



# Westbury Crier

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## Constable Program at Risk:

### More MONEY is URGENTLY Needed

The Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) has helped keep crime down in Westbury for the last 36 years. In 2014, due to the size of our neighborhood, Harris County required us to have a minimum of 4 deputies in our contract. Although this improved our coverage, it also significantly increased our annual cost. The Westbury Civic Club used approximately \$34,500 from the Patrol savings account in both 2014 and 2015 to cover the shortage. We cannot keep doing this year after year. Too few residents are paying for this vital service!

**WE NEED AN ADDITIONAL 400 PAYING MEMBERS to support our neighborhood security patrol.** If you have already paid, we thank you. Please ask your neighbors to join, if they have not. If you haven't paid, now is the time to do so. All of us are reaping the benefits of having these officers drive through our streets and providing fast response when called.

We have 5,000 homes in Westbury, and if some sections of Westbury are not contributing their fair portion, then the board must decide whether those areas may lose the benefit of the patrol all together. We will be doing an audit in September of each section's participation. **If the security of your home and family matters to you, then please make a contribution to the WAP patrol NOW.** If you can't pay the full amount of \$285 now, send a donation or divide your contribution over several months. Every dollar helps! It's a matter of neighborhood safety!



Strong neighborhoods need strong neighborhood involvement. Join the WCC today. The dues for the Civic Club are just \$50 a year.

Help Keep Westbury Safe! Don't wait, send your WAP payment TODAY!

**DUES FORM IS ON PAGE 17**



**Thank you to Weichert Realtors for purchasing and installing American flags!**

For more information about this project, see page 7.

## Volunteer for the 2016-2017 Westbury Civic Club Board

Please express your interest in running for the board of the Westbury Civic Club, either by letter or by email. Parkwest 3 Director Joe Niles is Chairman of the Nominating Committee. His email address is [parkwest3@westburycrier.com](mailto:parkwest3@westburycrier.com); please use subject line of WCC 2016 elections and copy the email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net). The mailing address is our physical address of 5322 W Bellfort, Suite 107, Houston TX. 77035.

- ❖ All board members must be a listed Owner of Record for a property with Westbury, Parkwest or Westbury South.
- ❖ Section Directors must be listed Owner of Record of home that is in the section they wish to represent.
- ❖ Candidates must submit interest to serve on the board by the deadline and must include the following statement filled out. *"My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I declare that I am eligible to be a Director or Officer of the Westbury Civic Club. I am the listed owner of record for \_\_\_\_\_ (street address of home)."*
- ❖ Candidates may submit a statement, not to exceed 100 words in length, when submitting their nomination for office.
- ❖ **The deadline is August 11 by 4PM.**

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

### WCC OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Thursday  
9AM-1PM  
Friday: Closed**

**The office will be closed on  
September 5.**

\*If you need to visit the office outside of the posted hours, please call 713-723-5437 and set up an appointment time.  
5322 W. Bellfort # 107  
\*\*Notary available to members

### HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

**AUGUST 11  
JUNK WASTE**  
Pick up for ALL of Westbury is Thursday, August 11

**SEPTEMBER 8: TREE WASTE ONLY**

**\*DO NOT PLACE JUNK WASTE ON CURB UNTIL AUGUST 6**

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #107, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

*NOTARY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO DUES PAYING*

*WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appt.*

## OFFICE HOURS/CONTACT

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

Westbury HPD Storefront.....832-394-7520

## CITY OF HOUSTON

District K Council Member, Larry Green.....832-393-3016

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY

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

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

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

*Make sure to give pole number*

## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Gene Locke.....713-755-6111

Graffiti.....[www.braysoaksmd.org](http://www.braysoaksmd.org)

Shopping Cart Removal.....[www.braysoaksmd.org](http://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

## 2016 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*If no contact information is provided, contact the WCC  
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## President's Message

Houston weather is always a topic! First, too much rain, then not a drop in sight for weeks and weeks. As you try to keep your yards alive, it is best to water early in the morning. This way more water will soak into the ground and less will be lost to evaporation. Remember to raise your lawn mower and allow your grass to grow a little longer during these hot periods. For new residents to Houston, don't forget to keep your foundation watered also.

Despite the lack of rain, flooding remained foremost at meetings throughout July. A local drainage project has started on the outfall pipes on part of the Willow Waterhole Bayou. You can read about it on page 10-11 along with a letter from Mayor Turner to Westbury residents. It is refreshing when people who run for elected office actually remember what they said during the campaign process. Mayor Turner is proven that he is a man of his word. He does love this City!

As the nation gears up for the November elections, some of your neighbors here in Westbury are active participants in this process. Whether you are a Democrat, Republican or Independent, it is important to participate. On page 19, you will read about the Democratic precinct chairs who had the heady task of choosing two candidates for the November ballot who will have no opponents. We congratulate Rodney Ellis, our soon to be former Texas Senator, on his nomination as Harris County Precinct One commissioner. Congratulations to Borris Miles, our soon to be former House Representative, on his nomination to the ballot for Senate District 13. And who will get the nod for the House of Representatives seat? As the Crier goes to print, that has not been decided. Be sure you are registered to vote in November.

August and September will see an increase in neighborhood activities as the summer vacation winds down. The Westbury Community Garden has a fall gardening class coming up if you are interested. If you haven't had a fall garden, you are missing one of the best kept secrets around. Fall gardening is just as good as spring gardening. Another fun event will be Star Gazing on August 10. Look for the details on page 21. The Westbury 60th Anniversary celebrations will take place in September.

Were you sad, angry, or annoyed that we could no longer recycle glass at the curb? Did you feel a little guilty as you tossed that glass bottle into the trash? Well, GOOD NEWS!! It is going to be a lot easier to recycle in Westbury now! The City of Houston has placed a brand new Glass recycling container in Westbury! It is located at Westbury United Methodist Church (WUMC), 5200 Willowbend, which is located the corner of Willowbend and W. Bellfort. The container is near the paper recycling bins on Cedarhurst Dr. on the backside of the Church. We thank WUMC for their continuing support of the neighborhood!

We are blessed to have so many places of worship in Westbury with outreach to the whole community. To name a few: St John's Presbyterian has given the Company OnStage a home; Westbury Methodist hosts our White Elephant sale; Westbury Baptist hosts the WCC meetings; Salem Lutheran hosts the WAIC meetings; St Thomas More Catholic Church has a food pantry and a great fish fry; Westbury Church of Christ has a food pantry. If you are new to Westbury and looking for a place to worship, we have just about every denomination nearby!

