



# Westbury Crier

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## WCC Annual Meeting on Sept. 27

Speakers CM Larry Green, CM Amanda Edwards, TX Rep Shawn Thierry, HISD Pres Wanda Adams, Door Prizes, Meet the 2018 WCC Board and More!!!

The 2017 Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting will be held on September 27, from 6PM-9PM, in the Westbury Baptist Game Room at 10425 Hillcroft. A meet and greet will occur at 6PM, followed by our speakers at 7PM. Come meet the new 2018 Board, and win some great door prizes! Come hear from those who represent Westbury. From the City of Houston: CM Larry Green and CM Amanda Edwards. From HISD: School Board President Wanda Adams. From the State: TX Rep Shawn Thierry. Also invited but not confirmed at press time are Senator Borris Miles, County Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Flood Czar, Steven Costello.

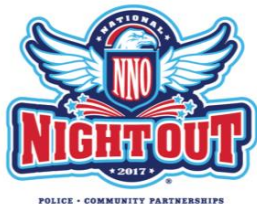
Refreshments & promo items will be available. Hope to see you there!



## NEW Mini Mural in Westbury!

Westbury has a new mini mural at Chimney Rock at Willowbend. It's especially apropos for a green neighborhood like ours to have a mural that pays homage to the Monarch butterfly.

Artist: **Gelson Danilo Lemus "w3r3on3"**  
Project by: **UP Art Studio**  
Sponsored by: **Houston City CM Larry Green, District K**



## October 3 - National Night Out

National Night Out is a great chance to meet your neighbors, WCC Board members, and local law enforcement. Register your block party with the WCC Office today! See page 7 for more information about this exciting chance to get to know your neighbors.



## Need to Have a Garage Sale?

### Fall White Elephant Sale is October 28

Purchase your Booth Space in the WCC Office on Sept. 19

Plan to have a booth at the next White Elephant Sale on October 28, 8AM-Noon at Westbury United Methodist.

This is the perfect opportunity to have that garage sale you have been wanting to have at your house, but **know you cannot** as per the long-standing policy of the Westbury Civic Club! Come early for your booth space. Booths sell fast! **For more info regarding prices, dates, garage sale policy and more, see pages 10 & 11.**



## TRICK OR TREE at White Elephant Sale

**FREE trees for Westbury residents at the White Elephant Sale on October 28 from 8AM to 10AM. See page 11.**



## HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE

**Sept.—TREE WASTE ONLY**  
➔ Thursday, Sept. 14  
**October—JUNK WASTE**  
➔ Thursday, October 12  
**Nov.—TREE WASTE ONLY**  
➔ Thursday, November 9  
*DO NOT PLACE TRASH ON CURB UNTIL WEEKEND BEFORE HEAVY TRASH DAY*

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

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Houston Help & Information.....311

For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes  
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## 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.braysoaksmd.org

Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.org

Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use "report a problem" link

Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661

Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000

Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

## 2017 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## *A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President*

Though Houston's summer temperatures will continue to soar for a while, it's back to school time. This means school zone rules will be enforced and there will be more traffic on our streets. In this *Crier*, you'll read about the two new traffic speed trailers that HPD has and will use around the Southwest division. When the Captain asked me where to place them, I said, "really everywhere...Willowbend, Hillcroft, W. Bellfort, Chimney Rock...We have speeding concerns throughout the neighborhood".

Many of us do not have children who attend HISD schools, but ALL of us as property owners pay HISD a big chunk of tax money. Of the annual property tax bill you pay, almost 50% goes to HISD while only about 23% goes to the City. Both HISD Trustee positions that represent Westbury, V and IX, are on the ballot this November. Watch for an opportunity to hear from the candidates. It does matter who represents us. I hear people ask, "What the City does with my tax dollars?" I think we really ought to be asking the bigger question: "What does HISD do with our tax dollars?" Come hear Trustee Wanda Adams, HISD School Board President, speak at the WCC Annual Meeting on September 27. Trustee Adams helped secure additional bond money for Westbury High School for a much needed Fine Arts Wing.

Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, and I were invited to the Westbury High School "Back to School Bash" and it was really gratifying to see the good things happening at the school. Principal

Monaghan and her staff have taken Westbury High School off the improvement required list and even earned it a distinction star. You could feel the difference as hundreds of students, and faculty, and administrators enjoyed one another's company. The feeder elementary and middle schools were on hand and they, too, were excited about the upcoming school year. If you have some free time, I would strongly urge you to volunteer in one of our public schools.

The Civic Club's Annual Meeting will be September 27. A Meet & Greet at 6PM and speakers starting at 7PM in the Westbury Baptist Game Room. Please mark your calendars and spend a few hours in support of your neighborhood. Many of those who represent us will be there. Let's show them that Westbury cares. There will be food and door prizes! Thanks to all the returning board members and to the new ones that have stepped up. 2018 is going to be a great year!

One exciting thing this past month was two neighboring SuperNeighborhoods have organized. Twelve years ago Westbury became a recognized Super Neighborhood thanks to help from Donald Perkins and the ladies from the Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood: Barbra Hite, Elaine Gaskamp, Ruth Hurst, and Marcy Williams. I like to think Westbury paid that debt forward by encouraging the Greater Meyerland and Near Southwest SuperNeighborhoods to activate their boards. There is strength in numbers and in multi-neighborhood efforts. We look

forward to working with our neighbors to give all of us the best quality of life possible here in Southwest Houston. Read more about SuperNeighborhoods on page 13.

