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Sunflower Maze Coming Soon at the Westbury Community Garden

The Westbury Community Garden (WCG) has planted a large sunflower maze.



The WCG will hold a kick-off event on August 21, from 11AM-1PM. They expect the sunflowers to bloom in mid-September. Throughout September you will be able to make appointments to visit the maze. More information will be available in the September *Crier*.

Pick Your Own Bouquet—Saturday mornings in September from 8AM—Noon. Price is \$2 per flower.

For more information see page 19 and visit the Westbury Community Garden Facebook page or website, www.westburycommunitygarden.com.

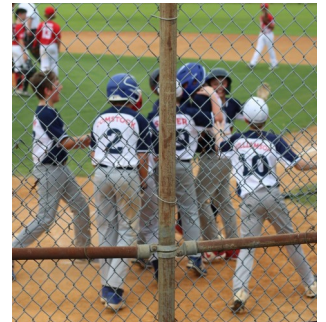
Hurricane Season is Here. Be Prepared.

It is officially hurricane season. Historically, the Houston area sees the most named storms in the months of August and September. Being prepared and knowing what to do are key. There is no need to panic if you are prepared and have a plan.

Pages 8-9 contain many helpful articles about storm prep, alerts, weather resources, & more.

Congratulations 11U Westbury All-Stars DISTRICT 16 CHAMPS

The Westbury 11U All-Star team completed a thrilling All-Star season with a hard fought win over a tough West U American team to claim the 11U District 16 Title. Congratulations to all the players and coaches.



This was a "back to back" win for the 11U Westbury teams as this year's team followed up the 2019 11U team's win. There was no all-star season in 2020.

It was a great championship atmosphere at Westbury Little League this season. If your kids are interested in playing baseball at WLL, visit their website for more info., www.westburyll.org. The fall ball season is about to begin, registration is now open. Westbury LL is open to boys and girls, ages 4-12.

Carter Comstock
Will Conte
Luke Ladwig
Nolan Lawson
Owen Leif
Bryan Lopez
Jonah Sittin
Ben Slater
Cannon Thomas
Tyler Williamson
Bennett Woolsey
Gray Younkin
Alexander Zhao



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2021 Westbury Annual Meeting
Wednesday, September 22
6PM— Meet and Greet
7PM— Meeting—Speakers
Meeting IN PERSON at Westbury Baptist Church Game Room
Vote in the 2022 WCC Board. If you are interested in joining the 2022 WCC board, see page 6.

White Elephant Sale is BACK!
The Westbury Civic Club is excited to announce that our popular bi-annual White Elephant Community garage sale is returning this Fall. The sale will be held at the Westbury United Methodist church parking lot. As of press time, the date is NOT confirmed, however, we are looking in late October or early November. The September Crier will have all the details including dates for booth sales. We look forward to holding this fun event again!



HEAVY TRASH
August 2021
Thursday, August 12
JUNK WASTE
September 2021
Thursday, September 9
TREE WASTE ONLY

IMPORTANT TRASH NOTICE
The City will likely be late for **Heavy Trash pick-up**. Heavy Trash dates are still the 2nd Thursday of each month.
Expect Heavy Trash Delays

RECYCLING
August 2021
Thursday, August 12
Thursday, August 26
September 2021
Thursday, September 9
Thursday, September 23

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

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

***Appointments available Mon-Thurs, 9AM-1PM**
Call 713-723-5437 or email westburycc@sbcglobal.net to set appointment time.

NOTARY SERVICES are available by appointment ONLY.
Masks required.

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SECURITY

Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666
Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch
Emergency.....911
Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131
Southwest HPD Station832-394-0400

CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum.....832-393-3016
District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin.....832-393-3004
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333
Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107
Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955
Houston Help & Information.....311
For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services

CENTERPOINT ENERGY

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

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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

2021 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Even though the heat of summer has not yet diminished, glimpses of fall are approaching. The arrival of August means that school will be starting soon; this year, HISD students start on Monday, August 23. To assist students in the Westbury High School feeder pattern to have a successful school year, Congressman Al Green will be hosting a "Green Light to Healthy Living" back to school event at Westbury High School on Saturday, August 12. Read more about it on page 10. Best wishes to all our young scholars, teachers, and school staff for the new school year! As a friendly reminder, school zones will also be back so make sure to slow down.

If you plan on watching the Olympics, there are several athletes with Houston connections participating, including a graduate of Westbury High School who will be playing on the US Rugby Team in Tokyo. Read more about WHS grad Kevon Williams on page 10.

September is traditionally the start of the busy fall event schedule here in Houston. By tradition, the Annual Meeting and Elections of the Westbury Civic Club is held in September. If you are interested in serving on the WCC Board, please submit your nomination by the deadline. We have realized that our usual monthly September meeting date conflicts with Yom Kippur, an important holy day on the Jewish calendar. We are moving the September Annual meeting the following week, on Wednesday, September 22. At this time, we are hoping to hold the annual meeting in-person at our traditional location at Westbury Baptist Church; however, we are monitoring COVID-19 pandemic situation and may need to adjust our planning. We will have more information in the next *Crier*.

