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Want to Join the WCC Board? Now is the time! WCC Board Nominations Deadline is August 14

Are you looking for a fun and exciting volunteer experience? If so, think about becoming a WCC board member. The WCC Board is very involved in the neighborhood from running the twice annual White Elephant Sale to working hand in hand with the City. The election for the Westbury Civic Club Board of Directors will be conducted in September. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact the Westbury Civic Club office before 4 PM on the second Thursday in August (August 14), the deadline specified in our bylaws.



Parkwest 3 Director Joe Niles is chair of the Election Committee. Interested candidates must submit a statement, not exceeding 100 words in length, expressing their interest in running for the board of the Westbury Civic Club. Statements can be sent in by regular mail, e-mail or dropped off at the office. If you have any questions, please call the WCC office at 713-723-5437.



By Letter: The mail and physical address is 5322 W. Bellfort, Suite 107, Houston, TX 77035. Address the letter to the Election Committee – Joe Niles

By Email: Use subject line: WCC 2015 Elections. Please send your email both to Joe Niles (the Election Committee Chair) at parkwest3@westburycrier.com, AND also send a copy of the email to the WCC Office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net



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Cool Down With the Constables

Please join us for an Ice Cream Social filled with Child Safety Tips led by our very own Westbury Area Patrol. This Westbury Civic Club sponsored event will be held on Saturday, August 16 at 2:30PM at Westbury Baptist Church.

Members of the Westbury Area Patrol will teach important safety concepts for kids, answer questions and provide child ID kits. Escape the heat, enjoy some yummy ice cream and socialize with neighbors. **Space is limited for this event so ALL attendees MUST RSVP by emailing westburystephanie@gmail.com.**

Saturday, August 16 @ 2:30PM



**Westbury Annual Meeting
September 17, 7PM**

**Westbury Baptist Church
Westbury Community Garden Update
2015 WCC Board Elections
Multiple Speakers including
CM Larry Green
AWARDS! DOOR PRIZES!**

**Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting
AUGUST 20 @ 7PM
Westbury Baptist
(Open to all residents/homeowners)**

**Heavy Trash for AUGUST is JUNK WASTE
Pick-up for ALL of Westbury is Thursday, AUGUST 14**

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Phone: 713-723-5437 **Office Manager:** Jennifer Edmondson

Email: Westburycc@sbcglobal.net

*The office is closed on all major holidays, weekends (follows HISD calendar)

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713-207-2222

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713-726-7126

Platou Community Center
713-726-7107

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1-800-764-7661

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President's Message

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe that summer is just about over. School starts this month so watch out for children and school zones. Westbury High School (WHS) has a new principal, Mr. Jason Catchings. You can read about him and his new staff on page 15. We are looking forward to working with WHS in whatever way we can as a community to make Westbury High School the best that it can be. Monies were allocated and promises made during the 2012 bond referendum about what improvements would be made to WHS. We want to make sure that these things happen. Our new school board trustee, Wanda Adams, hosted a meeting last month to discuss these issues. We deserve a neighborhood high school where neighbors want to send their children. Can you picture structurally sound buildings with no shacks used for classrooms? Can you picture a 50 acre campus with a regional athletic facility and natatorium sitting on the banks of the 300 acre Willow Waterhole Park? Can you picture the music programs available at this school when the talented children from Parker and Johnston come here? Can you picture them performing at the Levitt Pavilion? Can you imagine the

environmental science courses available? There is so much potential!

And speaking of potential, the Westbury Community Garden just continues to evolve and expand. The fresh organic produce available at the garden from the Plant it Forward Farms (PIFF) on the weekends is very exciting to me. You will read more in this issue about getting a regular order of fresh vegetables through a "farm share" program, see page 8. I picked up a sack to give it a try and was amazed at the delicious vegetables I had never tasted before. The patty pan squash was better than zucchini and could be eaten raw in salads or cooked. The two farmers, Alain and Sarment and their families, are a wonderful addition to our community. You may have read in an earlier Crier that they are refugees from a war torn area of the Congo. Alain's daughter just graduated from Westbury High and will be attending college. She is smart, articulate and sent me a lovely email. Stories of refugees and immigration are in the news daily. Come out to the garden and meet the PIFF farmers and see the human side of this story.

We are growing more than vegetables at the WCG now. We started a tree farm last month thanks to Trees for

Houston and Scotts Miracle Gro. Back in 2008, the Westbury Civic Club adopted an Urban Forest Compact and created a Treeprint proposal and launched an initiative to plant 10,000 trees. Close to 5,000 trees have been planted or given away to residents since 2004. Growing our own trees is the next step. These trees will be planted in our parks, on our esplanades and on the street right-of-ways. You can read more about it on page 7.

August is the month to put your name in if you'd like to serve on the WCC board. We'd love to see some new faces! Serving as a board member can be as simple as attending a meeting once a month and getting a few emails. We desperately need someone for the Secretary's position. This involves taking the minutes at 11 meetings during the year and typing them up. We even have cookies at the meetings! Friends, food and fun: how can you resist?

