



# Westbury Crier

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## Fall White Elephant Sale Saturday, October 10 8AM-Noon

Westbury United Methodist Church  
Sign up for your booth space in the  
WCC office starting September 9!

This is the perfect opportunity to have that garage sale you have been wanting to have at your house but know you can't per long-standing policy of the Westbury Civic Club! Come early for your booth space. Booths sold out last year!



For more information regarding prices, dates, garage sale policy and more, see pages 6 & 7.

## Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting



Wed., September 16 @ 6-9PM  
Westbury Baptist Gym

The 2015 Westbury Civic Club (WCC) Annual Meeting will be held on September 16 in the Westbury Baptist Gym at 10425 Hillcroft. We will have City, County, and State reps in attendance. **Gary Zika, the Project Manager for Project Brays, will give an update about the Willow Waterhole Project and flooding in Westbury.** Come hear TX State Rep. Borris Miles with news from the state. Our District K City Councilman, Larry Green, will speak about upcoming CIP projects in Westbury. Come meet the new 2016 Board, and win some great door prizes!

Hope to see you there. Refreshments will be provided.

### Door Prizes! Door Prizes! Door Prizes!

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## National Night Out October 6

Plan your parties now! National Night Out is a fun event designed to celebrate neighbors and security. We encourage you to organize block parties or other events and to get to know your neighbors.

Register with the WCC Office by Sept. 18, or at the Annual Meeting, to be entered in a drawing to win a WCC Pizza Party during your event. For those who register before the deadline, we will also arrange for HPD, WAP Constables, or the WCC Board to visit your party. The first 10 parties to register will receive WCC promo items.

See page 9 for more information.  
We look forward to meeting you!



Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

We still need to raise over \$77,000 this year to retain our Constable program. Please send in your donation today! Form is on page 15.

## Candidate Forum & Mayoral Debate

Co-Sponsored by Westbury.  
September 29 at 6PM  
Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
For more info see page 12

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## Attention: Memorial Day Storm Debris Warning

Storm Debris /Trash pick-up by the City is completed. Please remove all debris from curbs to avoid fines. The next Junk Waste Heavy Trash is October 8.

## Westbury Civic Club Board of Directors

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## Westbury Civic Club Office

**Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday 9AM-1PM\*, Closed Fridays

**Address:** 5322 W Bellfort Ste. 107 Houston, TX 77035

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

**Email:** Westburycc@sbcglobal.net

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

**NOTARY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appointment**

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

**Westbury Area Patrol Constable Dispatch**  
**281-463-6666**

HPD Non-Emergency  
713-884-3131

Power Outages (Centerpoint)  
713-207-2222

Westbury HPD Storefront  
832-394-7520

Platou Community Center  
713-726-7107

Poison Control  
1-800-764-7661

Street Light Repairs (Give pole number)  
713-207-2222

**District K Councilmember Larry Green**  
**832-393-3016**

District C Councilmember Ellen Cohen  
832-393-3004

County Commissioner El Franco Lee  
713-755-6111

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

Report Graffiti—Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) [www.braysoaksmd.org](http://www.braysoaksmd.org)  
Use "Report A Problem"

## City of Houston 311 Hotline (for all Non-Emergency Issues)

Forestry Department, Hazardous Waste Disposal, Heavy Trash Violations and Questions, Neighborhood Nuisances, Parking Management, Solid Waste - Trash and Recycling, School Crossing Light Repairs, Water Main Break, and Sewer Repair, etc.

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## President's Message

In just two months we will be electing a new mayor to run the City of Houston. There are many issues that are important to us in Westbury. The Brays Bayou Association held their candidates forum, this year hosted by the Meyerland Community Improvement Association, and focused on flooding issues. I hope many of you had an opportunity to attend. It was an excellent forum and a good introduction to all seven mayoral candidates.

What do I think are the most important issues facing the next mayor of Houston? The budget crisis, infrastructure and public safety. Each candidate spoke about these three issues. You will have more opportunities to hear how the mayoral hopefuls would solve these issues. Westbury and the SuperNeighborhoods of District K will host a mayoral debate on September 29. Let's show the candidates that we in Westbury care about the issues and that we VOTE!

Public Safety is a real concern to us in Westbury as we spend close to \$400,000 a year to supplement HPD coverage with the Constable patrol. Infrastructure is also important as the city needs to reinvest in our neighborhood by replacing our storm water drainage system, repairing our streets, and replacing the water lines and sewer lines that are aged and

compromised. The budget crisis is important because the city needs to be able to pay for the services we need and expect from them.

Summer always brings an uptick in property crimes. We are working closely with HPD and Precinct 5 to get these criminals out of our neighborhood. You can borrow an engraver and order a free home security check (see page 14). One of the best crime deterrents is your neighbors. **National Night Out** is designed to get you outside to meet your neighbors; EVERY street in Westbury should participate. Meet your neighbors and exchange contact information. National Night Out in Westbury will be **Tuesday, October 6**. You can read more on page 9. We will also have a link on our website, [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com) with more information.

We have so many good things happening in and around Westbury. Westbury will celebrate 60 years next year and we should have much to celebrate. The community garden continues to flourish. The Willow Waterhole continues to grow. Construction will

begin this month on the last two detention basins. Plans are underway for a dog park. The "Neighbors to Trails" group is making progress on visualizing how we and our neighboring subdivisions can be better connected through trails. The derelict remains of Westbury Square may finally be coming down.

Our **Annual Meeting** is this month on **Wednesday, September 16**, at Westbury Baptist Church in the GYM. We will have representatives from the state, county and city on hand. I hope you will come to hear: Gary Zika, project manager for Project Brays, who will discuss the Willow Waterhole project and flooding; our District K Councilman, Larry Green, who will bring us an update on the project to rebuild our storm drains; and State Representative, Borris Miles. And if that isn't enough to get you to attend, there will be door prizes and cookies!

Becky Edmondson



Chief Heap of Precinct 5, who is up for election to replace the retiring Constable Phil Camus, and his deputies met with Becky Edmondson after the Mayoral Forum on August 17.