As I bring this month's message to a close, the horrific events of July are still on my

mind. If you are like me and are struggling with this continuous stream of senseless violence that permeates our world today, I found this excerpt from "A Prayer for World Peace" from 1978:

*"May we put our trust in the power of good to overcome evil and the power of love to overcome hatred. We pray for the vision to see and the faith to believe in a world emancipated from violence, a new world where fear shall no longer lead men to commit injustice, nor selfishness make them bring suffering to others. Help us to devote our whole life and thought and energy to the task of making peace, praying always for the inspiration and the power to fulfill the destiny for which we and all men were created."*

I hope to see many residents at the Annual Meeting on September 21, the 60th Anniversary Celebration Party on September 24, or on National Night Out on October 4. I look forward to meeting many new and long-time residents! I truly love Westbury!

Peace,  
Becky Edmondson



*Becky's family participated in the Annual Maplewood 4th of July parade*

*Due to tasks related to multiple floods, the WCC office is behind in processing payments. As a result, the WCC Budget To Date is not ready to print in the Crier. Please look in the next Crier for the up to date financial statements. We apologize for this inconvenience.*

### Westbury Civic Club Board Notes July 2016

- ⇒ The July WCC Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum needed, per email vote of the board.
- ⇒ The next WCC Board meeting will be held on August 17 at Westbury Baptist at 7PM.
- ⇒ **MAKE A PLAN TO ATTEND OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24. !! BIG CELEBRATION PARTY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.**

### NEXT Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 17  
Westbury Baptist, 7PM

### Annual Meeting

Wednesday, September 21  
Westbury Baptist, 6:30PM

# Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock  
Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM  
Supervisor: Dan Reilly,  
Daniel.reilly@houstontx.gov or 713-726-7107

# Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort  
Hours: See box below  
Phone: 832-393-1840 /  
www.houstonlibrary.org

ALL REGULAR SCHEDULED PROGRAMS AT THE PLATOU CENTER ARE SUSPENDED FOR THE SUMMER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED BELOW.

ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME IN LATE AUGUST WHEN SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO IN FUTURE CRIERS.

The next Family Fun Day will be in September.

## Summer Enrichment Program

Youths, ages 6 through 13, can register for Summer Enrichment Program at [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).

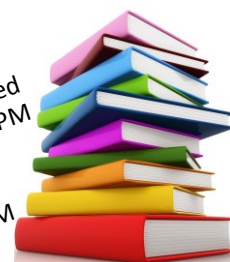


This is a full day program full of activities including swimming, tennis, nature walks, etc.

Call Dan Reilly at 713-726-7107 for info.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday & Monday - Closed  
Tues. & Weds. 10AM-6PM  
Thursday 12PM-8PM  
Friday - 1PM-5PM  
Saturday - 10AM-5PM



## WEEKLY EVENTS AUGUST 2016

### Baby Playtime

Tuesdays, 10:30am – 11:15am

Come for creative and collaborative play! Explore with your little ones, get information about the skills your child is developing, and meet other parents and caregivers in your community. Intended for children ages 0-18 months.

### Kids Craft

Thursdays, 3:30pm – 4:15pm

Bring your imagination and let's get crafting! Create exciting projects at the library that you can show off at home. Geared for kids ages 5-10.

## STRETCHING EXERCISE CLASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9-9:45AM

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

Wear comfy clothes.



\*\*\*MOVED TO ST. THOMAS MORE SCOUT HOUSE FOR THE SUMMER, WILL RETURN TO PLATOU ONCE SCHOOL STARTS IN THE FALL\*\*\*

## TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

A Weight Loss Support Group Tuesdays 5:45-7PM

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

## Special Library Events on page 23

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# What's Happening in Westbury

## Events/Meetings Calendar AUGUST 2016

<b>Thurs 4</b>	<b>Westbury Meet &amp; Eat</b> Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant—6579 W. Bellfort	<b>6PM</b>
<b>Wed 10</b>	<b>Star Party with Houston Astronomical Society</b> Westbury Community Garden - 12581 Dunlap For more information, see page 21	<b>8-10PM</b>
<b>Thurs 11</b>	<b>Deadline fro Nominations for the WCC Board</b> See page 1 for more information.	
<b>Mon. 15</b>	<b>Brays Bayou Association Meeting</b> The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow See page 6 for more information Speaker: Steve Costello	<b>7:30PM</b>
<b>Wed. 17</b>	<b>WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting</b> Salem Lutheran Church— 4930 W. Bellfort	<b>8:30AM</b>
<b>Wed. 17</b>	<b>Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting</b> Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	<b>7PM</b>
<b>Sat. 20</b>	<b>Audubon Society Bird Survey</b> Meet at the Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow	<b>7AM</b>
<b>Mon 22</b>	<b>HISD First Day of School</b>	
<b>Tues 23</b>	<b>SW PIP (HPD Positive Interaction Program) Meeting</b> 7PM Aramco Building by Hobby Lobby	

## Heavy & Recycling Trash Calendar

### August 2016

<b>Thurs 4</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>
<b>Thurs 11</b>	<b>Heavy Trash— JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY</b>	
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>

### September 2016

<b>Thurs 1</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>
<b>Thurs 8</b>	<b>Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY</b>	
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>

## Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ 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](http://www.westburycrier.com) or [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more trash and recycling information

## City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

<b>August</b>	<b>Junk Waste</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
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# Welcome Back to School!



## PLANNING CALENDAR

September 5- Labor Day  
 September 17 - Invasive Fish Round Up  
 September 17 - Harvest Moon Fest  
 September 21 - WCC Annual Meeting  
 September 24 - 60th Anniversary Party  
 October 4 - National Night Out

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## WCC News

### Want to be Better Informed about Drainage Issues and Project Brays?

The Brays Bayou Association (BBA) meets the third Monday of each month and their meetings are publicized in the *Crier*. Eric Dargan, Deputy Director of the Streets and Drainage department of the City of Houston Public Works Department, was the speaker at the June 2016 meeting.



This department is responsible for the maintenance and repair of our streets and drainage system. For streets, they do the milling and overlay work like we have seen on many Westbury streets, such as the recent work on Willowbend. They do about 150 miles of streets each year. They also do concrete panel repair, which we have had done on Hillcroft and on some other Westbury streets.

This department is also responsible for repairing potholes. If you recall, Mayor Sylvester Turner placed an emphasis on pothole repairs when he took office in January of this year. As many as 250 calls per day were received by 311 requesting pothole repairs at the beginning of 2016, but now repair requests are down to about 22 calls a day. They expect to repair 60,000 potholes this year.

