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2020 WCC Board Nominations August 8 Deadline

Elections for the 2020 WCC Board of Directors will be conducted on September 18 at the Annual Meeting. **All nominations must be received before 4PM on the second Thursday of August, which is August 8, 2019, the deadline specified in our bylaws.** Come join a great group of volunteers who strive to keep our neighborhood a great place to call home! The board does this in many ways from flood advocacy, esplanade beautification, park workdays, security enforcement of deed restrictions and much more!

Please express your interest in running for the board of the Westbury Civic Club by letter or by email. If you send email, please use subject line of "WCC 2020 Elections". Email: westburycc@sbcglobal.net. Mail: 5322 W Bellfort, Suite 100, Houston TX, 77035. Call 713-723-5437 if you have any questions.

- ◆ All board members must be a listed Owner of Record for a property located in Westbury, Parkwest or Westbury South.
- ◆ Section Directors must be a listed Owner of Record of home that is in the section they wish to represent.
- ◆ Candidates must submit interest to serve on the board by the deadline and must include the following statement filled out. "My name is ____ and I declare that I am eligible to be a Director or Officer of the Westbury Civic Club. I am the listed Owner of Record for ____ (street address of home)."
- ◆ Candidates may submit a statement, not to exceed 100 words in length.
- ◆ All candidates must include contact information including home phone, cell home, emails, etc.

Westbury Little League District 16 Champs

Congratulations to the Westbury Little League All Stars, Champions of Texas East District 16 for 10-11 year old kids. The Westbury All Stars defeated Texas U, Post Oak, and finally Bellaire 2-1 to win the District 16 championship. Those are very tough teams to beat. Westbury has not won District 16 since 1996. Congratulations to the players and coaches for all their hard work!

Players: Austin Amaya, Braden Comstock, Gavin Greene, Trip McCarty, Cooper Bayne, Bode Bromley, Luke Twardowski, Brandon Lopez, Will Powell, Max Turner, Jack Turner, Reid Sasser, Daniel Yarbrough

Coaches: John Bayne (Manager), Larry McCarty, Danny Yarbrough



SAVE THE DATE



Star Party
Sept. 10
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WCC Annual Mtg
September 18
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White Elephant Sale
October 26
See pg. 8

Back to School Bash & Health Fair

August 22, 4-8PM Westbury HS

The Third Annual Back to School Bash will be held at Westbury High School on Thursday, August 22. The bash will be held in conjunction with Congressman Al Green's Annual Health Fair. This is for all feeder pattern schools as well (elementary and middle schools).

There will be food, bouncy houses, and lots of giveaways! Other participants include: HPD, the HCC mobile unit, Metro, Westbury Community Garden, and the Westbury Civic Club.

RECYCLING DATES

August 2019

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

September 2019

Friday, September 12
Thursday, September 26



HEAVY TRASH

August 2019

Thursday, August 8*
JUNK WASTE

September 2019

Thursday, September 12*
TREE WASTE ONLY

**These are the published scheduled dates by the City of Houston. We do not know if trash will actually be picked up on the scheduled date. We have not received an update from the City.*

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE *NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager
Thereze Hester.....Office Assistant

*NOTARY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO DUES PAYING
WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appt.*

CONTACT US

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WCC Office Telephone.....713-723-5437
WCC Office Email.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net
Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net
WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

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District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum..... 832-393-3016
District C Council Member, Ellen Cohen.....832-393-3004
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333
Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107
Meyer Library.....832-393-1840
Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955

Houston Help & Information.....311
*For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes
sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash
violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services*

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Electric outage.....713-207-2222
Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111
Street light repairs.....713-207-2222
Make sure to give pole number

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111
Graffiti.....www.braysoaksm.org
Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksm.org
Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use “report a problem” link
Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661
Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000
Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

2019 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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President.....Cindy Chapman
wccpresident@westburycrier.com
Vice President.....Marcia Hartman
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Deed Restrictions..... VACANT
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Membership.....Jeff Benavides
Security.....VACANT
Volunteer Coordinator.....Robert Ellis-Montgomery

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Westbury 1.....Franny Oxford
Westbury 2.....Susan Brock
Westbury 3.....Tony Robert
Westbury 3.....VACANT
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Westbury 4.....Gail Reaben
Westbury 5.....Virginia Livingston
Westbury 5.....Donna Strom
Westbury South.....Brandon Richard
Parkwest 1.....Angie Furnari
Parkwest 2.....Jeffrey Weiss
Parkwest 3.....Lisa Placke

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

July 20 was the 50th Anniversary of astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landing on the moon in 1969. In 1969, I was nine years old and was one of many who watched the event as it was being broadcast on live TV around the world. This remarkable achievement marked humanity's first steps on the moon, with Neil Armstrong stepping from the lunar lander onto the moon while saying the now famous phrase, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

I didn't live in Houston at the time, but everybody knew about Houston. Houston was a place where astronauts worked and lived. Houston was a place where new discoveries were being made in science and technology. Back then in the 1960s, Westbury was a new neighborhood in Houston. Did any Westbury families have ties to the space program in the 1960s? Please let us know.

I am proud of our Westbury neighborhood for being a resilient place, able

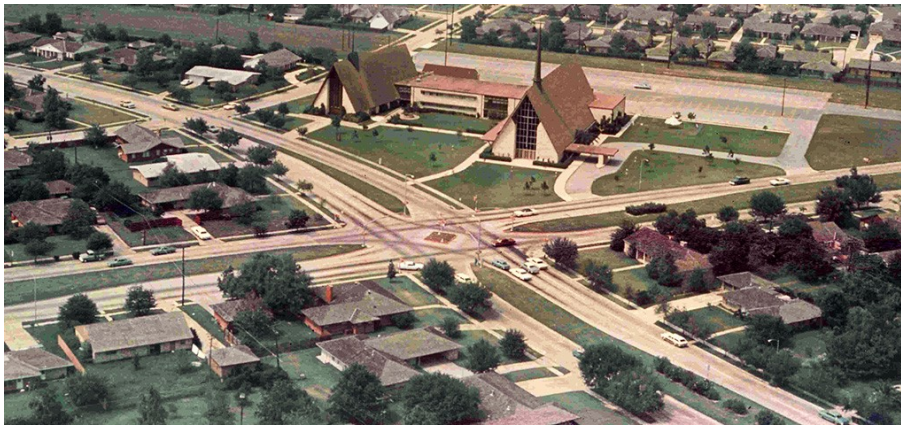
to change with the times and overcome challenges like suburban flight and flooding. Our neighborhood designers intended for Westbury to have homes with a variety of price points. One challenge, which they did not foresee, was the decline of local businesses and retail centers over the years. It seems quaint now that our community was designed to have locally-owned businesses at most of our intersections and that Westbury Square was modeled after the shopping plazas found in Europe – full of small specialty shops and unique restaurants. Internet shopping and years of competition from huge air-conditioned shopping malls have challenged our commercial spaces, but these commercial places are important for our residents. Help us to better understand YOUR ideas on a variety of topics by filling out the Westbury Survey. More information about the survey is on page 13.

