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COVID-19 Cases Increasing in Houston

Cases of COVID-19 have been rapidly increasing in Houston. Over 10,000 new cases have been reported since the last *Crier*. It is important to follow local orders and advice from trusted sources such as the Texas Medical Center (TMC). The TMC publishes updated data and charts everyday with number of cases, tests performed, hospital occupancy and more. Visit their website at www.tmc.edu/coronavirus-updates/

On June 25, the TMC made a rare public statement, asking all Houstonians to do their part in helping to slow the spread of COVID-19: by staying home when possible, maintaining a social distance of at least six feet, washing hands regularly, wearing a face covering, and if sick, getting tested and self-quarantining. We all need to do our part to slow the spread.

Harris County, along with many other surrounding counties and cities, has issued a face covering order for businesses through June 30. The order is expected to be extended if the

Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19

(data from publichealthharriscountytx.gov)

	77035	77096	Houston
4/23/20	54	59	2,975
5/21/20	108	85	6,188
6/24/20	334	183	16,253

current rate increase remains. Essentially the rule is No shirt, No shoes, NO MASK, No service.

Do you need a COVID test? See page 8 for locations near Westbury and other helpful information.

2021 WCC BOARD NOMINATIONS AUGUST 13 DEADLINE

Elections for the 2021 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 13, 2020, 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 2021 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)."



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



All candidates must include contact information including address, phone number, email, etc.



The deadline is August 13 by 4PM. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 713-723-5437.

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YES!

TO CENSUS 2020

NEW Trash Bin Fee on this Month's Water Bill

Starting this month, many Houstonians, including Westbury residents will see a new \$1.14 fee on their City water bill. On May 13, Houston City Council approved a new monthly fee for garbage bins provided by the City. This "lease fee" is \$0.57 per month per cart. The intent of the fee is to provide funds to keep enough containers in stock, maintenance of existing bins, and personnel to provide pickup services. Trash fees are always a hot topic in Houston. The vote was pushed back twice. District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum voted against the new lease fee.

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE.

Are you prepared?

See pages 11-13 for info on weirs in Westbury, flood insurance, weather resources, flood gages and more! Be prepared.

HEAVY TRASH

July 2020
Thursday, July 9
TREE WASTE ONLY

August 2020
Thursday, August 13
JUNK WASTE

RECYCLING

July 2020
Thursday, July 2
Thursday, July 16
Thursday, July 30

August 2020
Thursday, August 13
Thursday, August 27

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035
Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager
NOTARY SERVICES are NOT available at this time.

*****The office is CLOSED to the public. NO visitors.**

CONTACT US

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WCC President.....wccpresident@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 Station832-394-0400

CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum.....832-393-3016
District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin.....832-393-3004
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333
Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107
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

2020 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.....Katherine Wingfield
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DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Communications.....Lauren Figard
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Deed Restrictions..... Ray Mora
Flood Control & Infrastructure.....Jennifer Edmondson
Greenspace Beautification.....Mat Funk
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Security.....Maria Cervantes
Volunteer Coordinator.....Robert Ellis-Montgomery

SECTION DIRECTORS

Westbury 1.....Franny Oxford
Westbury 2.....Lindsey Pollock
Westbury 3.....Jeff Benavides
Westbury 3.....VACANT
Westbury 4.....Eugene Sirls
Westbury 4.....VACANT
Westbury 5.....Virginia Livingston
Westbury 5.....Donna Strom
Westbury South.....Brandon Richard
Parkwest 1..... Angie Furnari
Parkwest 2.....Jeffrey Weiss
Parkwest 3.....Lisa Placke

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Infections and hospitalizations related to COVID-19 continue to increase in Houston. As a community, we have faced other challenges over the years and we will face this challenge the same way – by taking care of ourselves and by helping our neighbors as best we can. The leaders of the Texas Medical Center have issued an urgent plea for individuals to take action to help reduce the spread of COVID-19: practice social distancing, wear a mask in public, and wash hands more frequently. These small actions of kindness can help us keep our families and our neighbors safer here in Westbury. More information about COVID-19 is on page 1 and 8.

On June 6, I attended a candlelight vigil hosted at Westbury United Methodist Church in memory of George Floyd, a native Houstonian who died a horrific death in Minneapolis. I thank Westbury UMC for organizing this candlelight vigil, a community event which was exceedingly moving and which provided a way for people to express their hopes and sorrows and concerns about racism.

Houston is now the most diverse city in all of the USA. District K is one of the most diverse city council districts in Houston, and our own community of Westbury is one of the most diverse areas within District K.

The Westbury Community Garden this month amended their bylaws with a Non-Discrimination Policy, to have a specific policy on the topic. I have reviewed the WCC bylaws and policies and

discovered that the WCC does not have a specific policy on the topic. I will ask the board to consider adopting a Non-Discrimination Policy, as many corporations have done to convey their vision.

I have been asked whether the deed restrictions for Westbury have any of the discriminatory language found in older Houston deed restrictions. Fortunately, even though Westbury was developed in the 1950s and 1960s, none of our sets of deed restrictions have discriminatory language. I also received a concern regarding wording (thugs) we used in the June newsletter to describe criminals, wording that I am now more aware is an emotionally charged term that can have racial connotations.

I want to thank our newsletter delivery team, the Westbury High School baseball team and their parents, for resuming delivery of our monthly newsletter. The May newsletter was delivered by WCC board volunteers due to COVID-19 social isolation rules. These WHS teenagers delivered our monthly newsletter during an emotionally charged time and some may have been nervous walking up to front doorsteps to thousands of Westbury homes. We gratefully appreciate the work that these WHS students do. Delivering the newsletter helps bring funds to the WHS baseball program, and this work is mutually beneficial to the school and to our community. Please greet them with friendly smiles and thanks!

I will close by discussing law enforcement and the community policing done by our Precinct 5 Constables. On page 14, you will see some of the Accountable Policing steps that Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap's office follows. If you have a concern or a complaint about Precinct 5, please let us know and also let them know. You can submit your concerns to them at <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/contact-us/>

We frequently tell our residents to report "suspicious behavior" to the Constables. I am a gray-haired lady who drives a Subaru. I have often driven my car slowly around and around Westbury streets in loops, making notes or taking photos, and then driving slowly in loops again. While often seeing the same people outside. All of that could be considered suspicious behavior, yet to my knowledge, no one has ever called to report me for suspicious behavior. Criminals can come in all ages and races.

July is a traditional time of enjoying the summer, celebrating Independence Day, and feasting on summer fun foods. I am looking forward to some great BBQ and spitting out watermelon seeds. Have fun and be safe. Mask up!