### Board Notes : August 2015

- Donald Perkins, Chief of Staff for District K City Councilman Larry Green, spoke about the Council Service Fund, Westbury's 60th Anniversary, Pet Neutering Program, traffic calming devices, and the upcoming park improvements.
- Sgt. Hernandez, Westbury Area Patrol, gave a crime update and recommended that everyone report suspicious vehicles and persons to the Constables at 281-463-6666. He also recommended that homeowners take advantage of the free home security inspection and engraving offered by Harris County Precinct 5.
- The Board discussed flooding concerns, specifically along Willowbend and also the Willow Waterhole Bayou and Braewick.
- The Board discussed the possibility of getting a new office space to house the WCC office.
- Jackie Murray with Weichert Realty provided cookies and water. Thanks!

**Westbury  
Civic Club  
ANNUAL  
Meeting  
Wednesday,  
September 16  
6PM-9PM  
Westbury Baptist Gym  
10425 Hillcroft**



# Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock

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

Supervisor: Dan Reilly,

Daniel.reilly@houstontx.gov or 713-726-7107

## Family Fun Day @ the Platou Center

Sat., Sept. 26, 10AM-2PM

**Wildflowers:** Hear a speaker from the Native Plant Society and join the fun of planting flowers and seed-balls. More information on page 18

## STRETCHING EXERCISE

**CLASS Mon., Wed., Fri.**

**from 9-9:45AM**

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

## MSBEEHAVEN QUILTERS

**Tuesdays, 10AM - 2PM**

*For more information, contact Janie at 713-721-5526*

## GAMES

**Wed., 10AM to 12PM**

*For more information, contact Wally at 713-729-9310*

## PORTABLE PROJECTS

**Thurs., 9:30AM-11:30AM**

*For more information, contact Hazel at 713-729-4568*

## LINE DANCING

**Mondays @ 12:30PM**

*For more information, contact Dan at 713-726-7107*

**Starts Sept 14**

## Ping Pong Leagues

Adult league ping pong will be on Fridays from 11AM to 2PM. Child league on Wednesday evenings. Any age and skill level is welcome to compete. For any questions or more information, call Dan at 713-723-7107.

## After School Enrichment

HISD resumes classes on Monday, August 24.

The 2015-2016 After School Enrichment program will begin at the Platou Center on August 31. This is a **free** childcare program for children ages, 6 to 13, from 3PM to 6PM. After homework is completed, the kids play games, do crafts, and play outside. Sign up soon to hold a place for your child.

Call Dan at 713-726-7107 for details. Enrollment is available online at [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).

## TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY A Weight Loss Support Group

**Tuesdays 5:45-7PM**

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

# Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort

Hours: See box below

Phone: 832-393-1840 / [www.houstonlibrary.org](http://www.houstonlibrary.org)

## September 2015 Events

### New & Improved Story Times

**Baby Story-time:** Every Tuesday, 10:30-11:15AM

**Toddler Story-time:** Every Wed. & Saturday at 10:30 AM

**Children's Story-time:** 3rd Saturday, 10:30-11:30AM

### Youth Arts & Crafts

Thursdays, 4:30 -5:30PM

Come enjoy an afternoon of arts and crafts. Explore making collages, stencil art, painting, origami, making jewelry and much more.

### Adult Mystery Book Club

Call the Meyer Library for more info.

## HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10AM-6PM

Wednesday: 10AM-6PM

Thursday: 12PM-8PM

Friday: 1PM-5PM

Saturday: 10AM-5PM

Sunday: Closed

## Westbury Pool

10605 Mullins @ Willowbend (near Parker Elem)

Phone: 713-723-2192



## Westbury City Pool Summer 2015 Schedule

**August 22 - Sept. 6:** Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-8PM

**September 7 (Labor Day):** Last day for the pool to be open! 1-6PM

The pool will reopen in May 2016. Look in future editions of the *Westbury Crier* for more information!

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# What's Happening in Westbury

## Events & Meetings Calendar September 2015

<b>Mon. 7</b>	WCC Office Closed - Happy Labor Day!
<b>Wed. 9</b>	Booth Spaces on Sale for Westbury Residents Only WCC Office open from 9AM to 2PM See page 7 for more information
<b>Wed. 9</b>	WCC Office OPEN LATE for Booth Space White Elephant Sale Spaces — WESTBURY RESIDENTS ONLY 5-7PM See page 7 for more information
<b>Wed. 16</b>	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 8:30AM Salem Lutheran Church 4930 W. Belfort
<b>Wed. 16</b>	Westbury Civic Club ANNUAL Meeting 6PM-9PM Westbury Baptist GYM—10425 Hillcroft
<b>Sat. 19</b>	Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow
<b>Mon. 21</b>	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:30PM Westbury Community Garden Pavilion - 12500 Dunlap
<b>Mon. 21</b>	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow Topic: ReBuild Houston, more info on page 17
<b>Tues. 22</b>	SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Pilgrim Lutheran Church -8601 Chimney Rock Rd.
<b>Wed. 23</b>	Booth Spaces on Sale for Non- Residents, groups, non-profits WCC Office open from 9AM to 1PM See page 7 for more information
<b>Sat. 26</b>	Family Fun Day @ Platou Center 10AM - 2PM 11655 Chimney Rock Activity: Wildflowers; See page 18 for more information
<b>Sat. 26</b>	Strikes for Strays: Bowling for Westbury CARE 12-2PM Palace Lanes Bowling For more information, see page 17
<b>Sat. 26</b>	Harvest Moon Fest @ Willow Waterhole 6-9PM 5300 Dryad - South Gazebo at Willow Waterhole Free Movie + Ferris Wheel, for more info see page 19
<b>Tues. 29</b>	Southwest Candidate Forum & Mayoral Debate 6:15PM Mt. Olive Baptist Church -11539 S. Gessner For more information, see page 12

## Planning Calendar

October 6 - National Night Out  
October 10 - White Elephant Sale (WES)  
October 24 - Halloween Movie & Costume Contest @ Willow Waterhole  
November 3- Election Day  
November 14- Rain Date for WES

## City of Houston - Heavy Trash Schedule

October	Junk Waste	November	Tree Waste
September	Tree Waste	December	Junk Waste



## RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH CALENDAR



### September 2015

<b>Thurs 3</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
<b>Thurs 10</b>	Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY <b>ALL OF WESTBURY</b>
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