On the drainage side, this is the department that comes out to check to make sure the storm outlets are draining properly. They are also responsible for the repair and maintenance of the outfall pipes from our storm sewers into the Harris County bayous. If the streets or drainage system need more than repairs or maintenance, then these items are transferred to the Engineering, Construction, and Design division of Public Works as Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) or Rebuild Houston projects.

The August meeting's speaker will be **Steve Costello, the new COH "Flood Czar"**, and former Councilmember. Costello will discuss his responsibilities and what the job will entail. The August meeting will be on August 15 at 7:30PM at The Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow.

### New Brays Oak District Board Chair

Westbury is located in the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD). After serving 12 years on the BOMD board, and 3 years as chairman, Fred Meyers resigned at the July 19, 2016 BOMD board meeting. We thank Fred for his years of service and leadership to the community. Crime is lower and the area looks much better.

We congratulate Ralph Rieger for being elected by the board as new Chair. Ralph is a familiar face in Westbury. He is a resident of Maplewood and owns a small business (Reiger CPA) on Chimney Rock right here in Westbury. Ralph is also President of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, which is an important non-profit organization in the Westbury area. Ralph is also a member of the board of the non-profit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation and a member of Rotary.

### Westbury City Pool Summer 2016 Schedule

**June 4– August 12:** Pool OPEN Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Monday

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

**August 13 - September 5:** Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-8PM

**September 5 (Labor Day):** Last day for the pool to be open! 1-6PM

**Questions? Call pool at 713-723-2192**  
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# Westbury 60th Anniversary

## Thank You, Weichert Realtors



Have you noticed that Westbury had large American flags posted prominently at four of our neighborhood markers for Independence Day this year? We thank the generosity of Wayne & Jackie Murray and Kendyl Maurer of Weichert Realtors for donating these flags to Westbury. These flags will be posted at these highly visible locations for major flag days. We are seeking volunteers to help.

## Flag Helpers Needed

The WCC is actively seeking volunteers who will respectfully handle the American Flags posted at our neighborhood marker signs, and who will post and remove the flags using appropriate protocols. The volunteers would be responsible to place the flags at the 4 Westbury sign markers and then take them down and return them to the office. The flags will be stored at the WCC office.

Please contact the WCC office at 713-723-5437 or the WCC President, [wccpresident@westburycrier.com](mailto:wccpresident@westburycrier.com), if you want to serve as a volunteer for this service to our community.

**Westbury Civic Club**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**  
 We invite everyone in Westbury to come to at least one of these festivities over the next several months!

**Westbury Annual Meeting**  
**September 21, 7PM**  
**Westbury Baptist Church**  
 2017 WCC Board Elections & Guest Speakers  
**DOOR PRIZES!**

**60th Anniversary Celebration Party**  
**September 24, Time TBD**  
**Westbury Baptist Church**  
 Come celebrate 60 years of the WCC. View historic photos, old *Criers*, buy T-shirts, food, DOOR PRIZES! More information will be in the next *Crier*.

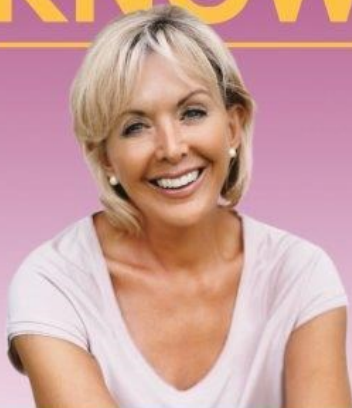
## National Night Out: Oct. 4

Mark your calendars for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 4. Register your block party or event with the WCC office and we will arrange for law enforcement to visit along with WCC Board Members. This is a perfect opportunity to meet those new neighbors who moved in down the street.

**Date TBD: Westbury Covered-Dish Supper**  
*(renewing a tradition)*  
**Date TBD: Westbury Family Christmas Party**  
*(renewing a tradition)*

We need volunteers for ALL of these events!  
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ADVANCING HEALTH

# Westbury Soccer Club

Westbury Soccer Club, Houston's oldest youth soccer club, recently culminated another banner year! After a series of rain outs, the club was finally able to celebrate the End Of Year on June 6, at its field at Kolter Elementary and the adjacent Godwin Park. Festivities included moonwalks, sno-cones, and U6 and U8 soccer games. Both parents and players had a great time! Many thanks to Belden's for donating ice and bottle waters to keep us cool!

The Club also witnessed great success with their first ever club-wide fundraiser. Teams competed over a month long period to raise funds for the club. U8 Fire overwhelmingly won the challenge by raising over one-third of the donations (\$3,000 overall)! Westbury

Soccer Club is grateful to all who participated, including the families, players, and the Houston Dynamo organization.

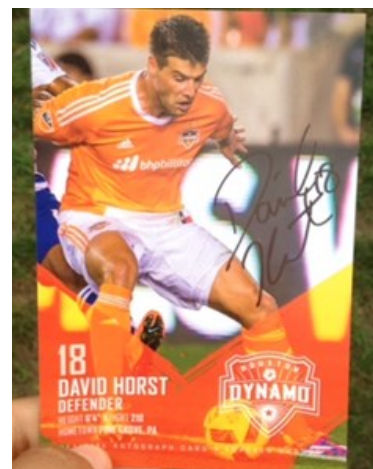
Check out the photos below for the winning team and their prize – an exclusive practice with Dynamo defender, David Horst! What a great time they had. Thank you David and Houston Dynamo for your support.

**Registration for fall soccer continues through the summer for the recreation teams. Limited openings are still available for the semi-competitive (U9/10) and competitive teams (U11+). Please visit [www.westburysoccer.org](http://www.westburysoccer.org), for more details. Go Westbury!**



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# Maplewood Marlins Swim Team

## Swimming Strong Till the End!

As the 2016 Summer Olympics are set to begin, local summer sports are ending. Swimming is a popular past-time and sport. Westbury is lucky to have several swim teams close to our neighborhood. One of these teams is the Maplewood Marlins which allows Westbury residents to register. The Marlins have called the nearby Maplewood Pool home for over 40 years. The Marlins are charter members of the Southwest Houston Recreational Swim League (SHRSL), which includes 24 teams throughout Southwest Houston.

The Maplewood Marlins swim team kicked some serious bubbles and had another fantastic season this summer! The team started swimming in the middle of May when the water was still chilly and school was in session. Skills were rusty and the new Marlins were just learning the strokes. But come July, they were battling the heat both in and out of the water and the Marlins were still kicking strong!