Have you been interested in joining the board of the Westbury Civic Club?

Our Annual Meeting and Elections will be held in September at Westbury Baptist Church. Homeowners interested in being on the ballot for the WCC annual meeting have an August 8 deadline to submit their names. See the detailed information on page 1 about how to submit your name.

Finally, although it seems that this summer heat will last forever, schools will be opening soon. HISD starts back on Monday, August 26. Please help our students arrive safely to campus and to return home. SLOW DOWN in school zones, be on the watch for students on foot or on bike, and pay attention to the road. Neighbors who live near schools will appreciate it if you obey school zone parking signs, obey school Dropoff/Pickup signs, and do not obstruct their driveways or obstruct trash collection.

-Cindy Chapman



W. Belfort at Willowbend, Westbury United Methodist Church site in the mid 1970s.

WCC Board Meeting Notes June 2019

- ◆ Guests included: Richard Nguyen, Solid Waste COH; Mary Seymore, TX Senator Borris Miles Office, Shannon Martin from County Commissioner Rodney Ellis office.
- ◆ Topics discussed included: Trash, Annual Meeting, Train Horns
- ◆ The next WCC board meeting will be Wednesday, August 21 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft.
- ◆ August 8 is the deadline for nominations for the 2020 Westbury Civic Club Board. More information on page 1

WCC Board Meeting Wed., August 21, 7PM Westbury Baptist Church 10425 Hillcroft



Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



Adult Programs Return August 12 Weekly Classes/Groups

Stretching Exercise Class

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

Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.

Ms. BeeHaven Quilters

Tuesday, 10AM - 2PM

Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

Table Games

Wednesday, 10AM - 12:30PM

Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and more!

Evening Aerobics Exercise Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7PM, Starts September 3

Free Evening Aerobics Class held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6-7PM. Remember to bring a bottle of water and to wear comfortable clothing. Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 to register.

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays 5:45PM-7PM

A Weight Loss Support Group.

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

Summer Enrichment Program at the Platou Center

The children enrolled in the City of Houston's Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) at the Platou Center finish their summer of fun on Friday, August 9. The SEP provides a fun-filled experience of board games, group games, tennis, and more. Ms. Godbolt and Mr. Robert were in charge and the City also sent in specialists to teach and lead other experiences. Sometimes, small groups of children went to other parks for outdoor competitions.

Westbury area volunteers provided an Art Week and special nature experiences with help from the Audubon Society and the Native Prairie Association. Retired Parker Elementary librarian Susan Shafer assisted with summer reading encouragement. These special programs were funded by the Friends of Chimney Rock Park.

The SEP program is to be commended as a time for children to play old-fashioned group games, take time to cool down and rest, and then play some more. Although some of the children have phones in their backpacks, there is no technology, not even a TV at the center. That allows the children to interact more with each other and the adults in charge, rather than depending on electronics. Thank you to all who made this another great summer at the Platou Center!



Susan Shafer with children from the SEP during a music appreciation session

Meyer Library News

➔ Meyer Library CLOSED Indefinitely

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

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

The City purchased land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. The new location will be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury on Belrose. Stay tuned to future editions of the *Westbury Crier* for more information about the new library. We expect public meetings to be coming soon.

➔ "Mini" Meyer Library at Godwin Community Center

A "mini" Meyer Library is now open in Meyerland at the Godwin Community Center at 5101 Rutherglenn. Limited Services. Staff can be reached at 832-393-1840.

Hours of operation:

Mon-Wed: 1:00PM-6:00PM

Thurs: 1:00PM-8:00PM

Fri: 1:00PM-5:00PM



Westbury City Pool Summer 2019 Schedule

The Westbury Pool is located at the corner of Mullins and Willowbend at 10605 Mullins. Questions? Call the pool at 713-723-2192.

June 1– August 11: Pool OPEN

Normal Summer Hours Tuesday—

Sunday 1-8PM; Closed Monday

August 12 - September 1: Pool open

on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-5PM

September 2 (Labor Day): Last day for the pool to be open! 1-5PM

What's Happening in Westbury

August 2019 Calendar Events/Meetings

Aug. 12-16	WCC Office Open 9AM-12PM Limited Services	
Sat 17	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7AM
Mon 19	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort	7:30PM
Wed 21	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St. John's Presbyterian—5020 W Bellfort	9:30AM
Wed 21	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church— 10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Mon 26	1st Day of School for Houston Independent School District	
Tues 27	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Station - 13097 Nitida	7PM
Sept 2	WCC Office Closed Happy Labor Day	

PLANNING CALENDAR

September 2 – Labor Day Holiday
 September 10 – At-Large Candidate Breakfast at HBU
 September 10 – Star Party at Westbury Community Garden
 September 18 – WCC Annual Meeting
 September 18 – WCC Board Elections
 October 26 – Fall White Elephant Sale
 November 2 – Rain Date for Fall White Elephant Sale

**Welcome
 Back to
 School!**



All About Trash

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



Household Trash & Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



Recycling in Westbury

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

August 2019

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

September 2019

Friday, September 12
 Thursday, September 26

Heavy Trash Schedule

All of Westbury is on the same schedule for Heavy Trash. Pick-up is on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE months.

