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Join the 2023 WCC Board

Nomination Deadline - August 11

Elections for the 2023 WCC Board of Directors will be conducted in September at the WCC Annual Meeting. All nominations must be received before 4 PM on the second Thursday of August, which is August 11, 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 2023 Elections. Email westburycc@sbcglobal.net. The mailing address is 5322 W. Bellfort, Ste. 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, up to 100 words in length.
- ➔ All candidates must include contact information including address, phone number, email, etc.

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

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Stay Informed on Important Neighborhood Topics

City Storm Drain Project Update

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Flood Control Study Update

➔ See page 11

Deed Restriction Revision

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W. Bellfort Pavement Markings

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Hurricane Season is Here Be Prepared. Have a Plan.

It is officially hurricane season. Being prepared and knowing what to do are key. There is no need to panic if you are prepared and have a plan. **Pages 8-10 contain many helpful articles about storm prep, alerts, weather resources, and more.**

NEXT
WCC Board Meeting
Wednesday
August 17 , 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church
***NO July WCC Board Meeting**

HEAVY TRASH RECYCLING

July 2022
Thursday, July 14
TREE WASTE ONLY

August 2022
Thurs., August 11
JUNK WASTE

July 2022
Thursday, July 14
Thursday, July 28

August 2022
Thursday, August 11
Thursday, August 25



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035
Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

Westbury Civic Club Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs., 10AM-12PM

WCC Office Closed Friday–Sunday

NOTARY SERVICES— available to paid WCC members

CONTACT US

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WCC Office Email.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net
Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net
WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

Visit our website at www.westburycrier.com

“Like” us on Facebook at Westbury Houston

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.braysoaksmd.org

Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.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

2022 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.....Susan Brock

Treasurer.....Becky Edmondson

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Communications.....Lauren Figard

Community Relations.....Tony Robert

Deed Restrictions.....Maggie Donovan

Flood Control & Infrastructure.....Jennifer Edmondson

Greenspace Beautification.....Mat Funk

Membership.....VACANT

Security.....Stephen Deavult

Volunteer Coordinator.....VACANT

SECTION DIRECTORS

Westbury 1..... Santiago Caraballo

Westbury 2.....Lindsey Pollock

Westbury 3.....Jeff Benavides

Westbury 3.....Jonathan Hansen

Westbury 4.....Eugene Sirls

Westbury 4.....Becky Pate

Westbury 5.....Andrew Jefferson

Westbury 5.....Donna Strom

Westbury South.....VACANT

Parkwest 1..... Angie Furnari

Parkwest 2.....Bob Droubi

Parkwest 3Alan Hirshman

**POSTED WCC BOARD VACANCIES CAN BE FILLED AT
ANY REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.**

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

I have been in a reflective mood lately. Attending a funeral tends to have that impact, and this month I attended the funeral of Dabney Kennedy, a long-time community advocate and a former President of the Westbury Civic Club. Two former WCC Presidents, Edith Smith and Becky Edmondson, joined me after the funeral service as we reminisced about Dabney and discussed Westbury issues. Dabney took time to mentor others and was noted for his quiet style of communicating, finding consensus, and looking to the future. If you enjoy visiting Willow Waterhole, Dabney was a key advocate who helped guide and convince the Harris County Flood Control District and others that the project could be much more than a big hole in the ground surrounded by a fence, and so Willow Waterhole ended up being the model for subsequent county flood control projects. Dabney was looking ahead to the potentials of the future.

As we talk about the future, I want to explain that the Westbury Civic Club is self-managed. That means that we don't hire a management company to run the business of the Westbury Civic Club. We are "powered" by a part-time office worker, our board of Directors, and volunteers. One of the challenges is doing the day-to-day work while also considering the future needs of our neighborhood. Looking to Westbury's future, how do we protect what we love about our

neighborhood while also adapting to today's world? Our deed restrictions are hard to read and were written in the 1950s and 1960s. A lot has changed over the past 60 or so years, and it is vital to update our deed restrictions for the times. We have about 5,000 homes and likely there are 5,000 opinions about what might need to be updated in the deed restrictions. A Town Hall meeting about deed restrictions was held in June and more meetings and surveys will be held in the coming months. Together, as a neighborhood, we will work out a consensus and find a balance for updates that a majority of our homeowners are willing to approve. I invite and encourage you to participate in the process. I thank all of you who attended the June Townhall meeting about Deed Restrictions; you had great questions and comments. We appreciate your feedback about the presentation slides.

Our neighborhood has a lot of good news happening these days. Our friends at the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy have recently announced several major gifts that will be used to add amenities at Willow Waterhole. At the June Westbury Civic Club meeting, we heard from engineers working for Harris County and for the City of Houston who are studying ways to reduce flooding. We got our first look at the revised city plans for a street reconstruction project that will rebuild streets/sidewalks and

improve the street stormwater detention system in an area of Westbury 4 roughly bounded by Chimney Rock, Ludington, Landsdowne and West Airport. That city project is still in design and is pending final design and approval of construction funds, but it is getting closer to fruition.

I try to keep in mind that good things that are happening all the time, because sometimes it doesn't feel that way, does it? I don't want to sugarcoat that everything is perfect here in Westbury. It is not. But I have seen many times where neighbors have helped neighbors. I have seen many times where neighbors have worked together to make things better. Pick up that piece of trash. Smile and wave at your neighbor. Send some money to support the WCC Constable or the WCC operating expenses. Be part of the change that you want to see.

Stay cool. Enjoy your summer.

-Cindy Chapman



WCC Board Notes - May 2022

- ➔ Westbury Sergeant Dwerkowski with Harris County Pct. 5 gave crime updates
- ➔ Alyce Coffey, City of Houston Dept of Solid Waste, gave show and tell presentation about recycling.
- ➔ Re-Districting – General discussion that city council districts are being revised based on the census and a letter will be sent from the WCC to the city.