The Marlins are led by Head Coach Lisa Chilivets Turner, a Westbury resident and Parker Elementary teacher. Coach Lisa started with the Marlins as a 7/8 Swimmer and has never left! She has been the Head Coach for 13 years. Coach Lisa was joined this year by assistant coaches, Stephanie Yard and Joe Pelletier. The coaches worked on improving the swimmer's strokes as well as challenging



Coach Lisa instructs kids at practice

them in practice. They researched and studied drills, experimented with various techniques, and even filmed the swimmers so they could see their progress.

The summer swim season consisted of 5 meets and the big "Meet of Champions." The Marlins put up a good fight during the season, but their real talent and determination showed at the Meet of Champions. At this meet, all the swimmers on the Division 2 teams competed for the top 16 places in each event. Not only did the swimmers compete for medals and ribbons, the Maplewood Marlins swimmers earned an extra special prize of stickers and/or coach drawn tattoo if they beat their best times. The Marlins finished 2nd overall and shattered their best times in the water! Congratulations to all the swimmers who participated in the Meet of Champions and WHOOP to those swimmers who made the top 16 and beat their best times.

If a swimmer placed 1st in their event at the Meet of Champions, they automatically qualified for the All-Star meet. Congratulations to Maggie Close (Individual Medley) and Reagan Duffey (Breaststroke) who won their event and automatically qualified for "All-Stars"! The next 10 fastest times over the entire league were called up to also participate in this elite meet. "All-Stars" gathers the best of all 6 divisions, which comprise of 24 teams and over 3,600 swimmers, to swim head to head to determine the best of the best in Southwest Houston.

The Maplewood Marlins Swim Team are

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Backstroke, 7/8 Boys, Swim Meet

supported by the Maplewood South-North Community Improvement Association. The Marlins Team could not be as successful and wonderful as they are if it were not for the sensational coaches, parents, and sponsors. The Marlin families are extraordinary and bring so much to the team in their volunteer hours, team support, and being overall outstanding parents.

Registration for the Maplewood Marlins swim team is open to all Westbury residents. Summer 2017 registration will begin in March. The team fills up quickly and is limited to 200 children. This is a fun summer sport that involves the whole family! For more registration information for next summer, go to [www.maplewoodmarlins.swimtopia.com](http://www.maplewoodmarlins.swimtopia.com). Join next summer and GO MARLINS!!!



Marlin Coaches with 10 & Under Ind. All Stars: Layla Campbell, Liam Niznik, Meghan Conn

## Relay and Individual Qualifiers for All-Stars

**Individual Events:** Liam Niznik, Meghan Conn, Layla Campbell, Maggie Close, Connor Duffey, Juneyoung Lee, Grace Robleto, Anne Marie Jurica, Amber Hatfield, Reagan Duffey, Bryce Cox, Patrick Close, Carl Belton, Sophie Close, Gabriella Alas, Luke Pelletier

**Medley Relays:** 7&8 boys (Liam Niznik, Nicholas Zografos, Nathaniel Mequanint, Charlie Klingensmith), 11&12 boys (Aidan Niznik, Connor Duffey, Juneyoung Lee, Chris Droubi), 13&14 girls (Amber Hatfield, Reagan Duffey, Anne Marie Jurica, Grace Robleto), Open boys (Kyle Brechtel, Luke Pelletier, Tyler Cooney, Matthew Naizer)

**Freestyle Relays:** 13&14 girls (Amber Hatfield, Camille Directo, Anne Marie Jurica, Reagan Duffey), 13&14 boys- (Carl Belton, Patrick Close, Bryce Cox, Jackson Heijman), Open girls (Sophie Close, Morgan Duffey, Gabriella Alas, Amy Stonecypher)

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# City Of Houston Working on Flooding Issues In Westbury

Despite these hot dry days of summer, flooding is still a hot topic for Houstonians. The "Citizen Solutions to Houston Flooding" group hosted a meeting on July 11 at the Jewish Community Center with Prof. Phil Bedient of the Rice University SPEED (Storm) Center with a talk "Urban Flooding- A Disaster in the Making." Dr. Bedient said that the Houston area is naturally prone to flooding due to its dense soils, flat topography, and high rainfall. He noted that the Brays Bayou watershed is now heavily developed with impervious surfaces, and that Sugar Land and The Woodlands require more greenspace and more on-site detention than Houston and Harris County. He notes that the Houston/Harris County area is the only place in the country that he is aware of where responsibility for stormwater drainage is divided between different entities (city does streets and outfalls, and the county does the bayous).

*How does replacing bridges along Brays Bayou help?* Some will be replaced with higher bridges that will not obstruct the flow and others will be improved by reducing the piers that obstruct flow. Water backs up and gets higher behind obstructions like bridges. In particular, the 288 bridge is very low over Brays Bayou.

*Options to help the areas near Brays Bayou that flood?* Create new detention lakes upstream (west) of problem areas.

Buy out homes. Increase available detention by using pumps (to allow deeper lakes) instead of gravity flow. New Orleans and Florida both use pumped storage. Use flood walls with sump pumps to protect individual houses.

On July 13, The Center for Houston Future hosted a panel discussion in it's summer salon series "RISING WATER - Dealing with Floods." The three takeaways from this panel, according to the Houston Business Journal, were:

- 1) protect prairieland in the suburbs
- 2) make infrastructure improvements
- 3) encourage individual homeowners to hold more rainwater on their property.

The Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) Infrastructure Committee met on July 14 to discuss and evaluate the Brays Bayou watershed within the BOMD boundaries. The BOMD has transformed the area by focusing on Public Safety and Environmental and Urban Design issues for these past 10 years. Now, due to the extensive flooding concerns in the Brays watershed, they are again providing leadership and innovation to tackle this problem. The engineer making the presentation noted that this area faces 4 challenges: Subsidence (ground is sinking),

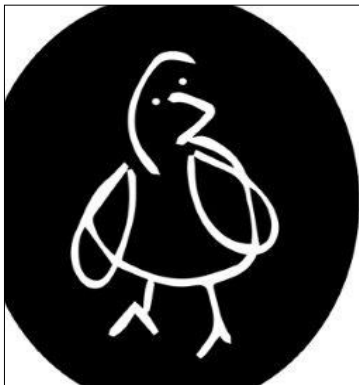
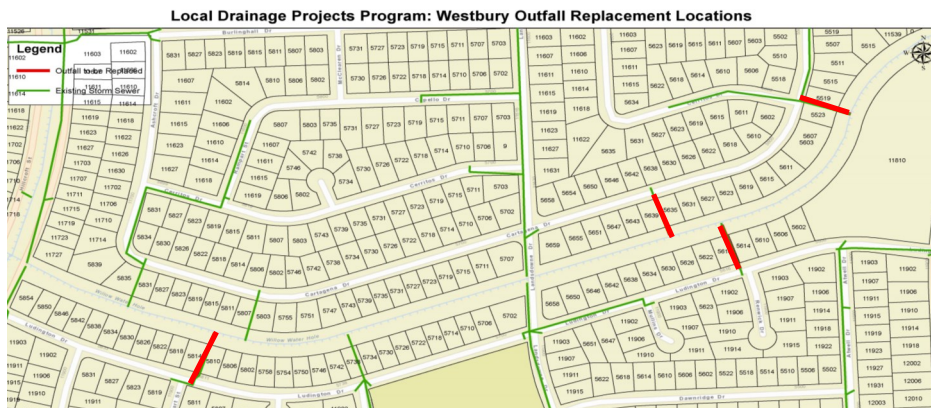