### October 2015

<b>Thurs 1</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Heavy Trash- JUNK WASTE <b>ALL OF WESTBURY</b>
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

## Important Trash and Recycling Info

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

# Fall 2015 White Elephant Sale

For many years the Westbury Civic Club has had a policy that garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like are not permitted in Westbury. This long-standing policy has been announced in the monthly newsletter many times. Last year, the board of directors of the Westbury Civic Club reviewed and approved a policy document regarding these sales to formalize the wording. (See policy in box to the right)



Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

## WCC POLICY Garage Sales, Estate Sales, Yard Sales, and Moving Sales, etc.

You will notice that the policy focuses on the deed restriction aspect of garage sales – nuisances (parking violations, traffic obstructions, and illegal advertising) and non-residential use of property. Many hundreds of homes in Westbury face major thoroughfares. This poses particular challenges related to parking and traffic if garage sales are conducted. In other Houston neighborhoods, it is sometimes common for homes on major thoroughfares to be used for ongoing sales; indeed, those highly visible homes are sometimes sought after by those who want to run a retail sales business from their home or yard. Over the years the WCC has shut down people selling Easter baskets, Mother's Day flowers, appliances, and other sales from highly visible Westbury yards. The City Legal Department has helped shut down certain garage sale businesses in Westbury.

Both the city and the state have rules which make it illegal to post signs on public right-of-way. These illegal signs are considered to be trash and visual blight. The city, the Brays Oaks Management District, and volunteers in Westbury all collect illegal signs. Last month WCC volunteers collected more than 50 illegal signs related to garage or estate sales.

Another important consideration regarding garage sales is Crime Prevention. A garage sale allows passersby to know whether you have children and the approximate age of your children. If residents open their garage doors for shade during a garage sale, then they allow passersby to see what is stored in the garage: tools, exercise equipment, and other valuable items. An estate sale or garage sale allows visitors to leisurely examine your security systems and those of those of your neighbors.

### Reserve your space for the Fall White Elephant Sale, starting on September 9.

Don't violate the deed restrictions or be a nuisance to your neighbors. Consider taking part in the next White Elephant Sale on Saturday, October 10. Details are on the next page.

### Westbury Civic Club Policy: Garage Sales, Estate Sales, Yard Sales, Moving Sales

**Purpose:** The intent of this policy is to clearly convey the Westbury Civic Club restriction on garage sales, estate sales, yard sales or any other independent action of the kind.

**Definition:** Garage, Estate, Yard or Moving Sale: The sale of personal property in, at, or upon any residential lot or home. This includes, with limitation, sales of personal property from the garage, driveway, yard, patio or house area of such premises.

**Policy:** Garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like are not permitted in Westbury.

All sections of Westbury and Parkwest have deed restrictions that state "no noxious or offensive trade or activity shall be carried on upon any lot nor shall anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood". Garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like draw substantial traffic and contribute to: hindering the flow of traffic on major thoroughfares; impeding access to homes by emergency vehicles or residents due to parking congestion; parking violations on city streets or esplanades; parking violations from vehicles parked on front yards; and, parking violations from blocking public right-of-way on sidewalks. Furthermore, advertising materials for garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like contribute to: visual blight, trash along public streets, and violations of the city sign ordinance. The Westbury Civic Club considers garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like to be "an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood".

All sections of Westbury and Parkwest have deed restrictions that state the lots are to be used for single family or family residential purposes. The Westbury Civic Club considers garage, estate, yard, moving sales and the like to be commercial use of residential property.

**Approved by the Westbury Civic Club Board, August 20, 2014**

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# Fall 2015 White Elephant Sale

## Do You Need to Have a Garage Sale?

**Westbury White Elephant Community Garage Sale is October 10**

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 10, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend. The rain date is November 14.

**Booth space will go on sale at 8AM on Wednesday, September 9 for individual Westbury residents ONLY\*.**

The WCC office will be open at 9AM on September 9 and close at 2PM. **The office will also be open from 5-7PM on September 9 for booth space purchase.** Booths may be purchased during normal office hours of 9AM to 1PM starting on September 10. 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 2015 WCC membership dues of \$40. 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 September 23, if space permits, on a first come, first serve basis. The booth price for non-residents and groups is \$60-65. 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. See the previous page for the Westbury Garage Sale Policy.

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 September 23. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until September 23. 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 9**—Booths go on sale for individual Westbury residents. **WCC office open at 9AM (til 1PM) and open late from 5-7PM .**

**September 10-September 22**  
Booths on sale during normal office hours 9AM-1PM

**September 23**—Booths on sale for non-residents and non-profit organization and groups

**October 10**—White Elephant Sale

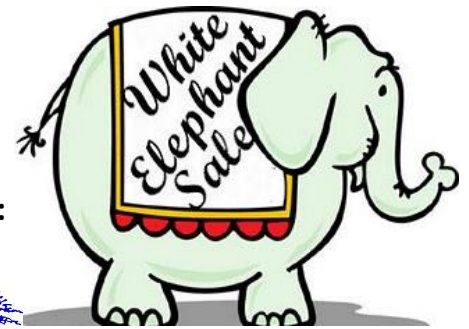
**November 14**—Rain Date



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# Westbury Civic Club News

## 2016 Westbury Civic Club Board Member Ballot\*

WCC Officers			
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Security	Kevin O'Brien	Parkwest 3	Joe Niles
Volunteers	Stephanie Lester	Westbury South	***VACANT***

We currently have 3 vacant positions on the board. Membership Director, Section Director for Westbury 5, and Section Director for Westbury South. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the WCC at westburycc@sbcglobal.net or attend the next WCC board meeting to see what we do.

\*The ballot is uncontested and as such, the board will be voted in by acclamation. The new board will take office October 1.



Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

## Westbury Park & Hager Park Improvements

Improvements are coming to both Hager and Westbury Park thanks to the District K service fund requests we made last year. A four foot wrought iron fence will be installed at Westbury Park along Stillbrooke. This had been cut from the original scope of work but has now been approved. This is good news as construction is under way on Parker Elementary and this fence will help keep the children in the park and out of the street. Hager Park will have the existing trail resurfaced.