I think Public Safety tops everyone's quality of life list. It's why for over 30 years residents of Westbury have supported the Precinct 5 Patrol. Thanks to the Security Committee we had two great public safety forums last month. Lt. Hutter from Pct. 5 hosted a personal safety meeting. HPD's Stephen David gave the "HPD Active Shooter presentation". Both of these contained excellent information. The Westbury HPD storefront will again soon be staffed with a civilian. The WCC continues to work with the officers and Sergeant. The new Southwest police station is set to open in October. We will have more on this in the October *Crier*.

Having social spaces is also important to the quality of life in neighborhoods. Both the Westbury Community Garden and the Willow Waterhole continue to have events. These two green spaces have definitely changed the fabric of Westbury. Now if we could just do something with Westbury Square... What do you want to see there? Come share your vision of what you want in Westbury on September 27 at our Annual Meeting!

Becky Edmondson



### **Westbury Civic Club Board Notes August 2017**

- ⇒ Westbury resident, Katherine Wingfield, was voted in as Communication Director of the WCC Board.
- ⇒ A motion to donate \$100 to join American Trails group, unless we can obtain membership for free through the National Park Service. Motion Passed.
- ⇒ Assigned WCC delegates for the Brays Bayou Association. Main delegate is Donna Strom. Alternate is Jennifer Edmondson.
- ⇒ In open Q&A, a resident discussed speeding concerns on Willowbend.
- ⇒ The next regular WCC Board meeting is Oct. 18 at 7PM.

**NEXT WCC Board Meeting  
Annual Meeting  
Wed., September 27  
6PM –Meet & Greet  
7PM—Board Elections, Speakers,  
and Door Prizes!  
Westbury Baptist Game Room  
1042.5 Hillcroft**





## Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock  
Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM  
Supervisor: Jayla Godbolt, 713-726-7107  
Email: Jayla.godbolt@houston.tx.gov

## Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort  
Phone: 832-393-1840 /  
www.houstonlibrary.org

### REGULAR MONTHLY CLASSES ARE BACK AT THE PLATOU CENTER!

#### STRETCHING EXERCISE CLASS

Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9-9:45AM

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



MsBEEHAVEN QUILTERS -Tues., 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

LINE DANCING Mondays @ 1PM (Last Day May 22)

For more information, contact Platou Center, 713-726-7107

Ping Pong Leagues—Wednesday & Friday

Open adult ping pong will be on Fridays from 11AM to 2PM.  
Open adult and teen play on Wed., from 6-8PM.

#### TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

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

### Family Fun Day

September 23, 10AM-2PM

Topic yet to be determined, please check Platou Community Center Facebook page for updates.

If you have a class or event you would like held at the Platou Community Center, please contact Jayla Godbolt, the supervisor for the Platou, at 713-726-7107 or email Jayla.godbolt@houston.tx.gov

### LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday- Closed  
Monday—11AM-6PM  
Tues. & Weds. 10AM-6PM  
Thursday 12PM-8PM  
Friday - 1PM-5PM  
Saturday - 10AM -5PM



### SEPTEMBER 2017

#### WEEKLY EVENTS

##### Baby Playtime

Tuesdays, 10:30am – 11:15am

Come for creative and collaborative play!  
For children ages 0-18 months.

##### Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30am – 11:15am

Stories, songs, activities that will help develop toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. Intended for ages 18-36 months.

##### Preschool Playtime

Wednesdays, 1:30pm – 2:15pm

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##### Kids Craft Time

Thursdays, 3:30pm



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# What's Happening in Westbury

## Events/Meetings Calendar SEPTEMBER 2017

<b>Mon 4</b>	<b>WCC Office Closed Happy Labor Day!</b>	
<b>Tues 12</b>	<b>Southwest Houston 2000 Bi-Monthly Breakfast</b> Houston Baptist University Speaker: METRO President and CEO Thomas Lambert	<b>7AM</b>
<b>Sat. 16</b>	<b>Audubon Society Bird Survey</b> Meet at the Gathering Place parking lot 5310 S. Willow—see page 22 for more information	<b>8AM</b>
<b>Sun 17</b>	<b>Oy-Vey 5K Run</b> Godwin Park, 5101 Rutherglenn For more information, see page 7	<b>5AM</b>
<b>Tues 19</b>	<b>Booth Spaces on Sale for Westbury Residents Only</b> WCC Office open from 9AM to 1PM See page 11 for more information	<b>9AM</b>
<b>Tues 19</b>	<b>Brays Bayou Association Flood Forum</b> Willow Meadows Baptist Church—4300 W. Bellfort For more information, see page 8	<b>7:30PM</b>
<b>Wed 20</b>	<b>WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting</b> Salem Lutheran Church—4930 W. Bellfort	<b>8:30AM</b>
<b>Wed 20</b>	<b>WCC Office OPEN LATE for Booth Space White Elephant Sale Spaces — WESTBURY RESIDENTS ONLY</b> See page 11 for more information	<b>5-6:30PM</b>
<b>Sat 23</b>	<b>Westbury Community Garden Service Day</b> Garden Pavilion - 12581 Dunlap For more information, see page 23	<b>8AM</b>
<b>Tues 26</b>	<b>SW PIP (HPD Positive Interaction Program) Meeting</b> Aramco Building—9009 W Loop South	<b>7PM</b>
<b>Wed. 27</b>	<b>Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting</b> Meet & Greet <b>Election, Speakers, Door prizes</b> Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft More information, see page 1	<b>6PM</b> <b>7PM</b>
<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>National Night Out</b> See page 1 and 7 for more information	



## PLANNING CALENDAR

October 3 – National Night Out  
 October 28 – White Elephant Sale  
 October 28 – Invasive Fish Round Up  
 November 7– Local Elections  
 December 16 - Deck the Halls Parade

## Heavy & Recycling Trash Calendar

September 2017		
<b>Thurs 14</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>
<b>Thurs 14</b>	<b>Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY</b>	
<b>Thurs 28</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>
October 2017		
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>
<b>Thurs 12</b>	<b>Heavy Trash– JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY</b>	
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury	<i>NO GLASS</i>

## Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ GLASS can be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend in the orange bin.
- ♻️ 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



# Protecting Hillcroft as 4-Lane Road in Westbury

## 2017 MTFP Amendment APPROVED

The Westbury Civic Club is pleased to announce that the amendment, created by District K CM Larry Green to the MTFP (Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan), to permanently change Hillcroft through Westbury from a 6-lane designation to a 4-lane designation was approved by the Houston Planning Commission in August.