Current repairs to outfall pipes along Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne

Capacity in the Drainage Channels, Amount of Detention available upstream of problem areas, and old Stormwater drainage sewers that are under-sized based on current designs. The engineer emphasized that it is vital to report problems to 311 because the city prioritizes sewer and drainage projects based on problems reported via 311. This first meeting looked at a variety of items: increasing the detention during the Fondren Road reconstruction project; looking at additional areas of detention; and at subsidence rates.

Representatives from The Westbury Civic Club and Westbury Area Improvement Corporation attend as many of these meetings as possible. Mitigating flooding is a priority of the Westbury Super Neighborhood. On the next page you will find a letter from Mayor Turner on some immediate drainage repairs that are taking place along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. Westbury appreciates this ongoing work and looks forward to the ReBuild projects that are pending. A current local drainage project is underway in Westbury 3 and 4. The map to the left shows which outfalls are being replaced. The picture above is of the work occurring at Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne.

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# Letter from the Mayor to Westbury Residents

Westbury Residents  
 C/o Ms. Becky Edmondson  
 President, Westbury Civic Club, Inc.  
 5322 West Bellfort, Suite 107  
 Houston, Texas 77035



**Re: Westbury Drainage Repairs**

Dear Westbury Residents:

I am writing to update you on Public Works and Engineering (PWE) activities related to drainage problems discussed at the April 21, 2016 public engagement meeting in Westbury. Following the meeting, PWE maintenance staff began inspection of drainage systems that outfall to Willow Waterhole Bayou. The complaint of drainage problems came from residents who live along Willow Waterhole Bayou and experience excessive street ponding when the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) channel is not overtopping its banks. PWE engineering staff reached out to Westbury Civic Club representatives, Becky Edmondson and Glenn Robichau, to coordinate a site visit that took place on May 20, 2016. The site visit included members of the community and PWE staff from planning, engineering and maintenance. The storm sewer outfalls for Westbury are located along side lot lines between homes. This type of outfall is notorious for surprise collapses, and resulting drainage problems, because the outfalls are typically hidden behind fences and not accessible for regular maintenance.

The inspection revealed four (4) collapsed outfalls and various other age issues impacting the performance of the drainage system. As a first step, PWE immediately proceeded to develop a plan to expedite design and repair of the outfalls to Willow Waterhole Bayou. Repair plans for the outfall location at Cartegena and Cerritos were transferred to construction on June 6, 2016. There have been some minor issues with acquiring all right-of-entry documents from residents at the other three (3) collapsed outfall locations. Jennifer and Becky Edmondson, of the Westbury Civic Club, readily volunteered to assist the City by contacting the homeowners to explain the need for access. The remaining three (3) repair plans were transferred to construction on June 17, 2016. The construction contractor has mobilized at Cartegena and Cerritos - each location will require approximately 1.5 weeks to complete. All four outfalls should be completed by early August 2016, depending on weather.

PWE is currently inspecting the drainage systems that outfall into the following HCFCD channels (identified by adjacent street): Braewick, Bankside, Atwell (South of Bankside) and Chimney Rock (South of West Bellfort). Data from these inspections started coming in last week. Some minor repairs have been identified due to age issues, but nothing as significant as the four (4) collapsed outfalls to Willow Waterhole Bayou. At the current rate of inspection, I anticipate all field data by the end of June 2016. The additional repair work will be prioritized and move to engineering in early July 2016 with repairs made by October 2016, depending on weather.

Repair of the failed outfalls will greatly improve the current performance of the drainage system for more frequent, less intense rainfall events. However, the maintenance and repair of City of Houston storm sewers will not improve the current level of service of Willow Waterhole Bayou. We will continue to work with the Harris County Flood Control District and our congressional delegation to help finish Project Brays and increase the level of service of Willow Waterhole Bayou.

I thank each and every one of you for helping us accomplish this task at hand!

Sincerely,

Sylvester Turner  
 Mayor



## Westbury News



### Glass Recycling Coming To Westbury!

We are very pleased to announce that Westbury has been chosen to receive a glass recycling container. Mayor Sylvester Turner announced a pilot program through a partnership with Strategic Materials, which is the largest glass recycler in North America. The company will operate ten containers where Houstonians can drop off their glass bottles and other materials. Westbury will be getting one of these 10 locations!

**Our location will be in the parking lot of Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend, which is located at the corner of Willowbend and West Bellfort. The parking lot is accessed easily from Cedarhurst Dr, on the backside of the Church.**

Glass containers must empty and rinsed. Remove all caps, corks, and lids before taking them to a glass recycling location. Glass ONLY is allowed.



### Concrete Street Posts - Restoration Complete

A big thank you to the WCC Greenspace Team for completing a restoration project of the remaining historic street posts. Director Marcia Hartman and a grandson started the project. Bill Burhans and Westbury High School senior, Alex Herrera, painted and sealed the remaining 10 concrete posts. This is the second time Alex, a member of the WHS Honor Society, has worked on a community project. Bill Burhans had this to say about Alex, "He is a hard worker with lots of initiative, also very respectful and polite."

If you have a concrete street post on your street that wasn't included in the Scouts Eagle project, then please let the WCC know so that we can update our records and make arrangements for restoration.



WCC Greenspace Director, Marcia Hartman and one of her grandchildren

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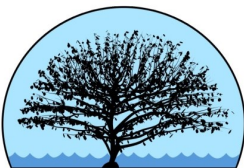


# Harvest Moon Fest & Invasive Fish Round up: Sept 17

## 1st Annual Invasive Fish Round-Up & Carp-A-Thon at the Willow Waterhole September 17, 8AM—4PM



The 1st Annual Invasive Fish Round-Up and Carp-A-Thon is part of the annual Harvest Moon Festival on September 17. The Fish Round-Up will have food trucks, a band, t-shirts, and prizes. There will be fly fishing and conventional division, fly casting competition, fly tying and casting clinics and an invasive species presentation. The entry fee is \$20 for adults. Kids under 12 and seniors fish free. Sign in is from 8-9AM. Lines in/out from 9AM-2PM. Weigh-In from 2-3PM. Casting competition will be held at 3PM. Awards will be presented at 4PM along with band and food trucks. For more information, visit [www.willowwaterhole.org](http://www.willowwaterhole.org).