WCC Board Notes - June 2022

- ➔ Sgt. Derkowski – thefts of catalytic converters, with Tacoma and Prius vehicles being high targets. Two arrests this month for Driving Under the Influence – one driver on drugs and the 2nd one was at triple the alcohol limit.
- ➔ Updates provided by Joe Gatson of District K, Veronica Hernandez of the Mayor's Office, Richard Nguyen from the Solid Waste Department
- ➔ Speakers on Flooding Mitigation and Stormwater Projects (see page 11 for more details) Contractors for **Harris County Flood Control District** – preliminary details of feasibility study of the D-140 Fondren Diversion Channel, in progress. Contractors for **City of Houston Public Works** – preliminary details of engineering study of SubProject 1 to replace streets, sidewalks, stormwater drainage, and add detention along Willow Waterhole Bayou, study progress.
- ➔ A Nominating Committee and a Bylaws Committee are being formed In preparation for WCC Annual Meeting,

NO WCC BOARD MEETING IN JULY

NEXT
WCC Board Meeting

Wednesday
August 17 , 7PM

IN PERSON MEETING

Westbury Baptist Church
10425 Hillcroft, Game Room

Meeting will be livestreamed on the Westbury Houston Facebook page.

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd

713-726-7107 * platou@houstontx.gov

New Supervisor— Dajai Tennard

Email—Dajai.Tennard@houstontx.gov

Platou Center is open from 9:30AM—6PM, Monday—Friday

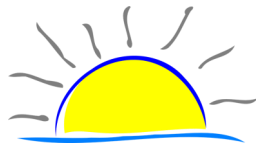
Adult Classes @ The Platou Center

***** NO adult programs or classes in July. Classes will restart once school begins again and the Enrichment program ends.

Kids Summer Enrichment Program June 13—August 19

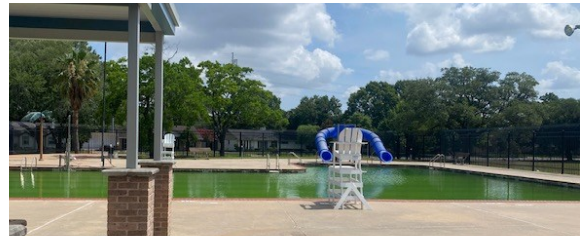
There will be a summer program offered this summer for children at the Platou Center.

For more information, contact Dejai Tennard by phone or email to Dejai.Tennard @houstontx.gov. You can register by the week through Parks Department City of Houston website.



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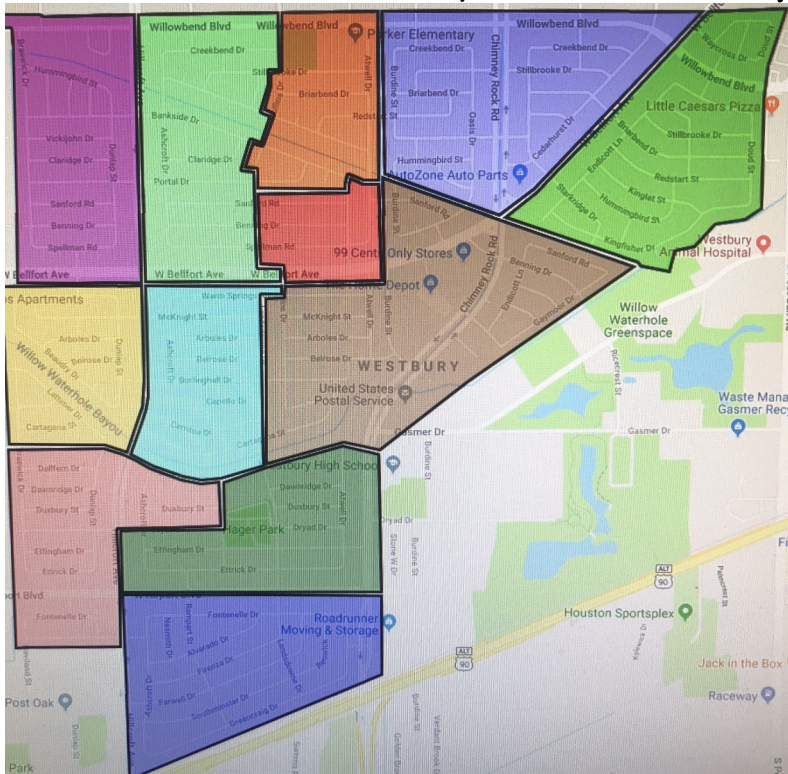
“This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s 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

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

What's Happening in Westbury

JULY 2022 Calendar Events/Meetings

Mon 4	Happy 4th of July	
Thurs 7	Learn About Herbs Westbury Community Garden—12581 Dunlap See page 17	6:30PM
Thurs 14	HEAVY TRASH PICK UP—TREE WASTE ONLY	
Sat 16	Audubon Society Bird Survey 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey	7-9AM
Mon 18	Eggplant Extravaganza Westbury Community Garden—12581 Dunlap See page 17	11AM-2PM
Wed 20	No WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting in July Next Meeting will be Wednesday, August 17	
Wed 20	No Westbury Civic Club Meeting in July Next Meeting will be Wednesday, August 17	
Thurs 21	Learn About Herbs Westbury Community Garden—12581 Dunlap See page 17	6:30PM
July 25-29	WCC Office Closed Please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net	

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 2022

August 2022

Thursday, July 14

Thursday, August 11

Thursday, July 28

Thursday, August 25

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 2022

August 2022

TREE WASTE ONLY

JUNK WASTE

Thursday, July 14

Thursday, August 11

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.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

PLAN AHEAD

August 11—Deadline for WCC Board Nomination

August 11—Next Junk Waste Heavy Trash

August 22—1st Day of School for HISD

September 21—WCC Annual Meeting



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. The past several years' contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and to the Westbury Area Patrol have been down. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. We all want a safe, flood free neighborhood with great schools and nice neighbors.