There are several outdoor community events planned for the fall here in Westbury. You won't want to miss these

events! The Westbury Community Garden will have an outdoor maze of sunflowers during September. I have never seen a sunflower maze before, so I definitely plan on trying the sunflower maze this fall at the garden! More information is on page 19. If you have an interest in helping to make our neighborhood look better, then consider joining us for one of the monthly "Working on Westbury" litter clean up events (see page 17). We also would like to organize more projects to improve our public parks and our esplanades, in addition to doing monthly litter clean ups, so we are recruiting members to be on the "Green Team". If you would like to learn more about the Green Team or want to join, please contact Becky at westburygreen@gmail.com

A big outdoor event this fall in our area will be the Willow Waterhole MusicFest on October 30. There will be Halloween fun, food trucks, and lots of great music. Usually MusicFest is held in April, but it had to be canceled in 2020 and again in the spring of 2021 because of COVID. The organizers decided to hold a one-day event on October 30, and then return to holding the normal 2-day MusicFest event in April of 2022. More info. is on page 17.

Typically, the Westbury Civic Club holds a community garage sale twice per year. We had to cancel both events in 2020 and the spring event earlier this year. We are working with our site hosts to find a date later this fall, probably in late October or in November. We will have more information in the September newsletter.

I like to close with good news and there is lots of good news this month. The City plans to start work on a regional library that will be built in Westbury. The new library will be built on the site of "the old post office", so I am guessing that means that the old building will be demolished in the next few months, since the work is

supposed to start sometime in the 3rd Quarter of this year. If you haven't lived here long enough to know where the "old post office" is located, it is a shabby building on Belrose that is currently vacant. The back of the building can be seen from Chimney Rock on the banks of Willow Waterhole Bayou near the Westbury fire station. See page 11 for more information.

In another bit of great news, the intersections of South Post Oak, Chimney Rock, and Hillcroft along South Main are going to be improved with an art project. The columns of the underpass will be painted decorative colors and decorative, programmable lighting will be installed. Although the work is being done by agencies that are based on the south side of South Main, we will benefit from this colorful art project that will be on the southern boundary of our neighborhood. The construction has already begun and should be completed before the end of the year! See page 14 for more on this beautification project.

Stay safe and have a great month!

-Cindy Chapman



Linda Scurlock, CM Martha Castex--Tatum, Becky Edmondson, Cindy Chapman and Shawn Rushing at the dedication of the new art project along S. Main.

WCC Board Notes - July 2021

- ➔ The July Westbury Civic Club board meeting was cancelled by WCC board vote. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 18, 7PM held via Zoom meeting. The meeting will also be live-streamed on the Westbury Houston Facebook page.
- ➔ The Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting has been moved to Wednesday, September 22. The meeting has been moved back one week to not conflict with Yom Kippur.
- ➔ Join the Westbury Civic Club Board. If you are interested in joining this great group of volunteers, see page 6. You must submit your nomination no later than Thursday, August 12, per the WCC by-laws.



Westbury Civic Club
Board Meeting
August 18 @ 7PM
via Zoom Meeting
Live Streamed on Westbury
Houston Facebook page

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd
713-726-7107

platou@houston.tx.gov



- ➔ Temporary Supervisor: Julia Soto
- ➔ Email- Julia.Soto@houston.tx.gov

Platou Center is OPEN for Adult Classes

Adult Program Schedule

-Programs will run from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Monday – Friday

- Exercise— M/W/F, 9–10am
- Quilting— Tuesday, 9am–1pm
- Games— Wednesday, 10am–12pm
- Ping Pong— Thursday, 9-10:30am

Temperature checks and social distancing will be enforced.
 Face coverings are strongly encouraged.
 Frequent cleaning and sanitizing will be maintained.
 For the full City of Houston Policy please visit: www.houston.tx.gov/adminpolicies.

Curbside Meals for Children and Teens—Thru August 20
 Food is well prepared and nicely packaged. It has been refrigerated and includes a drink.

Playground, basketball and tennis courts are open.

Westbury Pool is OPEN!

The Westbury Pool is NOW open. There are NO water fitness or learn to swim classes this year. The Westbury Pool is located at 10605 Mullins, at the corner of Willowbend and Mullins near Parker Elementary. This is a FREE City pool.

Westbury Pool Schedule

Summer Schedule
 June 15 — August 15
 Tuesday-Sunday — 1PM-8PM

Fall Schedule
 August 16 — September 5
 Saturday & Sunday ONLY,
 1PM-8PM

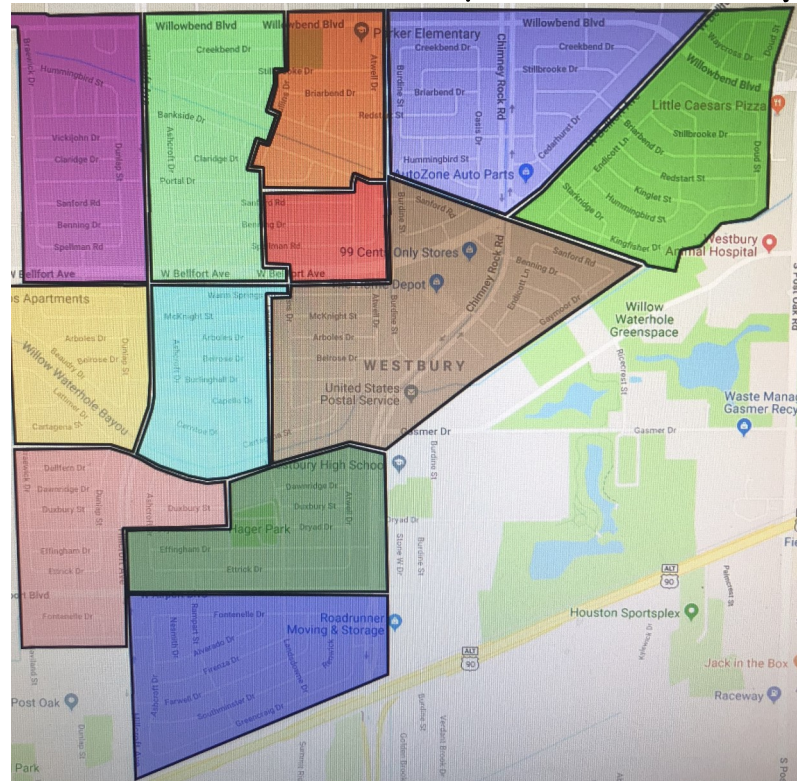
Holiday Schedule
 September 6— Labor Day, Open, 1PM-5PM. This is LAST day for pool to be open in 2021.



