	1	0
Burglary of Habitation	2	1	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	0	2	0	0
Theft of Car Parts	2	3	0	0
Auto Theft	0	2	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>



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## Westbury 2019 Survey: What do you Think?

Please take a few moments to take our new 2019 survey and let us know what YOU think?

Every several years, the Westbury Civic Club puts out a survey to Westbury residents on a range of topics. Views on transportation, retailers, general shopping habits, dining, entertainment and some demographic information are covered in this questionnaire.

The website address is

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WestburySN2019>

Your input will help the WCC to better serve our residents.

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## SAVE THE DATE

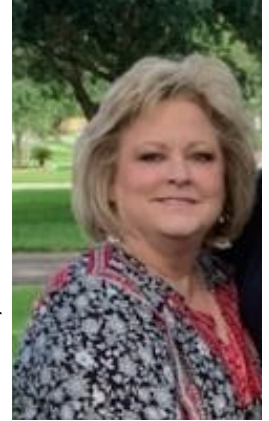
### Westbury Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 18

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## Welcome Thereze Hester!!! WCC Hires New Part-time Employee

The Westbury Civic Club welcomes Thereze Hester to the staff of the WCC office. Thereze will be working in the office Monday thru Thursday from 9AM-12PM to start. These hours will possibly change, but will be posted on the door. The WCC's goal in hiring an additional employee is to improve our service level for residents. If you stop by the office, please say hello to our newest addition to the office!



Thereze has lived in Westbury since 1979. She resides in her childhood home, that her parents were the original owners of. Despite moving from the home as a small child, her parents kept the Westbury property. Her baby prints are even still in the patio! Thereze has been married to her husband, Jimmy, since 1986, and has raised two adult children in Westbury. Both children attended St. Thomas More and participated in a multitude of sports and activities along the way.

Working part-time has allowed Thereze the opportunity to volunteer/work in many places and organizations around the community. She has a deep bond with the area. Thereze is very excited to be a part of the Westbury Civic Club staff and assisting Westbury residents in any way possible. Stop in and say hello!



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# 2019 Westbury Civic Club Budget Year to Date

	2019 Budget	Actual Thru May
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Voluntary Dues	50,000	38,785
Donations Civic Club	2,000	1,426
Westbury Area Patrol Voluntary (Restricted)	217,500	192,159
Refinancing Fees	3,000	2,650
Transfer Fees	30,000	15,875
Resale Certificates	1,000	250
Interest Income	500	738
<b>Total General Income</b>	<b>389,000</b>	<b>329,574</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>		
Crier Printing & Expenses	46,650	22,502
Crier Advertising Fees	-37,500	-19,270
Community Garage Sale Expense	2,000	730.63
Community Garage Sale income	-2,000	-420
Programs & Hospitality	500	195.77
Greenspace Monthly Maintenance Contract	15,000	372.73
Water, Plants, Supplies & Equipment	10,000	0
Harris County Constable Fees (3 deputies)	246,600	137,651
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>281,250</b>	<b>141,762</b>
<b>General Expenses</b>		
Books, Subscriptions, Dues	500	97
Postage, Mailing Service	3,000	2,898
Printing & Copying	2,500	0
Supplies	750	49
Training & Education	100	0
Contributions to Ext Orgs	0	0
Bank & Pay Pal Fees	5,500	3,111
Computer Expense	2,500	1,602
Insurance	7,000	0
Payroll Expenses	60,000	26,731
Contract Services - Accounting/Legal	7,500	1,552
Facilities and Equipment	18,150	7,281
Conferences & Meetings	250	0
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>107,750</b>	<b>43,321</b>
<b>Total: Program + General Expenses</b>	<b>389,000</b>	<b>185,083</b>

## WCC Budget Explained


The 2019 Westbury Civic Club budget and year to date finances are to the left. Thank you to all the many residents who have sent in their 2019 Dues and Assessments. The WCC office has entered in all payments received through May 31. As you can see, we are still slightly behind in our donations this year. Please consider donating to the WCC and to the Westbury Area Patrol.