The total amount for the **2022 Voluntary Dues is \$365**. That is well worth a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$305 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month at 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft
→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

Next WCC Board Meeting WCC Board Meeting Wednesday, August 17, 7PM IN PERSON MEETING

Topics - Committee updates,
Deed Restriction Revision, crime, etc.

Read the Westbury Crier *ONLINE!*

Did you know that you can read the *Westbury Crier* online? Our website, www.westburycrier.com has an archive of past Criers starting with March 2011 all the way to the current issue. We are working on getting all the past issues scanned and online. There is great Westbury history in the old Criers. If you sign up for announcements on the website, you will get an email every month with a link to the Crier.

The WCC tries to get the Crier to residents as close to the 1st of the month as possible. Sometimes this is hard to accomplish as there are printer issues, weather delays, and schedule problems with our delivery team. We apologize for any inconvenience. Subscribe to WCC announcements on our website, and you will receive an email with a link to the online Crier each month.

Pay Your Dues Online www.westburycrier.com

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

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$60
- WCC Constables — \$305
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$365
- Custom Amount — You can enter your own amount

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

Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing you 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

Please send this form in with your payment

2022 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____
 E-mail _____

Online payment:
www.westburycrier.com
www.paypal.com
 to email
westburycc@sbcglobal.net
 Make sure to include your address

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.
 Mail to:
 P.O. Box 975182
 Dallas, TX 75397-5182

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$60	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$305	\$
Subtotal	\$365	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol		\$
Total		\$

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.

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. These assessments may be adjusted annually by the most recently published annual percentage change for the US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance with the deed restrictions.

The 2022 Mandatory Assessments of \$253.90. Due Date is February 1, 2022.
 IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN INVOICE, PLEASE EMAIL THE WCC OFFICE AT WEST-BURYCC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

District K Gateway Reception and Sunset Parade

If you love the colored lights at City Hall and on several bridges over Hwy 59, then wait until you drive down to South Main(Hwy 90A) between Hiram Clarke, South Post Oak, Chimney Rock, Hillcroft, and Fondren. These 5 underpasses now feature multi-colored, changeable lighting and brightly painted beams and columns, thus bringing a more distinctive flair to these gateways into the Five Corners Improvement District. The intersections also received landscaping, signage, and safety improvements. Since Hwy 90A is the boundary between the Five Corners District and Westbury, we are able to enjoy the benefits of this very visible 1.1 million dollar beautification effort on our southern border.



How were these improvements funded? In 2017, District K Council Member Larry Green participated in a signing of a Tri-Party Agreement, along with the Chairs of the Five Corners Management District, TIRZ 25, and TIRZ 9. The three entities agreed to work together, and with District K, on economic development projects in the Five Corners Hiram-Clarke area. Projects could include addressing needed infrastructure such as sidewalks and streetscape enhancements, parks and greenspace improvements, public art, and more.



On June 10, the gateway improvements were celebrated with a reception and parade. Hundreds of District K residents gathered to enjoy a reception that featured line dancing, entertainment, speeches, and more. As the sun set, the celebration continued with a parade to view the new colorful lighting.



Councilmember Castex-Tatum said: "I love this work and our community. We will keep working to ensure our community is one we can all be proud of. Keep shining, District K!"



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You live in a very unique state from the rest of the nation in terms of real estate law. When you need to purchase, sell or refinance your real property, one-size-fits-all legal forms may not be adequate to achieve the results you need and neither should your estate plan.

You need to consult with a Texas Real Estate Attorney who has experience and knows how to reach the result you desire.

When you have taken the time to find a law firm to help you plan your end of life decisions and to guide you

through Texas Real Estate transactions, make sure it's a firm who can handle your case with the utmost care and professionalism.

Make sure it's Keever & Wiesenathal.



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 texts, five emails and five phone numbers.

<https://www.centerpointenergy.com>

Do You Have Flood Insurance?

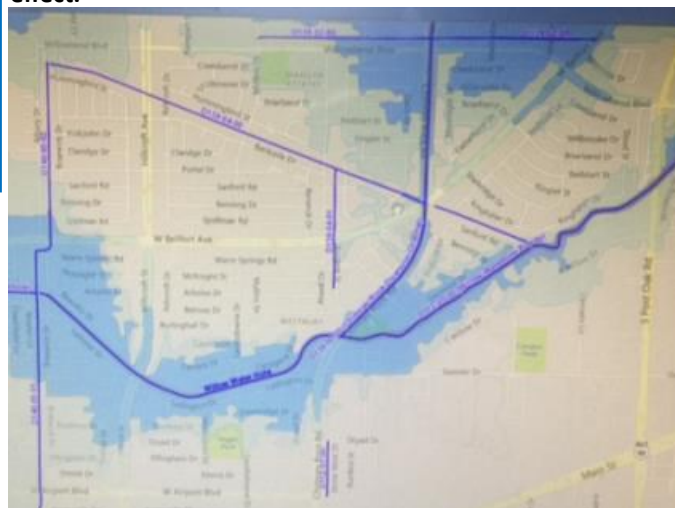
While the majority of Westbury is not in the 100 or 500 year flood plains, floods can happen anywhere given the right circumstances. Anywhere it can rain, it can flood. There is no such thing as a no flood zone. Only 15% of the structures that flooded during Harvey had flood insurance. Did you know the 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/flood-insurance-provider>

PLEASE NOTE— You cannot purchase flood insurance when a named storm is 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 be extremely helpful. 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.

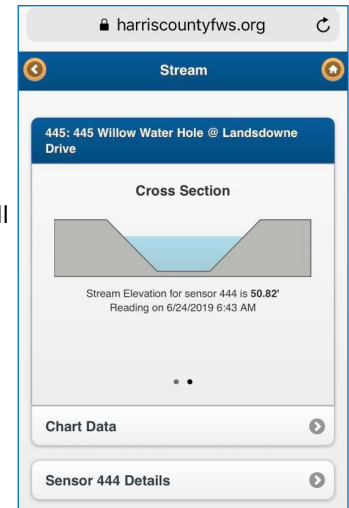
The film is available at http://www.texasarchive.org/library/index.php?title=When_it_Rains&p=video1&b=0.