This month we will be submitting items that we would like to see improved in Westbury from the Council District Service Budget funds for fiscal year 2016. These are for small projects in Parks and small Public Works projects such as sidewalks and some curb repair. After these are submitted by the civic association president, then they have to be approved by the mayor and the city legal department.

If you have something that you think might be an appropriate project, please email Becky Edmondson before September 10 at wccpresident@westburycrier.com.

## Memorial Day Storm Debris Warning

The City of Houston is no longer picking up storm debris. They made three circuits through the affected areas and that program has ended. As of September 1st tickets will be issued to anyone with JUNK waste heavy trash out before the regular JUNK waste heavy trash day. Westbury's next JUNK pickup day is the second Thursday in October. (October 8) A reminder that, if you have hired a contractor, they MUST haul their trash away. The junk heavy trash day is for trash generated residentially not commercially. If your heavy trash was out for the August 13th pickup date and missed, please call 311 to report it.



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# National Night Out: October 6

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: OCTOBER 6

National Night Out is the perfect time to get together and meet your neighbors.

National Night Out is a national event designed to celebrate neighbors and to learn more about safe neighborhoods. We encourage all residents to organize block parties or similar events and spend some time getting to know each other better. The official NNO for Houston and Westbury will be conducted in the evening of October 6.

Please register your party with the WCC Office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net by September 18 or call 713-723-5437 to let us know the time and location of your NNO event. You may also register your party at the Westbury Annual Meeting on September 16. Why tell us? First, we will try to arrange for HPD, WAP Constables, or WCC board members to drop by your event. Also, we want to acknowledge your efforts in the next newsletter. We will have WCC promo items available for the first 10 parties that register with the WCC Office.

**Register your event by September 18 to be entered in a drawing to win a WCC Pizza Party during your event.**



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### Are You a Good Neighbor?

(reprinted from October 1984 Westbury Crier)

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# Westbury High School

## How Westbury is Ushering in a New Age of Hope and Educational Excellence

By Kent Perschke, WHS teacher and Westbury resident

Physically, Westbury High School is changing. As I walked into our main building, it was impossible not to notice the smell of new paint and the refinished floors. They let you know that our new Principal means business. If you look good, you feel good, and our team of teachers and administrators want the children of our community to feel as if they are appreciated in all areas that can impact their educational future, while also providing life skills they will need. The paint is cosmetic, but the culture we are trying to create is one that will usher our children in to a 21<sup>st</sup> century job market in which they will be capable of competing and excelling professionally.

Fundamentally, Westbury High School is changing. As our first day of in-service started, we met in the library to meet our new principal, Susan Monaghan. She quickly set an expectation of excellence in transforming a school that had lost the faith of its community during transitional processes that seemed like a never ending story. That story has clearly ended because I could feel the energy in the room, as well as a confidence in the team that followed her to help rebuild Westbury into a respected educational institution.

Personally, my prior experience working for a highly intelligent Westbury graduate left me with a good taste in my mouth for what Westbury once achieved in preparing its students professionally. More importantly though, he was a leader that commanded respect through fairness, and comprehensive knowledge of what was necessary to succeed in our industry.

He was a leader first, and a restaurant owner second. I got the same vibe from Principal Monaghan and her team of professionals.

Most importantly, Westbury High School's dedication to the community we serve is changing. I am one of many teachers, who are also Westbury residents, who started this year. It is my investment in our community that was mirrored by our new principal. The end of our first day was highlighted by a bus tour of this super-neighborhood that my students, colleagues, and I call home.

We visited the Little League fields and the Willow Waterhole, which serve as social outlets for our community. We met with Houston Police Department officers at the West Belfort Storefront. I was impressed most with the efforts of Bethel Family Church as a beacon of community, and a partner in the improvement of our neighborhood through lifting people through love and support. If you are reading this and you feel overwhelmed by life, this wonderful humanitarian operation more than likely has a way to lift you spiritually, physically, or mentally. The Westbury Community Garden is also a tool for educating our residents, young and old, in sustainable practices that really brighten our future through ecological awareness. We were taken to Fondren Middle School and Johnston Middle School, while being informed of the variety of talents students who come from our feeder schools would possess. Fondren has seen great changes in recent years which enrich our children and provide them with the tools they need for future excellence. Johnston has a performing and visual arts program that provides well-rounded kids who already know what is necessary to succeed at what they

are passionate about. As the trip ended we were all really informed about how to commit, not only to our students, but more so how to be committed to our community so that we can grow together.

We have a new athletic staff which is dedicated and poised for greatness. At new student orientation, the band, cheerleaders and dance team looked dedicated to represent our "New" Westbury High School. Come out and support us; the kids deserve a chance for all of our community to be supportive of this phase of their life. I think you'll be surprised how your support will give our students a place in our community that they are proud of and for which they'll feel responsible. I am Kent Perschke, new teacher, father, and resident. I am dedicated to improving Westbury from the ground up and if we work together we can improve all of our overall collective experience by focusing on the future of our students and our community. Please come out and be a part of this transformation, or watch it from afar. Either way, the change is coming and it will be sooner rather than later.

### HISD | Grads within Reach

We all know that every child must graduate from high school for a brighter future. Sadly, every year, there are students who do not show up the first day, week, or month of the new school year. You are invited to participate in our annual Grads Within Reach Walk to be held on September 12, from 8AM to noon. This district-wide initiative is an invaluable way of encouraging hard to reach students to return to school. Thank you for your serious consideration and all that you do for our children. **Drop Out Prevention Office**  
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# Westbury High School

## Westbury High School Staff Tours Westbury

Sometimes, the best way to understand someone is to learn more about their origins. That is what new principal Susan Monaghan believed when she decided to take her staff on a bus tour of the area zoned to Westbury High School. (WHS). "This is an opportunity not just for new teachers but for returning teachers to see where our students come from and walk in their shoes," said Monaghan.

Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman joined the WHS Staff tour and each rode on one of the two buses and pointed out all the points of interest. As the tour left the campus they saw where the new tennis courts and the new school building will be placed. They saw the Westbury Little League fields, home of the 1966 Little League World Series Champions. They saw the Willow Waterhole Park, where both school track and field and environmental science programs are held. Enhancing the performance venues available to the school, they saw the current gazebo and learned about the upcoming Levitt Pavilion Houston. From there they headed west towards the Westbury Community Garden, passing the residential area of the Westbury neighborhood, where they learned about educational opportunities and learned how the garden had helped facilitate gardening beds at both Westbury High and Foerster Elementary. The first stop was Bethel's Place for a tour of their food pantry facility and to learn of the resources available to students and families there. Then it was on to the Braeburn HPD storefront to hear about the Explorer program for students interested in a career in law endorsement. We drove past the apartment complexes that many of the students reside in and past Fondren Middle School before stopping at Johnston Middle School for a final stop to meet the principal and staff from this important WHS feeder school.

Would you like to help Westbury High School? If you are already registered as a volunteer through VIPS, stop by the school to sign up for this school year. If not, it's easy to go online to register as a new volunteer. Office help, library help, mentors and tutors are all needed for the upcoming school year. Also, we encourage our residents to join the WHS PTO to demonstrate support for our neighborhood high school.

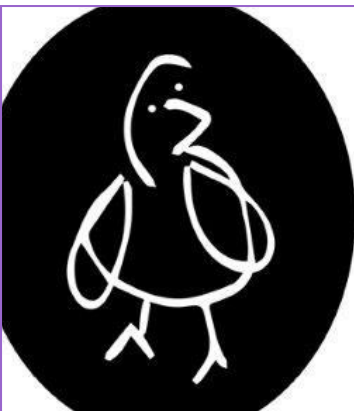


Becky & Cindy off to school again!



WCC President Becky Edmondson addresses WHS Staff as Principal Monaghan listens

"It was really great to meet so many enthusiastic teachers and administrators" said Becky Edmondson, "Mrs. Monaghan appears to have the school back on track. We, the community, look forward to partnering with Westbury High School".



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# Candidate Forum & Mayoral Debate

**You are Invited to the  
“MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER”  
Candidate Forum and Mayoral Debate  
September 29  
(Westbury is a co-Sponsor!)**

**Focus of Event:** Issues of interest to residents of WESTBURY and southwest Houston.

**Date:** Tuesday, September 29 (Time below)

**Location/Host:** Riceville Mt. Olive Baptist Church  
11539 S. Gessner (across street from Welch Middle)

**Voter Registration:** Will be available.

**Sponsors:** SWHouston2000 and these Super Neighborhoods of southwest Houston: Braeswood(#32), Brays Oaks(#36), **Westbury(#37)**, Fondren Gardens (#39), Central Southwest(#40), and Ft. Bend/Houston(#41) are pleased to once again sponsor a Mayoral debate for our area of town.

**Schedule:**

6:15 PM: Musical Prelude / Meet & Greet

6:45 PM: Welcome / Post Colors/ National Anthem /  
Invocation

7:00 PM: Non-Mayoral Candidates Brief Introduction

7:45 PM: Interlude

8:00 PM: Mayoral Debate

8:45 PM: Closing Statements. Meet candidates after event.

**Westbury Co-Sponsoring Candidates Forum & Mayoral Debate**

The Westbury Civic Club, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, and the Westbury Super Neighborhood are coordinating with other nearby communities and organizations to again sponsor a Candidate Forum and Mayoral Debate called “*Moving Forward Together*”. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 29 at 6PM! (more information to the left).

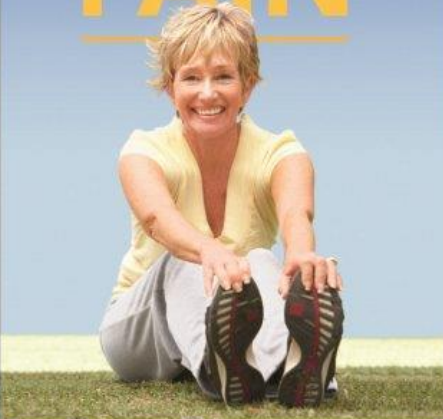
We encourage all Westbury residents to attend this mayoral event and make time to talk to the candidates before or after the event. This is an opportunity for OUR part of town to say what issues WE care about. This is also an opportunity for the candidates to learn about our part of town. Westbury has a long tradition of engaged and active voters. The “*Moving Forward Together*” event will be held at Riceville Mt. Olive Baptist Church, a historic congregation with a beautiful, state-of-the art building completed in 2002.



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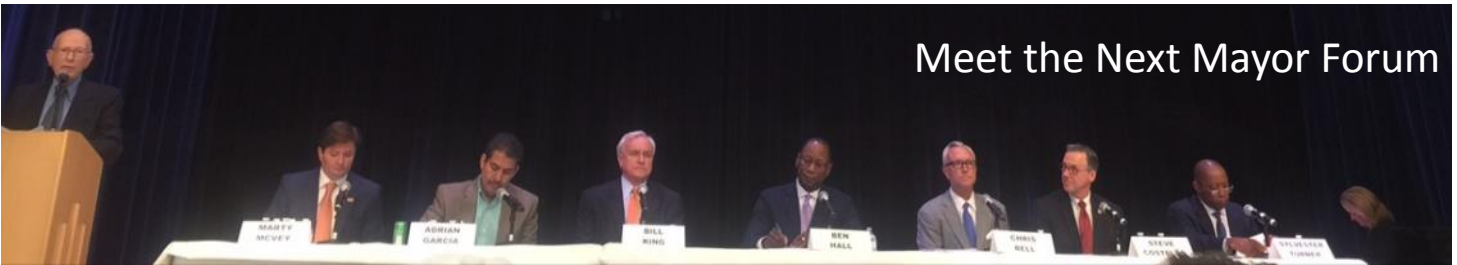
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## Meet the Next Mayor Forum

Good News! Residents of Westbury and the city are fortunate that so many highly-qualified and experienced candidates are running for the position of Mayor this year. On the other hand, with so many well-qualified candidates in the mayoral race, it is tough for many of us to decide who we will vote for this year. Houston has a “strong mayor” form of government, so the selection of our future mayor will have a huge impact on our city and our neighborhood in the future. There are 7 mayoral candidates: Chris Bell, Steve Costello, Adrian Garcia, Ben Hall, Bill King, Marty McVey, and Sylvester Turner. The City of Houston does not have partisan elections, so you must vote for city candidates individually (no straight ticket voting by political party is available).