The threat of Hillcroft being expanded to 6-lanes is not new to long time Westbury residents. It resurfaced most recently last fall. The proposed widening was front page news in the 2016 September Crier. The idea had already been defeated years earlier, but came back like a horror film monster. We needed a solution to protect our neighborhood's roadways, esplanades and residences. The 2017 MTFP Amendment is our solution.

A huge thank you to everyone who wrote letters and signed our petition at change.org. Can you imagine what it would have been like for those 200 homes whose driveways enter directly on Hillcroft? Can you imagine a 6-lane major thoroughfare instead of our nice wide green esplanades? You will have a chance to thank Larry Green and his staff at the annual meeting. And you will have a chance to hear about plans for a linear park on Hillcroft. Check out the photos to the right for some ideas.



Our Beautiful Hillcroft Esplanade



2 mile Paul Carr Jogging Trail in the center of Heights Blvd.

### West Airport Waterline Project Delay

Here is an update direct from District K.

"It came to our attention last week from the City of Houston Public Works Dept. that this waterline project has hit a few snags that took a significant amount of time to correct. However, the council office has been assured that the assigned contractor's issues have been resolved and the work is progressing. Regrettably, the original completion date was April 2017. The revised date has been pushed back to late this Fall and it will take a couple of months to fully complete this project.

The District K office sincerely apologizes for the inconveniences you and your Westbury neighbors are experiencing with this delayed project. Rest assured, CM Green is committed to coordinate with the PWE Dept. to move this infrastructure rehabilitation job along with haste. Note that the assigned contractor is responsible for maintaining the esplanades, sidewalks, curbs, and street back to its original state before the project began."

Barbara Hite from the District K office will continue to monitor this waterline project to its completion.

### Westbury Pool Hosts SwimFest 2017

On August 12, Westbury Pool hosted SwimFest, where swimmers from 24 Houston Parks and Recreation Department swimming pools participated. Beginner swimmers showcased their new skills, and advanced swimmers competed for medals. The Westbury Water Dragons took 1st place in freestyle in the 9-10 year old bracket, and swept the medals in backstroke in the 9-10 year old bracket. Congratulations to all the Westbury Water Dragons on a great summer, and huge thanks to Coaches Tiko, Ryan, Matt, Alex, and Trev!



Coach Tiko with Will & Eli Ellery

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**Westbury City Pool Summer 2017 Schedule**

**August 14 - September 4:** Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-8PM

**September 4 (Labor Day):** Last day for the pool to be open! 1-6PM

**Questions? Call pool at 713-723-2192**  
Address: 10605 Mullins (near Parker Elem.)

# Family Fun Run Sunday, September 17

Godwin Park | 5101 Rutherglenn

The JCC is bringing the **Oy Vey! 5K** to Southwest Houston! This community event will include a 5k family run along with a 1k kids run beginning and ending at Godwin Park. There will also be a festival style post-race event with food, vendors and entertainment for families. Proceeds benefit J Meals on Wheels. **Parking and Shuttle Service available at the JCC**

### RACE DAY SCHEDULE

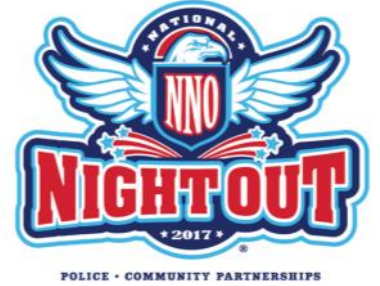
- 5:00 AM-6:30 AM Race Day Registration
- 6:50 AM-7:00 AM Runners Line Up for 1k
- 7:00 AM | 1k Kids Race
- 7:20 AM | Runners Line Up for 5k
- 7:30 AM | 5k Race Begins
- 8:00 -10:30 AM Post Race Festivities/Awards

To register or for more information, visit [erjchouston.org/oyvey5k](http://erjchouston.org/oyvey5k) or contact Robin Fortenberry at [rfortenberry@erjchouston.org](mailto:rfortenberry@erjchouston.org) or 713.595.8180.



# National Night Out October 3

National Night Out (NNO) 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. The official NNO for Houston and Westbury will be conducted the evening of October 3.



**Register your NNO party with the WCC Office by Sept. 15** to be entered in a drawing to win a WCC Pizza Party during your event.



Please register your party with the WCC Office at [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net) by September 15 or call 713-723-5437 (leave a message) 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 27. 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.

## School has Started

All schools are now back in session. Make sure to follow all school zone signs and lights. The Constables and HPD will be patrolling the school zones.

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# Brays Bayou Association Flood Forum

**September 19, 7:30PM**

**Willow Meadows Baptist Church**

Steve Costello, Chief Resilience Officer, sometimes referred to as the Flood Czar for the City of Houston, and Russ Poppe, Executive Director of the Harris County Flood Control District, will discuss how the city, county and other entities work together towards achieving the goal of reducing the risk of flooding in the Brays Bayou Watershed. They will address the misconceptions regarding the coordination between the city/county and the effects one project might have on another. There will be updates on Project Brays and possible future flood risk reduction opportunities for SW Houston.