We are in the planning stages for our annual meeting on September 17th. Mark your calendars as we should have some exciting news to share about the Westbury Community garden!

See you around the neighborhood!
Becky Edmondson

Board Notes— July 2014

- New Principal of WHS, Jason Catchings, spoke regarding the current status of the high school and his exciting plans for the upcoming school year, including PreAP and AP classes, see pg 15.
- Westbury Area Patrol Sgt. Hernandez with Harris County Pct 5 spoke about crime in the area
- Thank you to Jackie Murray of Weichert Realtors for providing cookies and water.
- The August Board meeting is Wednesday, August 20 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE WCC BOARD, PLEASE COME VISIT ANY REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO MEET CURRENT MEMBERS AND SEE WHAT WE DO. YOU MAY ALSO CALL THE WCC OFFICE AT 713-723-5437 FOR MORE INFO ABOUT SPECIFIC VACANCIES.

Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock

Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM

Supervisor: Dan Reilly,

Daniel.reilly@houston.tx.gov or 713-726-7107

Adult programming will resume on August 18.

Stretching Exercise Class

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9-9:45AM

Improve your flexibility by joining this non-strenuous exercise class. No registration required. Wear comfy clothes.

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Tuesday, 10AM to 2PM
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Games

Wednesday, 10AM to 12PM
Contact Wally at 713-729-9310 for more information.

Portable Projects

Thursday, 10AM to Noon.
Call Genie Mitchell at 713-470-7969 for more information.

TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

A Weight Loss Support Group
Tuesday, 5:45-7PM
Drop in to preview the program or call Dorothy at 713-723-4441 or Naomi at 713-988-2233

After School Enrichment

HISD resumes classes on Monday, August 25. The 2014-2015 After School Enrichment program will begin at the Platou Center on the same day. This is a **free** childcare program for children ages, 6 to 13, from 3PM to 6PM. After homework is completed, the kids play games, do crafts, and play outside. Sign up soon to hold a place for your child. Call Dan at 713-726-7107 for details.

Summer Enrichment

The Platou Summer program will run thru August 15. It has been a great summer with approximately 40 kids attending. Thank you to the volunteers who make this a special treasured program, see page 6.



RECYCLING NEWS

The recycling bins at the Chimney Rock Park have been removed.



Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort

Hours: See box below

Phone: 832-393-1840 * www.houstonlibrary.org

Manager: Cory Eckert

August 2014 Events

Children's Regular Storytime

Every Wednesday - 10:30 AM

Adult Mystery Book Club

Thursday, August 21 at 1PM.
Each month, the librarian picks a book for discussion. This month's book is *Blood Line* by Lynda LaPlante.

HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10AM-6PM
Wednesday: 10AM-6PM
Thursday: 12PM-8PM
Friday: 1PM-5PM
Saturday: 10AM-5PM
Sunday: Closed

All Programs are Free and Open to the Public

Westbury Pool

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Hours: See box below

Phone: 713-723-2192

Westbury City Pool

Summer 2014 Schedule

Aug 1– August 17: Pool OPEN Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Monday
August 23 - August 31: Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-8PM
September 1 (Labor Day): Last day for the pool to be open! 1-6PM

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What's Happening in Westbury

Events & Meetings Calendar August 2014

Thurs 7	Westbury Meet & Eat at Teotihuacan @ 6PM 6579 W Bellfort Open to all Westbury residents
Mon 11	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:30PM Westbury Community Garden pavilion Dunlap @ Fonmeadow
12- 13	WCC Office Closed
Sat 16	Audubon Society Bird Survey 7AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow
Sat 16	Cool Down with the Constables 2:30PM Westbury Baptist Church—RSVP is required. See page 1 for more details.
Mon 18	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow
Wed 20	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting—8:30AM Salem Lutheran Church—5030 W Bellfort
Wed 20	WCC Board Meeting 7PM Westbury Baptist Church Open to ALL Westbury residents
Mon 25	HISD First Day of School
Tues 26	SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Bldg
Mon 1	Labor Day—WCC Office Closed

**Welcome
Back to
School!**



City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

January	Tree Waste	July	Tree Waste
February	Junk Waste	August	Junk Waste
March	Tree Waste	September	Tree Waste
April	Junk Waste	October	Junk Waste
May	Tree Waste	November	Tree Waste
June	Junk Waste	December	Junk Waste

Planning Calendar

September 1— Labor Day
September 17— WCC Annual Mtg
October 7— National Night Out

RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH CALENDAR



August 2014

Thurs 7	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 14	Heavy Trash— JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 21	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

September 2014

Thurs 4	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 11	Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 18	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste **MUST** be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ Heavy trash can be placed starting at 6PM the Friday before pick-up
- ♻️ **YARD WASTE** is not considered tree waste. It is collected on regular Thursday trash day
- ♻️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr -10785 SW Frwy
Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center - 11500 S. Post Oak**
Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM.
Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

Platou Center Summer Enrichment Program

Snakes at Platou Community Center

Gina Distledorf, a high school biology teacher and reptile rescuer, brought her snakes to the Summer Enrichment Program at Platou Community Center. None were venomous; most were native to Texas. With Gina's encouragement, many of the children touched the snakes and many actually held them in the process of learning about the benefits of snakes and the need to respect them and not kill them.