Library News

The Westbury Library Action Committee created an initial list of concerns and wishes/wants for the new library. The City held a public hearing on June 30 to listen to what the community wants to see in our new library. Many ideas were mentioned by Westbury residents during the meeting such as meeting rooms, recording studio, art room, special teen section, etc. See page 11 for more on the public meeting. The City poll for the name of the library closed and the library board is voting on the final name at the end of July. The September Crier will have the new name of the library!

Map of Westbury by Section



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

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

What's Happening in Westbury

August 2021 Calendar Events/Meetings

Thurs 12	JUNK WASTE HEAVY TRASH Pick-up All of Westbury
Thurs 12	Back to School Event at Westbury High School 4-7PM 11911 Chimney Rock See page 10 for more information
Wed 18	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 9:30AM Zoom Meeting
Wed 18	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting 7PM Zoom Meeting
Sat 21	Houston Audubon Bird Survey 7AM Willow Waterhole Meet at Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow
Sat 21	Fall Event at Westbury Community Garden 11AM-1PM 12581 Dunlap Kick-off of sunflower maze and other fun fall activities
Mon 23	1st Day of School for Houston ISD
Sat 28	WOW! Working on Westbury 8AM-9:30AM Willow Waterhole— meet at entrance on Dryad More information on page 17

All About Trash

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



Regular Household Trash

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

Yard Waste

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



Recycling in Westbury

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

August 2021

September 2021

Thursday, August 12

Thursday, September 9

Thursday, August 26

Thursday, September 23

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 2021

September 2021

JUNK WASTE

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, August 12

Thursday, September 9

Important Trash & Recycling Info

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

PLANNING CALENDAR

Sept. 22—WCC Annual Meeting

Late October/Early November —
White Elephant Sale

Oct. 30—2021 Music Fest
at Willow Waterhole

WCC Office Open by Appointment Only

Monday—Thursday, 9AM-1PM

Email westburycc@sbcglobal.net to set your appointment

Notary services are available by appointment only.

**Welcome
Back to
School!**



Why Support the WCC?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 46 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents.

Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. The past several years contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and Westbury Area Patrol have been down. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. We all want a safe, flood free neighborhood with great schools and nice neighbors!

The total amount for the **2021 Voluntary dues are \$360**. That is less than a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$300 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Pay Your Dues Online www.westburycrier.com

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

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- ➔ WCC Dues — \$60
- ➔ WCC Constable — \$300
- ➔ WCC Dues + Constable—
\$60 + \$300 = \$360
- ➔ Custom Amount—You can enter your own amount

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

Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas. This allows your payments to be processed immediately.

You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office or pay online at www.westburycrier.com

Join the 2022 WCC Board Nomination Deadline is August 12

Elections for the 2022 WCC Board of Directors will be conducted in September at the Annual Meeting. All nominations must be received before 4PM on the second Thursday of August, which is August 12, per the WCC by-laws. If you have any questions, please call the office at 713-723-5437.

Come join a great group of volunteers who strive to keep our neighborhood a great place to call home! The board does this in many ways from flood advocacy, esplanade beautification, park workdays, security, enforcement of the deed restrictions, and much more.

Please express your interest in running for the board of the Westbury Civic Club by letter or by email. If you send an email, please use the subject line of WCC 2022 Elections. Email westburycc@sbcglobal.net The mailing address is our physical address of 5322 W. Bellfort, Suite 100.

*All board members must be a listed Owner of Record for a property in Westbury, Parkwest, or Westbury South.

*Section Directors must be a listed Owner of Record of home that is in the section they wish to represent.

*Candidates must submit interest to serve on the board by the deadline and must include the following statement filled out. "My name is ____ and I declare that I am eligible to be a Director or Officer of the Westbury Civic Club. I am the listed Owner of Record for _____(street address)."

*Candidates may submit a statement, not to exceed 100 words in length.

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

Please send this form in with your payment

2021 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

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

Online payment:
www.westburycrier.com
www.paypal.com to email
westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Make sure to include your address

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 \$180 is \$360/yr
3 payments of \$120 is \$360/yr
4 payments of \$90 is \$360/yr

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$60	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$300	\$
Subtotal	\$360	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol		\$
Total		\$

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

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

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

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

The 2021 Mandatory Assessments of \$250.90
***Due Date Extension-4/1/21 due to mailing issues.**

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Back to School— All Students Returning to Campus

The first day of school for Houston ISD students will be on Monday, August 23. Many local private schools start a week or two earlier. Please pay attention to children walking to school and surrounding traffic. Be patient and kind.