Willow Waterhole  
Greenspace Conservancy

## HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 17

The 5th Annual Harvest Moon Festival will be held on September 17 at 6PM following the fishing tournament.

The event will be a FREE movie and popcorn for the whole family to enjoy. Bring chairs and blankets. Look in the next *Crier* for more information.

### FREE MOVIE 6PM-10PM

### Audubon Bird Survey: Sat, August 20, 7AM Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

The Willow Waterhole Bird Survey was started in June 2007 and is held on the third Saturday of each month. During the 2-hour count, the number of species identified can range from around 30 in summer to over 50 in the winter. The survey begins in the parking lot of the Gathering Place at 5310 South Willow Drive. As of the beginning of 2014, the survey had recorded over 160 species total.

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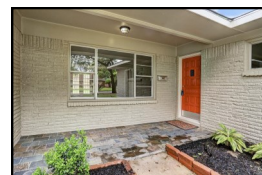
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# Crime & Security

## Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37\* 30 days July 15, 2016

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	4	1	1	0	6
Theft	5	5	6	2	18
Auto Theft	2	1	0	4	7
Robbery	0	0	2	0	2
Assault	1	2	0	0	3
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>36</b>

\*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 by block number, not exact address. Stats for 30 days preceding July 15, 2016**

Block #	Street	Crime
12600	Ashcroft	Theft
5800	Burlinghall	Auto Theft
11400	Endicott	Burglary
5700	Ettrick	Auto Theft
6000	Ettrick	Theft
5900	Fontenelle	Assault
5700	Greencraig	Theft
11600	Rampart	Theft
5000	Redstart	Theft
6000	W. Airport	Burglary
6000	W. Bellfort	Burglary
5900	Willowbend	Burglary

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Westbury Area Patrol /  
Constables**

**281-463-6666**

**Westbury HPD Storefront**

**832.394.7520 new number**

**HPD Non-Emergency**

**713-884-3131**

## Don't forget Vacation Watch!

For residents, who pay the WAP patrol dues, a special Vacation Watch may be requested from Pct 5. The form is available online. Sign up at [www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/](http://www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/)

If you want to request a Vacation Watch, but do not have access to a computer or internet, please call 281-463-6666 for assistance.

## Message from the WCC Security Director

Each month the WCC Security director gets the crime reports for the preceding 30 days. He made an astonishing discovery when comparing July of 2015 to July of 2016. Single family home crimes are down 56% (12 compared to 27). Crime is down 40% compared to 65 crimes in 2015. Theft is down 23 from 41 in 2015. Westbury is making headway in the fight against crime.

More residents are picking up the phone and calling the Constable Dispatch when they see something suspicious. The advice to "see something, say something" is really making a difference. More residents are taking steps to protect their property by either putting their cars in the garage or by not leaving anything in the car. As more and more homeowners put up surveillance cameras, thieves will be more wary of where they choose to operate. Keep up the good work. Be alert, be aware, and watch out for one another.

We still need MORE funds to cover the costs of our Constable Patrol. We continue to fall short of being able to collect the full cost of that 4th deputy. **Security is the biggest cost in the WCC budget each year. PLEASE send in your contribution TODAY.**

## Greater Post Oak/West Bellfort Neighborhood Coalition

### What You Can Do to Help Combat Aggressive Panhandling

- ❖ Do not give money directly to those panhandling on the street
- ❖ Give to organizations like SEARCH , [www.searchhomeless.org/](http://www.searchhomeless.org/) or [www.homelesshouston.org/](http://www.homelesshouston.org/), to ensure your money goes to those that need help and not to professional panhandlers.
- ❖ Report aggressive behavior and drug use to the Houston Police Department non-emergency line at 713-884-3131
- ❖ Contact 311 to report littering and damage to city property
- ❖ Sign the petition to create a zone that would prohibit sleeping on the street during daytime hours. We will begin to collect signatures for this petition in September of 2016
- ❖ Attend public session at City Hall to raise awareness among our elected officials of the issue of aggressive panhandling (Date TBD)
- ❖ Join your local civic association to help in their efforts to beautify the esplanades and make them locations that are not conducive to aggressive panhandling.

**Thank you for helping the community combat aggressive panhandlers that destroy our neighborhoods and for helping to assist those that are truly in need of food, shelter, healthcare and other basic needs.**

**Do you hear sirens?  
Go to <http://cohweb.houstontx.gov/ActiveIncidents/search.aspx>**



# Meeting with METRO

Sometimes things go wrong. How mistakes are handled makes all the difference. For several years, the non-profit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) has been asking for a bus shelter on the **North** side of West Belfort at Burdine, where Westbury high school students wait for the afternoon bus. Unfortunately, Metro noted that there are also problems with the bus stop on the south side of West Belfort and chose to start construction on the south side of West Belfort - right up against a resident's front walkway!



However, METRO, after being contacted, quickly realized that this was not the desired spot for a bus shelter and returned the residential yard back to its original state.

The WCC and WAIC met with METRO on the NORTH side again to discuss the

possibility of a shelter. The request is currently being assessed. We appreciate METRO's quick response repairing the wrong location!

We also discussed the continuing blight at this bus stop due to high grass and trash. The current bus stop is located on a drainage easement which normally gets mowed only a few times per year. METRO mows more often, but does not mow the entire area. During our discussions, the new ownership of the adjoining Westbury Square Apartments offered to start maintaining the bus stop area; however, we also brought the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) into the discussions, and BOMD has agreed to pick up litter and to mow the area on an on-going basis.

During our site meetings with Metro we learned a lot about bus shelters. If METRO agrees to provide a new bus shelter near this location, then it will likely be moved. The current bus stops (both on the south and north sides) do not comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA), and any new bus shelter would require compliance with ADA. We looked at the existing crosswalks on both sides of Burdine, and it was apparent that less work would be needed on the east side of Burdine to comply with ADA. Also, the



*Left to Right: WAIC Rep Bill Burhans, Romona Crayton with METRO, Omar Lopez with METRO and Cindy Chapman with the WAIC and WCC*

existing north bus stop is next to two city drainage manholes, and Metro tries not to build shelters on top of city drainage lines. Furthermore, the management of the adjacent Westbury Square Apartments notes that their driveway is blocked by the bus at the current bus stop location, and they would prefer that any future shelter be located so that their driveway is not blocked by a waiting bus. As a result, if a new bus shelter is provided in the future, then it will likely be located in front of the apartment building, which will also provide nice shade for the shelter due to the mature oak trees.