Some of you may have attended the Mayoral Forum held on August 17 which was sponsored by the Brays Bayou Association and the Meyerland HOA (MCIA). It is estimated that 400 – 500 people attended that mayoral forum held at Lovett Elementary. Each of the 7 candidates were asked to state their Top 3 Priorities, in 60 seconds. Next, the candidates were each given 2 minutes to say how the city could improve its untimely response in the aftermath of the

unexpected Memorial Day Flood or what to do differently. In total, each candidate received 4 questions to answer.

There were 6 elected city councilmembers (Ellen Cohen, Mike Laster, Larry Green, Dwight Boykins, Jack Christie, and Michael Kubosh) in the audience, plus several candidates for city council (Doug Peterson, Laurie Robinson, and Andrew Burks) and two candidates for city controller (Chris Brown and Bill Frazier). These events are a great way to meet candidates.

Here is a summary of the answers that each candidate made regarding how the city can improve its response to flooding or improve timeliness of response. *These are the personal notes of Cindy Chapman, taken during the meeting.* Answers are listed in the order presented at the meeting.

**Sylvester Turner** – It is important to have real-time data, which is already available. The Texas Medical Center and Rice University already have an alert system based on real-time data. That technology should be extended across the city so that everyone is on the same page.

**Steve Costello** – The challenge is how to respond AFTER an event. As an engineer,

he will work with government entities to respond quickly.

**Chris Bell** – People were waiting for help on top of cars. The city was not ready. “Substantial damage” letters were sent to people who did not flood. Processes need to be set up in advance.

**Ben Hall** – We know that we have flooding in Houston, but there are no Quick Response Teams. People shouldn’t have to go downtown to Public Works to get permits after an event. No one should get a “substantial damage” letter without a survey done inside the building.

**Bill King** – He led the effort to improve evacuation plans after Hurricane Rita. We need procedures in advance. This can’t be done “on the fly”. The mayor needs to be in the field.

**Adrian Garcia** – He worked with Mayor Bill White during Hurricane Rita. Every event is a learning experience. He has experience in an emergency command center. Pods with water and supplies need to be available. FEMA works for us.

**Marty McVey** – He has experience with disasters in Haiti and the MidEast. There was an absence of leadership. The mayor is the face of the city and is in charge.



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# Crime/Security

## Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37\* 30 days August 20, 2015

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Burglary	13	2	1	0	16
Theft	13	5	11	5	34
Auto Theft	3	5	1	0	9
Robbery	2	4	1	0	7
Assault	0	5	0	0	5
Rape	0	1	0	0	1
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>72</b>

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

## FREE Home Safety Inspections by Harris County Pct 5



Do you want your home to be as safe as possible? Take advantage of the home safety inspection program offered by Precinct 5 and your Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). Information and awareness are two of the most reliable tools available in protecting your home, your family and yourself. Harris County Constable Precinct 5 offers programs designed to enhance your security. To schedule an inspection at your home, please contact Deputy Kovar at (281) 642-8814 or john.kovar@cn5.hctx.net

## Westbury Area Patrol Security Report

Crime seems to be on an upswing in August with thieves targeting cars, some homes and parking lots in the area. Our Westbury Area Patrol is more valuable than ever. We thank the people who responded to our plea to save this important program but **we still need more paying members**. Please send in a contribution today to keep the Constable program in Westbury.

## CONCERNED NEIGHBORS THWART CRIMINALS

Please be aware of your surroundings at all times. Report suspicious behavior. One alert homeowner in Westbury 2 stopped a house break-in when he saw two men break out his neighbor's window. He hollered and the suspects ran out to their truck and drove away. Keep the Precinct 5 Westbury Area Patrol number on speed dial so you can call them quickly.

**Report any suspicious activity immediately. 281-463-6666**

## Don't forget Vacation Watch!

For Westbury residents, who pay the WAP patrol dues, a special Vacation Watch may be requested from Pct 5. The form is available online. Sign up is available on their website. If you want to request a Vacation Watch, but do not have access to a computer or internet, please call 281-463-6666 for assistance. If you are a flood victim and have vacated your home during remodeling, please call in a Vacation Watch.

## Westbury HPD Storefront

**\*ATTENTION: NEW PHONE NUMBER for  
Westbury HPD Storefront 832.394.7520**

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS & CONTACTS

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Westbury HPD Storefront  
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HPD Non-Emergency  
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www.braysoakmd.org  
(report graffiti)

### Single Family Residential Crime

*Locations by block number, not exact address. Stats for 30 days preceding August 20, 2015*

Block #	Street	Crime
11600	Ashcroft	Theft
12000	Ashcroft	Burglary
5900	Beaudry	Robbery
5600	Benning	Burglary
11400	Braewick	Burglary
5400x2	Briarbend	Theft
10900	Checkerboard	Burglary
5400	Creekbend	Burglary
10600x2	Dunlap	Theft
6000	Ettrick	Burglary
5700	Farwell	Theft
5800	Farwell	Burglary
5700	Fontenelle	Theft
5600	Greencraig	Burglary
5600	Greencraig	Theft
10600	Hillcroft	Theft
10900	Hillcroft	Burglary
12000	Hillcroft	Theft
5700 x2	Hummingbird	Theft
5900	Hummingbird	Burglary
5100	Kingfisher	Auto Theft
5800	McKnight	Auto Theft
12300	Mullins	Theft
12300	Nesmith	Burglary
5700	Southminster	Auto Theft
5800	Spellman	Robbery
5300 x2	Stillbrooke	Burglary



# 2015 Dues/Assessments

## ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments.

**The amount of the 2015 Mandatory Assessments is \$230. The 2015 Assessments were due by February 1.**

If you have any questions or did not get your invoice, please contact the WCC office at 713-723-5437 or email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

## Mission of the WCC

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

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

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

## Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?