-Cindy Chapman



I ♥ Westbury

“COME” TO
THE NEXT

WCC Board Meeting
July 15, 2020, 7PM

Streamed LIVE on
Westbury Houston Facebook

WCC Board Notes - June 2020

- ➔ The June Westbury Civic Club board meeting was cancelled by vote of the executive board.
- ➔ WCC Board by email approved a by-law update by Westbury Community Garden. More on this can be found on page 6.
- ➔ Next WCC board meeting will be via Zoom on July 15. The meeting will be streamed LIVE on Westbury Houston Facebook.
- ➔ **Hot topics / items to be discussed at the next WCC meeting—**
 - * Hillcroft Bridge Closure at Brays Bayou
 - * Hillcroft sign near W. Airport
 - * 2020-2021 Board nomination process
 - * Annual meeting ideas
 - * Focus group update

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd
713-726-7107 * platou@houston.tx.gov



→ **Weekly Classes/Groups CANCELLED**
→ **Playground, Swings & Basketball courts CLOSED**

The Platou Center is a location for Free Lunches for Children. Children must be in the car in order to receive lunch. Food will be placed in trunks. Drive thru only. 25 lunches available at each Community Center in the City of Houston.

All activities, groups, and classes are cancelled at the Platou Center. The playground and basketballs courts are CLOSED in accordance to the Stay Home, Work Safe order. Please do not use the equipment.



Westbury Pool

→ **NOT opening for 2020 Season**

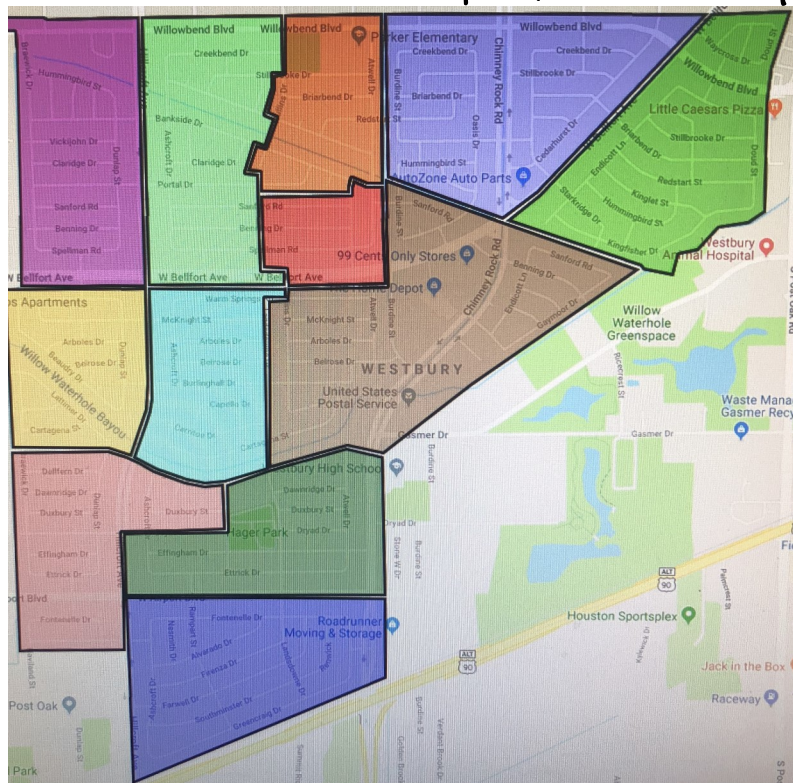
The City of Houston announced that the City public pools and splashpads would NOT be opening in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Meyer Library News

→ **Meyer Library on W. Belfort CLOSED Indefinitely; Replacement will be in Westbury**

City Council approved the appropriation of funds authorizing BRAVE Architecture Inc. to perform design and construction phase services for the new Houston Public Library at 5505 Belrose in Westbury (Nov 2019). The new location will be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury. Stay tuned to future editions of the *Westbury Crier* for more information about the new library. We expect public meetings to be held in 2020.

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.

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	443 homes
	Parkwest 3	311 homes
	Westbury 1	543 homes
	Westbury 2	530 homes
	Westbury 3	853 homes
	Westbury 4	834 homes
	Westbury 5	501 homes
	Westbury 5	150 homes
	Westbury South	563 homes

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July 2020 Calendar Events/Meetings

Sat 4	Happy July 4th 
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Zoom Meeting—Live Stream on WAIC Houston Facebook
Wed 15	WCC Board Meeting—via Zoom Live Stream on Westbury Houston Facebook 7PM
Sat 18	Audubon Society Bird Survey To Be Determined
Mon 20	Brays Bayou Association Meeting To Be Determined
Tues 28	SW PIP Meeting To Be Determined

All About Trash

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



Regular Household Trash

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

Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY week either on Thursday or Saturday or any day the City decides to come by. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



Recycling in Westbury

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

July 2020

Thursday, July 2
Thursday, July 16
Thursday, July 30

August 2020

Thursday, August 13
Thursday, August 27

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 2020

TREE WASTE ONLY
Thursday, July 9

August 2020

JUNK WASTE
Thursday, August 13

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- 🗑️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- ♻️ Recycling is every other Thursday.
- 🗑️ Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- 🗑️ Yard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- ♻️ 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 with City logo
- 📞 Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr - 10785 SW Frwy
Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM;
Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center** - 11500 S. Post Oak
Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM.
Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- 🗑️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS

Hurricane Season is here.
Keep Storm Drains Clear of Debris.
Have Your Trees Trimmed Now!
Get Flood Insurance TODAY!

PLANNING CALENDAR

August 13— Last day for 2020-2021

WCC board nominations

August 24—1st Day of School for HISD*

September 7—Labor Day Holiday

September 16—WCC Annual Meeting & WCC Board Elections

*HISD announced that more information and decisions regarding the 2020-2021 school year will be made on July 15. The district is planning for multiple options including school as normal, hybrid (half on campus, half at home online), or all virtual like the end of last school year.



Westbury Community Garden By-law Amendment Adding a Non-Discrimination Policy

The Westbury Community Garden requested to amend their by-laws to include a non-discrimination policy. The garden's by-laws require that all changes must be approved by vote of both the Westbury Civic Club board and the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC). Neither the WCC nor the WAIC boards met in June. However both organizations held an electronic vote and approved the changes to the garden by-laws. The garden is diverse and inclusive; this just puts their actions into print.