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# Westbury Area News

## *Yard of the Month*



July Yard of the Month Winner Parkwest 2

## *July Winners*

**Parkwest 1:** 5542 Redstart - Westbury Resident

**Parkwest 2:** 5615 Bankside - Charles & Michelle Osterhaus

**Parkwest 3:** 6034 Beaudry - Beth Cloyd

**Westbury 1:** 10922 Endicott - Westbury Resident

**Westbury 2:** 5442 Briarbend - Giovani Diniz

**Westbury 3:** 5226 Benning - Tricia & Jimmy Verbois

**Westbury 5:** 6014 Portal - Nancy Miller

**To nominate your yard or a neighbor's yard for Yard of the Month, please e-mail Robert Montgomery at [rmontgomery002@comcast.net](mailto:rmontgomery002@comcast.net).**

## Keep Storm Drains Clean & Clear

If you have a storm drain inlet in the street in front of your home, check it regularly. You should remove any debris including newspapers, twigs and leaves from the grates. Also, look inside and see if you have standing water. If your storm drain is full of water and if has NOT rained recently, report to 311 for storm drain cleaning and maintenance.

Please keep the curb line in front of your house free of leaves by raking and bagging them weekly. It is spring and the oak trees are dropping their leaves, and our storm sewers are filling up with them because some homeowners are not keeping their curbs clean. Remember if you use a yard service to tell them not to blow your leaves or debris out into the street. The debris should be bagged or composted. This will help get the storm water on its way more quickly. It is important for storm water to be able drain freely and as quickly as possible.

## 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 4 @ 6PM**

## Links for Lost & Found Pets in Westbury

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

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/westburyhoustontexas?fref=nf>

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## Mission of the WCC

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

## Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?

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

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Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$335</b>	\$
<b>Additional Contributions:</b>		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

\*The Westbury Civic Club Dues encompasses all operations, programs, and services including greenspace, of the Westbury Civic Club, except patrol services.

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# Politics

## The Power of the Precinct Chair

If you have ever wondered what happens at the precinct level, both in the Republican and Democratic parties, then this year has been a good learning opportunity. First, what exactly is a Precinct Chair? A "precinct" is the smallest political subdivision in Texas. Texas counties are divided into precincts, and it is the responsibility of the Precinct Chair to contact, guide, and organize their party's voters in their precinct. A Precinct Chair is a publicly elected party official and is elected by precinct voters in their party primary.

The Democratic Precinct Chairs have had a busy spring and summer. The death of County Commissioner El Franco Lee left a vacancy, not only to fill the current term but also for a space on the November 2016 election ballot. The Democratic Precinct Chairs who represent the voters in that district voted to determine who would have a place on the ballot instead of El Franco Lee. On June 25, State Senator Rodney Ellis won the Democratic nomination and will run unopposed in the general November election. He will represent all of Westbury after the election in November.

As a result, Ellis had to withdraw from the November ballot in State Senate District 13, which includes part of Westbury. He will be replaced on the ballot by Borris Miles, who was chosen by the Democratic Precinct Chairs of that Senate district on July 16, 2016 to fill that spot on the ballot. Miles will also run unopposed in November.

Now the State Representative seat for House District 146 formerly held by Borris Miles on the ballot is open. These hard-working Precinct Chairs will have the duty to select the Democratic nominee to replace Miles on the November ballot.

These same Precinct Chairs also had to choose candidates for two new Harris County Courts.

We appreciate the hard-work, time, and effort that all of our Precinct Chairs contribute so that the political process works - here in Westbury and across the city and region.



## Congratulations Art Pronin

Art Pronin, Westbury resident and president of the Meyerland Area Democrats, was elected at the Texas Democratic Convention to be the male representative from Senate District 17 to the Democratic National Convention. Westbury is blessed to have so many active participants in our political process on both sides of the aisle. We are home to voting precincts with some of the highest voting percentages in Houston.



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# Community Garden Master Plan Meeting



The first community meeting for the Westbury Community Garden Master Plan was held on June 21. The meeting location was changed on short notice to The Gathering Place on S. Willow due to air conditioning problems at the originally planned venue of Disciples Methodist. In addition to members of the garden and representatives from Westbury, the room was full with garden supporters, including: At-Large CM Mike Knox (who grew up in Westbury), District K Chief-of-Staff Donald Perkins, Veronica Hernandez and Conya Barrera from the Department of Neighborhoods, Richard Rodriguez and Elaine Gaskamp from the Brays Oaks

Management District, Marcy Williams from our neighboring Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood, Gordon Wingate from the Leadership Houston class which built the garden outdoor education pavilion, and Keiji Asakura from Keep Houston Beautiful.

Garden President Virginia Livingston welcomed everyone to the meeting. Becky Edmondson acknowledged guests of honor in the audience and presented a history of the garden. Then Eric Leshinsky from Asakura-Robinson reviewed the master plan process. His company will be doing the planning and landscape architecture, while EHRA will be doing the civil engineering related to infrastructure and drainage and will prepare engineering documents. Asakura-Robinson will be looking at the landscape, land use, site ecology, community outreach, site programs, and available resources. A SITES certification will be sought for sustainable land design at the site. The SITES program is a new program, partly developed by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin. So far, there is not a SITES certified location in Houston, so the Westbury Community Garden could be the first place certified in town.

The master plan process will take 5 to 6 months. The project is currently in the "site analysis" stage, and community engagement will be ongoing through the process.

After the overview, every table had a fun time drawing ideas for the garden using maps of the site and crayons. The idea was to encourage creativity and get people thinking about garden needs and possible ideas for the future. The folks from Asakura-Robinson collected all the ideas and will consolidate the ideas for discussion at the next meeting in September.



Garden members Kathy Elder, Wayne Slaikeu, Hazel Potvin, and Cindy Chapman met with Abi and Rebecca from Asakura-Robinson to gather pre-design data for the SITES certification. They gathered soil samples from across the 7 acre site, identified native and invasive plants, and discussed how the site connects to its surroundings.