Art Week

Under the leadership of art teacher Gigi Spencer, the children in the Summer Enrichment Program made papier mache figures, wove on disks, drew and painted watercolor pictures, made clay medallion necklaces and sharpened their drawing skills. Many volunteers assisted during this was a week-long event. It was funded by an ExxonMobil Volunteer Grant thanks to generous Westbury residents.



Swimming and Spray Parks

On Friday mornings, children in the Platou Summer Enrichment Program take advantage of the spray park at Marion Park on S. Gessner. In the afternoon, Supervisor Dan Reilly drives children to Windsor Village Community Center to allow them the use of the swimming pool there.



Summer Enrichment
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Westbury Tree Farm

The WCC is pleased to announce the creation of a tree farm at the Westbury Community Garden. The evolution of this positive ecological turn unfolded over 10 years.

In 2004 the Westbury Civic Club realized that our tree canopy was declining and dying, especially the Arizona Ash trees planted more than 40 years ago. Urban foresters estimated that the number of trees in the 8-county Houston region had declined by 17% between 1992 and 2000.

The Westbury Civic Club developed a community forestry plan to better understand our needs and to encourage more trees to be planted. We inventoried and documented the trees on our 7 miles of esplanades. We partnered with the city "Neighborwoods" program to obtain free trees for Westbury homeowners to plant in their yards in the city right-of-way. Hundreds of trees were planted in Westbury under the Neighborwoods program. The WCC planted hundreds more trees on city esplanades here in Westbury. But we wanted to do more.

In 2008, the WCC Board adopted a resolution to create a "Westbury TreePrint" proposal for our Westbury urban forest. One goal was to create a greater level of community involvement in the planting and maintaining of our urban tree canopy. Another goal was to institute policies and practices to maximize the benefits of our urban tree canopy in Westbury. We had a dream and a vision for at least 10,000 trees to be planted in Westbury yards and esplanades.

Our Westbury TreePrint proposal received front page coverage in the Southwest News. Jim Cherner of Seven Oaks Tree

Farm read that article and generously donated 1,000 oak trees for our neighborhood. We kicked off our "Sustain Westbury's Urban Forest by planting 10,000 trees" initiative by holding a free tree giveaway event in October and November of 2008. That first year over 1,200 trees were given away! The event was so successful that Jim Cherner donated trees again in 2009. On October 31, 2009 we held a "Trick or Tree" event and distributed 975 free trees. Another free tree giveaway was held in 2010. The WCC has continued to distribute trees in the years since.



This summer we have taken our mission one step further with the creation of a tree farm right here in Westbury! We are pleased to announce that the Westbury tree farm is now in operation with 170 trees. Trees for Houston suggested that we start the tree farm and they supplied the trees, larger pots, and the expertise to set it up an irrigation system. Scotts Miracle-Gro generously provided the volunteers and the soil to repot the 170 trees. We thank all who helped make this project a reality.



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You already know from previous articles that we have two graduate PIFF farmers working right now alongside the folks at Westbury Community Garden, farming 2 acres to support their families.

In addition to selling their produce at the Garden on the weekends, they also offer Farm Shares. For a little more than \$20/week you will get fresh, organically-grown vegetables in season, generally enough for a family of four. It's grocery shopping the old fashioned way—you get to know the people who grow the fruits and vegetables you eat. That is no small thing in this day and age, when a sticker that says "Product of Guatemala" is all the information you get about the carrots you send in your kids' lunch! If you like the idea of eating local and are interested in supporting this grass-roots effort, you can get more information and sign up for your shares at www.plant-it-forward.org.



Farm Share Details

What is a Farm Share?

A farm share is a weekly supply of vegetables purchased in advance and picked up right at the farm stand.

When is the Farm Share Season?

The next 16-week season begins the week of September 8th and ends the week of December 22.

How much does it cost?

It is \$384 if paying by check or \$396 if paying by credit. Registration deadline is August 29.

Pick-Up Location and Times

Westbury Community Garden, 12581 Dunlap St, Houston, TX 77035, Saturdays 9AM-5PM and Sundays 10AM-6PM.

Test out the Farm Share Program

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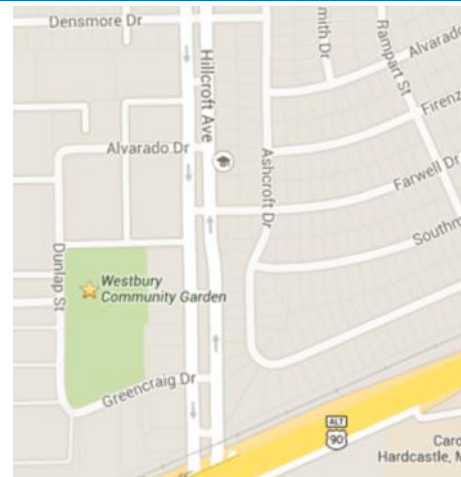
Westbury Community Garden News

Girl Scout Troop 18215 Sow for the Journey Project

Ask a girl from Troop 18215 to tell you about food sources in Houston and she can probably tell you. Her troop has been visiting community gardens, farmers' markets, and grocery stores as they work on a project called "Sow for the Journey."