August 2019

JUNK WASTE
 Thursday, August 8

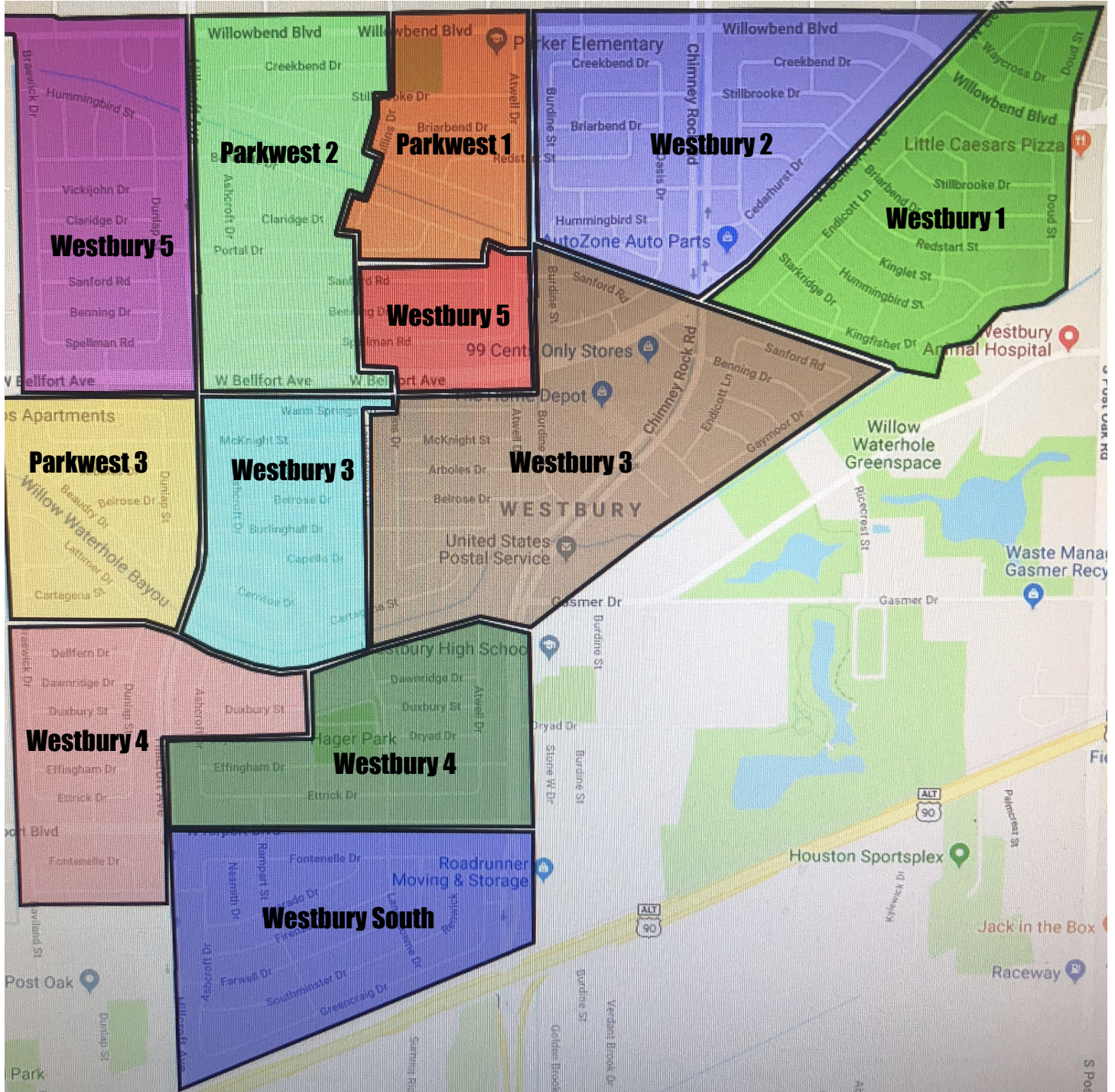
September 2019

TREE WASTE ONLY
 Thursday, September 12











Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- ♻️ NO Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers: **SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr** 10785 SW Frwy / Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center** - 11500 S. Post Oak Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ GLASS: May be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend, in the orange container near W. Bellfort.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

Map of Westbury by Section



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

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

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

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

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

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

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mission of the WCC
 The purposes of the Westbury Civic Club are to improve the appearance of the Westbury area and promote the civic, cultural educational, health, and general welfare of the residents of the Westbury and Parkwest subdivisions in Harris County, Texas

- Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?**
- ➔ Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
 - ➔ Keeps the doors of the Civic Club office open and staffed.
 - ➔ Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol, Constable Pct 5.
 - ➔ Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
 - ➔ Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
 - ➔ Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year
 - ➔ Organizes community get togethers such as National Night Out and Keep Westbury Beautiful

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



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2019 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale

October 26, 8AM – Noon



The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides fall and spring community garage sale events to our members. The Fall White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, October 26, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend. The rain date is November 2.

Booth spaces will go on sale at 9AM-1PM on Tuesday, September 24, for individual Westbury residents ONLY*. The office will also be open from 5-6:30PM on September 24 for booth space purchase.

Booths may be purchased during normal office hours starting on September 24. Cash or check only.

You must be a paid current member of the Westbury Civic Club to purchase a booth. This means you must have paid your 2019 WCC membership dues of \$50. If you have not paid your dues, you must do so at the same time that you purchase your booth space. The

booth price for individual Westbury residents will be \$20-\$25. Booths will go on sale to non-residents, groups, and non-profit organizations on **October 10**, if space permits, on a first come, first serve basis. The booth price for non-residents and groups is \$70-75. Cash or check only.

The Westbury White Elephant Sale allows residents the opportunity to sell unwanted household items at a highly visible central location with security provided. **The WCC provides location, security, bathrooms and publicity for the sale. The Civic Club does NOT provide tables, chairs, or shade.** Garage, estate, yard, moving sales, etc. are not permitted at Westbury residences.

So why not have fun, make money, be safe and be a good neighbor. **Plan on having a booth at the Westbury White Elephant Sale!**

**Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space before October 10. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until October 10. Violators of this policy may not be allowed to participate in the current and/or future White Elephant Sales. All non-profit organizations and groups must register under their organization name. No individual may purchase a booth for a group or organization unless doing so under that organization's name.*

IMPORTANT DATES

September 24—Booths go on sale for individual Westbury residents.
WCC office open at 9AM (til 1PM)

September 24—WCC Office Open Late Hours for booth sales. 5-6:30PM

September 24-October 9
Booths on sale to Westbury residents ONLY during normal office hours 9AM-2PM

October 10—Booths on sale for non-residents and non-profit organization and groups

October 26—White Elephant Sale, Westbury United Methodist, 8AM-Noon

November 2—Rain Date, check Westbury Houston Facebook for updates.



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Mid-Brays Bayou Resiliency & Revitalization Housing & Community Development Strategies

Researchers from Rice University and the University of Houston have done a study and proposed recommendations to enhance resiliency in the Mid-Brays area of the Brays Bayou watershed.

Authors: David Abraham, PhD; Bruce Race, PhD; Arturo DeLeon, PhD

Citation: Abraham, D and Race, B and DeLeon, A (2019). Mid-Brays Bayou Resiliency & Revitalization Housing & Community Development Strategies. Rice University, Houston, TX.