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## 2015 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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 \*Call the office for payment questions

Westbury Civic Club Membership	\$40	\$
Greenspace Beautification	\$25	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$230	\$
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$295</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Additional Contributions:</b>		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Greenspace Beautification		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>

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



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# Westbury Area News

## Strikes for Strays: Bowling Event Saturday, September 26, 12PM-2PM

### Palace Bowling Lanes

Join Westbury CARE Animal Rescue for a fun-filled afternoon of friendly competitive bowling!  
Registration includes shoes and food. Prizes will be awarded. All proceeds fund animal rescue.  
For more information, go to [www.westburycare.com](http://www.westburycare.com)



## Links for Lost & Found Pets in Westbury

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

## Westbury Meet & Eat

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

**September Meet & Eat: Thurs., September 3 @ 6PM**

**October Meet & Eat: Thurs., October 1 @ 6PM**

## Westbury Wine Lovers

The Westbury Wine Lovers group meets once a month on the 2nd Thursday. September's get together will be at RUSSO'S - New York - PIZZERIA at 4870 Beechnut (across from Meyerland). No membership fees, no forms to fill out. JUST FUN. NO WINE SNOBS ALLOWED!

**Russo's New York Pizzeria on Sept. 10 at 6:30PM**

## Brays Bayou Association

September 21 at Gathering Place at 7:30PM  
Topic will be ReBuild Houston. Rob Lazaro with ReBuild Houston will be speaking.

## HEB on S. Braeswood Will Reopen on October 9

The HEB on S. Braeswood is currently closed due to the flood in May. The WCC has confirmed with Regional members of the HEB team that the store will reopen on October 9. For more information, you can check HEB's website or call their customer care hotline.

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# Levitt Pavilion & Platou Center

## Levitt Pavilion at the Willow Waterhole

Good news continues to surround the proposed Levitt Pavilion Houston. The legal counsel of Andrews Kurth has been engaged to author an agreement between the Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston and the City of Houston. The goal is to put the agreement before city council for its approval before the end of the year. Once that is complete, fundraising can begin!

Have you been out to the Willow Waterhole and seen the beautifully sculptured site for the Levitt Pavilion? Harris County Flood Control sculpted this site as they completed the excavation in that compartment. Howard Sacks, president of The Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston, said "We are grateful to HCFCF for their significant contribution to Levitt Pavilion Houston".



Contoured slope of the Willow Waterhole Basin at the site of the future Levitt Pavilion

## Family Fun Days @ Platou Center

The Platou Community Center, our neighborhood community center in Chimney Rock Park, will be open the fourth Saturday of each month from 10AM to 2PM starting Saturday, September 26, for Family Fun Days. (The November and December FAMILY FUN DAYS will be on the second Saturday of the month.)

Environmental education programs will be presented with the nearby Willow Waterhole as the classroom; thanks to a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, outside speakers and partnering organizations will bring nature specimens and information about a wide range of topics including birds, flowers, reptiles, insects, wind, water and much more. Craft projects will also enrich family experience. The programs will be geared to preschoolers and children up to the age of 13 and will always be FREE to enjoy.

To volunteer to help with the programs, please contact Dan Reilly at 713-726-7107.

**September 26: Wildflowers** – Hear a speaker from the Native Plant Society. Join the fun of planting flowers and seed-balls.

**October 24: All about Spiders!** – Get ready for Halloween and learn all there is to know about our 8-legged friends (fun crafts included for all ages).

**November 14: Birding** – Join us for an enjoyable bird survey around the park, listen to an expert from the Houston Audubon Society, and enjoy a bird feeder craft.

**December 12: The Colors and Shapes of Nature** – Take in the sights of the Willow Waterhole on a Winter Walk around the park and collect specimens of different shapes and colors, followed by a fun colorful craft.



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# Willow Waterhole News



## Dog Park Meeting Held in August

The Willow Waterhole Exploratory Dog Park Committee met in August. An enthusiastic, dog-loving group of about thirty residents from the area came together to discuss the possibilities of having a dog park at the Willow Waterhole (WW). This part of town really needs a dog park and it would be an incredible addition to the WW. Several acres have been identified as a possible site, as they cannot be excavated due to a pipeline easement. If you are interested in having a dog park and want to work to make it a reality, email willowwaterhole@gmail.com to get on the mailing list. Fundraising experience is a definite plus.

## Willow Waterhole Conservation Workday

The first conservation workday in the Fall will be on September 13 at 12:00PM in conjunction with Salem Lutheran Church's annual day of services. They have selected Rafferty Wetlands area at Ricecrest for planting and mulching as needed. This is open to all volunteers. Meet at The Gathering Place 5310 South Willow.

## Harvest Moon Fest: Sat., September 26 FREE Movie + Ferris Wheel

Come out to the Willow Waterhole on Saturday, September 26, from 6-9PM to enjoy a FREE movie in the park. The movie will be Dreamworks' HOME. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Popcorn will be provided. This is the 4th year for this great event. Bring the whole family and enjoy a wonderful night at the Willow Waterhole relaxing, watching a movie, and eating popcorn. Food will be available for purchase from Honey's SnoBalls.



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## Halloween Movie Night & Costume Contest: October 24, 6-9PM

Kids and adults will enjoy Disney's "Hocus Pocus" projected onto a huge outdoor screen! Prizes will be awarded for the best Halloween costumes. This is the 5th year for this great event.

## Holiday Music in the Park: Dec. 6, 3-5PM

Join us for inspiration & merriment from local church choirs and singing groups.

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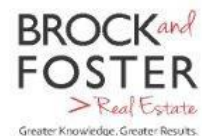
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# Keeping Westbury Beautiful

## Panhandling @ S. Post Oak

The intersection of South Post Oak and West Bellfort has been plagued by people panhandling, an accumulation of debris and even public urination. Calls to the police have produced mixed results as the laws are lax. According to those who panhandle at this corner, they are there because it is a very lucrative corner and one man said he could make \$60 hour tax-free money. **If people would stop giving money, they would move on to other locations.**

However, the good news is that through the Mayor's Homeless Initiative, workers will be out canvassing these "hot spots" in an attempt to find out what services these people need. If they are veterans, there are special programs to get them the benefits they have earned. The City is working to get people off the street corners and connected to the services that will help them.