HISD is NOT offering remote learning so ALL kids will be back in person this year. There is likely to be some traffic slow-downs around carpool times on Willowbend, Hillcroft and Chimney Rock.

Slow down for school zones and stop for school buses.



Brays Oaks Livable Center Study

Would you like to see our area become more walk-able, more bike-able and less reliant on cars? To that end, the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) applied for a Livable Center Study (LCS) and was selected. Part of the funding is being provided by BOMD and most of the funding is from a grant by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). Established in 2008, the Livable Center program works with local communities to re-imagine auto-focused infrastructure, policies, and programs, with a goal to be more multi-modal friendly and to strengthen the community socially, economically and culturally. Livable Centers are places where people can live, work, and play with less reliance on their cars. They encourage a complementary mix of land uses that are designed to be walk-able, connected, and accessible by multiple modes of transportation, including bus, bike, foot, or vehicle. Cindy Chapman, president of the Westbury Civic Club and board member of the BOMD, is a member of the project team working with the study consultants.

Initial Goals of the BOMD Study:

- ➔ **Connections: Improve Bicycle and Pedestrian Accessibility and Circulation**
- ➔ **Infrastructure: Promote efficient use of existing infrastructure**
- ➔ **Livable Neighborhoods: Improve the Quality of Place**
- ➔ **Prosperous Community: Leverage the district's economic development potential, including methods for bolstering community brand/identity.**

The first of three public workshops was held on June 24 at India House. This first workshop was to refine project goals for the study and to identify challenges and opportunities. Here are some of the facts shared during the first workshop. There are 105,000 residents in the district. Median Income is \$46,267, which is lower than the city's at \$55,000. However, owner-occupied properties had a median income of twice that amount. Infrastructure is aging - 88% of storm water system and 74% of sanitary sewers is over 30 years old. Only 25% of the residents live within a ¼ mile of a park.

After a formal presentation, it was time for the attendees to move around the room to view display boards and to provide comments on a variety of subjects: traffic concerns, trail needs, infrastructure needs, economic development concerns, and other quality of life issues.

The information will be used to come up with specific visions and goals, which will be distilled into concepts and recommendations to be unveiled at the **next public meeting on September 23**. Please mark your calendars if you want to be a part of this exciting study to find ways to make our area even better!



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Weather Wary in Westbury

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



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

Harris County Flood Warning System www.harriscountyfws.org

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

National Hurricane Center www.nhc.noaa.gov

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

Hype-free Weather Forecast www.spacecityweather.com

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

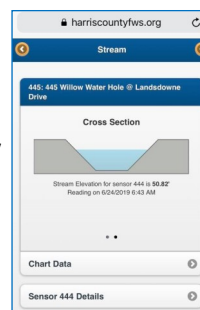
Be Alert. Be Weather Smart.

Sign up for Flood Gage Warning Alerts

The regional Flood Warning System measures rainfall and monitors water levels in bayous, creeks, and rivers on a real-time basis to inform area residents of potential flooding conditions. This system relies on a network of 250 gage stations that have been strategically placed throughout a Harris and surrounding counties. Westbury has one of these gages located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou (#445). This information is available at www.harriscountyfws.org.

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

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



Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) Gages

#445 – WWB at Landsdowne (*Westbury*)

#435 – WWB at Willowbend

Brays Bayou (BB) Gages

#440 – BB at Rice Ave.

#460 – BB at S. Gessner

#465 – BB at Beltway 8



Westbury Flood Gage Explained

Westbury has a flood gage located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne (gage 445). Once the Willow Waterhole Bayou reaches a certain level, the water will overflow the weirs into the basins at the Willow Waterhole complex. The Westbury flood gage (which is upstream of the basins) will read steady at this point, typically around 51.2-51.5ft. It is also at this same level, that the flood control system will show that flooding is possible in Westbury and the news will start reporting it as such. While this is technically true and flooding can happen anywhere, it is important to remember that we have the basins downstream. Watch the gage levels to really know. If the gage holds steady, it is likely water is flowing into the basins not homes. If the gage were to start rising again, flooding would be very likely in Westbury homes. The unknown factor is how full the basins are or will get once it starts raining. There is no gage or camera at the basins.

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

Eyes on Westbury

Do you wish you could see the detention basins and weirs at the Willow Waterhole? Do you want another way to monitor flooding? Let's get cameras! Join this new group to help get "Eyes on Westbury." This group will research camera options, contact HCFCF for access questions, fundraise if needed, look into other options with cameras and lights. If you are interested in joining the "Eyes on Westbury" group, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.



Sign Up for Alerts from The City

Sometimes it is easy to become complacent with weather alerts, but emails, texts, and phone calls sent from the City Alert System can be extremely helpful on. 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.

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

Hurricane Preparation Tips

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

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

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



Immediate Hurricane Preparation Tips

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

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



Long-term Hurricane Preparation Tips

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

Westbury High School Fine Arts Magnet



The 2012 HISD bond brought much needed improvement to the Westbury High School campus. The 9th grade academy, that had been housed for many years in “temporary” buildings, was replaced by a new wing with 26 classrooms, flexible learning centers, two new gyms, and a multi-purpose dining commons area. New baseball and softball fields were completed, as were new tennis courts and a green space/practice field that also serves a detention pond.