There will also be additional information regarding the impact and forecast for the Real Estate market; the status of elevation grants in Meyerland and conditional flood plain maps and insurance rates. There will be a question and answer session.

This event was previously scheduled for June but had to be cancelled due to Tropical Storm Cindy. If you have any concerns or doubts about flooding or drainage issues, this is the opportunity to have them addressed!

Meeting is hosted by the Brays Bayou Association and the communities of the Brays Bayou watershed. The meeting will be held on September 19 at 7:30 PM. Location is Willow Meadows Baptist Church at 4300 W Bellfort.



Steven Costello



Russ Poppe



Compartments 1 & 6 (pictured above) during April 2016 Floods were full and temporary weir worked to help water get out of the bayou. Additional water will flow to other compartments once final work is complete. Bottom photo shows another compartment at the Willow Waterhole not full during the April 2016 Floods.



## CM David Robinson August BBA Meeting

The August guest speaker for the Brays Bayou Association (BBA) was Councilmember David Robinson, member of the Quality of Life Committee for the City of Houston. CM Robinson noted that the committee deals with Libraries, the Health Department, the Planning Department, and the Parks and Recreation Department. He noted that the city and county are now collaborating at the highest levels regarding flooding. CM Robinson discussed a wide range of topics in an extensive Q&A session.



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Comm. Relations	Eugene Sirls	Westbury 5	Virginia Livingston
Deed Restrictions	Jennifer Edmondson	Westbury 5	***VACANT***
Flood Control/Infra	Donna Strom	Parkwest 1	***VACANT***
Greenspace	Mat Funk	Parkwest 2	Jeffrey Weiss
Membership	Jeff Benavides	Parkwest 3	Joe Niles
Security	JK O' Brien	Westbury South	Brandon Richard
Volunteers	Robert Montgomery		

## 2018 WCC Board

Thanks to our returning board members and to the new ones who have stepped forward to join the board. You are appreciated. To be eligible to run for election during the September 2017 Annual Meeting, candidates had to submit their names by the second Thursday in August. (This date has passed.) Requests for candidates were published in both the July 2017 and the August 2017 monthly newsletters.

All positions this year for the WCC Board are UNCONTESTED. As a result, in accordance with the WCC bylaws, no ballot needs to be mailed and no vote needs to be taken. Those persons in uncontested races are considered elected on the date of the Annual WCC meeting. The names of candidates are listed to the left.

Any remaining vacancies on the board will be filled by vote of the WCC Board, from qualified members who express interest in published vacancies, at the next regular board meeting (October 2017 or hereafter).

*There are currently 3 vacant positions on the WCC board: Section Directors for Westbury 2, Westbury 5, and Parkwest 1. If you are a property owner in one of these three sections and are interested in joining the board, then please contact the WCC at [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net). Attend the next WCC board meeting to see what we do.*

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## Garage Sales in Westbury...Explained

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. In 2014, 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)

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 30 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 2017 Fall White Elephant Sale, starting on September 19.**  
 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 28.  
**Details are on the next page.**




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

### 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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# 2017 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale



**October 28, 8AM—Noon, Westbury United Methodist**

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 28, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend. The rain date is November 4.

**Booth space will go on sale at 9AM-1PM on Wednesday, September 19 for individual Westbury residents ONLY\*. The office will also be open from 5-6:30PM on September 20 for booth space purchase.**

Booths may be purchased during normal office hours starting on September 20. 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 2017 WCC membership dues of \$50. If you have not paid your dues, you must do so at the same time that you purchase your booth space. The

*\*Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space before October 5. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until October 5. 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.*

booth price for individual Westbury residents will be \$20-\$25. Booths will go on sale to non-residents, groups, and non-profit organizations on **October 5**, if space permits, on a first come, first serve basis. The booth price for non-residents and groups is \$70-75. Cash or check only.

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

**September 19**—Booths go on sale for individual Westbury residents.  
**WCC office open at 9AM (til 1PM)**

**September 20**—WCC Office Open Late Hours for booth sales. 5-6:30PM

**September 21-October 4**

Booths on sale to Westbury residents ONLY during normal office hours 9AM-1PM

**October 5**—Booths on sale for non-residents and non-profit organization and groups

**October 28**—White Elephant Sale, Westbury United Methodist, 8AM-Noon

**November 4**—Rain Date, check Westbury Houston Facebook for updates.

## TRICK OR TREE

**October 28, 8AM –10AM**

**Westbury White Elephant Sale**

Attention all Westbury Residents: Come get a FREE tree at the Fall Westbury White Elephant Sale at Westbury United Methodist Church from 8AM to 10AM. Trees donated by Trees for Houston. More information will be in the October Crier.



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# State of Westbury Schools

**Westbury High School Continues Its Upward Path of Achievement:** WHS is celebrating that it is no longer on the state "Improvement Required" list. In fact, WHS received one star of distinction from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for the 2016-2017 school year. Congratulations to the students, teachers, staff, and administrators at WHS for this achievement and we look forward to hearing many more accolades in the future for WHS!

**WHS "Back to School" Bash:** The WHS "Back to School" Bash was a big success. Hundreds of students and faculty enjoyed seeing one another, listening to the band, and eating good food and treats. **WHS Feeder Schools** were in attendance at the WHS Bash, and we had a chance to visit with many of the school representatives. We are very pleased to announce that every Westbury child is now zoned to a school which has achieved "Meets TEA Standards"!