Non-Discrimination Policy: Westbury Community Garden does not and shall not discriminate based on race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

Primary Run-Off Election July 14

Did you know that primary runoff elections are scheduled for July 14? Bring an accepted form of photo ID to vote. For the latest voting information, consult the website www.HarrisVotes.org

Early Voting

The closest locations for Early Voting will be—

- *Bayland Park Community Center—6400 Bissonnet
- *RainDrop Turkish House at 9301 W Bellfort
- *Holiday Inn Houston NRG/Med Center at 8111 Kirby
- *Hiram Clarke MultiService Center at 3810 W Fuqua

June 29—July 2	7AM—7PM
July 5	10AM—7PM
July 6—July 9	7AM—7PM
July 10	7AM—10PM

Election Day July 14

The ONLY voting location in Westbury on Election Day will be at the Platou Community Center - 11655 Chimney Rock – 7AM to 7PM. This will be the voting location for both Democrats and Republicans.

Why Pay your Westbury Civic Club Dues?

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) works on: reducing neighborhood blight, enforcing deed restrictions, improving economic development, and advocating for our fair share of the City's budget. We hold two semi-annual White Elephant Sales and host neighborhood events such as Keep Westbury Beautiful Day. We publish the award-winning Westbury Crier monthly. The WCC has one employee who works closely with our City Council Office and city departments to ensure timely responses to residents' complaints, like Solid Waste problems. We also continue to work diligently with the City and the County to find real solutions to flooding along Willow Waterhole Bayou. The WCC is a strong advocate for the City to continue on schedule with storm drain reconstruction projects in Westbury with ReBuild Houston. This project was to start in 2020 but was delayed due to Harvey. **Please pay your Westbury Civic Club dues of \$50.**

Why Support the Westbury Area Patrol?

The largest program and biggest expenditure for the WCC is for the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). The WCC has had a contract with Harris County Precinct 5 deputies since 1984. The WAP offers 24 hour coverage, vacation watches, home security checks, and alarm monitoring. The program provides high visibility, rapid response to emergency and non-emergency calls. Daily patrolling enables the deputies assigned to Westbury to become familiar with the neighborhood, thereby alerting them to "out of the ordinary" situations and ability to respond better and faster. WAP officers were instrumental in catching young criminals in Westbury South who were attacking and robbing elderly residents last year. Harris County Pct. 5 has a dedicated investigative unit that can be available if needed. The WCC has had to lower the number of deputies from 4 to 3 in 2019, and we could be in danger of losing the program if participation in this important program does not improve. Crime is increasing in Houston during this Covid-19 time, it is imperative that we keep our Constable patrol strong and active. **Please support the Westbury Area Patrol, \$285.**

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Why Support the WCC?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 463 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents.

Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. However, contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and to the Westbury Area Patrol were down in 2019. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is.

The total amount for the **2020 Voluntary Dues is \$335**. That is less than a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$50 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$285 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Read more about why you should support the WCC and the Westbury Area Patrol to the left.

Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas. This allows your payments to be processed immediately. You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office or pay online at www.westburycrier.com

NEW

Pay your 2020 dues ONLINE at westburycrier.com

The WCC website has been improved so that you can now pay either by PayPal or by credit card directly from our website. If you have already paid, please consider sending an additional contribution for the WAP Constable Patrol. If you have been intending to pay, now is the perfect time to make a payment. The full recommended payment for the Constable Patrol program is \$285.

Go to westburycrier.com then to the Dues and Assessments page.

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$50
- WCC Constable — \$285
- WCC Dues + Constable — \$50 + \$285 = \$335
- Additional Donation of \$100 or more

Once you get to the payment page you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card.

If you want to pay an amount different than the options in the Shopping Cart on the WCC website, you can send a check to the address indicated on the Dues form below or you can use your PayPal account to send the amount you want by sending the money to our email address of westburyc@sbcbglobal.net. The WCC board continues to look at other ways to make paying the dues easier and more convenient.

During this challenging period, we know that some will not be able to contribute the amount you would like to pay for the Westbury Constable program. If you have the ability to send a payment, please help your friends and neighbors who may not be able to pay, so that the important service provided by the Westbury Constable program is able to continue. We would not ask unless it was important.

Please help us keep our Westbury Constable Program patrolling on our streets. Pay your 2020 dues online TODAY!

Please send this form in with your payment **2020 Westbury Civic Club Dues**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

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

Online payment:
www.westburycrier.com
www.paypal.com to email
westburyc@sbcbglobal.net

Make sure to include your address

Westbury Civic Club Dues **\$50** \$

Westbury Area Patrol **\$285** \$

Subtotal **\$335** \$

Additional Contributions:

Westbury Civic Club \$

Westbury Area Patrol \$

Total \$

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

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 westburyc@sbcbglobal.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.

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

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

The 2020 Mandatory Assessments of \$246.75 were due 2/1/2020. Invoices have been mailed out.

Payment plans can be set up for homes that have a past due balance. Please contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437.

The WCC does NOT receive payments from escrow accounts or any other source. If you receive a Mandatory Assessment bill, it was due by 2-1-2020.

An attorney will be contacted for accounts past due.



All About Face Coverings

There are many different types of face coverings or mask that one could get. There are hospital grade N95, surgical masks, cloth masks, bandanas, and more. Where do you get them? Which provide the best protection without taking supplies away from first responders? What is the most comfortable? How many do I need?

Many grocery stores and gas stations are now carrying the basic surgical masks. They have been seen at Meyerland HEB. Retailers are starting to sell cloth masks, for example Old Navy has adult and children sizes available. If you prefer local, check out Chic Tailor at Braeswood and Chimney Rock. There are several Westbury residents that are making masks as well, just need to ask your neighbors or check Facebook.

The best mask offering protection from COVID-19 is the N95 but authorities ask that those be reserved for first responders. So that leave the surgical masks and cloth, either store bought or homemade. There are many debates around the effectiveness of these types. However, it is the belief of the CDC and the Texas Medical Center that they still help slow the spread if we all wear them and do our part.

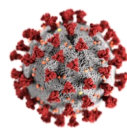
Cloth masks come in a variety of styles and layers. Look for masks that offer at least two layers of protection and preferably with a filter opening. Filters can be surgical masks or coffee filters, amongst other items. Elastic around the ears or tying around the back of the head are the most common types. Cloth mask should be washed regularly.

Consider having at least 3-5 masks per person in your household. More are likely needed as schools and businesses reopen, 2-3 daily depending on your level of exposure.

COVID-19 Testing Sites near Westbury

**This is meant to be a helpful tool and is not a complete list of locations. These locations might change. Please check with each site before going. These are mostly free testing sites but some might bill your insurance. You will need to verify with each site.*

There are many places to get a COVID-19 test. You can go to a public drive thru site such as Butler Stadium or go to partner locations such as CVS or Walmart. Hospitals and some doctors offices also test for COVID-19. There are also private labs and testing events that pop up each day sponsored by local politicians or entities. Almost all require advance appointments to be made via phone or website.