More improvements had been promised to Westbury that were not included in the original scope. Thanks to the persistence of the community and former HISD Trustee Wanda Adams, HISD found an additional \$6.2 million for improvements. The additional funding paid for the building of a new Fine Arts wing, renovated the magnet school’s existing auditorium, and repurposed the fine arts rooms built in 1961 to other fine arts purposes. The school’s 59-year-old auditorium looks brand new with the addition of a new sound system, new house lighting, cushioned seating, carpet, and blue and gray paint.

Westbury is home to a magnet program for Performing and Visual Arts. And what a new home it has! During a recent tour we were able to see firsthand the incredible new spaces. The new wing features new band, orchestra, and choir halls with individual practice rooms, as well as a piano lab, jazz ensemble and guitar lab, and an instrument repair room. Other additions include a new speech and debate room, dance studio with locker rooms, and upgrades to the existing Black Box Theater. The visual arts studio with large tables, power cables dangling from the ceiling, and plenty of storage space is amazing. There is also an outdoor patio to allow work on even larger pieces.

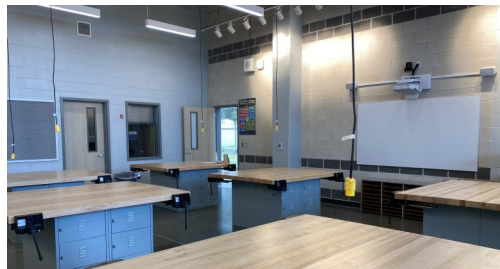
We thank the HISD Board and former HISD Trustee Wanda Adams for making Westbury High School such an exceptional campus.

“Green Light to Healthy Living” Back to School Event Westbury High School— Thursday, August 12, 4-7PM

You are invited to attend an event sponsored by US Representative Al Green at Westbury High School on August 12. The “Green Light to Healthy Living” event will feature backpack giveaways, immunizations, vaccines, physicals, free food, and more! This event is a Back to School event to help the children zoned to Westbury High School feeder schools be successful in this new school year. School starts on Monday, August 23.



Renovated auditorium



Visual Arts room



Choir room

WHS Grad in the Olympics

Congratulations to Westbury High School graduate Kevon Williams, who will be playing in the 2021 Olympic Games on the USA Rugby sevens team! Kevon was a football and track athlete at WHS. He has a degree in Computer Science from New Mexico Highlands University and is working on an MBA while training on the US team. Best wishes to Kevon and team USA Rugby in Tokyo!



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Possible Deed Restrictions Update Westbury 5 (Only East of Hillcroft)

Recently some Westbury residents have expressed interest in updating their deed restrictions, so this is a good opportunity to do a bit of Q and A on the topic.

Q: Which sections of Westbury have updated deed restrictions?

Only Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2 have amended their deed restrictions and that happened more than 25 years ago in 1993 and 1994. Most of you have deed restrictions which have not been updated since the 1950s or 1960s. There are currently more than 30 sets of deed restrictions.

Q: How do I find out what my deed restrictions are?

Deed restrictions are provided on the WCC website. You will need to know the legal address for your property. In some cases, additional information is available on the plat drawings at the WCC Office. The original plat drawings are on huge pieces of paper and are not online; however, the Section Map published online on the WCC website is a very close approximation of the plat map information. For the specific question about which houses are covered by what, we commonly refer to as "Westbury 5 East" set of deed restrictions, we have double-checked with the plat maps referred to in the deed restrictions to confirm that the Section Map provided on the WCC website matches the final plat maps for those specific homes.

Q: How are deed restrictions updated?

It is a daunting and complex task. Luckily our deed restrictions automatically renew, so we do not have to worry about them expiring, but it is a huge legal effort to modify them. The deed restrictions state what percentage of owners need to approve changes.

Q: What are important considerations?

Frankly, deed restrictions written more than 50 years ago, or even more than 25 years ago have gaps or weaknesses that would be helpful to modernize and improve. The Westbury Civic Club has accumulated decades of knowledge related to deed restriction enforcement issues and we have on retainer one of the finest legal teams in Houston with expertise in deed restrictions. We think it is vital that the WCC be involved in the deed restriction modification process. Since it is such a daunting task and takes so much effort to change deed restrictions, we also suggest that much thought and care be taken to consider longer-term issues and ability to enforce.

Westbury Library Public Meeting

Vice-Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum hosted a virtual community meeting at the end of June to discuss a new library that will be built on a 2.5 acre site in Westbury. The site is located between Chimney Rock and Belrose, with parking lot access from both streets. The street address is 5507 Belrose.

The purpose of the meeting was for residents to share their desires for the future library and to ask questions. Dr. Rhea Lawson, Executive Director of the Houston Public Library system, and several of her staff members participated in the meeting.

The new library will be a regional library, which means it will be larger than a neighborhood library. It will serve patrons from both the closed Meyer branch library as well as the closed Morris Frank library. The name of the library has not yet been decided. Ground-breaking will start in the third quarter of 2021, with ribbon-cutting taking place in 2022. The cost is anticipated to be \$14.3 million. It sounds as if this will be world class library serving the needs of our very diverse communities.

Passion for this library was evident in both the community attendees as well as the library staff, who are eagerly awaiting this new library. The Westbury Library Action committee submitted a wish list of ideas. The committee identified several different zones/areas of the library that they felt were especially important to the community, with specific items for each space. The committee emphasized that our local elementary, middle, and high schools ALL have very active Fine Arts programs. We want to see music, art, and performance brought into the library space. Some of the wish list items include:

***Children** - Family Friendly Zone – separate areas for toddlers and school age children. Bright colors. Area for story-time. Family restrooms; changing tables in both.