Recently, the troop visited Westbury Community Garden to take a tour and to meet the farmers from **Plant It Forward Farm**, Alain and Sarment. The Farm Stand is open on Saturdays and Sundays. Quite impressed by the quality of the Farm Stand's produce, they decided to purchase vegetables, go home and cook them, and then return with samples and recipes printed for the Farm Stand's customers. Their goal was to help people taste vegetables prepared in several different ways. They made brownies with a beet puree, squash quesadillas, okra croutons for a salad with arugula, roasted beets with vinaigrette dressing, and much more.



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

The Westbury Community Garden is located near Hillcroft and South Main (US 90A) in zip code 77035. The intersection of Greencraig and Hillcroft is the intersection closest to the railroad tracks at South Main.

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City of Houston FYI

Road Work In Westbury 1 & 2






The streets marked in blue below will be resurfaced by the City of Houston between July 10 and September 4th according to the door hangers that were delivered to affected homes last month.

Phase 1 is the removal of the old asphalt. During Phase 2 of the project, tack oil will be sprayed and it can adhere to your vehicle and tires and can strain your driveway. Please observe signs posted that read FRESH OIL and avoid those areas during that phase of the project.

Overlay is not designed to improve or correct drainage issues; it is used to preserve and prolong the life of the road base and provide a smoother riding surface.



Trash Can Placement

-  City-provided trash containers must be placed on the curb between 6PM Wednesday and 7AM Thursday
-  The container must be accessible to the automated collection truck and not blocked by obstacles, including parked cars or next to light poles or trees.
-  Homeowners **MUST** place trashcans at least three (3) feet apart.
-  Homes on corners must place their trash cans on the front street (not side).
-  Trash cans must be removed from the curb by 10PM Thursday



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KEEP THOSE HOME VALUES UP

- ♦ Keep your home and fences in good repair.
- ♦ Maintain a mowed and edged yard.
- ♦ Now is a perfect time to tackle those big projects!
- ♦ Do NOT put out Heavy Trash before the acceptable date. The next JUNK WASTE heavy trash date is August 14. Junk Waste may be put on the curb starting August 9.

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So far the WCC has collected \$224,000 for the Westbury Area Patrol, Harris County Constable Precinct 5. We need to raise an additional \$78,000 to cover the cost for 2014.

Approximately 500 more homes need to contribute towards the Westbury Area Patrol.

Westbury Area Patrol Donation Form
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email: _____
 I would like to make a donation to the Westbury Area Patrol.
 Donation Amount \$ _____

Be Purse Aware

HPD, in partnership with the Greater Houston Loss Prevention Alliance (GHLPA) and Crime Stoppers of Houston, want you to be purse aware and guard against purse theft. Area retailers report higher incidents of purse thefts during the summer months. The GHLPA has teamed up with HPD to bring awareness of this crime and teach citizens how to not become a victim.

Some general safety tips to keep in mind while running errands.

- *Only bring the things you need
- *Leave your social security card and passport at home
- *Keep your purse zipped and closed
- *When carrying your purse, always hold it tightly and use a crossover strap
- *Never let your purse out of your sight
- *Never leave your purse in your car
- *Be aware of your surroundings

These tips can help lessen the risk of having your purse stolen. Shop safe and shop smart - it all starts with YOU!

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37* 30 days July 22, 2014

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	7	2	2	0	11
Theft	7	11	5	0	23
Auto Theft	0	5	0	0	5
Robbery	1	2	2	1	6
Assault	0	3	2	0	5
Rape	0	1	0	0	1
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	15	24	11	1	51

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

Single Family Residential Crime Locations (30 days preceding 7/22/14)



Block	Street	Crime
5600	Arboles	Theft
5800	Belrose	Robbery
11900	Braewick	Burglary
5700	Cartagena	Theft
6000	Dryad	Theft
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Westbury Meet & Eat

Come out to Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant at 6579 W. Bellfort every 1st Thursday of the month to meet Westbury residents. This event is open to anyone who lives in Westbury.

August Meet & Eat: Thurs, August 7 @ 6PM
September Meet & Eat: Thurs, Sept 4 @ 6PM

Westbury Trading Group - Facebook

The Westbury/Meyerland/Bellaire Trading Group is a Facebook group that has over 1,600 members. It allows area residents to sell, trade, or buy items from other area residents. It was started by a Westbury mom who saw a need. Check it out today!

Links for Lost & Found Pets

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

Westbury Alphabet Soup

There are many groups that advocate on quality of life issues for us here in Westbury. Most of the groups have regular meetings that you will find listed on our calendar page. We tend to speak of them by their acronyms.