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 for 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



Westbury Flood Gage Explained

Westbury has a flood gage located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne (gage 445). The gage can be accessed here, <https://www.harriscountyfws.org/GageDetail/Index/445>.

Once the Willow Waterhole Bayou reaches a certain level, the water will overflow the weirs into the basins at the Willow Waterhole complex. The Westbury flood gage (which is upstream of the basins) will read steady at this point, typically around 51.2-51.5ft. It is also at this same level, that the flood control system will show that flooding is possible in Westbury and the news will start reporting it as such. While this is technically true and flooding can happen anywhere, it is important to remember that we have the basins downstream. Watch the gage levels to really know. If the gage holds steady, it is likely water is flowing into the basins not homes. If the gage were to start rising again, flooding would be very likely in Westbury homes. The unknown factor is how full the basins are or will get once it starts raining. There is no gage or camera at the basins.

The gage in Westbury is set to only update when there is a change in water level. If we are in the middle of a rain event and the gage stops updating, while at a level of 51.2-51.5ft, it is likely the water is overflowing the weirs downstream.

Hurricane Preparation Tips

No one likes to hear that there is a possible direct hit of a major hurricane coming, but it is the reality of living so close to the coast. Knowing what to do and having a plan is extremely helpful. There is a chance every year that our storm will come, we just hope not. If a major hurricane is predicted to hit Houston, you need to prepare for the wind and rain during the storm itself and for the aftermath of no power for 2-3 weeks.

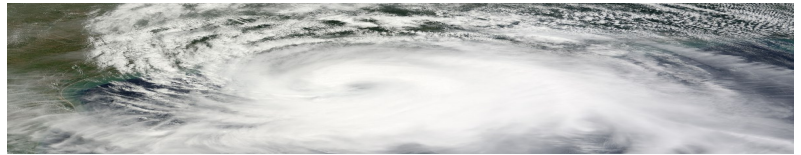
Should I stay or should I go now? The first decision ultimately is when to stay and at what point, if ever, do you leave. A longtime hurricane saying is “run from the surge, hide from the wind”. If you are medically dependent on electricity and do not have a generator, you need to have a plan for a place to stay during and after the storm. Most residents can stay in their Westbury homes during a major hurricane. You hunker down and prepare for the wind (discussed to the right). Houston residents do not need to be on the roadways as those will be needed for coastal evacuations. The question is: do you stay in your home with no power after the storm, or do you leave town at that point? This decision will help with how you plan for buying food, water, gas, charcoal, etc. Some needs are for the storm itself and others are for the aftermath of no electricity for weeks.

The two lists on this page were created by Westbury residents and are meant to be a helpful guide. There are official hurricane prep lists available on all the major news channels websites, which are also helpful tools to help plan. Be prepared and be safe.



Long-term Hurricane Preparation Tips

- Keep your trees trimmed. Wind is the biggest threat to Westbury in a major hurricane. Keeping your branches off your home, garage, fences, and power line is important.
- Buy a portable gas generator. It is easy to get a generator when there isn't a storm aimed straight at us. They quickly become hot items. Plan ahead.
- Measure your windows and have plywood stored in the garage to place over your windows when needed. Some new windows are hurricane strength but the original Westbury home windows are not.
- Make a hurricane prep box containing flashlights, batteries, battery operated radio, candle, lighters, matches, etc., so it's already on hand.
- Save a stash of empty water bottles to fill up for your freezer to make ice or cold water.
- Copy important documents, place in sealable plastic bag, ready to take with you quickly.



Immediate Hurricane Preparation Tips

(This would ideally be done over several days leading up to landfall).

- Fill all vehicles with gas.
- Buy gas for your generator if you have one. Fill up any extra tanks.
- Get extra cash.
- Make sure to have at least 2 weeks worth of all medicines. Get prescriptions filled if needed.
- Secure all items outside that can blow in the wind. Move patio furniture inside garage. Move potted plants to secure location. Secure or place your grills inside.
- Don't forget the kids items. Take off swings from swing set. Flip, disassemble, secure trampolines as they can fly. Lay basketball goals down on sides. Move all toys and bikes inside.
- Move your trash cans to your garage or secure them very well to a tree or post. Duct tape the lids shut.
- For major storms, put plywood over your windows. It is not recommended to tape your windows, as this can cause more dangerous shards of glass than if it were to break naturally.
- Freeze bottles of water to make ice that will extend life of your freezer or refrigerator. Make as many as possible as they can be used in an ice chest as well.
- Have flashlights and batteries. Buy extra batteries if needed. Having a battery operated lantern for main room or head flashlights for each person are handy. Kids might enjoy glow sticks.
- Have candles or oil lamps ready
- Get matches or lighters for candles, grill, or your gas stove.
- Have a battery operated radio so you can listen to alerts. Some new models have charging ports and special NOAA channel.
- Buy at least one week's worth of non-perishable foods. Suggested items include peanut butter crackers, bread, muffins, fruit with longer shelf life such as apples and oranges, snack bars, granola, beef jerky, trail mixes, applesauce, fruit cups and canned goods.
- Ensure you have enough pet food and supplies such as kitty litter for at least 2 weeks.
- Buy charcoal or propane for your grill so you can cook outside if power goes out.
- Get extra water. (And wine!)
- Charge all devices and keep fully charged until power goes out. You can sit in your car later for some AC and charge your phone.
- Do all laundry. Wash sheets. Start with clean slate to minimize problems with heat and sweat.
- Wash all dishes.
- Fill bathtub or large buckets with water. If there is no City water available, you can use the stored water in your toilet to flush.
- Have a secure place in your house already planned and ready with a blanket and pillow and radio/phone. Ideally away from any windows. In many Westbury homes, that is likely your hallway, even if it has no doors, you can shut the individual bedroom doors that have windows so hallway is more secure.
- If you have kids, have them help with preparations and explain why you are preparing. It helps with anxiety to have a plan and be a part of it. Have them grab a book and a lovey if they have one.
- Clean storm drains and gutters in front of your home.