WHS Principal Susan Monahan (middle) with students and WHS Rep Jeri Brown

School Name	Meets 2017 TEA Standard?	Any Stars of Distinction?
Bellaire High School	Yes	Five
Westbury High School	Yes	One
Fondren Middle School	Yes	Five
Meyerland Middle School	Yes	Five
Anderson Elementary	Yes	-
Elrod Elementary	Yes	One
Foerster Elementary	Yes	One
Kolter Elementary	Yes	Five
Parker Elementary	Yes	Six (all six stars possible for an elementary school!)
Tinsley Elementary	Yes	-

**Fondren Middle School** brought their new principal, La Tonya Hodge and the fantastic news that FMS has earned FIVE (5) stars of Distinction. Fondren Middle has made incredible strides. FMS offers the prestigious Middle Years International Baccalaureate Curriculum.

**Meyerland Middle School** (formerly Johnston) has a new Principal, Auden Sarabia, and Magnet coordinator, Mr. Whitely. They are looking forward to a great year.

**Parker Elementary:** Principal Lori Frodine and Magnet Coordinator Carol

Kehlenbrink say that progress continues on construction of the new school building. Anticipated move-in is during winter break.

**Tinsley Elementary:** Earlier in the day at the Westbury Super Neighborhood meeting, we met with new principal, Christopher Walker, who is also a new resident of our Westbury community. We welcomed him to Tinsley and to Westbury. Tinsley, too, has worked hard to get out of Improvement Required status, and it now meets the TEA standards.

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## Greater Meyerland SN Forms



Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner formally recognized the formation of Super Neighborhood 31, Greater Meyerland. Pictured left to right: Kay Swint, Recording Secretary; Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen; Harold Harris, President; Mayor Sylvester Turner; Alan Lipman, Vice President and Barbara Marcus, Communication Secretary



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## What is a Super Neighborhood?

A "Super Neighborhood" is a geographical area determined by the city. The Westbury area has been a recognized Super Neighborhood council organization since 2005, after realizing the many benefits from visits to the nearby Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood. The Westbury Super Neighborhood (SN) meets concurrently with the monthly WAIC meeting on the 3rd Wednesday each month. The Westbury SN is also active in the Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA), an alliance of all SN in Houston.

District K Chief of Staff Donald Perkins hosted a meeting in September of 2016 for the residents who live in the nearby Willow Meadows/Willowbend area to learn more about Super Neighborhoods. Westbury SN Co-Presidents Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman were asked to describe how the Westbury SN operates and were pleased to invite representatives to attend our Westbury SN meetings. One year later, SuperNeighborhood 38 has formed and will be known as the Near Southwest SuperNeighborhood. Now all of the SuperNeighborhoods in District K are active and recognized.

Also in 2016, the Jewish Community Center was working on ways to advocate for our areas of Meyerland and Westbury after the flooding of 2015. Cindy Chapman, Becky Edmondson and Jennifer Edmondson were part of a group that supported the formation of the Greater Meyerland Super Neighborhood. This SN 31 was recognized before City Council last month. The Greater Meyerland SN brings together the subdivisions of Meyerland, Maplewood, Maplewood NS, Shadowcrest, Marilyn Estates, Barkley Square and Barkley Circle.

All of the Southwest Houston SuperNeighborhoods are looking forward to working together, as we did on the aggressive panhandling issue on the South Post Corridor.

## Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC)

Every third Wednesday is the monthly non-profit WAIC meeting, which is also the host of the monthly Westbury SuperNeighborhood Council. It is an open meeting and visitors are welcome. Meetings are at 8:30 AM at Salem Lutheran, 4930 W Bellfort. Like the WAIC Houston Facebook page for up to date information about Westbury and local events. The President of the WAIC is Cindy Chapman.

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# Crime & Security

## Westbury Constable Calls August 2017

Type	Count
Accidents	4
Alarm local	18
Animal	4
Assault	0
Burglary/Habitat	6
Burglary/Motor Vehicle	5
Contract Check	290
Discharge firearm	8
Disturbance/Loud noise	17
Dist./other	4
DOA	1
Follow Up	2
Incident report	3
Information call	16
Meet the Citizen	28
Mental Case	1
Missing Person	1
Open Door/Window	4
Property found lost	2
Solicitors	6
Stranded motor vehicle	1
Suspicious person	29
Theft/Other	1
Theft/Residence	2
Traffic hazard	4
Traffic stop	9
Vacation watch	71
Welfare check	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>540</b>

## 30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood July 16-August 15, 2017

	Commercial Property	Apartments	Public Areas	Westbury Homes	TOTAL
<b>Theft</b> <i>(Misc., Other, US Mail)</i>	1	1	0	1	3
<b>Theft- BMV</b> <i>(Burglary of items in Motor vehicle BMV)</i>	1	2	1	6	10
<b>Auto Theft</b>	1	3	0	2	6
<b>Breaking &amp; Entering</b> <i>(Burglary of Habitation or Building)</i>	2	1	0	2	5
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated Assault w/ Deadly Weapon</b>	0	1	0	1	2
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	0	1	0	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>

Data from [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com). This pulls crimes reported to HPD. Searched 30 Day period in Westbury neighborhoods. The WCC office is still working on getting complete up to date crime statistics for Westbury.