The primary concern for this year has been the **Westbury Area Patrol Constable** program. So far we collected \$192,159 in donations specifically for the Constable program. The total cost for 2019 contract is \$246,600. This year we had to reduce the number of deputies patrolling Westbury. It is recommended that a neighborhood our size should have six to eight deputies, but we have only three. In the past several years, we have had a shortage of donations but used money in the security savings account. There is no longer any money in this account. We would like to slowly build this account back up and add another deputy back to our patrol service. If you have not paid your 2019 Dues and WAP, please consider doing so today. The form is on page 7.

The **Crier printing and delivery** costs are projected to be completely covered by the advertising this year. We have added several new advertisers and continue to do so each month.

The **Westbury Civic Club has hired a 2nd part time employee**. We hope this additional office support will help expedite our response time to resident requests as well as keep the office better staffed.

At this time, we do not have a landscape company for our adopted esplanades. Some are being mowed by the Brays Oaks Management District, but we must take this over very soon. This budget line is for the anticipated cost.

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## Keep Neighborhoods Clean & Protect Local Waterways

Everyone knows that trash is no good for our bayous, rivers and Galveston Bay, but many people unwittingly contribute to water pollution because they do not understand that "natural" debris—leaves, grass clippings, fertilizer, and pet waste—becomes pollution when it hits the water. The water that flows into our storm drains flows UNTREATED to Galveston Bay.

### What can you do?

- ➔ Leaves and grass in your street are on the fast track to the bay. **Keep your curb line clean.**
- ➔ Dog feces carries harmful bacteria. When the TV news talks about fecal chloroform number and warns about staying out of the water, this high fecal containment is from mammal excrement like dog poop. **Pick up after your pet. Scoop that poop!**
- ➔ Trash clogs drains and pipes, causing flooding. Don't throw your cigarette butts out the car window or empty your ash tray when you stop for a light. **Don't Litter.**
- ➔ Fertilize your yard sparingly so the excess doesn't wash off and into our drains.
- ➔ Do not pour toxic substances into the storm drains: no oil, no paint, no cooking grease, no chemicals.

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## Could the Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road be Extended up South Post Oak to Loop 610?

Harris County Commissioners Court approved an \$800,000 expenditure to answer that very question. Several months ago, Harris County Commissioners Court approved a study by Brown Gay Engineers (BGE) to study the feasibility of extending the Fort Bend Parkway along South Main and up South Post Oak Road to 610. First, BGE is collecting data and then they will host two public meetings. The first public meeting will be held sometime in August or September to get public input. A follow-up meeting will be held in November with their findings and recommendations.

This is not a new subject. Back in 2011 in an article was published in the Houston Chronicle on August 29, 2011: *"A three-mile toll road linking the Fort Bend Parkway with Loop 610 West has been on the Harris County Toll Road Authority's books for 10 years, but it's unlikely to be built soon"*, officials say. *"We haven't even considered doing it,"* Harris County Judge Ed Emmett said. *"It's not something that anybody wants to do."*

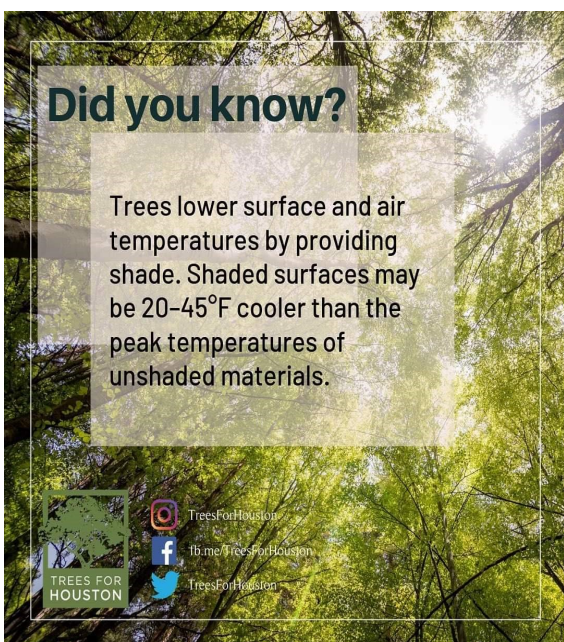
Then *"We have no plans to move forward with it at all,"* Harris County Toll Road Authority spokesman Eric Hanson said. *"We question its impact to that neighborhood, the entire three-mile stretch from 90 to 610. It's a long-established neighborhood."*