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# Westbury Community Garden — 12581 Dunlap Houston, TX 77035

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### \*Star Party with Houston Astronomical Society

**When:** August 10, 8-10 PM

**Where:** Westbury Community Garden

Members from the Houston Astronomical Society will set up at least 5 telescopes and will guide us in viewing the night sky. Even though it won't get dark until after 9PM, we can still view the Moon, Mars and Saturn during twilight. And after it gets dark, we'll try some deep sky objects like a star cluster or a double star.

Westbury neighbors are invited. This event is free of charge. Let's hope for a clear night with good visibility. There is no rain date for this event

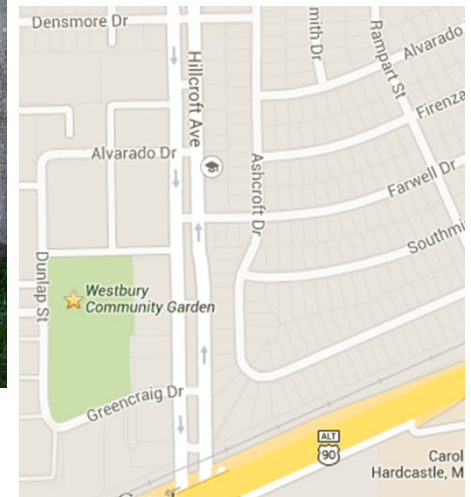
### \*Successful Fall Gardening Class

**When:** August 2016 (exact date and time TBA)

**Where:** The Gathering Place, 5310 S Willow

Ray Sher, WCG co-founder and Urban Harvest instructor, will teach this essential class on "Successful Fall Gardening in Houston". Learn about garden prep and the vegetable varieties and timing to insure success in growing organic vegetables in your home garden.

This class is open to the public. The registration fee is \$30. Westbury Community Garden members may attend free. Watch for announcements on the WCG website, Facebook (Westbury Community Garden Houston), and on NextDoor for the exact date and time.



## 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.

## LOCAL FARM STAND

### *Buy Fresh, Locally-Grown Veggies*

You can buy fresh locally-grown veggies, right here in Westbury on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Westbury Community Garden. Plant It Forward Farms provides Houston with fresh, local produce by helping refugees grow their own urban farm businesses. Each farmer is trained to farm using organic methods and to sell their produce through farmers markets, farm stands, restaurants, and farm shares. Get to know our farmers and learn about organic gardening. We offer the freshest produce available in Houston. All of our produce is grown within city limits and without the use of chemicals or pesticides.



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# Kleaning up Westbury

## South Post Oak Gateway

The **South Post Oak (SPO)** intersection at West Belfort is not in Westbury, but it is a major gateway to our neighborhood. According to a 2015 traffic count study, about 100,000 cars pass through this intersection every day, and about 70,000 cars pass through the SPO /Willowbend intersection. The trash situation generated by panhandlers and the trash accumulating on SPO where it joins 610 was overwhelmingly disgusting.

District K, after months of working on this situation, were able to get a massive cleanup of this area done at the end of June. The City of Houston Public Works Street department sent out crews to clean the underpass and the street. It looked amazing! Well, until you got to the "State Maintenance begins" sign, and then the trash was again atrocious. TXDOT (Texas Dept. of Transportation) may have the "Don't Mess with Texas" anti-littering campaign, but this part of Houston is a mess. Requests have been made to TXDOT to get this area cleaned up.



Above: W. Belfort under S. Post Oak after clean-up.

Right: New fence at Westbury Park along Willowbend.

Top Right: Sign garden on Hillcroft at Willowbend

## Hillcroft and Willowbend

The intersection of Hillcroft and Willowbend has never looked more beautiful! Thanks to a matching grant from the city, we were able to add irrigation and have formally adopted this entire esplanade. The city no longer does any maintenance on this esplanade; all maintenance is now done by the Westbury Civic Club hired crew or WCC volunteers. It is amazing what water and committed volunteers can accomplish. Many thanks to the hard-working WCC Green Team for planning and overseeing this beautiful esplanade! And, thanks to supporters of the WCC for paying the funds for WCC operations.

## Westbury Park

Last year, a short wrought iron fence was added along the Stillbrooke side of Westbury Park. We are pleased to announce that in July 2016, a new section of fence was installed on the Willowbend side of the park. Children playing at Westbury Park will be much safer, especially with new traffic patterns related to the construction of Parker Elementary's new school building next to the park. Many thanks to District K for funding the new fencing and to the Parks Department for getting it built



## Willowbend at W. Belfort

The WCC sent a special request to the Houston Parks and Recreation Department for the short medians on Willowbend, from W Belfort to South Post Oak, to get a "curb dressing". We thank the city for uncovering our long lost curbs by edging these esplanades.

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# Meyer Library Special Events

## Mommy & Me Yoga

**Wed., August 3, 10:30AM – 11:30AM**

Mommy & Me Yoga is about a rich communication with your baby through touch, stretching, cradling, massage and movement. Improve the function and healthy development of all of the baby's body systems and yours while you learn ways to incorporate yoga practice into your daily lives to reap all of the benefits that it has to offer. Presented by The Motherhood Center.

## Read with Paws-itive Pups

**Sat., August 20, 10:30AM - 11:30AM**

Woof! Woof! for reading books! Come and read with our trained therapy dogs! Children are invited to relax and read aloud their favorite picture books alongside comforting canine companions to ease their reading discomforts and paws-itively encourage them.

## Improv Puppet Theatre

**Wed., August 24, 4PM – 5PM**

Our captivating selection of puppets along with their unique personalities helps break down barriers with children and opens the pathways for early literacy. Learning through play is fundamental to a child's education; our puppet theater offers children an engaging way to interact and explore their knowledge of the world.



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## Pajama Storytime

**Thurs., August 25, 6:30PM - 7:15PM**

Snuggle up to a good book at the Houston Public Library's Pajama Storytime. Wear your pajamas and bring your bedtime friend as we sooth you into an evening storytime. All ages welcome.

## Bike Safety Tips

**Sat., August 27, 10:30AM – 11:30AM**

Do you know about bike safety? Come to this fun, interactive informational session to learn how to be safe when hitting the open road on your bike. Giveaways (including water bottles, reflectors and bike helmets) provided while supplies last. Children must be present to be fitted for a helmet. Presented by the Texas Children's Hospital.

## Para Los Niños

**Tues., August 30, 4PM - 5PM**

¡Bienvenido! Come explore the library, all of its resources and our parent workshops that will teach strategies and activities to improve family literacy and parents' abilities to serve as their child's first teacher in a friendly, bilingual environment. Each of the workshops includes a story-reading modeling session and a series of learning activities for use at home related to the workshop's theme. This program is conducted by the Children's Museum of Houston.

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