WAIC	Westbury Area Improvement Corporation
WCC	Westbury Civic Club
WWGC	Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy
WCG	Westbury Community Garden
WAP	Westbury Area Patrol (Constables)
BBA	Brays Bayou Association
SWH2000	Southwest Houston 2000
BOMD	Brays Oaks Management District
CARE	Compassionate Animal Rescue Effort
VIPS	Volunteers in Public Schools
PIP	Positive Interaction Program
FOLPH	Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston

Other common acronyms:

COH	City of Houston
DON	Department of Neighborhoods (City of Houston)
WPE	Public Works & Engineering (City of Houston)
HPARD	Houston Parks and Recreation Department
HCFCD	Harris County Flood Control District
HCTRA	Harris County Toll Road Authority
HISD	Houston Independent School District
HCC	Houston Community College

UniverSoul Circus at Butler Stadium: August 13-18

Every year UniverSoul Circus comes to Butler Stadium here in Westbury and puts on a great show. They have large crowds for each performance. Please be aware that they have pulled noise permits for loud amplified noise after 10PM.

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2014 Dues/Assessments

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

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Westbury Area Patrol	\$230	\$
Subtotal	\$295	\$
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Westbury Civic Club		\$
Greenspace Beautification		\$
Westbury Area Patrol		\$
Westbury HPD Storefront		\$
Total		\$

Benefits of Paying Your Dues

- Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
- Keeps the doors of the Civic Club office open and staffed.
- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplandes, parks, and green spaces.
- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
- Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year

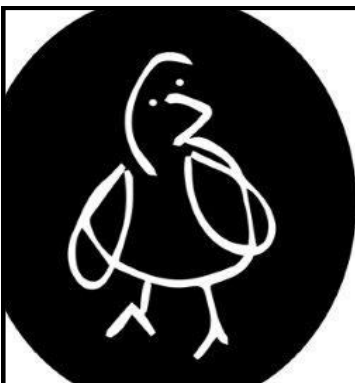
For a more detailed explanation, check out the January 2014 *Westbury Crier* available online at westburycrier.com.

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. The 2014 Assessment is \$227. All assessments were due by February 1, 2014 unless you have an active payment plan with the Westbury Civic Club. Late statements will be mailed in August. If you are interested in a payment plan, please call 713-723-5437.

Remodeling or Adding On? Submit Plans to WCC Now

The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits. They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. All deed restrictions are available online at



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Welcome Jason Catchings to WHS!

New Principal for WHS

Westbury High School has a new principal, Jason Catchings. Mr. Catchings previously served as principal at Scarborough High School for 3 years, and before that was an Assistant Principal at Westside High School. He has been very busy in July as he has been transitioning to WHS while still helping at Scarborough as they search for a new principal. Here are some highlights from a community meeting on July 8 and his presentation at the WCC Board meeting on July 16. Members of the Westbury community will have another opportunity to meet him at a WHS "Back to School Bash" on August 21.

Mr. Catchings notes that there are vacancies at WHS that urgently need to be filled. He believes it is important to find people for WHS who know his systems, values, and vision. He is bringing 3 members of his administrative team from Scarborough High School with him to WHS.

Some important issues he sees for WHS include:

- * Recruitment of students from middle schools and connections with the community. He has set up a community room on campus for use by community members. He plans to hold events and performances to get elementary and middle school students to visit WHS. Already a middle school track meet has been scheduled that will host students from 32 middle schools. However, he expects students who request a transfer to WHS to have good records. WHS will not accept transfer requests simply to get headcount. WHS deserves to be a dominant school in the area.

- * Construction and Maintenance – The new building is definitely needed. There are also maintenance issues at WHS that need to be fixed. He hopes to have much of it done this summer before school starts (leaky roof, clean the flooring, fix the basketball court surfaces, prune the trees on campus, etc). Curb appeal and perceptions are important.



school. He will create a student leadership team. He also has created a student advisory team over the summer, with students randomly chosen until all the slots have been filled, so that he can get feedback from students over the summer about dress code and behavior expectations. He is working with HISD to get a school logo approved for WHS.


- * Academic Rigor – He plans to phase in rigorous PreAP and AP classes for all kids. Some kids may never have taken a PreAP or AP class before, but it is worthwhile even though grades may come down during the transition period for the more difficult classes. It is important for kids to graduate, and he will have one person working with the seniors to make sure that they have the required credits to graduate.

We welcome Jason Catchings to Westbury High School!

Back to School Bash

On August 21, 2014 from 6:30PM to 8:30PM Westbury High School will host a "Back To School Bash". Everyone is invited to come out as we welcome Westbury's New Principal, Mr. Jason Catchings, and his Administrative Team.

Come and see what Westbury H.S. has to offer as we showcase the best of Westbury with our clubs and organizations along with performances and music from our outstanding Fine Arts Department.

-  Security – he will hire a second campus police officer. If a dress code is implemented, it will be focused on security issues to help identify who should and should not be on campus.