Then Westbury Civic Club President Becky Edmondson said she didn't know if the association had ever taken an official position on the connector but she agrees with the decision not to pursue it. Loop *"610 is already overcrowded,"* Edmondson said. *"My personal feeling is that it would be a horrible thing."*

Now it's been on the books for another 8 years and back in 2007 Senate Bill 792 gave Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) the right of first refusal on 6 projects, one of which is this project. Should HCTRA decide not to go forward, then it's possible Texas Department of Transportation could. This north extension is still listed on the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan of the Houston Galveston Area Council.

Jeff Peters, president of the Near Southwest Super Neighborhood, put together a meeting for the Super Neighborhood leaders and we were able to sit down with HCTRA and express our concerns about this project. There are pros and cons. But one thing that Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson came away from this meeting believing is that our concerns will be heard.

Stay tuned to future *Criers* for more information.



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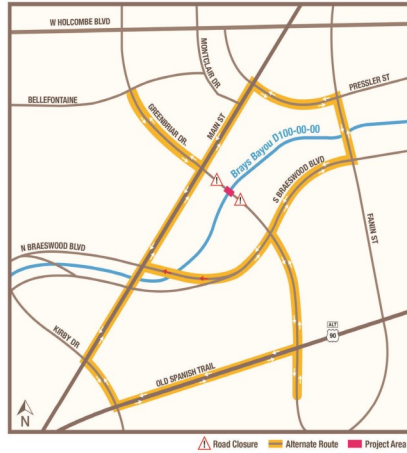
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# Greenbriar Dr. Bridge at Brays Bayou Closed for 12 Months

As part of Project Brays, the Greenbriar Dr. bridge at Brays Bayou will be replaced. The bridge will be raised, widened and lengthened to improve stormwater conveyance in this area. Project Brays is a multi-year, \$480 million cooperative effort between the Flood Control District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Project Brays includes the widening of 21 miles of Brays Bayou in 12 separate channel modification project segments, four detention basins, and the modification or replacement of 32 bridges.



Major project components include demolishing the existing Greenbriar Dr. bridge and removing segments of existing Greenbriar Dr. pavement; constructing a new three-span bridge with approach road pavement; excavating approximately 14,400 cubic yards of material to widen the bayou; removing and replacing storm sewer systems; removing and replacing slope paving; adding wider 10-foot sidewalks; reconstruction of adjacent pedestrian trails, sidewalks and maintenance access ramps to current standards and to be ADA compliant.

The project will require complete closure of the Greenbriar Drive bridge for about 12 months during construction. Main detours through this area, which is southwest of the Texas Medical Center, would be via Main Street, Fannin Street, Kirby Drive and Old Spanish Trail. The Flood Control District's construction contractor will place traffic warning signs at both ends of the bridge at least two weeks in advance of the bridge closure.

Pedestrian trails will be closed from Main Street to Fannin Street along Brays Bayou for the duration of the construction. The main trail detours for pedestrian trails would be via Main Street to Pressler Street to Fannin Street.

## Company OnStage Summer Plays



The Company OnStage Theater produces stellar plays throughout the year. The Company OnStage was founded in 1977 by Joyce Randall-McNally, a former associate director of the Alley Theater, along with her husband Hank McNally. For 33 years, they operated out of Westbury Square but are now performing out of Salem Lutheran Church on W. Bellfort.

More information about specific shows, upcoming performances, auditions, tickets and more can be found on their website, [www.companionstage.org](http://www.companionstage.org).

### TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING

Saturdays, June 15 – July 13, 2PM

Sundays, June 23 - July 7, 2PM

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Fridays, June 14 – July 5, 8PM

Saturdays, June 15 – July 6, 8PM

Sunday, June 16, 2PM

## Willow Waterhole Monthly Bird Surveys

Nature-lovers of Westbury, did you know that the Houston Audubon Society conducts a monthly bird survey at Willow Waterhole and that the public is invited to participate? Since the study area is so large, the effort is divided into several teams, each headed by an experienced leader.

The next bird survey will be held on **July 20 at 7AM**. Meet in the parking lot of The Gathering Place at 5310 S. Willow.

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# Westbury Yard of the Month Winners

## June 2019

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10707 Atwell

**Parkwest 2**  
Annie, Liam, Vivi Starkey  
5719 Sanford

**Parkwest 3**  
David & Carri Peterson  
5906 Lattimer

**Westbury 1**  
Tom Tinsley  
5110 Kinglet

**Westbury 2**  
The Hesters  
5450 Briarbend

**Westbury 3**  
Tim Pierce & Shannon White  
11526 Ashcroft

**Westbury 4**  
Jacques Davidson  
5730 Ettrick

**Westbury 5**  
Jayashree & K.V. Soman  
5639 Spellman

**Westbury South**  
jose & Susana Guzman  
12331 Renwick



### Do you want to win Yard of the Month?

Do you think your yard should win Yard of the Month?  
Do you want to nominate your neighbor's yard?

The judges drive their assigned sections around the 15th of each month. Make sure your yard looks good and you have NO deed restriction violations, especially visible trash cans.

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## Westbury Community Garden News

### 6th Annual Tomato Tasting Winners

The 6th annual Tomato Tasting, held on June 1 was a huge success. Not only do the Westbury Community Gardeners know how to grow tomatoes, they know how to put on a successful event! WCG President, Betsy Longoria, and Debbie Gordon, WCG Event Coordinator, along with 20 volunteers hosted close to 75 participants for the tasting. The participants had the pleasure of tasting 33 varieties of tomatoes grown by nine Westbury gardeners.

Three tables were arranged with plates of tomatoes to taste and a score card provided. There were four categories: Slicers, Saladettes, Plum/Paste and Cherries. There were some old time favorites and some new varieties this year. Tasters got to sample 12 different slicer tomatoes, 7 saladettes, 1 plum/paste tomato and 13 cherries. The crowd then voted on their favorites.

### Tomato Tasting Winners

#### Cherry Tomatoes

- Tied for 1<sup>st</sup> - Apero & Matt's Wild Cherry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sugary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sweet Million

#### Saladettes

- 1<sup>st</sup> Verona
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bloody Butcher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jaune Flamme (Yellow Flame)

#### Slicers

- 1<sup>st</sup> JD's Special C-Tex
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rose De Berne
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kellogg's Breakfast



**These companies and individuals donated prizes to the Fish Bowl drawings:** Johnny's Selected Seeds, William's Barbershop, Miss Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant, Fuzzy's Tacos, Professional Auto Care, Farm Dirt Compost, Microlife Organic Fertilizer, Southwest Fertilizer, Debbie Gordon, Shelly and Roy Johnson, Betsy Longoria, Marcia Hartman, Hazel Potvin



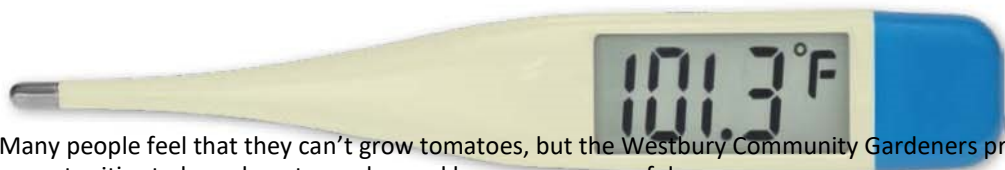
## WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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.

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

Contact us today at  
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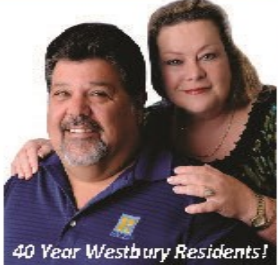
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