Abstract: Long before Hurricane Harvey, the Mid-Brays communities have known the physical danger, psychological trauma, and financial devastation of catastrophic weather, but in recent years the impact of those storms has worsened considerably. The cumulative effect of successive floods, in a very short period of time, has challenged the perseverance and patience of those who flooded, and the trust they have in agencies tasked with preventing future floods. The Mid-Brays Communities are Braeburn, Westbury, Greater Meyerland, Brays Oaks, and Near Southwest Super neighborhoods.

This report presents recommendations to enhance resiliency and revitalization of communities within the Mid-Brays area of the Brays Bayou Watershed. Analyses, strategic planning and recommendations were developed by the research planning team. This report offers a resource for the Mid-Brays communities and city and county leadership to gain enhanced intelligence of the immensity of the challenge to protect communities from flooding. We also present possible solutions for more resilient community level planning approaches across the Bayou City.

Download Link: <https://rice.box.com/s/c5oggwxv8efuws2cfkb512fe4cvbmeme>

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Focus Groups Being Conducted in Westbury

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

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

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

➔ **Thursday, August 1, 6:30-8:30PM**

➔ **Tuesday, August 6, 1-3PM**

➔ More focus group sessions may be added. Contact Susan or Jennifer.



WANTED: CONVERSATION VOLUNTEERS FROM WESTBURY

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

Participation is completely voluntary!

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

**TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT JENNIFER
 AT JEN.EDMONDSON@GMAIL.COM OR
 SUSAN AT PGETURNER@GMAIL.COM**

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

Candidate's Forum for At-Large Council Members on Sept. 10

A non-partisan breakfast to learn more about candidates who are running for At-Large City Council positions will be held on September 10. The breakfast organizer is SWHouston2000 and other community organizations, including the Westbury Civic Club. Sponsors include Houston Baptist University, Brays Oaks District, and Southwest District.

When: Tuesday, September 10, 7:30AM

Where: Houston Baptist University, McNair Hall in the Morris Cultural Arts Center

The City of Houston elections will be held in November. Although mayoral candidates receive lots of attention in the media, other important city elections do not.

Every Westbury resident is represented by SIX City Council Members on the Houston City Council.

- ➔ Specific area council member. Most of Westbury is in District K, although a small number of homes are in District C.
- ➔ FIVE At-Large council members.

Currently about 25 candidates have already indicated that they are running for election as an At-Large council member. If you are interested in attending the At-Large Candidate Breakfast, send an RSVP to SWHouston2000@gmail.com.



City Elections Coming in November

City of Houston elections will take place this November. This means we will have candidates coming to Westbury to be seen and to hear what our concerns and issues are. Several at-Large council candidates have attended monthly WCC meetings. Between now and election time, there will be various forums to meet candidates. It is the belief of the WCC that, if our representatives know us, they will be better able to represent us. So we always welcome candidates at our monthly meetings, and are happy to arrange a visit, share a cup of coffee, or take a tour of Westbury.

Mayoral candidate Bill King sat down with Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman in the WCC offices at the end of April to hear our concerns about Westbury issues. We talked about flooding and city services. We talked about bond money allocated for a library in Westbury and for much needed improvements at Hager Park. We talked about opportunities to improve the Willow Waterhole area and about public safety.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner attended the Willow Waterhole MusicFest in April, and we had a chance to talk about our plans for the Willow Waterhole area and for a Levitt Pavilion Houston performance space. Mayor Turner also attended the Friends of Westbury High School Foundation Gala in May, and was seated between Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman. He listened to our goals and vision to help Westbury High School be the best school that it can be. We also discussed trash service and public safety, both items extremely relevant to Westbury.

Look for your opportunities in the coming months to meet the candidates, tell them what YOU want, and remember to vote in November.



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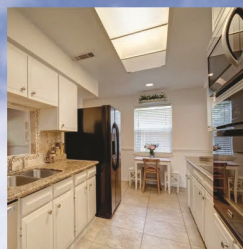
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Trash Troubles

Are you frustrated about trash? Lately, about half the phone calls made to the WCC office are questions or frustrations about trash collection. The Westbury Civic Club has no control over the city trash collection problems. We are just as frustrated as everyone else is when service is delayed. Yes, we know that many city trash trucks are falling apart due to age and heavy use, and that few of the new trash trucks ordered to replace them this year have arrived yet. Yes, we know that the current good job market means that trash truck drivers can find better paying jobs elsewhere. Yes, we are aware that the number of workers in the Solid Waste Department is much lower than in the past.

Despite awareness of all these challenges facing the city Solid Waste, it is hard for us to get answers about WHEN trash will be collected. State law mandates that regular household trash must get priority service, and collection of regular household trash in the big black rolling bin seems to have the most consistent service (not including scheduled delays for holidays).

Here is our best advice at this moment.

→ **Regular trash in black rolling bin** – continue to follow rules about what to put in the regular trash and when to move the container to the street.

→ **Yard Waste** – this is normally collected every Thursday, but lately it has been collected on Saturdays. We do not know when service will shift from Saturdays back to the regular Thursday collection schedule; therefore, assume it might move back to Thursday at any time. If you can, compost or find alternate ways to legally dispose of yard waste.

→ **Heavy Trash** – both Tree Waste and Junk Waste. In July, Tree Waste was collected 11 or more days later than the usual day. Please do not put this waste in the street while you are waiting for it to be collected because it is a city violation to put trash into the street. Consider taking heavy trash to city collection centers.

→ **Recycling Trash** – In some cases, it has been discovered that recycled trash was taken to a landfill instead of being recycled. It is not helping that reportedly about 27% of materials put into the recycle bins cannot be recycled due to contamination. Consider taking your recycling to the city Recycle Centers.

→ **Contact 311 to report your trash problems.** If the whole neighborhood is having similar delays or problems with trash collection, then you don't need to report to the WCC. We already know about the problem.

Loud Train Horns Along S. Main

Have you noticed frequent train horns sounding on the Union Pacific railroad tracks this month? After years of enjoying a "Quiet Zone" along the railroad tracks on the south boundary of Westbury parallel to US90A, the train horns started sounding again. Since there are two sets of railroad tracks in that heavily-used rail corridor, the train horns are sounding every 15 or 20 minutes, all day and all night.

Train horns are important safety devices, intended to warn people and vehicles that a train is approaching. To implement a Quiet Zone, a city must submit plans for approval by both the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and by the railroad company to demonstrate that the proposed railroad crossing safety is adequate without train horns sounding - by providing enhanced signage, instrumentation, and roadway design. It took years of advocacy to get a Quiet Zone concept along US90A accepted by the city as a funded project. The city designs at each intersection had to be approved by the FRA and Union Pacific. Finally, a Quiet Zone was implemented at the Chimney Rock, Hillcroft, and Haviland rail crossings.