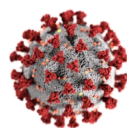


Butler Stadium

13755 S Main St.

City of Houston

Drive thru testing. Must first call to get authorization number from Houston Health Department at 832-393-4220 between 9am and 3pm. Free.

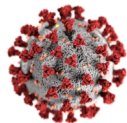


Walmart Neighborhood Market

9700 Hillcroft

Quest Diagnostics

Drive thru testing on Tuesday and Thursdays. Must register online at <https://bit.ly/34yWKT>. No out of pocket costs reported but verify first.



CVS Pharmacy

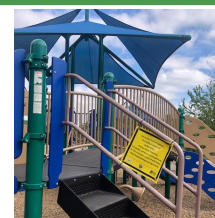
5430 Bissonnet

CVS MinuteClinic

Drive thru testing. Must register online at cvs.com.

Playgrounds and Basketball Courts Still CLOSED

All the playgrounds, basketball courts, and swing sets are closed at all City and County parks. There are signs and caution tape at Westbury area playgrounds and swing sets. The City has removed the basketball goals at all the parks due to continued usage. Please stay off the park equipment.



Confirmed Local Cases of Covid-19

Data provided by zip code at publichealthharriscountytexas.gov

77035— 334 cases ; 77096— 183 cases

Houston— 16,253 (*Data as of 6/23/20)



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All About Deed Restrictions & Nuisances

Westbury is a Deed Restricted Neighborhood

ALL homes in Westbury have active deed restrictions. There are over 30 sets for the 9 sections and 5,000 homes in Westbury. Why do we have deed restrictions? To protect and maintain our neighborhood for the benefit of all residents. The City of Houston does not have any zoning or rules on where commercial business can be located. Deed restrictions help maintain our neighborhood as a neighborhood. All lots in Westbury must be residential usage.

When you bought your home, you should have received a copy of your deed restrictions. Certified copies of the deed restrictions can be obtained at the County Clerk office downtown for a fee. The WCC office has copies of the deed restrictions by section online at www.westburycrier.com. You will need to know your legal address to know which set applies to you. An easy way to find your legal address is to look up your property on Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) website, www.hcad.org.

Sick of Solicitors at your Door?

Westbury has been plagued with door to door sales solicitation for months now. Companies know people are home and they are sending their sales force out. These guys are trained to make you say YES, even when you want to say NO!

What can you do?

- ➔ Do not open the door.
- ➔ Through the door, tell them you are NOT interested. Tell them to leave your property.
- ➔ If they persist, tell them you are in quarantine!

Seriously, if NO ONE buys from them they will go elsewhere. Help Westbury get a reputation of being a "hard to sell to" neighborhood.

Report Nuisances like long grass/weeds and visible trash directly to the City of Houston at 311. You can call 311 or email at 311@houston.tx.gov.

DO NOT KNOCK

NO UNINVITED OR UNEXPECTED CALLERS

THIS IS A PRIVATE PROPERTY.

We will not buy anything at the door, nor change utility companies, donate to charity, listen to religious or political views, participate in surveys and we don't want to sell our house.

DO NOT DISTURB

Updating Westbury Deed Restrictions Deed Restriction Revision Action Group Formed

UPDATE—Thank you to all the residents who reached out about joining the Revision Action Group. The group will meet via Zoom in July/August to get started. Look in future *Criers* for more information.

Westbury's deed restrictions are old and need to be updated. While they are still active and still have validity, they are slowly losing their original meaning in today's legal climate. There are many reasons to update the deed restrictions. It is no longer 1958. How people live and use their homes is different in 2020. While it is nice that no one can hang a visible clothes line in their front yard, I am sure the residents of Westbury 5 East of Hillcroft would like the option to build a 2 story home. They are the ONLY section that cannot. With home elevations and new home construction on the rise, a better set of deed restrictions and guidelines are needed.

The Westbury Civic Club worked with residents in Parkwest 1 and 2 in the 1990s and successfully updated and modernized their deed restrictions with changes such as allowing two story homes, three car garages, and mandatory assessments. This process can be long and frustrating. Later deed restrictions revisions over the years have stalled, failed, and fizzled out.

It is time to seriously think of Westbury's future. 2020 is the time to move Westbury forward and update our aging deed restrictions. The first step is to get a group of active residents who are dedicated to seeing the process all the way through. This group will first meet to get their bearings, then start to break down the choices of how to tackle a massive deed restrictions revision for 5,000 homes. Even Parkwest 1 and 2 need to be updated, despite the changes made in the 90s. We will do surveys, in the *Crier* and online, and hold several public meetings to get feedback from residents.

Front Yard Parking is NOT Allowed in Westbury

It is a violation of city ordinance to park any vehicle on the front or side yard of a residential property in Westbury.

Sec. 28-303. Parking of vehicles prohibited in certain residential areas

It shall be an offense for any person to park or to cause, suffer or permit the parking of a vehicle or equipment on any surface that is not an improved surface as defined in this article, within any front or side yard of a single-family residence in a residential area subject to this section.

After hearing numerous complaints about vehicles parked on the grass, in 2009, the City of Houston enacted an ordinance to allow communities to opt-in to an ordinance to regulate the practice of vehicles parked in the front or side yard. City Council noted that parking vehicles on the front or side yard has "a negative effect on the aesthetics of single-family residential areas affected by such practices and the property values of residences in those affected areas". The Westbury Civic Club applied to the program, public notices were made as required, and a hearing was conducted. In November 2009, the Prohibited Yard-Parking ordinance went into effect in all parts of Westbury.

How are violations handled? Report yard-parking violations to the HPD officers at the Southwest HPD Station at 832-394-0400. Photographs of violations are accepted to help document the problem. It is helpful to record the license plate and make/model of the offending vehicle. Also, please be aware that quirks in the ordinance mean that some practices that appear to be yard-parking violations are not enforceable.