### Crimes at Westbury Homes by Block Number July 16,- August 15, 2017

Block #	Street	Crime
5500	Creekbend	Theft - BMV
12100	Dunlap	Theft - BMV
12000	Endicott	Breaking and Entering home
5700	Farwell	Auto Theft (Car not truck)
5100	Kingfisher	Breaking and Entering home
10700	Kirkisde	Theft of Boat
5600	Ludington	Theft - BMV
11900	McClearn	Auto Theft (Truck/Van)
6000	Portal	Theft - BMV
5700	Southminister	Assault w/Deadly Weapon
6000	Vickijohn	Sexual Assault (attempt)
5900	Warm Springs	Theft - BMV
5700	W. Airport	Theft- BMV



### Don't forget Vacation Watch!

For residents who pay the WAP patrol dues, a special Vacation Watch may be requested from Pct 5. The form is available online. [www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/](http://www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/) If you do not have access to a computer or internet, please call 281-463-6666 for assistance.

### Westbury Represents at SW PIP Meeting

Each month HPD hosts local Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meetings. The August meeting was well attended by Westbury residents. The Westbury Civic Club was the August sponsor of Officer of the Month. The August program was given by the Houston Fire Department. The SW PIP meetings are every 4th Tuesday of each month at the Aramco Building.



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**HPD Non-Emergency**  
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## Active Shooter Presentation

As part of the "Stay Safe Westbury" outreach, Stephen Daniel, senior community liaison of the Houston Police Department presented his 1.5 hour active shooter presentation.

How would you defend yourself against an active shooter? Run-Hide-Fight

### Run:

Have an escape route and plan in mind. Leave your belongings behind. Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow. Help others escape, if possible. Do not attempt to move wounded people. Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be. Keep your hands visible. Call 911 when you are safe.

### Hide:

Hide in an area out of the shooter's view. Lock the door or block the entry to your hiding place. Silence your cell phone (including the vibrate mode) and remain quiet.

### Fight:

Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger. Attempt to incapacitate the shooter. Commit to your actions...your life depends on it.

### When Law Enforcement Arrives:

Remain calm and follow instructions. Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets). Raise hands and spread fingers. Keep hands visible at all times. Avoid quick movements toward officers such as holding on to them for safety. Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling. Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating.

### Information to provide to 911 operators:

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons in possession of shooters
- Number of potential victims at the location

### Additional Safety Instructions:

The first officers to arrive at the scene will not stop to help injured persons. Expect rescue teams to follow the initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove the injured.

Once you have reached a safe location, you will likely be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control, and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave the area until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.



## District K Received 2 New HPD Speed Trailers

The District K council office officially unveiled two (2) **NEW** HPD speed trailers. One speed trailer will be assigned to the South Gessner HPD Patrol Division and the other will be assigned to the Southwest Patrol Division.

**WHY:** Public safety is a top priority for CM Green. Due to many constituent calls concerning excessive speeding on major streets and residential local streets, Council Member Green allocated funds to purchase a speed trailer for each of the two (2) HPD patrol divisions within the District K boundary.



Westbury HPD Storefront Officers Officer Corrales; Officer Freese; Officer Smart, Sgt. Ortiz with Captain Null of the Southwest Station



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# Westbury Area News

## Texas Legislature Update

The Texas Legislative Special Session ended in August. Both Westbury’s State Senator Miles and our State Representative Thierry helped ensure a better outcome for pregnant mothers in Texas, which has the highest maternal mortality rate in the nation. Senator Borris Miles was very proud to help pass good legislation regarding maternal mortality out of both chambers.

Democratic state Rep. Shawn Thierry sponsored a bill in the House that would extend funding for the state’s Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force, a group formed in 2013, so it could continue its work until 2026. The bill passed in the House.

Then it moved to the Senate as Senate Bill 17 to extend and expand the work of the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force. He added an amendment to this bill to address the second leading cause of maternal deaths, i.e. drug overdoses, especially those related to the opioid crisis. This amendment will give doctors substance abuse screening tools and resources to better identify at-risk pregnant women. The governor signed this bill into law near the end of the special session.



**Remodeling your home? Adding On? Do you know your deed restrictions? Did you know that the Westbury Civic Club can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction?** We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5 have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know that there is a minimum percentage of brick that must be on your home? Did you know that you can’t build in front of your building line? We want to help you! We want you to find out about possible violations before it costs you money and time. Several homeowners in the past couple years have had to tear down and/or modify their construction due to deed restriction violations. **The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits.** They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. All deed restrictions are available online at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com). If you have any questions, contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437 or [westburyccl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburyccl@sbcglobal.net).

## Links for Lost & Found Pets

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

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook

Westbury CARE- Contact at [westburycare@gmail.com](mailto:westburycare@gmail.com) or at [www.westburycare.com](http://www.westburycare.com), Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



## 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 7, 6PM**

**October Meet & Eat: Thurs., October 5**

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# 2017 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 2017 Mandatory Assessments is \$233.50. The 2017 Assessments are due by February 1, 2017.**

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 do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?

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

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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
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- Organizes community get togethers such as Coffee with Constables and National Night Out

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 5 payments of \$67 is \$335/yr  
 12 payments of \$28 is \$336/yr

Westbury Civic Club Dues*	\$50	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$335</b>	\$
<b>Additional Contributions:</b>		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

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

Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club and our important programs. We can't do it without you!  
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## WARNINGS FOR ALL PET OWNERS

City of Houston ordinances require that dogs and cats be on leash if they are outside of your fenced backyard. "Dogs running loose" is a common complaint received by the WCC office. Some neighbors allow their dogs to roam freely and simply open their doors to allow their dogs to roam. Other neighbors allow their dogs to be unleashed when they are outside. People, as well as other animals, have been attacked by loose dogs. Unleashed dogs can cause dog aggression when a leashed dog is nearby and feels threatened. Please, do not allow your dogs run loose.

Also, it is the responsibility of a dog owner to pick up the dog feces for disposal. To allow a dog to leave droppings around the neighborhood is unsanitary, unsightly, and rude.