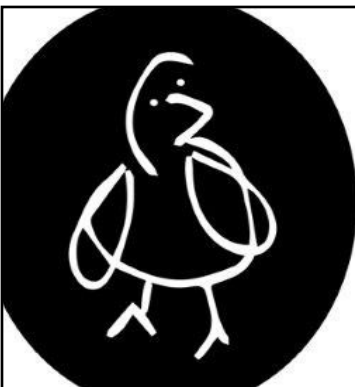
What changed in July? A contractor for the FRA did an inspection of the railroad crossings along US90A on July 10. Several issues were discovered by the contractor, which needed to be revised before the Quiet Zones can be re-instated in our area. Initially, it was not clear to the WCC whether Union Pacific or the city needed to take action. The city now acknowledges that it needs to complete certain actions before the railroad Quiet Zone will resume.

Below is the email response from the city Public Works Department regarding the loud train horns as of Monday 7/22/2019 afternoon.

"The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) conducted inspections of South Main/Highway 90 quiet zone. Their inspections indicated that maintenance of some pavement markings and railroad crossing signage is needed, and that the existing channelization devices at two crossings require upgrade to meet the current FRA requirements. Immediately following the inspections, Union Pacific Railroad began sounding the locomotive horns and will continue to sound the horns until the South Main/ Highway 90 Quiet Zone is brought back into compliance.

The City crews are working diligently to complete the maintenance and upgrade requests. UPRR will cease routine sounding of the locomotive horns after the requests are completed and the devices are inspected and approved by the FRA."

The Westbury Civic Club continues to work with District K and CM Martha Castex-Tatum to get an estimated date when the modifications will be completed so that the US90A Rail Zone Quiet Zone can return to operation. The WCC does not know how long it will take for these modifications to be made, but a requirement by FRA to "upgrade to meet the current FRA requirements" suggests that these modifications will need to be designed.



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How Clean is your Neighborhood?

By Becky Edmondson

I have served as a commissioner on the Houston Clean City Commission (HCCC) for several years. The HCCC was created to direct and oversee a comprehensive program, Keep Houston Beautiful, for the purpose of beautification, litter reduction and recycling education in the City and to bring about a long-term improvement in the attitudes and trash handling habits of citizens.

Every year Westbury residents and organizations participate in Keep Houston Beautiful Day in the spring. The WCC organizes cleanups, plants trees and flowers, and endeavors to make our corner of the city just a little nicer. The *Westbury Crier* regularly carries recycling education articles and encourages litter pickup. But are we doing enough?

I had the trip of a lifetime this summer and went on a safari to Tanzania, in far east Africa. The areas we visited were spotless. The public restrooms were pristine. When we returned, the difference in Houston was shocking. How can a poor African country be cleaner than our modern 21st century city?

First, the government of Tanzania has outlawed plastic bags. We couldn't even have them in our luggage. Globally, 127 countries have some sort of plastic bag legislation, 91 of which include a ban or restriction on manufacturing, importation, and retail distribution. Africa has 34 of these countries, followed by Europe with 29. Check the litter cluttering our streets and in our parks, and see how much of it consists of plastic bags.

Second, the government of Tanzania has a mandatory cleanup day on the last Saturday of each month. Okay, that's a little extreme, but what if we just adopted the idea that the last Saturday of the month could be an outwardly focused cleanup day. What if on the last Saturday of the month everyone went outside and inspected their property; the curb line and any adjoining public property? What if on the last Saturday of the month, you and your family went to a local Westbury park and picked up trash; or weeded a bed? What if on the last Saturday of the month you walked your dog down one of our esplanades with a bag and a trash grabber?

I ♥ Westbury

Garbage: Can you Generate Less Trash?

As our landfills become full and it's harder and harder to dispose of "trash", what can be done? The normal answer: Reuse, reduce, recycle. But what about generating less waste? Each person in Houston generates 1,375 pounds of trash per year, on average: 1,200 pounds of household trash going to a landfill, 100 pounds of yard/tree waste going to a separate facility for re-purposing, and 104 pounds to recycling.

There is a lot of talk about recycling. Westbury has a good recycle rate. Sadly, 27% of materials placed into recycling bins cannot be recycled because they are contaminated or are unusable trash. Basically 1 in 4 items are contaminated.

As the price of recyclable materials goes down, have you thought of ways to actually REDUCE the trash that you put out to be collected?

Look at packaging before you buy. Is it biodegradable? Is it recyclable? Can you use your own container or purchase it without packaging?

Do you have food waste, yard waste, or leaves? Consider building a compost pile. Combine your yard waste and leaves and food scraps, and you will have a good recipe for compost. A neighbor once created a prolific garden by making a cylindrical compost bin out of chicken wire, filled it with yard clippings, leaves and food scraps, and then built a garden bed around it.



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Westbury 2019 Survey: What do you Think?

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

Views on transportation, retailers, general shopping habits, dining, entertainment and some demographic information are covered in this questionnaire. The website address is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WestburySN2019>

Your input will help the WCC to better serve our residents. We really value your thoughts and opinions. Thank you.

This is the 4th annual survey of Westbury residents by the Westbury Civic Club. Several hundred residents have responded each year. This year 184 people took the time to answer 15 questions. Demographically the survey takers covered all age groups almost equally and were split fairly equally North of West Bellfort and South of West Bellfort. The time spent living in Westbury was split equally across all the years also. 39% of the respondents were under 44 and 37% over 60. The only real skew was female at 64%. The survey remains open and we will publish the full results in September.

Partial Survey Results

➔ In 2011 and 2012 METRO held several public meetings about the proposed US90A/Southwest Corridor rail line that will operate from Missouri City up to the Fannin South rail station. It's now 2019 and this project is still unfunded, but still on the METRO map. Do you agree with the following statement?

As Metro is adding rail lines throughout the city, it will be important for Westbury and Southwest Houston to be connected.

69% Agree

➔ Now there is a new transportation possibility in our area, the expansion of the Fort Bend Tollway. Harris County Commissioner's Court approved an \$800,000 study and a public meeting will be held in the next few months. The plan is to run the tollway from Chimney Rock along 90A on the north side of railroad track along the Willow Waterhole Park and then elevating it as it flies over the Solid Waste facility and up South Post Oak connecting it to 610.

What are your thoughts on this?