**Copies of Deed Restrictions Available
Online at www.westburycrier.com**

June Westbury Yard of the Month

June Winners

Parkwest 1

Harry and Cappy Selig
5627 Hummingbird

Parkwest 2

Charlie Bartlett
10718 Landsdowne

Parkwest 3

Rita Puente
6023 Beaudry

Westbury 1

Mike Jakemer
5211 Kingfisher

Westbury 2

Steven & Leigh Bornstein
5307 Stillbrooke

Westbury 3

Nickie & Todd Canada
5214 Benning

Westbury 4

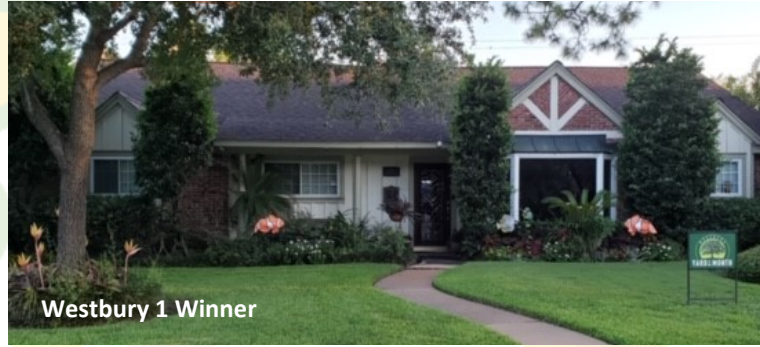
Patricia Santana
5802 Ludington

Westbury 5

Richard & Linda Hulbirt
5522 Spellman

Westbury South

Scott and Gina Davidson
5758 Farwell



Westbury 1 Winner



Westbury 3 Winner

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?

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.

Email WCC Board member Robert Montgomery at robertsmontgomery@icloud.com. He will forward the nominations to the correct judge for your section.

The Backyard Naturalist—All About Hummingbirds

Written by Becky Edmondson, Certified Master Naturalist, Galveston Bay Area Chapter

Did you know there are 360 species of hummingbirds in the world today, living primarily in Central and South America? About 12 species make their way into the United States. Here in Houston, our most frequent backyard visitor is the Ruby Throated Hummingbird, or sometimes the Black-Chinned Hummingbird or the Rufous Hummingbird. They migrate up from Central America starting in March to breed and return back home in September and October. You may see more birds in September when they are on the move, but they will be here all summer. The migration of 450 miles can be over the open waters of the Gulf or over land along the coast. The birds usually travel the same path each year of their normal 12 year life span, so a hummingbird you see in your yard this year could be the same one who visited last year.

Hummingbirds are known nectar drinkers, but did you know that a hummingbird's main diet consists of small insects like aphids, gnats, and small spiders? They eat insects for protein and minerals, so you can attract them with plants that attract small insects. It is important to not use pesticides, because hummingbirds eat insects and need spider webs to build their nests. Fruit flies are a perfect size insect for hummingbirds to eat, so you can even try putting out overripe fruit. Hummingbirds are attracted to the colors red and yellow, so red tubular flowers on native plants like Red Sage, Firecracker Plant, Texas Star hibiscus, Esperanza, and Turks Cap, all available at nurseries, are perfect plants for hummingbirds.

Hummingbirds consume about 1/2 their body weight a day and feed as often as every ten minutes. With a heart rate of 1200 beats per minute and their wings flapping 50 to 200 times per second, it's no wonder they need a lot of fuel.

If you want to hang a hummingbird feeder, the sugar water should be changed at least twice a week. Boil water or use hot tap water and dissolve 4 parts of hot water to 1 part white sugar, and let the solution cool before filling the feeder. That's it, no dye, no additives. If you hang more than one feeder they should not be visible to each other, as these little birds are highly territorial and will try to claim both feeders.

Because they are here to breed they will need material for their nests. Their little thimble sized nests are constructed in 6-10 days and made with plant down and bud scales. Native green milkweed provides nesting material as well as food for the Monarch caterpillars. The nest is all held together and adhered to a shaded twig with spider silk and then decorated with lichen and moss. The two little eggs are about the size of a tic tac, and will incubate for about two weeks and spend up to three weeks in the nest. They will then hang around all summer before migrating south for the winter.

The Gulf Coast Observatory (www.gcbo.org) in Lake Jackson hosts a bird banding every third Saturday. In September they host an Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravangaza where you can hold a hummingbird in your hand!

Ruby-throated hummingbirds



Weirs “Spillovers” on the Willow Waterhole Bayou

One of the biggest conversations in Houston these days is flooding. Every rain storm brings more worries. While Westbury saw no home flooding in 2019, we did have many flooded neighborhood streets and stalled cars. These storms also brought the Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne out of its’ banks.

After 5 floods since 2013, residents who live near the Willow Waterhole Bayou in Westbury at Landsdowne know how the bayou operates when it starts to rain. The WCC monitors the gage levels online and also know how this bayou has historically acted. This all changed in 2018.

Several rain events last year alarmed area residents as the gage seemed to stop reporting the level accurately; it stayed stationary even though it was still pouring outside. This happened again in June 2020. No homes flooded in Westbury.

Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) attended the July 2018 WCC Board meeting to explain the changes to the bayou and the resulting effect on the gage. The WCC’s understanding is that the weirs “become active” when the water reaches approximately 52.5 ft at the weir. Upstream, at Landsdowne, where the gage is located, the elevation is one foot higher. This means that the bayou will reach the top of bank or very close at Landsdowne before water will overtop the weirs downstream at the detention basins. This is how it is designed to work. This is when we expect to see the Landsdowne gage stabilize and hold at a certain level between 53.5 and 54.5ft (top of bank is 54.20 ft.).

The “Spillover” weirs along the bayou are now complete and seem to be operating as they were intended. WCC board members Jennifer and Becky Edmondson often visit the site after heavy rains. A video of one such visit is posted on the Westbury Houston Facebook page and at www.westburycrier.com. The rain on May 7, 2019 saw the bayou plateau for 34 mins, at 54.28 ft, which was technically over the bank at Landsdowne. The rain 2 days later, on May 9, saw the bayou crest at 53.50. Each of these rain events saw rapid rainfall in a very short period and that is hard for our old infrastructure to handle. On May 7, we had a total of 5 inches of rain, BUT 3.24 inches of that fell in one hour. From 6:35-6:45, 0.68 inches of rain fell. Nothing is designed to hold that rate of rain. This is why our neighborhood streets flooded so quickly, even in areas “that never flood.” The May 9 rain total was 3.20 but 1.6 inches fell in only 30 minutes. In one 5 minute period that night, 0.44” fell.

These 4 photos show some of the features at the Willow Waterhole Bayou and detention basins. Photo 1 shows the new large culverts that are bringing the Bankside/Hummingbird bayou water from the Chimney Rock intersection to the Willow Waterhole Bayou. This photo also shows one of the weirs into the detention basin as well as the emergency/ secondary spillover that will allow water to overflow and re-enter the channel on other side of the “control structure” that is seen circled in red in photo 2. The control structure restricts the flow of water in the bayou. As the water level rises in the channel, water will flow over the weirs and into the detention basins. Photo 3 shows the 2nd weir which is located along the Willow Waterhole Bayou directly behind the homes on Gaymoor in Westbury. This weir is located before the other one to the West. The basins are now all connected. One of the new connections is seen in Photo 4.