But, what about cats? Does it really hurt anything if you have an outside cat? Cats hunt birds and small reptiles. The real danger of running loose is to your cat. Cats in the street are at risk of being struck by vehicles. Loose dogs, as well as coyotes and other wildlife, have been killing cats for years. Lately there has been an uptick of cats reported mauled and killed. A resident in Meyerland caught a coyote on camera mauling their cat to death. Residents in Westbury 1 have found a number of dead cats in recent months.

Be a good friend to our furry friends and keep them inside and out of harm's way.

### What to Do about Coyotes

If a coyote is in your neighborhood, relax: Most coyotes avoid people. "Seeing a coyote out during the day is not a cause for alarm, especially in the spring and summer when they're looking for food for their pups," says Lynsey White Dasher, Humane Society of United States Director of humane wildlife conflict resolution.

If a coyote displays no fear of people, he's probably been fed. You can re-instill his fear by raising your arms and yelling to drive him away. This is called hazing. Coyotes may mistake small, unattended pets as prey or attack large dogs they view as threats to territory or dens. To keep your animals safe, take two simple steps:

- ❖ Watch your pets. Keep cats indoors, and never leave small dogs outside unsupervised or let your dog out of your yard off leash.
- ❖ Secure food sources. Store garbage in wildlife-proof containers and feed pets indoors.



## Hidden Trash Can Contest Winner

Thank you to Westbury residents DeAndre and Kelsey Johnson for submitting their great way to hide those big ugly stinky trash cans. The Johnson's were the ONLY residents to submit their hidden trash cans. Come on Westbury. We are better than 1 out of 5,000 homes! It pays to read the *Crier*. The Johnson family will be awarded their \$100 prize at the Annual Meeting. Thank you!

*"This wooden screen was constructed by evenly spacing 2x6 wood in a simple frame. Support braces were added at the bottom with scrap wood. We used L-brackets and masonry screws to attach it to the brick wall. The entire structure was stained before installing. We planted a Carolina Jessamine vine to climb up the structure for screen coverage and attractiveness. Total cost was around \$50."*



Top: Side view of trash can screen  
Right: View from street

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# Westbury Yard of the Month

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## August Yard of the Month

### Westbury 1

10610 Endicott — Santiago & Amy Carabello

### Westbury 3

5323 Spellman — Donna Babin

### Parkwest 1

5718 Spellman - Richard Hoffman

### Parkwest 2

5703 Portal — Alton McGee

### Parkwest 3

6018 McKnight - Morgan & Hassan Thomas

## KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAN & CLEAR

**Newspapers** - One resident sent pictures of the weekly newspapers accumulating in people yards, and in the gutters. Please pick these up and throw them away. No, you didn't ask for them, but now they are on your property. Like them or not, they are your problem and require you to dispose of them.

### Storm drain inlet -

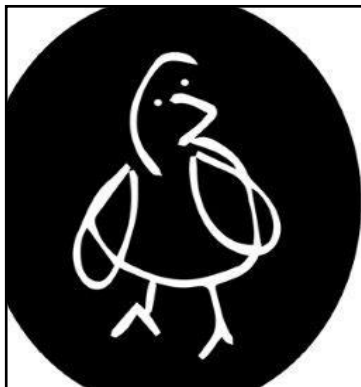
Remove any debris including newspapers, twigs and leaves from the grates. All these items impede the flow of storm water.



**Leaves** - Please keep the curb line in front of your house free of leaves by raking and bagging them weekly. Pine needles are falling!



The Neighborhood to Trails-Southwest group continues to move forward. It is pleased to announce that it received a grant from the Terry Hershey Foundation. Working with the National Park Service and Justin Bates they were able to create a logo -- the logo you see here. A Video about their organization is on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9O9cVXLq9NA&feature=youtu.be>



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# Keeping Westbury Beautiful: The Green Team

Westbury is lucky to have many volunteers dedicated to checking our greenspaces and esplanades looking nice. The Green Team is busy at work.

## Esplanade Brigade Forming

Steve Goldberg (reach him at [sgoldberg124@comcast.net](mailto:sgoldberg124@comcast.net)) has formed a volunteer esplanade brigade to keep an eye on and pick up litter on our esplanades. Not all of our esplanades have a walker or overseer so, if you walk near an esplanade, live near an esplanade, have ever driven by an esplanade and said "why doesn't someone pick that up", contact Steve if you'd like to be on the team.

## Hillcroft Esplanade

Have you seen the ugly brown areas on Hillcroft? A Westbury resident, Hazel Potvin, contacted the city about the brown grass and damaged trees. Jed Aplaca, who is in charge of the spraying for Houston Parks and Rec Department (HPARD), explained that due to the lack of staff to maintain esplanades, the city is using an herbicide that kills bahia grass and King Ranch bluestem (KRBS), but not bermuda

grass. The WCC complained that esplanades that the WCC is maintaining were also sprayed with herbicide by the city in error. We have asked HPARD not to spray herbicides on Westbury esplanades, especially not the ones that the WCC has adopted for full maintenance.

With the recent rains, we should be seeing the grass on the esplanades recovering. The tree branches that were hit with the spray were not intentionally targeted and the herbicide will not kill the trees. Jed has contacted the Forestry Department to do some trimming of our damaged trees.



*Greenspace Director, Mat Funk, working on W. Bellfort/Chimney Rock esplanades in August*

## Litter

The city de-litters the esplanades before they mow so, if they are mowing less frequently, then that is one of the reasons we are seeing more litter.