58% Not in favor 26% In favor

➔ For years, Houston's Solid Waste Management Department Director Harry Hayes has suggested the city implement a garbage fee like the majority of cities charge. Now, with a looming budget deficit that could force widespread layoffs and cuts to services, the idea may again be on the table.

Are you willing to pay a monthly garbage fee?

43% Yes 38% No 19% Other

➔ What is missing that could make this area an even better place to live, work, or invest? I really want a _____ in Westbury.

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Weather Wary in Westbury

Does rain make you nervous? Are you unsure on the weather forecasts? Does listening to the news weather reports make you panic? You are not alone. Houston weather over the past couple years has made us all very wary, if not scared, of storms.



Houston gets rain. The trick is to know where and how much. There are many good websites and apps available that can help guide you before rain events or during them. One good piece of advice is to look for warnings and alerts from the actual source, for example the National Hurricane Center. This is not a complete list but just one meant to help guide you and add to your storm preparations.

Harris County Flood Warning System

www.harriscountyfws.org

This website is extremely helpful **during** a rain event. It shows real time bayou levels and rainfall amounts at gages that have been installed along the bayous. **Gage 445** is located in Westbury on the Willow Waterhole Bayou at the Landsdowne bridge. Gage 440 is located on Brays Bayou at S. Rice. A new tool just introduced is the ability to sign up for Flood Alerts by gage. Another tool available on the website is a Flood Inundation real time map that can help residents make critical decisions regarding life and property during events. If you are ever curious about the rainfall amounts and rate, you can also look up historical data.

National Hurricane Center

www.nhc.noaa.gov

If there is a chance of a named storm or there is a current named storm, the National Hurricane Center is your go-to source. During an active named storm, there will be multiple updates issued along with many different maps. These include the wind probability, the storm track cone, storm surge, tides, and many more.

Hype-free Weather Forecast

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This website is dedicated to covering Houston weather news and forecasting with accuracy and without hype. Space City Weather was founded in October 2015. This website isn't about making money or getting "hits", it is truly about providing residents and business owners a quality forecast to make informed decisions. Eric Berger and Matt Lanza provide the best forecast for Houston weather. You can also follow them on Facebook.

Be Alert. Be Weather Smart.

When it Rains in Houston

If you would like to understand Houston's flooding problem, there is a 15 minute film produced back in 1979 that is as timely today as it was 39 years ago. The film is part of the Texas Archive of the Moving Image.



This film, narrated by actor Carle Bensen, presents Houstonians with a comprehensive look at their city's flood control infrastructure, put in place to deal with the heavy rains typical to the area. Due to natural factors such as a flat, low-lying topography and high clay content in the soil, as well as rapid urbanization, Houston has a history of flooding, and flood control projects, dating back as far as 1908. The film educates viewers about flood control systems in place, discussing strengths and weaknesses of the flood drain, storm sewer, bayou, channel, and pond system. It also recounts the physical and economic damage caused by flooding in the 1970s, the consequence of failure to continue to implement flood control improvements. In the end, the film is a plea to get back to the plan, urging the public to take action by voting on bond and tax allocations for drainage projects, and contacting their public officials to support the issues. Part of the TAMI library via the Patrick S. Coakley, Jr. Collection.

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

Are You Ready for Hurricane Season?

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

Planning for possible emergencies is crucial to survival and safety. Do you know someone who needs a person they can count on to help in an emergency?

Team up, find, or become a "Hurricane Helper" and start by making a list of what you need every day, like batteries for hearing aids, medications, equipment, food and water for service animals.

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Sign Up for Alerts from The City



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

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

More information is available at www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/

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

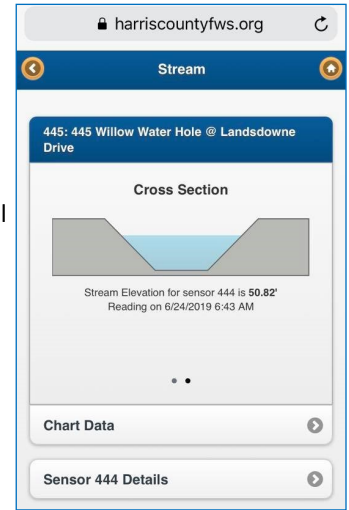
Sign up for Flood Gage Warning Alerts

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

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

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

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



Alert received on June 24



Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) Gages

#445 – WWB at Landsdowne (Westbury)

#435 – WWB at Willowbend

Brays Bayou (BB) Gages

#440 – BB at Rice Ave.

#460 – BB at Gessner

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Westbury HS Calendar
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August 20, 9AM-12PM— Freshman Husky Camp
August 22, 4-8PM— Back to School Bash
August 26— 1st Day of School



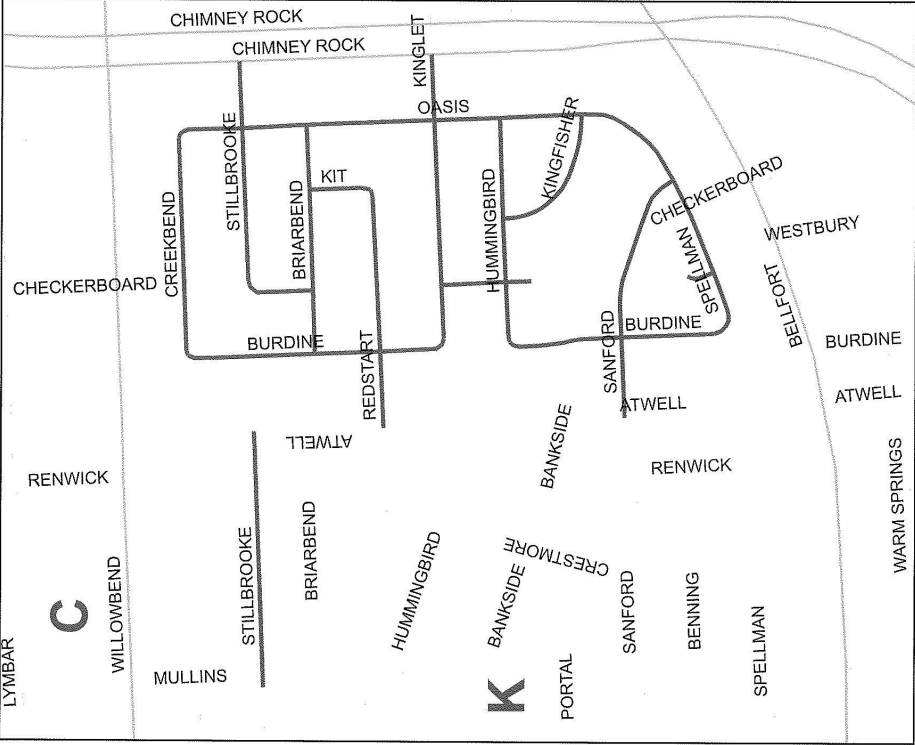
Westbury Meet & Eat
 Come out to Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant at 6579 W. Belfort every 1st Thursday of the month to meet Westbury residents. This event is open to anyone who lives in Westbury.
Meet & Eat: August 1, 6PM