Flood Control Advocacy

Flooding is always a hot topic in Houston and Westbury is no stranger to flooding. While it has been several years since our last major flood, the fear and worry every time it rains never ends. Westbury has several areas that are prone to repetitive flooding along the Willow Waterhole Bayou (D-112). The Westbury Civic Club has been advocating for over 50 years for flood control relief in Westbury. With the creation of the Willow Waterhole Detention Basins and the overflow weirs, Westbury has seen some flood relief but more is needed. There are several factors that cause Westbury homes to flood. The Willow Waterhole Bayou does not have enough capacity and the dam in Westbury that doesn't function properly, both of these factors make the bayou rise rapidly. Our City storm drains and outfall pipes are aging and inadequate-sized. In 2015, the City put Westbury on the 5-year CIP plan for a large multi phase Storm Drain Reconstruction project. It will take both Harris County Flood Control (who handles the bayou) and the City (who handles the storm drains and outfall pipes) working together to help alleviate flooding in Westbury.

During the June 15 Westbury Civic Club meeting, representatives on behalf of the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) and the City of Houston Public Works Department provided status updates on studies to identify ways reduce flood damage in the general Westbury area.

HCFCD Study on the Fondren Diversion Channel

HCFCD is doing a Feasibility Study of the "Fondren Diversion Channel", which is also called D-140. See map of the study area. This area is immediately West of Westbury. Storm water is supposed to flow into Brays Bayou via the big manmade Fondren Diversion Channel. The diversion channel was dug decades ago and back then, most of the surrounding land was undeveloped, a big portion being the Fondren Ranch which had the Willow Waterhole Bayou flowing through it as a natural tributary of Brays Bayou.

It was recognized that storm water would need to be handled when the Fondren Ranch land was developed. This was when the natural route of the Willow Waterhole Bayou (in the area upstream of Westbury) was modified to create straight line channels and the diversion channel was dug to route the stormwater directly into Brays Bayou, instead of sending it down the Willow Waterhole Bayou (which also flows into Brays Bayou downstream of Westbury). The work in the Fondren area has always been an issue for Westbury. Homes flooded the 1970s and water coming from Fondren area was blamed. In response, an earthen dam was installed in the Willow Waterhole Bayou (Located at edge of Westbury in Parkwest 3). The dam is meant to force the normal flow of water to make it go to the Fondren Diversion Channel. However, when it rains too much, the water overflows the dam and flows into Westbury streets and back into our part of the bayou.



During the HCFCD Feasibility Study of the D-140 watershed, the engineers are creating mathematical models of how and where the water flows under various conditions. They compare their results to historical information and then adjust the models accordingly. As they get deeper into the studies, they will identify flood prone areas and causes of flooding, recommend feasible solutions (both short-term and long-term), identify a recommended plan of action, and deliver the completed report. The feasibility study is still in progress, and more information will be available later this year.

Harris County voters approved a bond for some project funding for improvements in the D-140 system. After this study is completed, then the next step would be to identify which projects will get action. NOT all projects identified in the study will get selected. It is our hope that Westbury and our dam are identified as a project and then chosen and funded accordingly. It is all a long process, but this study is an important part.

City of Houston Storm Drain Reconstruction Project

Our Westbury streets and storm drains were designed in the late 1950s and early 1960s. If it were installed today, our storm drains would be much larger and outfall pipes would be positioned differently. Ideally when it rains, the rainwater is supposed to flow from our yards into the city street, and down to the stormwater drains, typically located at corners or other low spots in the street. It then flows through pipes to the bayou. In certain storms when the rate of rainfall is high, the storm drains are unable to keep up due to their small size and bad positioning.

The City of Houston Public Works Department is in the preliminary design phase for a street and drainage reconstruction project called Westbury Sub-Project One (SP1). Sub-project 1 is roughly bounded by Chimney Rock, Landsdowne, West Airport, and the Willow Waterhole Bayou. The reconstruction project is for new storm drains, streets, sidewalks and more.

One of the rules that the City must follow is that they are not allowed more water to flow into the Willow Waterhole Bayou than is currently flowing into it, unless there is either larger capacity in the bayou or detention. The City purchased the Springfield Village apartment complex located at the corner of Ludinton and Chimney Rock for detention. This new detention basin would be used to hold any additional water that would occur from building new, larger-capacity street drainage in Sub-project 1. The new detention cannot be built until the remaining residents have been relocated and the buildings torn down. The scope of SP1 includes new stormwater drainage under the street and new streets. Once the preliminary study has been completed, then more funding will be needed to do the detailed engineering and to construct the improvements.



Westbury Town Hall Meeting Deed Restriction Revision

On June 23, the Westbury Civic Club held our first meeting on Deed Restriction Revision. Updating our deed restrictions, while a very long, detailed process, it is necessary for Westbury to remain a desired neighborhood in the City of Houston.

It was a full room to hear our WCC Office Manager, Jennifer Edmondson, give a detailed presentation on what deed restrictions are, why they are important, and why we need to update them in Westbury. This was the first of a series of meetings and surveys to get public input, which is a very important step in the process.

The Westbury Civic Club has reached out to our attorney to help get a better understanding as to what the process will look like and how they recommend we proceed. Our attorney assisted Meyerland in their most recent deed restriction updates.

Westbury has 5,000 homes that are divided into 9 sections with over 30 sets of deed restrictions. The civic club would like to preserve the original intent of the deed restrictions while updating to allow for larger homes and garages, meet the current legal standards and to be able to enforce the deed restrictions better.