- * School Pride and Spirit - He plans to be visible on campus and to attend many games and events. He wants students to feel ownership of their

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METRO Public Meeting

On July 15, METRO held a public meeting at Westbury Baptist Church to obtain public comments about their "Transit System Re-Imagining Project" to revise and improve bus routes city-wide in 2015. To learn more, go to TransitSystemReimagining.com

Here are some highlights of the proposed system from METRO.

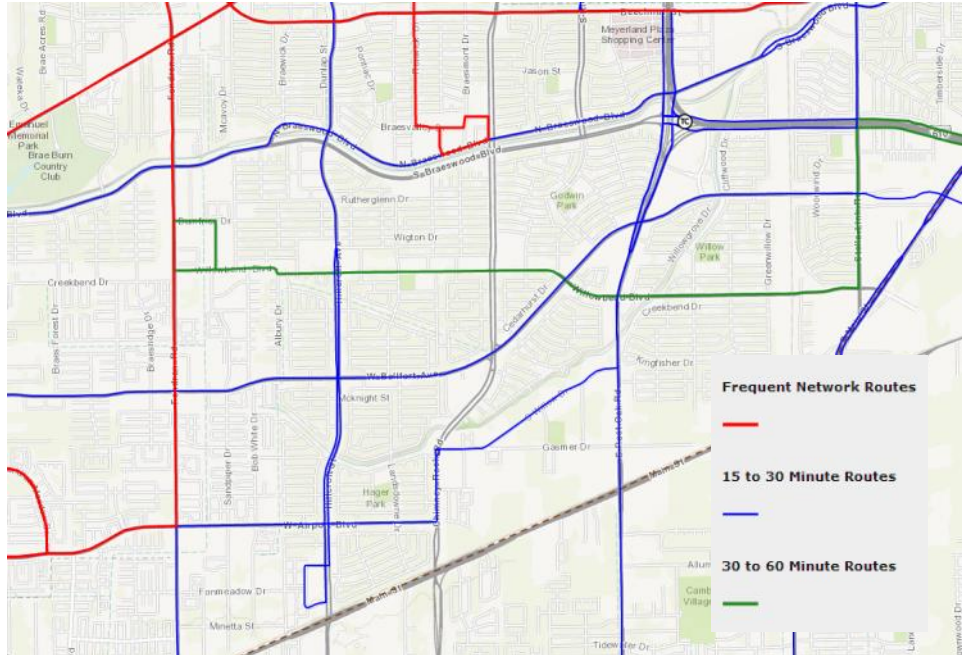
Go when you want to go, including weekends! The routes in the proposed network run all weekend, just as frequently as the weekday midday. Getting around on Saturday and Sunday will be much easier than it is today.

Service you can remember. The routes are simpler, straighter and easier to remember and since most routes come more often you can spend less time waiting or worrying about the schedule.

More reliable. Many delays result from buses being stopped by freight trains and are compounded by long, complicated routes. The proposed network reduces the number of street level freight rail crossings by 30% each day. The new routes are shorter, come more often, and have virtually no branches so METRO can do a better job of keeping them on time.

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How Will Westbury Be Affected?

Although many bus routes across Houston will see an increase in frequency, none of the routes servicing Westbury will have the highest frequency of 10-15 minutes. There will be some modifications to the bus routings. Since the Chimney Rock bus will no longer traverse all of Chimney Rock, the North/South bus routes will be Hillcroft, S. Post Oak, and Fondren. Bus routes will be renumbered across the city. The goal is to move away from a "spoke" system radiating from downtown and move more toward a grid system.

Westbury Routes

- #1 West Bellfort:** From the West Bellfort Park & Ride (at 59) to the Fannin South Transit Center
- #82 West Airport / BriarGate:** From the West Loop Transit Center to S. Post Oak to S. Willow to Gasmer to Chimney Rock to W. Airport to Fondren to the Missouri City Park and Ride to the Hiram Clarke Transit Center
- #42 Hillcroft:** From Hillcroft at Green Craig (near South Main) north up to Woodway and to the NW Transit Center
- #81 Willowbend:** From Willowbend at Fondren to the Texas Medical Center Transit Center



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Future Hillcroft Draft Plans

Hillcroft- DRAFT Future Plans

Those of you who travel back and forth to Ft. Bend County may be interested to know that the City of Houston Planning Commission held a Public Hearing in July to get comments about proposed changes for the southern part of Hillcroft (south of Beltway 8).

PROPOSAL:

* Fort Bend County Engineer's Office is requesting an extension of Hillcroft Avenue from Fondren Road to McHard Road (FM 2234) along the Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road be added to the City's Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan
 * The City of Houston - Planning & Development Department is requesting to add Hillcroft Avenue as a Major Thoroughfare between Fondren Road and Beltway 8.