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# Westbury Community Garden

## New Partnership at the Garden

### Welcome to The Nature Discover Center

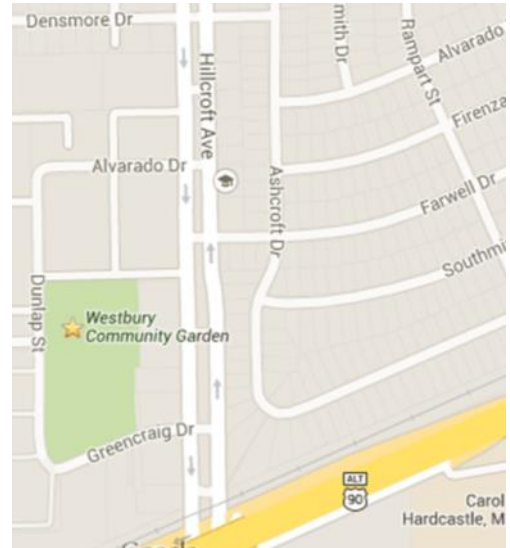
Fresh ideas are buzzing around Westbury Community Garden (WCG)! A new partnership with the Nature Discovery Center in Bellaire is in the works. The new Executive Director of the Nature Discovery Center, Henry Owen, joined WAIC President Cindy Chapman, WCG President Virginia Livingston, and WCG VP Debbie Gordon to share ideas from his extensive background with urban food gardens in his former North Carolina home town.

Henry was excited to see the WCG pocket prairie, bountiful summer garden beds, and to learn about Plant It Forward Farms (PIFF) programs. His own experiences include incubator farms, fresh markets at schools, and garden fresh produce for elder services.



Debbie Gordon, Henry Owen, Virginia Livingston

WCG looks forward to a new partner in sharing the sustainable, green living movement. Working together will enrich us all and better serve the Westbury area! Information about The Nature Discovery Center can be found at [www.naturediscoverycenter.org](http://www.naturediscoverycenter.org). Learn more about the Westbury Community Garden at <http://westburycommunitygarden.org> or on their Facebook page, Westbury Community Garden.



## 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.

## Farm Share Program

Plant It Forward Farms has started registration for the next Farm Share Season, starting in July 2015.



The WCG Pavilion is a pick up location.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST\*?

25-week season, July 2015 - January 2016: \$625

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# New Street Lighting in Houston: Support Needed

## New City Street LED Lights Need Improvements: Support Needed

by Steve Goldberg, Westbury 1\*

The City and CenterPoint Energy are replacing the current street lights with new technology LED (light emitting diodes). This new technology is finding its way into car headlights and taillights, long lasting flashlights, traffic signals, indoor home lightning and many other places. For all the different uses, there are the appropriate types of LED to use. One feature of LEDs is the lower power consumption, and I applaud the City for reducing their electricity costs.

The street light LEDs being installed, however, are not appropriate for residential use for several reasons. First, they are too bright and overly bright lights cause glare while driving. The neighborhood would always be in "daylight". If the light is outside your bedroom window, that street light will always get around curtains, even "blackout curtains" that are very thick. The style of these fixtures produces glare which makes shadows appear even darker, which is not good for security. "More light" does not equal "more security".

Secondly, the "color" or "temperature" of the new LEDs is too white. Remember when we switched from the bright "mercury vapor" lights to the current "sodium" lights? The "sodium" lights have a "warmer" feel. The installed LEDs should be "warmer" than the current LEDs, more like incandescent light bulbs. The "color" range should be in the 2700K to 3000K at the maximum. The ones being installed are in the 4000K range. The incandescent bulbs we used in the past are around 2100K color temperature.

There are many studies about the negative effect of bright lights at night on the body's need for melatonin, which helps induce sleep and repairs the body during sleep.

You can see the existing new LEDs at the corner of Willowbend and Clematis between S. Post Oak and W. Bellfort, in the 11000 block Atwell and at Oasis and Stillbrooke. **We are not advocating "no lights", quite the contrary; we are advocating the "correct" lights for the residential area.** If you have concerns about the light in your area, please email the Mayor at [mayor@houstontx.gov](mailto:mayor@houstontx.gov), Larry Green's office [districtk@houstontx.gov](mailto:districtk@houstontx.gov), and Laura Spanjian of the City's Office of Sustainability at [Laura.Spanjian@houstontx.gov](mailto:Laura.Spanjian@houstontx.gov).



New Lighting straight on, no filter



New Lighting shielded by hand..still bright.

\*This is an editorial by a Westbury resident.

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# Westbury Neighborhood News

## Cool Down with the Constables

Westbury residents gathered together on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, for our 2nd Annual Cool Down with the Constables. Neighbors of all ages came out to enjoy lemonade, cookies and Honey's SnoBalls provided by the WCC. Members of our Westbury Area Patrol visited with about 65 neighbors, while Deputy Kovar performed nearly a dozen free car seat inspections. Residents also had the opportunity to visit with Civic Club Board members Becky Edmondson, Cindy Chapman, Stephanie Lester, Eugen Sirls, Leslee Cross, and Kate Wilson. Many neighborhood children were in attendance enjoying Westbury Park and climbing trees. We are so very grateful to the officers of the Westbury Area Patrol who came to this event on their days off to make our neighborhood safer.



## Westbury UMC Celebrates 60th Anniversary with Homecoming on Sunday, September 13

Back in 1955, the corner of W. Bellfort and Willowbend was a vacant lot as new houses and businesses sprang up all over the Westbury neighborhood. That familiar intersection would soon become home to Westbury United Methodist Church.

The church's first gatherings were held for several months at the Bellaire Community Center and then Bellaire High School, where in October 1955 the congregation adopted plans for the first building phase to be constructed on the land. The church broke ground in April 1957. Throughout the next few decades, the church expanded, opening a Day School to serve the community's families, hosting scouting programs, co-founding Braes Interfaith Ministries to address the needs of neighbors, and continuing to gather for worship and missional activities.



For 60 years Westbury UMC has been in ministry with the neighborhood and beyond. To celebrate this anniversary, the church will host a Homecoming Sunday on Sept. 13, at 10:45AM in the sanctuary. During the worship service, ministers and members across the years will mark the milestone with a special reunion choir and guest preacher Rev. J. D. Phillips (senior pastor, 1996–2007). A festive, catered luncheon and program will follow at noon in Humphrey Hall. Attendees can also interact with a display on the Decade Wall, sharing their own stories within the history of the church.

Westbury UMC is located at 5200 Willowbend Blvd. For more information about the anniversary celebration, call the church office at 713-723-0175 or visit [www.westburyumc.org](http://www.westburyumc.org).

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