The deed restrictions likely be amended on a section by section basis. If you live in Westbury 5 or Parkwest 3, be on the lookout for surveys coming to your mailbox soon.

We plan to have an update at the next WCC board meeting in August and have more Town Hall Meetings after school starts in the Fall.

If you have any comments or questions regarding deed restriction revision, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Catalytic Converter Thefts

Houston City Council approved new rules that crack down on the sale of catalytic converters within city limits. The new ordinance requires more paperwork when someone attempts to sell a catalytic converter. Sellers will now be required to report the make and model of the car, a vehicle identification number, and a copy of the vehicle's title. It also requires the same paperwork if a business, such as an auto repair shop, seeks to sell catalytic converters to other businesses, like scrap metal buyers. In the same vote, council members made it a Class C misdemeanor—the equivalent of a traffic ticket—for an individual or business to possess a catalytic converter that has been cut off a car.

However, these thefts are continuing. They are occurring overnight and into the early morning hour, both from vehicles parked on the street as well as in driveways. Trucks, which are higher off the ground, are at greater risk and also Toyota Priuses.

What can you do? Park in your garage, if possible. Install motion sensor lights on your driveway. There are also anti-theft devices available.

The Importance of Safely Storing Firearms

Guns are now the number one leading cause of death among children under 18 nationwide. Many of these tragic incidents are preventable. Safe firearm storage also keeps guns away from criminals, who would steal them and use them to hurt others.

As a community, our goal is to ensure our children stay safe by doing one simple thing, safely storing firearms. In Harris County, approximately 150 children are injured or killed by guns each year.

There are several ways to safely store your guns: a biometric safe, a lock box, or by using a cable lock. You can get a cable lock from the Houston Police Dept. or the Harris County District Attorney's office at no cost with no questions asked.

Firearms are stolen from vehicles regularly. Do not leave guns in the car overnight if they are not secured in a gun safe.

Save a life, lock up your guns.

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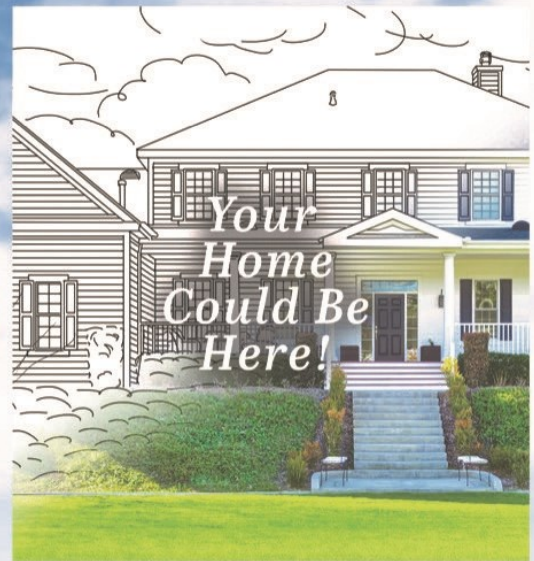
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





Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

May 15—June 20, 2022

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5900	Beaudry	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	6/11	8pm	Parkwest 3
5700	Belrose	Auto theft	6/14	3am	Westbury 3
5800	Belrose	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	6/4	5am	Westbury 3
5600	Benning	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	5/28	1pm	Westbury 5
5900	Benning	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	6/10	9am	Westbury 5
12000	Braewick	Theft—other	6/17	8am	Westbury 4
5500	Briarbend	Theft of Motor Vehicle parts	6/8	10am	Parkwest 1
5700	Burlinghall	Simple assault	5/15	6pm	Westbury 3
5700	Cartagena	Simple assault	6/20	7pm	Westbury 3
6000	Cartagena	Theft of Motor Vehicle parts	6/2	1am	Westbury 3
5900	Claridge	Theft of motor vehicle parts	6/1	10pm	Westbury 5
6000	Dryad	Simple Assault	5/24	10pm	Westbury 4
11900	Dunlap	Theft of motor vehicle parts	6/20	12am	Parkwest 3
10600	Endicott	Theft of motor vehicle parts	6/4	4am	Westbury 1
5800	Etrick	Theft—other	6/20	6pm	Westbury 4
5700	Farwell	Theft of motor vehicle parts	5/19	6pm	Westbury South
5700	Fontenelle	Theft of motor vehicle parts	5/27	1am	Westbury South
5700	Fontenelle	Simple assault	6/16	1pm	Westbury South
6000	Fontenelle	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	6/3	8pm	Westbury South
12100	Hillcroft	Simple Assault	6/6	9am	Westbury 4
5700	Hummingbird	Theft - other	6/14	9pm	Parkwest 2
5200	Kinglet	Theft of motor vehicle parts	6/1	8am	Westbury 1
12300	Landsdowne	Theft from motor vehicle	6/1	5pm	Westbury South
5100	Stillbrooke	Theft from motor vehicle	5/27	8pm	Westbury 1
5400	Willowbend	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	5/19	10am	Westbury 2

-  Theft from Motor Vehicle
-  Auto Theft
-  Theft
-  Burglary
-  Aggravated Assault
-  Simple Assault
-  Property Damage

The crimes listed took place between May 15 and June 20, 2022. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key to the right.

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./ TH	Comm./ Business	Park/ Public
Aggravated Assault	0	11	2	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	3	3	1
Burglary	0	6	1	0
Robbery	0	6	3	1
Simple Assault	5	29	7	1
Shoplifting	0	0	4	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	3	0	2
Vandalism, Damage	3	8	1	0
Auto Theft	1	6	1	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	11	5	0	0
Theft—Other	3	6	1	0
DUI	0	0	0	4
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	1	0
Theft from Building	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	25	84	24	9

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West Bellfort Tree Trimming and Removal

The WCC received several inquiries about trees being removed along West Bellfort just outside of our neighborhood boundaries in Meyerland near Kroger. The Meyerland Community Improvement Association had identified several diseased and freeze damaged trees that needed to be cut down. This work was permitted through the City.