***Adult Zone** - With 3D printer, computers, large format printer (for banners, large posters, etc), Craft room.

***Teen Space** - with recording studio to complement the Fine Arts Magnet programs at our elementary, middle, and high schools).

***"Booster Club" Area** - In the lobby/front desk area, have a place to make announcements/have fundraising activities/vending of items – For local schools, local organizations, etc.

***Meeting Rooms and Study Rooms** - Large meeting room space that can be utilized by groups. Smaller Study rooms to accommodate up to 4 people, with doors, to allow for either quiet study space or a smaller collaboration space.

***Outdoor Learning/performance space** - with trees, seating, shade/canopy.

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Update from Westbury
Sgt. Derkowski
Precinct 5 Constables had traffic units patrolling on several Westbury major streets in June. These patrols are in addition to the regular patrol units on the Westbury security patrol contract.
Sgt. Derkowski would like to remind all residents to please go the posted speed limits. There was another single car fatality accident in the 5600 block of W. Belfort. The car left the roadway, flipped and hit a tree in the front yard of a Westbury home. This is at least the 4th fatal accident in the same general area in the last several years. The Westbury Civic Club is requesting additional patrols from HPD and the Constables to help with the speeding problems on our major streets. With schools starting back on August 23, please obey all traffic laws and speed limits. Do NOT pass cars on Willowbend.
Remind all yard crews and construction crews to NOT leave valuables in their vehicles or easily accessible outside. There have been several reports of thefts from the vehicles of workers parked outside of Westbury homes. Report all suspicious vehicles and persons to the Constables.
The Harris County Pct. 5 dispatch number is 281-463-6666.



Great July WOW Workday!

On July 17, WCC board member Tony Robert and his wife, Donna, led the WOW Workday at the Willow Waterhole. Tony and Donna were joined by WCC board members Cindy Chapman and Lisa Placke and several families and other volunteers. Thank you to everyone that came out in the heat to help clean up the Westbury Lake area. The next WOW workday at the Willow Waterhole will be Saturday, August 28, at 8AM. See page 17 for more information. It is amazing how much trash accumulates in a month, we are still removing many bags of trash at each clean-up event.



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Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

June 25—July 27, 2021

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
11400	Ashcroft	Simple Assault	7/1	6PM	Westbury 3
12100	Atwell	Aggravated Assault	7/2	3PM	Westbury 4
5600	Bankside	Simple Assault	6/30	11AM	Parkwest 2
5600	Briarbend	Auto Theft	7/4	11AM	Parkwest 1
11600	Braewick	Theft of Motor Vehicle parts	7/10	2PM	Parkwest 3
11700	Braewick	Theft—other	7/9	11AM	Parkwest 3
11100	Burdine	Simple Assault	6/27	12PM	Westbury 3
5500	Burlinghall	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	7/7	9PM	Westbury 3
5600	Effingham	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	7/12	10PM	Westbury 4
11700	Hillcroft	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	7/16	12PM	Westbury 4
12100	Hillcroft	Simple Assault	7/17	3PM	Westbury 4
5700	McKnight	Burglary, Breaking and Entering	7/20	2AM	Westbury 3
5700	Portal	Theft of Motor Vehicle parts	7/26	6PM	Parkwest 2
5400	Sanford	Theft—other	7/2	5PM	Westbury 3
5000	Waycross	Simple Assault	7/9	11AM	Westbury 1

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

The crimes listed took place between June 25 and July 27, 2021.

They are in alphabetical order by street.

The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/Public
Aggravated Assault	1	7	1	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	1	3	0
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	1	3	0	0
Robbery	0	2	2	0
Simple Assault	5	17	3	0
Shoplifting	0	0	8	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	1	0	1
Vandalism, Damage	1	4	1	0
Auto Theft	1	3	0	0
Theft from a Building	0	1	2	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	2	2	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	2
Driving Under Influence DUI	0	0	0	2
Theft—Other	2	1	0	0
Intimidation	0	0	1	0
Arson	0	0	1	0
Rape	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	15	44	23	6

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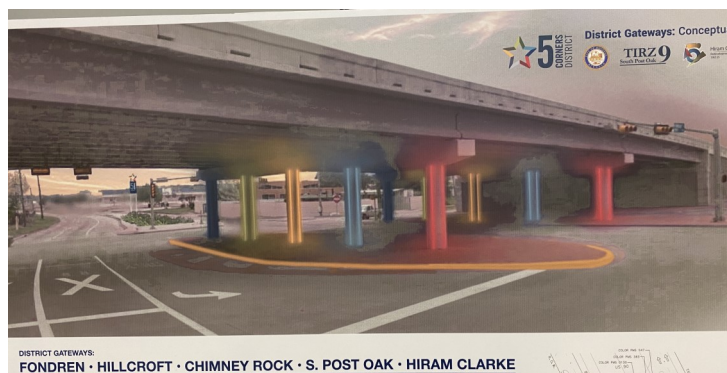
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Beautification Project Coming to S. Main

We are excited to share the details about a beautification project in progress that will greatly enhance our border along South Main, also known as US90A. The Westbury community has 3 intersections along South Main – at Hillcroft, at Chimney Rock, and along South Post Oak. Our neighbors to the south are creating an art project at each of the underpasses to enhance the Gateway entrances for people driving south of US90A. Luckily for us, their northern gateway is OUR southern gateway, so we will benefit also!