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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

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

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 best forecast for Houston weather. You can also follow them on Facebook.

Be Alert. Be Weather Smart.

Sign Up for Power Outage Alerts

A helpful alert service about Centerpoint power outages is Power Alert Service (PAS) which can notify you, friends and family of a power outage, its restoration progress, and when the electricity comes back on.

Thanks to upgrades, you can send alerts to up to five text, five emails and five phone numbers.

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Do You Have Flood Insurance?

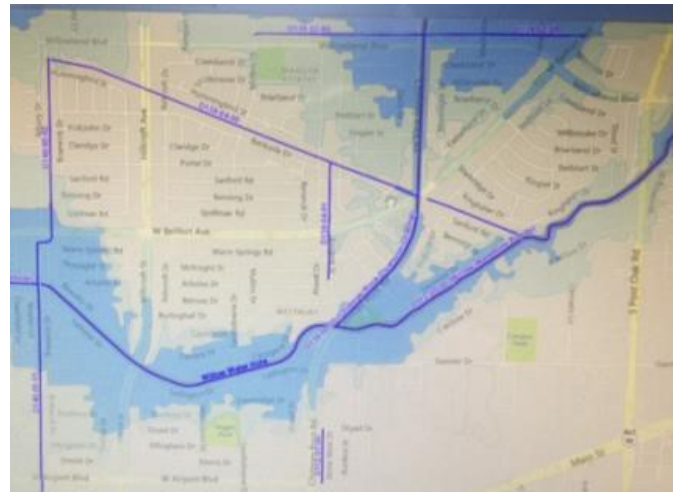
While the majority of Westbury is not in the 100 or 500 year flood plains, floods can happen anywhere given the right circumstances. Only 15% of the structures that flooded during Harvey had flood insurance. Did you know the record for rainfall in a 24 hour period is held in nearby Alvin, Texas? 44 inches! The good news is that if you are not in a flood plain, then you can buy peace of mind for just a few hundred dollars a year.

The Harris County Flood Control District advises that EVERY HOME in Harris County should have flood insurance, whether or not you live in a mapped flood plain. The current flood plain maps do not fully warn where flooding might occur. Homeowner's policies do not include flood coverage, and because no insurance company wanted to write an unprofitable line of business, the federal government stepped in. In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners.

As you shop for a flood policy, you may be confused, as many are, about whether the policy is through FEMA or an insurance company. In 1983, the Write Your Own (WYO) Program began and is a cooperative undertaking between the private insurance industry and FEMA. The WYO Program allows participating property and casualty insurance companies to write and service the Standard Flood Insurance Policy in their own names. The companies receive an expense allowance (approx. 30% of premium) for policies written and claims processed, while the federal government retains responsibility for underwriting losses. The WYO Program operates as part of the NFIP and is subject to its rules and regulations.

If you don't have flood insurance, ask your insurance agent for a quote. Make sure that you check the coverages and understand EXACTLY what you are purchasing. If you don't have an insurance agent, then look for one online at the FEMA site. Put in your address and it will give you a local agent. <https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart>

PLEASE NOTE— You cannot purchase flood insurance when a named storm in the Gulf of Mexico. Once purchased, there is a 30 day waiting period before coverage takes effect.



Flood plains in Westbury. Blue is 100 Year Flood Plain and light green is 500 Year Flood Plain

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 can help in rain events. 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/

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.

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 41 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.

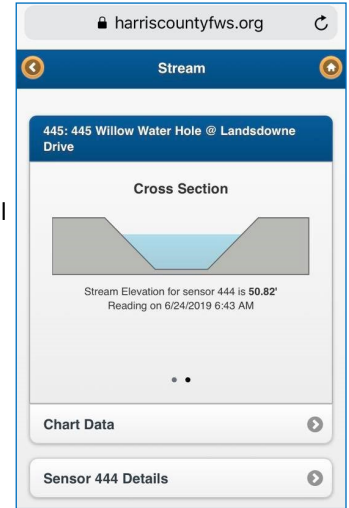
The film is available at http://www.texasarchive.org/library/index.php?title=When_it_Rains&p=video1&b=0.

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.

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 S. Gessner
#465 – BB at Beltway 8



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Public Safety Information

E-Commerce Safe Zone Locations

Two E-Commerce "Safe Zone" locations have been set up nearby at the HPD S. Gessner substation and the HPD Southwest substation, where people can securely complete purchases of items they ordered on Craig's List, Facebook, and similar websites.



Using a Safe Zone to complete a purchase in a police facility helps buyers avoid falling victim to the kind of scams and robberies that have occasionally taken place around the country where buyers expected to complete a private transaction with an online seller.

The HPD Safe Zone is marked by signage near the entrance to the substation and provides a location where individuals can conduct e-commerce transactions. "The location is in the view of the station's video surveillance cameras. The Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) and the Five Corners Management District are pleased to provide these locations as an option for the use of residents and businesses in the District," says BOMD Executive Director, Ben Brewer.

- ➔ **HPD S. Gessner Substation**
8605 Westplace
- ➔ **HPD SW Substation**
13097 Nitida

Leadership Change at SW HPD Station

We congratulate Commander Belinda Null, former Commander of the Southwest HPD Station (the HPD station located at Nitida), for her promotion to Commander in the HPD Homicide division. Commander Null is the first female commander of the HPD Homicide Division. We wish her well in her new role.

The new Commander of the Southwest HPD Station is Jonathan Halliday. Commander Halliday has been with HPD for 18 years and previously was a Lieutenant at the South Gessner HPD Station. We welcome Commander Halliday to the HPD Southwest Station and look forward to working with him.



Congratulations on your promotion!

Specialized Task Force Deployed in Westbury

Noting a high volume of Burglary of Motor Vehicles in Westbury since the beginning of May, Sergeant Derkowski of our Westbury Area Patrol put together a plan of action for additional resources by the Precinct 5 Constables, with an intent to put a stop to these burglaries. This initiative is in progress and includes both additional patrols and specialized units deployed to Westbury. We greatly appreciate these extra services deployed in our neighborhood.

The Precinct 5 Constable program is the most expensive program of the Westbury Civic Club, but we believe that this service is a valuable service to our residents. Peace of mind and a feeling of safety is important.

Most of the funds for our Westbury Area Patrol contract with Precinct 5 comes from voluntary payments from our residents who know how important this program is. It is easy to make a donation on our website or by mail. Working together we can help each other to keep Westbury the safe and desirable neighborhood that it is. Thank you for supporting the Westbury Area Patrol. If you have not already contributed, please consider doing so immediately. If you have already contributed, please consider making an additional contribution. See page 7 for the dues form and exciting information on how to pay online!