WHS Valedictorian

Congratulations to Kylie McCombs, Valedictorian of Westbury High School. She will be attending Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. Kylie is pictured with WHS Principal Jeri Nixon and Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum



Anderson Elementary Principal News

We are sorry to report that Dr. Deshonta Everett will be leaving his position as principal of Anderson Elementary. He will be taking over as principal at nearby Welch Middle School. A new principal has not yet been chosen for Anderson, but a community meeting to discuss replacing Dr. Everett was held in June that WCC president Cindy Chapman and WAIC Secretary Susan Shafer both attended.

Students Ride METRO Free

Make it a Summer of Fun by exploring many popular destinations in and around downtown Houston, including the Houston Zoo, Museum District, Discovery Green and more. From June 1–August 31, 2022, K-12 and college students with a discounted METRO Q® Fare Card ride free on the following services: Local bus, Park & Ride bus, METRORail, METRORapid, METRO curb2curb.

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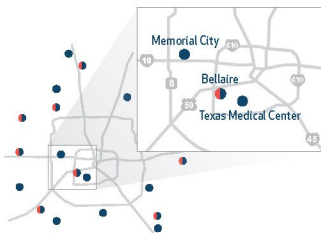
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New Traffic Markings on W. Belfort

Residents along West Belfort in Westbury have been asking for help to reduce speeding for many years. While all of Westbury experiences speeding, there is a particular stretch along W. Belfort between Hillcroft and Atwell that is very dangerous. The road has a bump that when driven over at high speeds, can and has resulted in accidents. The accidents have caused several deaths, damage to resident’s property, and damage to the esplanade.

City of Houston Public Works recently installed raised pavement markings in each lane, painted "BUMP AHEAD" signs on the street, and narrowed the lanes to encourage drivers to slow down in this area. You can see the changes now when you drive on this stretch of W. Belfort.

These changes were made utilizing the District K Council District Service Funds. CM Martha Castex-Tatum said *“Thank you to each of the residents who participated in these discussions and advocated for these improvements. It is our hope that these markings will slow drivers down and eliminate the accidents in this area of our community”*.



Let’s Get the Lights Back On!

CenterPoint Energy has a streetlight outage reporting tool designed to allow customers to report damaged or obscured street lights. The tool provides a method for customers to locate streetlights by number, address, or location through an easy-to-use map. After an outage is submitted, CenterPoint Energy will then send you a follow-up email once the repair has been completed.



Report streetlight outages.

- ➔ Visit Centerpoint.com. Click the blue button to report the outage.
- ➔ Locate the streetlight. Locate the damaged streetlight by entering the address or streetlight number. Another way to locate the outage is by clicking the “Locate me” option using the icon.
- ➔ Click the streetlight that is not working correctly. After you’ve identified the damaged streetlight, click on the pink circle, which will allow you to report the issue.
- ➔ Enter information about the issue. You will then be prompted to a drop-down menu with a list of options that allow customers to specify the streetlight issue. If the issue isn’t shown on the list, please give a detailed description of the issue in the “Additional Info” box.
- ➔ Interested in receiving confirmation receipts and repair updates? Submit your information to receive a status update on the streetlight repair. Repairs typically happen within 72 hours of reporting.

To report a city tree that needs pruning or request a tree removal permit contact the Urban Forestry section by calling 311 or visit the 311 Houston Service Center online at www.houston311.org to submit your request.



The June WOW— Working on Westbury workday was held at the Willow Waterhole. Volunteers collected trash along the main driveway to the Westbury Lake and gazebo.

There will be no WOW event in July and August.
Look for the WOW events to continue in September.



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WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN 12581 DUNLAP

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.



“Gardening Within Reach” Eagle Scout Project

“Gardening Within Reach” is an ongoing effort to build more two-level sitting/standing garden beds for garden members who have knee, hip, or shoulder problems that make gardening in an 8-inch tall plot difficult. Westbury Community Garden owes many thanks to Eagle Scout candidate, Case B., who chose WCG’s “Gardening Within Reach” program for his Eagle project.

Case and his crew of fellow scouts, leaders, friends, and family worked hard on dismantling the single row of cinder blocks in bed E7 and E8 and re-building those beds into two-tiered gardens. The lower section is 20” high, perfect for sitting on the border while gardening. The tall section is 34” high – somewhere between table height and counter height – a nice height for standing to plant and weed, while still being able to reach the center of the bed. Each bed had 5 yards of soil added by wheelbarrows and buckets.

Not only did Case plan and execute the build, he raised funds to cover materials for the project as well. He took his fundraising efforts to the next level when he presented his project plans to Johnny Carrabba of Carrabba’s Original Family of Restaurants, and obtained a check for the entire \$1200 cost. Westbury Community Garden is grateful to Johnny Carrabba for the generous donation and to Case for giving a convincing project presentation in obtaining the donation and all his hard work.



Events at the Garden—12581 Dunlap Learn about Herbs

Every Other Thursday in July, 6:30PM

Come and learn about summer herbs from Herb Society members. July 7 and July 21

Eggplant Extravaganza

July 18, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Hosted by Plant It Forward Farms

PIF Eggplant Extravaganza, Lawn Games, Field Day Competition, Cooking Demos

* Art Contest – “Global Eggplant” – Register in advance

* Homecook Country Fair Cookoff – register eggplant recipes in advance

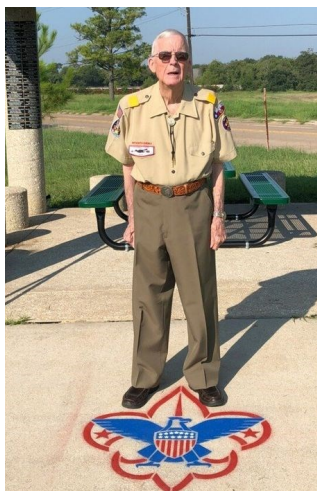
NOTE – To register for the art contest or recipe cook-off go to www.plantitforward.farm

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In Memoriam Dabney Kennedy (1936-2022)

It is with great sadness that we report that a legendary leader in our community, Dabney Kennedy, has passed away. Dabney served as President of the Westbury Civic Club from 1996-1999. He also served as President of the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation and won many awards and accolades for his public service. Dabney spent countless hours working to reduce the threat of flooding in and around Houston, especially in southwest Houston. He helped lead a partnership with the Harris County Flood Control District that led to the development of the 290-acre Willow Waterhole stormwater detention site. He served as an officer for the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy for over 20 years.