Links for Lost & Found Pets
 Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com
 Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
 Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



Asphalt Overlay Project Coming to Westbury 2

The Westbury Civic Club was recently notified of an upcoming Asphalt Street Overlay project in Westbury 2. We do not know when this project will begin but anticipate it will be soon. The WCC has been advocating for this work for over 5 years. The street condition in this part of Westbury is rated as some of the worst in our area. The original asphalt is crumbling and a new overlay is desperately needed. The City of Houston will only be putting asphalt where there is currently asphalt. They will not be putting new asphalt on concrete streets as this is no longer the preferred method. The City prefers to replace the concrete panels or entire street. Because this area is not part of any upcoming replacement projects and already has asphalt, it was a prime candidate to get a new overlay. This work has already been done in other parts Westbury 2 and Westbury 1 in the past several years. Stillbrooke Dr in front of Parker will also be re-asphalted.



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Take a look at your house address numbers today.

- ➔ Do you have house numbers on your house?
- ➔ Are the numbers readily visible from the street?

Did you know that the City of Houston requires EVERY home to have a visible house number, so that emergency vehicles can respond quickly to the correct address. A house number painted on the curb is helpful, but it can be obscured by a parked car. The ordinance says a house number should be placed either on the primary door or within 18 inches from that door. If your house was built before 1979, then the numbers have to be at least 2" tall. If your house was built between 1979 and 2010, then the numbers have to be at least 3" tall. If your house was built after January 2010, then the numbers should be at least 4" tall.

Vacation Watch

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

You can register for a vacation watch online at <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch/> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

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Attention Westbury 4 and Parkwest 3 Neighborhood Meeting Recap

On July 10, residents of Westbury 4 West and Parkwest 3 South held a neighborhood meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to recruit volunteers into the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program and to discuss possible street closure of Ludington at Braewick. Approximately 25 neighbors came to the meeting; 15 volunteered for Citizens on Patrol. They still need to recruit 10 more volunteers to schedule training with HPD.

This area of Westbury had an active COP program in the 1990s. The boundaries of this potential COP area are Hillcroft on the east, Braewick on the west, Willow Waterhole bayou on the north and Densmore on the south. Patroller applications are taken only from residents within the patrol boundary. The COP program is not in lieu of WAP nor is it being run by the Westbury Civic Club. This is a separate group. We encourage residents to still financially support the Westbury Area Patrol. If you live within the patrol boundary and would like to volunteer as a patroller, please contact Martha Kinn 713-721-2933.

The closure of Ludington at Braewick to vehicular traffic was also discussed at the meeting, with most in favor. Westbury 4 Section Director, Eugene Siris is leading this effort. He is in contact with Janae Winfield, Chief of Staff for District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum to schedule a meeting to determine the process for street closure. You may contact Eugene through the Westbury Civic Club office if you would like to work with him on this project. The Westbury 4/Parkwest 3 group plans to have another neighborhood meeting in August.



Support the Westbury Area Patrol TODAY

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) contracts with Harris Country Precinct 5 Constables for our Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) program. A large part of the funds paid to Precinct 5 are paid VOLUNTARILY by residents who do not have mandatory assessments. If you appreciate this vital service, please consider showing your appreciation by sending a contribution TODAY for the WAP security patrol.

The WCC currently has a contract for 3 deputies to patrol Westbury and we would like to increase this number. We can only do this by raising additional funding. A neighborhood our size should have more deputies.

See page 7 with information about how to send an online payment by PayPal or where to send your checks to our bank deposit lockbox in Dallas. Thank you for supporting WAP security patrol and for supporting our Westbury neighborhood!



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





Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

June 24– July 25, 2019

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
12400	Ashcroft	Simple Assault	7/23	2PM	Westbury South
5900	Beaudry	Simple Assault	6/30	12PM	Parkwest 3
10900	Braewick	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	7/22	8AM	Westbury 5
10700	Chimney Rock	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/28	4PM	Westbury 2
5900	Dellfern	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/30	4PM	Westbury 4
5900	Dellfern	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	7/9	3AM	Westbury 4
5800	Dryad	Theft of Car parts	7/16	5PM	Westbury 4
12000	Dunlap	Theft form a Motor Vehicle	7/18	6PM	Westbury 4
5800	Duxbury	Purse Snatching	7/14	5PM	Westbury 4
6000	Ettrick	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	7/3	5PM	Westbury 4
6000	Ettrick	Auto Theft	7/11	2PM	Westbury 4
5700	Farwell	Robbery	6/27	2PM	Westbury South
5800	Farwell	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	7/2	1PM	Westbury South
5500	Fontenelle	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	7/21	9AM	Westbury South
5800	Fontenelle	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	7/22	6PM	Westbury South
5700	GreenCraig	Simple Assault	6/26	1AM	Westbury South
10700	Kirkside	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	6/29	12AM	Westbury 5
12300	Nesmith	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	7/4	10AM	Westbury South
10800	Oasis	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	7/9	7AM	Westbury 2
5700	Southminster	Auto Theft	6/24	6PM	Westbury South
5700	Southminster	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	7/21	4PM	Westbury South
5700	Southminster	Auto Theft	7/21	2AM	Westbury South
6400	Spellman	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/24	5PM	Westbury 5
6400	Spellman	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	7/3	8PM	Westbury 5
5300	Stillbrooke	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	7/9	12PM	Westbury 2
5700	Willowbend	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/25	1PM	Parkwest 1
5300	W. Belfort	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/24	4PM	Westbury 2
5300	W. Belfort	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6/27	4AM	Westbury 2

KEY


	Theft from Motor Vehicle
	Auto Theft
	Theft
	Burglary
	Simple Assault
	Robbery

The crimes listed took place between June 24 thru July 25. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.



Crime by the Numbers


Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	0	2	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	1	1	0
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	13	4	1	0
Robbery	1	1	0	0
Simple Assault	3	11	1	0
Shoplifting	0	0	3	0
Counterfeit, Forgery	0	0	5	0
Theft of Car Parts	1	0	0	0
Purse Snatching	1	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	1	0	1
Vandalism, Damage	0	3	1	1
Auto Theft	3	4	0	0
TOTAL	28	28	12	2



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Westbury Area Churches

The Westbury Civic Club is made up of the residential single-family homeowners in the Westbury and Parkwest subdivision. The Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) represents the businesses, churches, school area non-profits, and all the residents in the Westbury area. The WAIC meets the third Wednesday each month at St. John's Presbyterian.