Recent Crime in Westbury

On June 3, three male suspects were observed burglarizing vehicles in Westbury and fled on foot when spotted by Precinct 5 Constables. Both HPD and Precinct 5 Constables units set up a perimeter, and one of the suspects was found in a back yard in Westbury. A stolen cell phone was recovered. There were at least 16 cases of vehicle burglaries / vehicle damage that same night in Westbury, which may be linked to these suspects.

On June 10, while Precinct 5 Constables were dispatched to a call about a suspicious person in a resident's backyard, they were flagged down by another person reporting that someone had been robbed at gunpoint nearby. Both HPD and the Constables searched, but were not able to find the armed robber.

Precinct 5 Constables and Accountable Policing

Constable Ted Heap has put forth an accountability policy for Precinct 5. The diagram below is a good depiction of what the policy entails. If you have a concern or a complaint about Precinct 5, please let us know and also let the Constable office know. You can submit your concerns to them at <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/contact-us/>

ACCOUNTABLE POLICING

PCT. 5 UNDER CONSTABLE TED HEAP

✓ DEPUTIES REFLECT COMMUNITY SERVED	✓ MENTOR PROGRAM FOR INCOMING DEPUTIES	✓ REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION TRAINING <small>(above state standards)</small>	✓ DUTY TO INTERVENE	✓ BAN CHOKEHOLD OR ANY NECK RESTRAINT
✓ USE OF FORCE REVIEW	✓ BODY CAM REVIEW	✓ PURSUIT REVIEW	✓ BAN SHOOTING MOVING VEHICLES	✓ COMMUNITY LIAISONS







Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

May 22—June 24, 2020

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5600	Arboles	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	5/22	11AM	Westbury 3
11900	Braewick	Robbery	6/19	1AM	Westbury 4
12200	Braewick	Auto Theft	6/12	1AM	Westbury 4
5300	Briarbend	Damage, Vandalism	6/12	12PM	Westbury 2
5400	Briarbend	Theft from Motor Vehicle	5/26	9PM	Westbury 2
5500	Burlinghall	Damage, Vandalism	5/25	12AM	Westbury 3
6000	Cartagena	Robbery	6/10	10AM	Parkwest 3
6000	Dellfern	Simple Assault	6/21	5AM	Westbury 4
6000	Dryad	Aggravated Assault	5/23	1AM	Westbury 4
5800	Ettrick	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	6/12	3PM	Westbury 4
5600	Greencraig	Damage, Vandalism	6/11	10PM	Westbury South
5500	Hummingbird	Damage, Vandalism	6/2	5PM	Parkwest 2
12400	Landsdowne	Auto Theft	5/30	12AM	Westbury South
5900	Ludington	Drugs, Narcotics	5/28	10PM	Westbury 4
6000	McKnight	Simple Assault	6/18	9PM	Parkwest 3
10800	Oasis	Theft from Motor Vehicle	5/27	8AM	Westbury 2
5700	Portal	Damage, Vandalism	6/2	10PM	Parkwest 2
5700	Portal	Theft from Motor Vehicle	5/31	9PM	Parkwest 2
5300	Redstart	Damage, Vandalism	6/21	11PM	Westbury 2
5400	Redstart	Theft from Motor vehicle	5/26	9PM	Westbury 2
5100	W. Belfort	Aggravated Assault	6/7	10PM	Westbury 1
5700	Willowbend	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	5/28	6PM	Parkwest 2

	Theft from Motor Vehicle
	Auto Theft
	Property Crime
	Burglary
	Assault, Simple or aggravated
	Robbery

The crimes listed took place between May 22 thru June 24. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.



Theft from a Motor Vehicle

Westbury got hit two different nights very heavily with thieves that targeted vehicles parked outside. The Constables think that the same suspects might be responsible for both nights of thefts. 11 thefts from vehicles were reported on the evening of May 29 to the early morning hours of May 30. 16 thefts from vehicles occurred throughout the night of June 2 to morning of June 3.

May 29, 8PM—May 30, 2AM

5500 Arboles
5600 Arboles
11600 Braewick
11600 Braewick
5500 Cartagena
6000 Cartagena
6000 Cartagena
6000 Cerritos
5900 Lattimer
5700 Ludington
5600 McKnight

June 2, 3PM - June 3, 10AM

10700 Ashcroft
10800 Ashcroft
10900 Ashcroft
10900 Ashcroft
11000 Ashcroft
5800 Bankside
5500 Belrose
5800 Belrose
5800 Belrose
5800 Belrose
5800 Belrose
10700 Hillcroft
5500 Hummingbird
11500 Landsdowne
10800 Sagamore
5500 Sanford

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	2	5	1	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	31	6	1	1
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	2	3	1	0
Robbery	2	4	3	1
Simple Assault	2	15	3	1
Shoplifting	0	0	10	0
Drugs, Narcotics	1	0	0	0
Vandalism, Damage	6	11	1	0
Auto Theft	2	4	3	0
Theft from Building	0	0	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	1	8	0	0
Counterfeit, Forgery	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	49	58	25	3

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It's Time to be Counted! US Census 2020

How many people live here in the Westbury neighborhood? How do we find out? The government does a population count every ten years, called a "census", and this is a census year. Every residence should have received an official Census Bureau census request by mail in mid-March with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. There are three ways to respond to the 2020 Census.

- ➔ **Online**
- ➔ **By phone**
- ➔ **By mail**



Why respond? It's important that the count be correct because it affects funding, schools, voting districts, developers and others who rely on the data to make decisions.

You can track response rates in Westbury at 2020census.gov.

Location	Census Tract	Pct.
Westbury 1	4206	68.7%
Westbury 3 & 4 Westbury South	4221	64.4%
Westbury 4	4223.02	60.8%
Westbury 5	4224.03	56.7%
Parkwest 1 & 2 Westbury 2 & 5	4220	73.8%
Parkwest 3	4224.04	32.8%

*Data as of April 27, 2020

Ten years ago, it is estimated that zip code 77035 was "under reported" by 24%. Zip code 77096 was "under reported" at 12%. It is very important for Westbury, the City of Houston, and our state that as many people as possible here in Westbury get COUNTED.

Candlelight Vigil at Westbury United Methodist

On Saturday evening of June 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. a candlelight vigil was held on the front lawn of Westbury United Methodist Church for George Floyd. The purpose of the candlelight vigil was "to lament, witness to justice, and hold sacred silence together". Due to COVID-19 infection concerns, participants were asked to wear face masks and to be socially distant from each other during the outdoor event. The event was broadcast live on their Facebook page and is available online. Guest speakers included parishioners, plus Vice-Mayor ProTem Martha Castex-Tatum, who represents Westbury residents in District K. Those who attended were inspired by this solemn, yet uplifting vigil.