The City of Houston recognized his many volunteer efforts with the naming of the Dabney Kennedy Scout Pavilion at Willow Waterhole, which also paid tribute to his lifetime of work in Scouting. Dabney was honored by some of the highest awards in Scouting - the Silver Buffalo Award in 2021, and he is one of only five recipients of the Order of the Arrow's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dabney and his wife, Peggy, bought their Westbury home on West Belfort in the early 1960s and raised two sons. Dabney had a passion for life and for improving things wherever he found himself, whether it was in Scouting, at work, or in his neighborhood. Westbury is a better neighborhood thanks to Dabney Kennedy.

We offer our deepest condolences to his wife of 62 years, Peggy, and his two sons, Mark and David, along with their families.

You can access his full obituary at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/bellaire-tx/dabney-kennedy-10779253>

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations to be made to the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy or to Westbury Baptist Church.

Water Wisely Stage One Drought

Houston has declared a Stage One drought. The restrictions are currently voluntary. The City is asking homeowners to use water wisely to help conserve water. More information is available on the city Public Works website.

1. Water at night (between 7PM and 5AM) so less water evaporates while watering.
2. Water two days per week. If your house address is an EVEN number, water on Sunday and Thursday. If your house address is an ODD number, water on Wednesday and Saturday.
3. Repair water leaks, including dripping faucets and running toilets.
4. Make sure that sprinkler systems are not spraying into the street or storm drains.

If you observe water leaks in the city easements, please report them to 311 so that the City can prioritize them for repair. During drought conditions, there may be an increased number of city water leaks as the ground shifts.

DROUGHT: STAGE ONE

WATER WISELY

WHEN TO WATER: LAST NUMBER OF HOME ADDRESS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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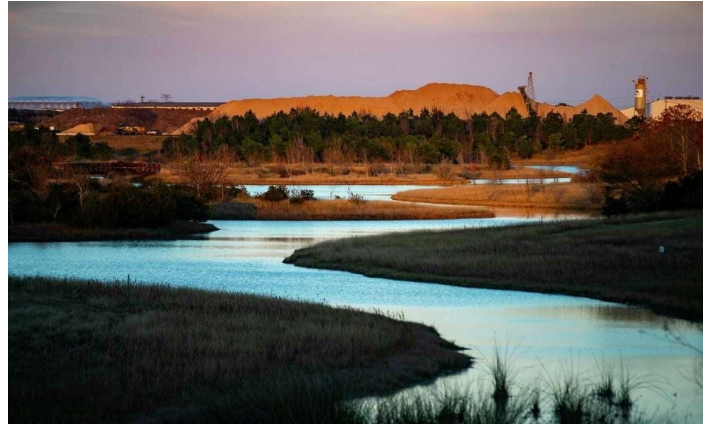
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Willow Waterhole

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The main Westbury Lake trails and gazebo are easily accessible via the new parking lot at the end of Dryad. Additional parking is available on the street off Ricecrest.



Photo—Mark Mulligan, Houston Chronicle



New Owl Sculpture

Jim Phillips has turned a sycamore log into art in the Naturescape Garden at Willow Waterhole Greenway. This is his 9th sculpture at the site. The owl is about five feet tall and a fantastic addition. The sculpture honors Ann Lee, a founder and the first President of the Brays Bayou Association (BBA). The BBA was the original parent organization of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy.

Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

What: Audubon Society Bird Survey

When: Saturday, July 16, 7-9AM

Where: Meet at the Gathering Place
5310 S. Willow

For more information, visit the Houston Audubon website, <https://houstonaudubon.org/>

WWGC Receives Major Grants

We are very pleased to spread the word that the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) has recently been awarded 2 major grants by the Brown Foundation and the Cullen Foundation. Thus far, the capital campaign has raised \$9.1 million of its \$12 million goal.

The capital campaign will fund construction of 8 miles of trails around the Willow Waterhole lakes, additional parking, construction of a pier, purchasing additional acreage, and developing a 15-acre native coastal prairie preserve where endangered plants have been identified. Neighborhood connections will also be added to the Greenway hike and bike system via easements. Construction on the trails will begin this summer. This project will completely transform the area and make it a destination for all Houstonians and visitors to our city.

As part of a \$12 million capital campaign to improve the Willow Waterhole, The Brown Foundation, Inc. awarded a \$1.5 million grant to the WWGC on May 20, 2022. The grant will be matched by the Kinder Foundation as part of its lead gift to the campaign. In November 2021, the Kinder Foundation committed \$2 million to improvements with an additional \$2 million on a dollar-for-dollar match basis. Harris County Pct. 1 Commissioner's Office has also allocated \$2.5 million for construction of Willow Waterhole trails.

The Cullen Foundation awarded a \$1 million grant to the WWGC on June 9, 2022. The grant will be used to support Discover Your Greenway: The Campaign to Support Willow Waterhole Greenspace. "We are grateful to The Cullen Foundation Board of Directors for this incredible gift to Willow Waterhole. We are proud that several representatives of The Cullen Foundation toured Willow Waterhole and we were able to share the beauty and potential of the area with them. The Cullen Foundations support will help us transform this space for all Houstonians," said Bill Burhans, President of the Conservancy.

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