Back when the Westbury subdivision was being platted in the 1950s, attending religious services was part of the fabric of life. Large tracts were set aside for religious facilities throughout the whole suburban landscape of SW Houston. Some of the religious sites in Westbury and nearby include: Westbury United Methodist, Westbury Baptist, Westbury Christian, Salem Evangelical Lutheran, St. John's Presbyterian, Congregation Beth Israel synagogue, and St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

Some of these religious facilities have been with us for decades, with many celebrating their 50th and 60th anniversaries. These faith based institutions host food pantries, provide social services, and care for so many that have experienced life-changing events such as after Hurricane Harvey. Some of them also provide day care, summer camps, preschool, and even primary and secondary education.

We thought it might be interesting to introduce you to these important neighborhood icons. Over the next several months we will feature their stories and outreach. The first church featured is the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church 4930 W. Bellfort

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church has a six-decade history of ministry in south-west Houston. The congregation first met in 1954 as a cottage group in the home of Pastor-Developer Myron K. Blackman. By February 20, 1955, services were held at Shearn Elementary School until the congregation built a chapel in Willow Meadows that eventually became Mrs. Wagner's School for many years and now home to Trafton Academy. They built the first building on West Bellfort and it was dedicated December 13, 1959. A capital campaign added a new worship space that was dedicated on August 24, 2008.



Pastor Blackman served the congregation until 1981; Pastor David A. Roschke served the congregation from 1982 until May 15, 2016; and Pastor Marvin Havard currently serves the congregation.

The building that once served as a gymnasium is now the home of Company on Stage, Westbury's wonderful theater group. Until Harvey, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation met at Salem Lutheran. Former Pastor Roschke was a founding member of the WAIC, and is the current Vice President of the WAIC.

Beyond the traditional Sunday worship, Salem has an active social ministry. Salem is a founding congregation of Braes Interfaith Ministries (BIM), our neighborhood's interfaith, social ministry cooperative. BIM is supported by 14 congregations and includes a food pantry, clothing distribution, and job placement and is located nearby at Willow Meadows Baptist Church.

Salem participates in the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Drives. Six times a year, members and friends of Salem provide and serve a meal for homeless youth between the ages of 13 and 21 in the Montrose neighborhood at the Montrose Grace Place. Throughout the year, Salem hosts informative speakers focusing on topics of social justice and advocacy issues, including bail bond reform and juvenile justice. The Seniors group, Keenagers, meets monthly and hosts monthly bus tips. For more information, visit salemhouston.org.

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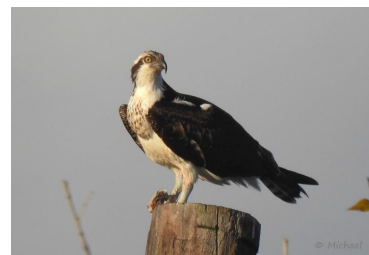
Willow Waterhole Flags at Night

Night view of Old Glory and Lone Star flying at the Willow Waterhole. Thanks again to the James Myers Family for their donation of the flagpoles, lighting, and flags. One year ago these were dedicated in honor of Jim for his military and community service.



Willow Waterhole Monthly Bird Survey

Nature-lovers of Westbury, did you know that the Houston Audubon Society conducts a monthly bird survey at Willow Waterhole and that the public is invited to participate? The Willow Waterhole Bird Survey was started in June 2007 and is held on the third Saturday of each month except December. During the 2-hour count, the number of species identified can range from around 30 in summer to over 50 in the winter.



Osprey at the Willow Waterhole

The survey begins in the parking lot of the Gathering Place at 5310 South Willow Drive. The usual starting time is 8AM, but begin at 7AM from April through September. They split up into three or four groups to cover the park thoroughly, and as of mid-2015, nearly 200 species had been reported to eBird. For a list of species reported to date, see eBird. Twelve people braved the heat and were rewarded with 39 species on Saturday July 20. The highlight was a beautiful Swainson's Hawk cruising overhead as they convened for their totals. According to Mark Meyer, "Overall, we are seeing a few more species this summer than in past summers, and this may be because most of the work on the retention ponds is completed and things are settling down. Let's hope this trend continues!"

Come join the next survey, August 17 at 7AM

Illegal Activity at Waterhole

Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC) members are in a constant surveillance and maintenance mode due to those who disrespect rules and the environment at the greenway. Trails are damaged when ATVs or pickup trucks are illegally driven off road. Some people create a mess by illegal dumping or leaving trash behind. Trees have recently been damaged by someone throwing axes.

If you see someone engaged in illegal or damaging behavior, please try to record vehicle identification information, or take picture of the vehicle or people causing the damage, and send the information to the WWGC via their website or Facebook page. If you see someone littering, please consider asking the person to be more respectful of the environment. Thanks for your help.

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5246 Creekbend

Westbury 3
Beverly Strain
5106 Sanford

Westbury 4
Eva Ortega
5602 Effingham

Westbury 5
Helen Warwick
6022 Portal

Westbury South
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12338 Atwell



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Do you think your yard should win Yard of the Month?
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Westbury Community Garden News

Telescope Star Party at the Garden September 10, 8-10PM

The Annual Telescope Star Party at the Westbury Community Garden is always a popular event for adults and children. Come out to the Garden on Tuesday, September 10 from 8PM to 10PM to look through telescopes owned by members of the Houston Astronomical Society. We will have close up views of the Moon and planets Jupiter and Saturn. Depending upon the sky conditions, we may see some distant objects beyond our solar system.



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main. Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Greencraig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible. Street parking.

JOIN the garden TODAY at
www.westburycommunitygarden.org

Contact us today at
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Volunteer Thanks

Thanks to members of the True Souljas Social Club for volunteering at Westbury Community Garden on June 22.



Creation Care Fest / Environmental Extravaganza Saturday, August 24, 10AM – 3:30PM

The Westbury Community Garden will be participating in the Creation Care Fest/ Environmental Extravaganza. This free event is three events in one: lectures by expert speakers on The State of Our World, an exhibit by local environmental organizations, and a family-friendly festival with kids' activities such as nature/environment-focused games, crafts, encounters with live education animals, seed planting (to take home & watch grow!) and much more.

Please register for this event for planning purposes on www.eventbrite.com. Note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com with any questions.



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