And speaking of litter, Becky Edmondson, the District K Council representative for the Clean City Commission (Keep Houston Beautiful), recently participated in the 2017 Houston Litter survey. Three teams of representatives drove through set areas of the city to observe litter, graffiti, junk vehicles and bandit signs. Becky had this to

say, "You can really tell what a difference the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) and the Sharpstown Management District have made throughout the area. With a dedicated weekly crew to pick up litter and bandit signs the whole area looked better than in the past." Cindy Chapman reported that the BOMD had picked up 3,200 pounds of trash during the month of July, and a total of 21,750 pounds of trash so far for 2017. The BOMD litter abatement team also has collected 2,075 signs illegally posted on city right of way so far this year.



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## Audubon Society Bird Survey

**Saturday September 16, 7AM, Meet at the Gathering Place** The Willow Waterhole Bird Survey was started in June 2007 and is held on the third Saturday of each month (no survey in December).

The WWGC will officially introduce Audubon members to the new Chimney Swift Habitat and Trail built by several Boy Scouts on September 16. Please gather at **8:15 a.m. at the Rafferty Memorial Circle for a ribbon cutting, pictures, thank you speeches, coffee, and kolaches.** Boy Scouts Ben Nisley, Brandon Battle, Noah Heverly, and Gabe Arnold all worked on making this place special as part of their Eagle Scout projects. We salute them!



## Eagle Scout Project at WWGC

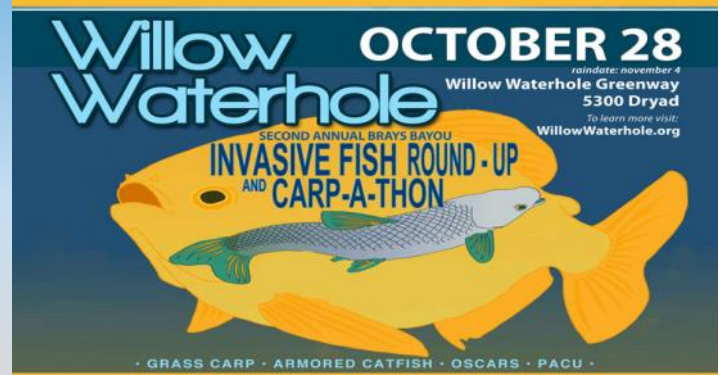
Justin Varkey, a Boy Scout with Troop 55 affiliated with St. John the Divine Church, built a foot bridge at the Willow Waterhole Greenway as his Eagle Project. The bridge spans a ditch to connect the traffic circle on South Clematis with the park benches on the banks of Levitt Lake. The construction process started with the building of the frame, setting in place, attaching the deck boards, digging and cementing the posts, and applying the sealer. See photos below.



## SPECIAL Brays Bayou Association Flood Forum

**Tuesday, September 19, 7:30PM**  
Willow Meadows Baptist Church—4300 W. Bellfort

The Brays Bayou Association's purpose is to help reduce flooding in the Brays Bayou watershed. Westbury is located within the Brays watershed. The BBA was formed after rains flooded over 1,800 homes in 1983. The rain in 1983 was NOT a hurricane. The BBA holds monthly meetings with a range of speakers to keep the neighborhood informed of drainage/flooding concerns in our area. For more information this special flood forum in September, see page 8.



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## Westbury Community Garden News

**Community Service Day – September 23, 8AM**

*Help the Garden by volunteering on September 23!*

*See below for more information.*



## Tree Farm at the WCG

The tree farm at the Westbury Community Garden (WCG) is back! This time it is as a joint project between Trees for Houston (TFH), the Westbury Community Garden, and Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC). The farm has been developed on WCG property. Hazel Potvin, a member of WCG, and Ray Runge, a member of WWGC, are shown putting the finishing touches on the farm setup with trees delivered on August 8th. Working on site prep and setup in addition to Hazel and Ray were Paul Shaw, Brett Byers, and Bill Burhans. TFH personnel coordinated the delivery of the 100 oaks. **Thanks to all! These trees will be planted on our esplanades and in our parks once they have had a chance to grow larger.**



The tree farm accepts donations of potted native trees; specifically, they are looking for some larger ones (10-gal and above) to supplement the 5-gal ones just received from TFH. Please email Bill Burhans if you would like to donate any trees at [burhans56@yahoo.com](mailto:burhans56@yahoo.com).

### Westbury Baptist Youth at WCG

On August 5, Joe Niles and 14 kids from Westbury Baptist Church's youth program, Disciple Now (DNow), came to the garden for a morning of community service. They worked hard pulling weeds and removing turf to prepare two garden beds for new gardeners. We are so appreciative of their effort and teamwork. We love our volunteers!



## WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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

**JOIN the garden TODAY at**  
[www.westburycommunitygarden.org](http://www.westburycommunitygarden.org)



### Want to Volunteer at the Garden?

The next WCG Community Service Day is Sat., September 23, at 8 AM. Please contact us at [info@westburycommunitygarden.org](mailto:info@westburycommunitygarden.org) if you are interested in volunteer opportunities at the garden.

### Fall Seed Packets Available

Are you planning a fall vegetable garden? Contact WCG for the best deal on seeds (the varieties recommended in this class). A limited number of packets containing seeds of 31 vegetable, herb, and flower varieties sell for \$15. Contact us at [info@westburycommunitygarden.org](mailto:info@westburycommunitygarden.org).

## 3D ZIKA DEFENSE

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**DRAIN**

- > Once a week, empty items that hold water such as flower pots, toys, trash or old tires.
- > Keep your yard trimmed and tidy.
- > Help your neighbors drain standing water.



**DRESS**

- > As weather permits, dress in long pants and long sleeve shirts.
- > Make sure doors and window screens are in good repair.
- > Use air conditioning when available.



**DEET**

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