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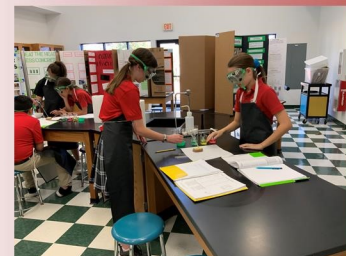
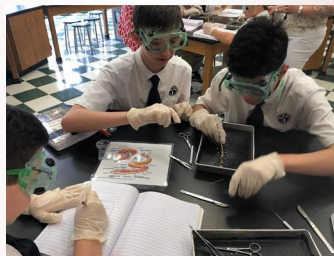
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Only RAIN in the DRAIN!

As it rains in Westbury, water begins to build up along the street edges and gutters. It's here that it begins its long journey to the sea. The first destination on this journey is to the storm drain inlet on your street. Clearing the path to the storm drains is essential. Once it reaches the inlet, it flows into the storm drains and eventually ends up in one of the drainage ditches or Willow Waterhole Bayou, then off to Brays Bayou, then the Houston Ship Channel and ultimately to the Gulf of Mexico.

It's very important to prevent debris from blocking the flow of the water to the storm drain inlet. It is vital to keep the water flowing in the storm drain pipes under the streets.

Solid debris takes up space in the storm drain pipes making them less effective in transporting storm water to our ditches and bayous. Small sticks, leaves, newspapers, and other trash become wrapped together and could clog and slow the draining on your street. Our storm drains in Westbury are old. They are original to the neighborhood and should be treated with care. **Only rain in the drain!!!** Our trees are old and have huge roots that are bound to have popped through, combine this with leaves and other debris, and water just can't flow at the rate it should. If the rain is falling very rapidly (as it has many times in the past several years), our water on the streets needs to flow as fast as it can to the bayous.

Here are some things you can do to help.

- ➔ Sweep & BAG your leaves out of the street.
- ➔ Ask your yard crew to NOT blow the leaves and grass clippings down the street or into the storm drains.
- ➔ Clean the storm drain inlet in front of your home
- ➔ Pick up the newspapers that are thrown in your yard. Pick it up, read it or not, and throw it in your recycling.



Hillcroft Bridge Delayed Due to COVID-19

The scheduled bridge work and closure at Hillcroft and Brays Bayou has been delayed until after July 4 due to team members contracting COVID-19. The current start date is July 6. Expect delays.

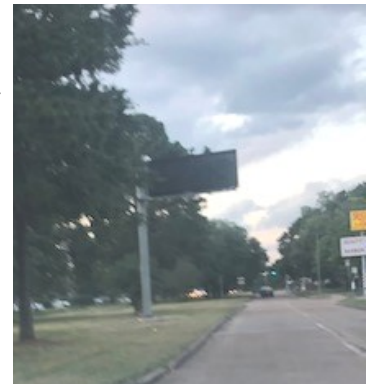
The Greenbriar bridge over Brays Bayou has reopened!

New Detention Basin at Willow Waterhole

The S. Post Oak/ S. Willow detention basin is set to start construction very soon. Heavy excavation equipment is already on site. HCFCD was able to recently purchase this property from a developer that had wanted to build dense housing at the site but was met with much opposition from the surrounding neighborhoods due to repeat flooding and the property's proximity to the Willow Waterhole Bayou.

What is that Huge Sign on Hillcroft?

If you have travelled North on Hillcroft from S. Main you may have noticed a giant new electronic sign installed in our esplanade. The WCC was shocked to see this sign. We were never notified or told anything about this. We have made several inquiries to the City regarding this sign as it seems very out of place in our residential neighborhood.



After some independent research, it appears the sign is part of a widespread traffic program that includes installing 91 of these signs throughout the City. WCC leaders would like to know how and why Hillcroft was chosen and why we were not informed. The sign is obstructed by our trees in the esplanade and we want to ensure they are not cut down. We hope to have more information in next month's *Crier*.

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Seeking info about gardening? The non-profit Urban Harvest has online presentations that anyone can register for and download to view. These presentations are **free of charge** but you may wish to make a tax-deductible donation. Classes are available on the following topics **through August 31, 2020**. Go to <https://www.urbanharvest.org/education/classes/>

- ◆ Growing Tomatoes For Spring or Fall
- ◆ Herbs For Small Spaces or Containers
- ◆ Small Scale Composting
- ◆ Summer Gardening 101
- ◆ Sweet Potato Planting Guide
- ◆ Ecological Pest Management
- ◆ Gardening For Pollinators and Bees
- ◆ Plant Propagation

Pine Needles Needed

Got Pine Needles? Westbury Community Garden needs them! If your pine needles have to go, bag them in the cheaper black bags rather than compostable bags and arrange for pick up by contacting George at gtrejsek@att.net or Hazel at hazelnut856@yahoo.com.

Braeswood Farmer's Market

Are you looking for an alternative to grocery stores? Can't find fresh eggs at the store? Come to the Braeswood Farmer's Market at Chimney Rock and South Braeswood on **Saturdays from 9AM-1PM** or **Wednesday evenings from 4-8PM**.

**Wednesday
4PM-8PM**

**Saturday
9AM-1PM**



American Basketflowers in Bloom

If you visit the Prairie Wildflower Gardens on S. Willow at the Willow Waterhole Greenway in July, you will encounter a large grouping of tall "American Basketflower" plants. The American Basketflower is a native Texas wildflower that grows in open, sunny land. The next time you are visiting Willow Waterhole, take a walk through the Prairie Wildflower Gardens to see what wildflowers are currently in bloom.



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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Links for Lost & Found Pets

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- ☑ Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
- ☑ Houston Cares - Contact at <https://houstoncaresrescue.org/>



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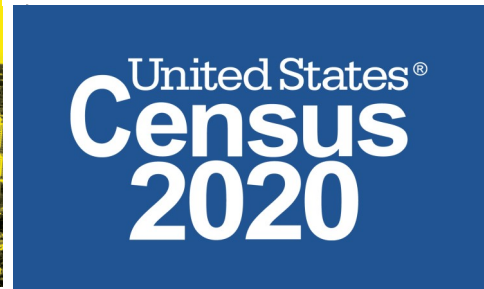
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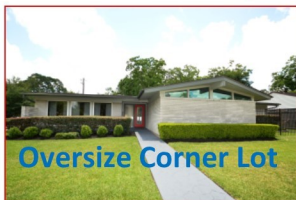
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