A total of 5 underpasses will be decorated, including the 3 on the Westbury border. The underpass columns will be painted in colorful hues and programmable decorative lighting will enhance the columns and lower bridge structures. If you have enjoyed seeing the programmable lights along US59/69 on the way to downtown, then you have an idea of the fun opportunities for celebrations that these decorative lights will allow.



The art project at the 5 underpasses is part of a larger project. On July 8, District K Councilmember and Vice-Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum hosted a project kick-off celebration as she unveiled the South Main Gateway Project. This \$1.1M project will include enhanced drainage, lighting, street striping, landscaping, traffic movement modifications, signage, pedestrian safety and more at five major intersections at Fondren, Hillcroft, Chimney Rock, S. Post Oak, and Hiram Clarke.

The electrical work is underway and the project should be complete by December 2021. This project is being paid for and managed in a joint collaboration between TIRZ #25, TIRZ #9, and the 5 Corners Management District.



Larry Green Mini-Mural

Former Councilmember Larry Green was the first person elected to represent the newly created District K in 2011. He was re-elected in 2015 and died in 2018 before his second term ended.



CM Larry Green was always looking for ways to make District K look better, and one of his mottos was “Klean It Up, Green It Up”. While visiting another city he noticed that some of their traffic boxes had been painted with a mural, so he decided to sponsor a pilot program for several “Mini-Murals” in District K by partnering with UpArt Studio and the city Public Works Department. The very first Mini-Mural created for District K was placed here in Westbury on May 2015 at the corner of West Belfort and Willowbend, across the street from Westbury United Methodist Church. That first colorful Mini-Mural of flowers was soon followed by other murals across District K. The program has been so popular that now there are more than 200 Mini-Murals scattered across the Houston region.

It seems only fitting that a new Mini-Mural would be created in memory of CM Larry Green and his role in bringing public art to street corners where it is highly visible. This new mural featuring CM Green is located at South Post Oak and Allum, not too far from the new Southwest Houston Police Department substation that CM Green pushed to get built to replace the old HPD station on Beechnut that had flooding issues. The artist is Anat Ronen, the same artist who did the first Mini-Mural in Westbury and District K.

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Westbury 3

5634 Warm Springs
Ron Brown

Westbury 4

5859 Etrick
Samuel Chio

Parkwest 1

5630 Hummingbird
Anish Rawat



Westbury 2 Winner



Westbury 4 Winner



Parkwest 1 Winner

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5/21/20	108	85	6,188
6/24/20	334	183	16,253
7/27/20	748	492	45,145
8/26/20	1,102	700	62,097
9/26/20	1,255	817	72,684
10/26/20	1,360	894	82,999
11/23/20	1,504	1,026	93,988
12/20/20	1,779	1,240	110,445
1/26/21	2,238	1,659	150,091
2/23/21	2,613	1,943	170,667
3/29/21	2,752	2,069	182,440
4/25/21	2,837	2,126	189,585
5/19/21	2,863	2,152	192,238
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COH Solid Waste Department employee Alyce Coffey, WCC's Becky Edmondson and WCG founder Ray Sher with one of Westbury's first recycle bins in 2013

Your help is needed so that recycling continues in a successful way. Please pay attention to the recycling rules so that the recycling facility doesn't have to throw away entire truck loads due to excessive contamination (materials that can't be recycled at the facility). Also, take care to remove any "tangler" items that could jam up the machinery – that means: No hoses or ropes, No plastic bags, No clothing, No items of a similar nature that could cause jams.

Helium and Propane Tanks NOT Allowed in Recycling

Helium Tanks: Helium tanks should NEVER be disposed of in your curbside recycling container. Every week, the city recycle facility receives hundreds of helium tanks that have been disposed of incorrectly. For proper disposal of empty retail helium tanks, puncture and then take the tank to a city recycling centers or local scrap metal yard. Scrap metal companies may offer a small rebate for your empty helium tank.

Propane tanks: Propane tanks should NEVER be placed in your curbside recycling or trash bin. Many landfills, recycling centers, and scrap metal dealers cannot recycle unwanted tanks because of the residual propane inside. However, most propane exchange companies, including Blue Rhino, will take them and recycle them at NO COST to you. Simply leave your empty beside a propane exchange display.

Reminder about Trash Placement

As a reminder, city streets and city sidewalks are intended to be available for the public to safely use. When placing your trash cans or Tree Waste or Junk Waste outside to be collected by the Solid Waste Department, please make sure that you place these items so that they DO NOT OBSTRUCT streets or sidewalks. A city ordinance defines that trash is supposed to be placed between the edge of the street pavement and then 3 feet toward your residence. In Westbury, that basically means that you should place your trash between the street and the sidewalk.

Although all of us have been annoyed and aggravated about the delayed or missed collection of heavy trash that has happened multiple times this year, it is not okay to put your trash in the street. This can cause safety issues. Constable Sgt. Derkowski has asked us to remind you that trash items (cans or stuff) placed in the street can be hard to see at night, and it can cause cars to swerve around into the other lane at any time. Please be considerate and help keep Westbury sidewalks and streets safe.

Additionally, rainfalls in Houston can be intense. Heavy rains can move a trash bin or heavy trash that has been improperly placed in the street, and could then push it toward the street storm drains, where it might block the flow of water into the drainage system. You might think that is impossible, but during heavy rains in the past, all sorts of items have been observed floating down streets that should not be



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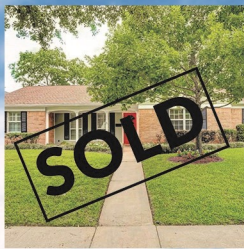
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Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

WOW Work day — Litter Pick-up

Come join us at the Willow Waterhole for another workday at Westbury Lake on Saturday, August 28, 8-9:30AM. The WAIC, along with the WCC, is hosting monthly regular workdays in Westbury greenspaces. This workday will focus on litter pick-up at Westbury Lake. The WAIC will provide trash bags and grabbers.