JUSTIFICATION and HISTORY:

Fort Bend County is working with the City of Houston on a joint project to construct northbound and southbound roadways adjacent to the Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road from the intersection of Hillcroft Avenue and Fondren Road to McHard Road within the city limits of Houston. Each roadway will be designed in accordance with City of Houston and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requirements and shall have a

cross section of two concrete lanes each with curbs, gutters, storm drainage, illumination, and sidewalks. The extension of Court Road from Quailynn Drive to the proposed southbound road is also included in this construction project.

The addition of these roadway segments allows for the connection of three Major Thoroughfares: Fondren Road, Court Road, and McHard Road providing for north-south connectivity and accessibility between the neighborhoods. The northbound road not only provides connectivity, but also improves access for hurricane evacuation for those residents in the area.

The city of Houston is using this opportunity to evaluate the Hillcroft corridor between Fondren Road and Beltway 8 to ensure continuous connectivity of the Hillcroft Avenue along the Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road as it crosses Fuqua Street, Chasewood Drive and Beltway 8.

The proposed analysis will evaluate the extension of Hillcroft Avenue as a one-way northbound and southbound frontage roads along Fort Bend Parkway Toll Road



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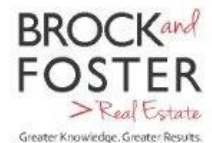
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Westbury “Greenspace” News

Project Manager for “Project Brays” Retires

Raouf Farid, the project manager for the “Project Brays” flood control project since 2003, has retired. On June 27th, the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) and the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) held an informal retirement party for Raouf Farid (pictured on the right below) at the South Gazebo at Willow Waterhole. The celebration was held in gratitude for Farid’s outstanding work on our local system of flood detention basins.

Farid was presented with several gifts of appreciation. Edith Smith gave him a dog leash with a tag that read “Take me to the Willow Waterhole”. The WWGC gave him a commemorative photo album of Willow Waterhole photos. The HCFCD presented him with a plaque (pictured below).

Raouf, thank you for your years of service working on Project Brays and for being a strong advocate for excellence and quality!



Westbury 2 Yard of the Month Winner

July Yard of the Month

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Westbury 2

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Westbury South

Martha Bonilla and
Jose Luis Tavera
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Concrete Crushing a Possibility at Willow Waterhole

Southern Crushed Concrete Applied for Permit at Gasmer Location

On July 29, a public meeting was held at Westbury High School to discuss the Southern Crushed Concrete’s application for a proposed Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 119443L001 to allow concrete crushing at its Gasmer location.

The TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) director has accepted the application because it follows all the rules and regulations. The public meeting has two parts, an informal discussion and a formal comment period. After the formal meeting, the director of the TCEQ will review the case and determine if a contested hearing is needed.

Risks to Human Health

Concrete dust and particulate matter from the plant will negatively affect the health of nearby residents. Concrete dust has been known to cause lung disease,

exacerbate pre-existing pulmonary conditions and exacerbate heart disease. Concrete dust will get into the air not only from the plant, but from trucks driving over the unpaved property, and from trucks bringing in material and idling on Gasmer Road waiting to enter the property.

In addition, there will be risks to the users of the Willow Waterhole Greenway Park. Many residents of the local area utilize the park for outdoor recreation. The park is located within 440 yards of the proposed plant. Users of this park will be exposed to the concrete dust and particulate matter generated from the plant. Since this plant is permitted to run for six days a week, 12 hours a day, it will be difficult for users of the park to escape the dust and noise caused by the plant and the trucks using this plant.

Environmental Effects on Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve / Willow Waterhole Greenway Park

There will likely be environmental impacts (dust and water runoff) at the adjoining

Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve/ Willow Waterhole Greenway Park. The effluent from the water sprayed to reduce the dust from the plant and from storm water will exit the site and flow into the detention areas of the Willow Waterhole. Such effluent would be highly alkaline and would negatively affect the water quality in Willow Waterhole.

The dust and water runoff will negatively impact the Texas Prairie Dawn Flower, an endangered species that grows at the Willow Waterhole.

According to the Texas Administrative Code, Title 30, Part 1, Chapter 101, Subchapter A, Rule 101.4, states that, “No person shall discharge from any source whatsoever one or more air contaminants or combinations thereof, in such concentration and of such duration as are or may tend to be injurious to or adversely affect human health or welfare, animal life, vegetation, or property, or as to interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of animal life, vegetation, or property.”






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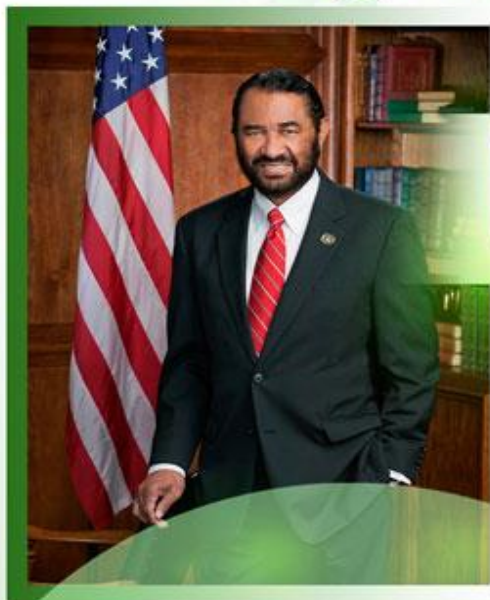