What: Working on Westbury (WOW) Workday

When: Saturday, August 28, 8-9:30AM

Where: Westbury Lake—meet at the gazebo, 5300 Dryad

Thank you to all the volunteers that came out in the July heat to pick up trash! We really appreciate ALL of you!

Willow Waterhole Annual Meeting

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy held its annual meeting in July. There was a great power point presentation that celebrated the beginnings of the greenway through the last twenty years with a look to future plans like a dog park, the paving of Dryad, a pier, Levitt Pavilion Houston and more!

Looking back over the past year there were many highlights:

- ★ Launched Newsletter – The Watering Hole
- ★ New Membership Campaign (over 100)
- ★ 20th Anniversary Celebration & Naturescape Garden
- ★ Redesign of www.willowwaterhole.org website
- ★ 4600 Facebook followers on Willow Waterhole Greenway Facebook page
- ★ Information and Environmental Signage Additions (80)
- ★ Added fourteen dump truck loads of gravel to Dryad
- ★ Added Security Cameras
- ★ Partnership with the Texas Wildlife Rescue Center
- ★ Harris County Precinct One announces trail investment
- ★ BOMD issues RFQ for design of adjacent former Shell property
- ★ BOMD to request bids on Dryad Driveway paving
- ★ Eight Girl Scout Gold Awards and Boy Scout Eagle Projects completed, five in queue
- ★ Nine Group Conservation workdays and 220 New Trees Planted
- ★ Ten Group Litter Pickup Days

To become a member of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy or learn more:

www.willowwaterhole.org

SAVE THE DATE—MusicFest October 30, 11AM-7PM

The Willow Waterhole MusicFest is BACK! After being cancelled in 2020 and Spring of 2021 due to COVID, organizers decided to hold a special one-day Fall MusicFest. The event will move back to a two-day event in the Spring in 2022.

MusicFest great for the whole family. There will be good music, fabulous food trucks, Truck or Treat for the kids, a Haunted House maze, a costume contest and more. Stay tuned to future *Criers* for more information.

Audubon Bird Survey

Saturday, August 21, 7AM

Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow, to help survey the many types of birds located in the Willow Waterhole Greenway. The 2-hour bird count usually ranges from 30 species in the summer to over 50 in the winter.



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Sunflower Maze Created at the Westbury Community Garden

The Westbury Community Garden has an exciting new addition for the fall. They have created a sunflower maze with 380 feet of meandering mulched paths and an inner 12' by 20' room. Visitors will be immersed in walls of sunflowers of 19 varieties



of Helianthus species and 2 varieties of Mexican Sunflowers ranging from 1 foot Teddy Bears to the 20-foot Mongolian Giants.

The Sunflower maze will be ready in mid-September. Families, school or scout groups, photographers and clients, artists, or any other group may reserve the sunflower maze for private events by scheduling half hour increments using the Square Appointments app. Download the free app, then search for The Magical Sunflower Maze. Choose your date and start and end times. Suggested donation is \$20.00 for each 30-minute increment booked.

The maze planning began when Harris County was still in red alert status for COVID. "For this reason," Debbie Gordon, Community Outreach Chair states, "we wanted to plan something that would engage the community but would be private small gatherings rather than the larger crowd of a festival."

August 21, 11AM-1PM, is a kick off event celebrating the new maze. The WCG will hold a series of community events during the months of August and September: maze fun days, map-reading skills for scouts and elementary school classes, private bookings for family and small group events, cut flower sales, and educational programs about sunflowers.

Pick Your Own Bouquet—Saturday mornings in September from 8AM—Noon. Price is \$2 per flower.

When the sunflowers are mature and finished blooming, the giant sunflower heads will be dried and made into hanging birdfeeders. Dried stalks will be made into winter wildlife habitats. Eventually, the stalks will decompose and enrich the soil.

The Magical Sunflower Maze received \$5000 from the Arnold Organic Spring Planting Grant. The HEB Community Investment Program contributed \$200 for the Volunteer Appreciation Day and WCG Kickoff event. Jennifer Hess of Jennifer Hess Landscape Design provided advisory support. Zane Bennett, Eagle scout candidate, organized and led the effort to mulch the aisles along with friends, family and fellow scouts and leaders of Troop 549.

The Magical Sunflower Maze was built by 45 different volunteers spending over 200 hours during May and June plus countless hours planning the maze and maze events.

Farm Stand at Westbury Community Garden

Plant it Forward Farms will be operating a new weekly Farm Stand in Westbury! Take the opportunity to purchase fresh produce from your local neighborhood farmer, Farmer Sarment.



Sundays— 11AM-3PM

<https://plantitforward.farm/purchaseourproduce/#farmstand>



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.



Like "Westbury Community Garden Houston" on Facebook

Visitors are welcome to drop by the Westbury Community Garden, BUT please remember to only LOOK. Do not pick fruits, vegetables, herbs or flowers that are being grown at the garden.

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2021 Westbury Annual Meeting Wednesday, September 22

- ➔ Meet and Greet—6PM
- ➔ Meeting —7PM

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