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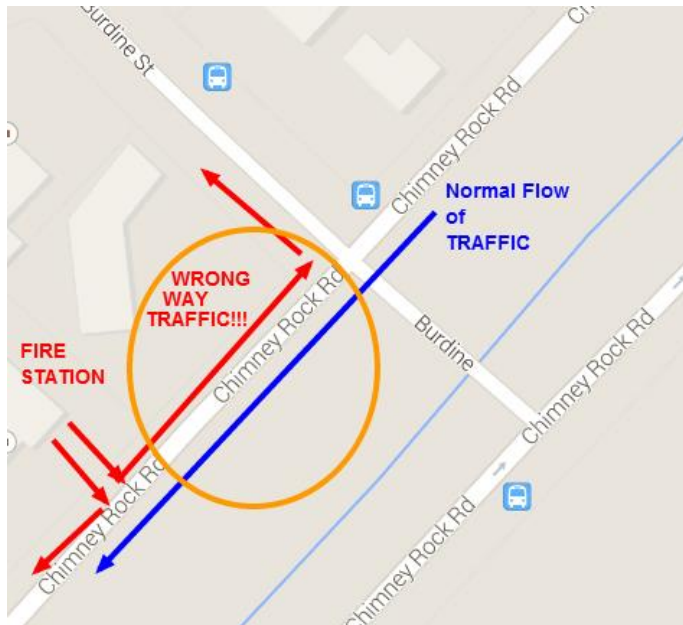


Warning for Drivers near Westbury Fire Station

Drivers Be CAREFUL near the Westbury Fire Station

Westbury is fortunate to have our very own city fire station located on Chimney Rock in the center of Westbury. Please be very careful when driving in the vicinity of the Westbury Fire Station. Emergency response vehicles leaving the fire station may be heading SOUTH (the regular way) or NORTH (the wrong way) on Chimney Rock. Also, sometimes traffic must stop to allow emergency vehicles to back into the fire station.

Cars waiting at the traffic light at the corner of Burdine and Chimney Rock **are not** allowed to turn right on red onto Chimney Rock near the fire station. Additionally, it is advised that drivers waiting at that intersection allow sufficient room for emergency vehicles driving the wrong way up Chimney Rock to make a quick turn onto Burdine.








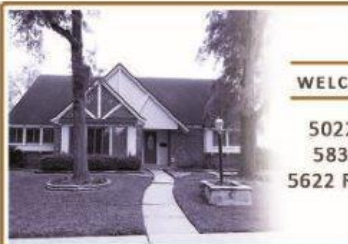
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The workers are checking the health of sewer lines by use of a camera traversing upstream and downstream of each manhole.

According to the crew, federal dollars pay for the service to find the areas needing repair. Then, the COH just needs to find the funds to make any needed repairs.



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Westbury CAREs

Westbury CAREs for its Animals

CARE (Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts) is a group focused on animals in Westbury. They help address many of the animal related problems in Westbury such as roaming/stray animals, lost/found animals, and a lack of neutering, spaying, microchipping, and pet licensing.

CARE has a committed group of volunteers who work diligently to reunite lost pets with their owners. If they are unable to locate the owner, they work to find foster and forever homes for found pets. They also have an active trap- neuter- return committee for cats in order to reduce the feral cat population in the area. CAREs programs allow them to provide a comprehensive approach to animal rescue.

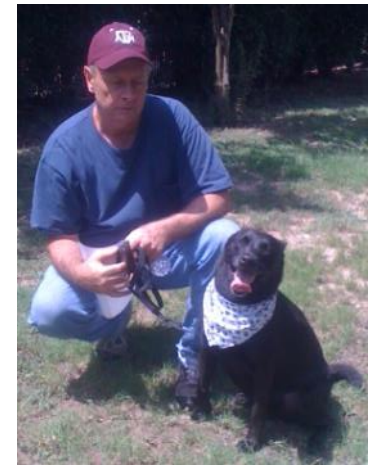
Since starting in January of 2014, they have rescued many animals. Shaoli Bhadra, a foster home provider, has helped to place two dogs. She found out about the organization by posting on

Next Door.com after she found a male Labrador Retriever on her front porch. "I was surprised at how fast the volunteers from CARE responded. They said that if I could foster him for a few days, they would try to find a home. They provided a crate and dog food while he stayed with me." The lab was very rambunctious and didn't get along with Bhadra's dogs, but the volunteers at CARE found the perfect home for him. "The gentleman who adopted him had another lab and the biggest backyard I have ever seen. They were both really happy."

CARE recently had an adoption event in the parking lot of the Platou Center. They hope to do future events. Check out their website or Next Door site for more information.

CARE funds these activities through donation drives and events. They use the events to educate and provide helpful information to the public.

To find out more about CARE, visit their website at www.westburycare.com.



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