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WCC Annual Meeting, September 11 Parker Elementary (10626 Atwell), 6PM-9PM

The 2018 Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, from 6PM-9PM, at Parker Elementary located at 10626 Atwell. A meet and greet will occur at 6PM, followed by our speakers at 7PM. Come meet the new 2019 Board, and win some great door prizes! **Come hear from those who represent Westbury. From the City of Houston: CM Martha Castex-Tatum and Flood Czar Stephen Costello. From HISD: School Board Trustee Wanda Adams. From the State: State Senator Borris Miles. From HPD: Lt. Julie Manfre. Also invited but not confirmed at press time are Judge Ed Emmett, County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, TX Rep Shawn Thierry, and all five At-Large City Council Members.**

**Speakers CM Martha Castex-Tatum, Flood Czar Stephen Costello.
HISD Trustee Wanda Adams, Senator Borris Miles and more!
Door Prizes, Meet the 2019 WCC Board and More!!!**

Need to Have a Garage Sale? Fall White Elephant Sale is October 27

Purchase your Booth Space in the WCC Office on Sept. 18

Plan to have a booth at the next White Elephant Sale on October 27, 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.**

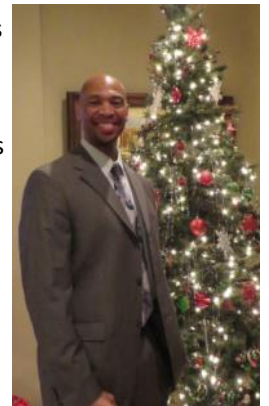


TRICK OR TREE at White Elephant Sale

FREE trees for Westbury residents at the White Elephant Sale on October 27 from 8AM to 10AM. See page 11.

Donald Ray Perkins Jr. 1972– 2018

It is with great sadness that we say good-bye to yet another great District K friend. Donald Perkins, Chief of Staff of District K, passed away on August 15, 2018 after a brief battle with cancer. He was 46 years old. Donald was widely respected, admired, and loved. We mourn his passing. Many people in Westbury knew Donald Perkins. Read more about Donald and all his great work on pages 8-9.



National Night Out October 2

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.



Harris County Flood Bond Passes

On August 25, the one year anniversary of Harvey, Harris County held a Special Election for \$2.5 billion in bond money for flood reduction projects. The bond election passed with 85% approval. With all 1,012 of the Harris County precincts reporting just 152,305 of the 2,285,881 registered voters went to the polls. This is 6.5% of voters in Harris County. Of the 152,305 votes cast, 85.64% (129,944 people) voted for the bond. The bond approval will allow the County to do some projects that are greatly needed. The WCC is still advocating for Westbury and the Willow Waterhole Bayou. To see our Action Items to Reduce Flooding Westbury, go to www.westburycrier.com.

RECYCLING DATES

September 2018

Thursday, September 13
Thursday, September 27

October 2018

Thursday, October 11
Thursday, October 25

HEAVY TRASH

September 2018

Thursday, September 13
TREE WASTE ONLY

October 2018

Thursday, October 11
JUNK WASTE

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

As I sit down to write my 96th and final President's message, I have to say what a pleasure and honor it has been to serve as President of this fine organization for the past 8 years. I thought I would serve two maybe three years, but each year there seemed to be some compelling reason to stay one more year: either there was a new council person, a new mayor, the garden needed saving, there was flooding, or something else. But now the time has come to pass the torch.

What have I learned during these past eight years? I learned that Westbury is an incredible neighborhood with an amazing history and that it is just as viable and desirable today as it was back in 1956. The people who live in Westbury are some of the nicest neighbors anyone could possibly have. The City of Houston and our elected officials are much more competent and responsive than I ever gave them credit for before I became "civically engaged."

What have I gained these past eight years? I have gained so much knowledge of how our City, County, and State operate. I have gained many friendships and met many talented and caring people. I have gained an appreciation for what it means to serve.

I've learned that working together really does make a difference. We took 7 unused acres that could have become apartments and turned it into the Westbury Community Garden, an incredible asset. We worked with HISD on the 2012 bond allocation and when this next phase is finished, Westbury High will be a world class, 21st Century school. We

worked with our City Council office to get Hillcroft reclassified correctly as a 4-lane principal thoroughfare rather than a six-lane highway someone had envisioned coming to us by 2035. We worked with our Council office and the Library Department and should have an awesome library in Westbury coming soon. Our storm drain infrastructure has been pre-engineered (preliminary engineering design), and we are now waiting for the capital projects to be funded. We created a community forestry program and over 5,000 trees have either been planted or given away since 2006.

Yes, I have invested a lot of time into Westbury, but the rewards I have received in friendships, experiences and accomplishments have made it worthwhile. I will continue to serve on the board. I look forward to continuing to fight for solutions to our flooding woes. I look forward to getting back into "green" things that I didn't have as much time for such as the Willow Waterhole Greenspace and the Levitt Pavilion.

August was another challenging month. Donald Perkins, who was both CM Larry Green's and now CM Castex-Tatum's Chief of Staff, unexpectedly passed away after a very short battle with cancer. Donald was such an asset to Westbury and all the neighborhoods in District K, because he had been a Planner with the City for 16 years before moving to council. He was a planner on the 1998 Westbury Revitalization Strategy. He knew what it took to make neighborhoods sustainable. Donald was so well respected that the Mayor and a majority of council members attended his funeral. Donald will be

greatly missed. Read all about Donald on pages 8 and 9.

The good news from August was that the massive 2.5 billion dollar Harris County Flood bond passed. The WCC is working with the City, County and State to get projects that will benefit Westbury. You will read about several different meetings that WCC board members attended this past month on page 7.

I hope you will come to our Annual Meeting on September 11. It will be at Parker Elementary so we can show off the new school! We will have a meet and greet at 6PM and the meeting will begin at 7PM. You can see me pass that torch!

I consider it a privilege to have served you as President of the Westbury Civic Club. I did my best for Westbury and I thank all of you who over the years have supported me. I'll see you around our neighborhood.

Signing off,
Becky Edmondson



*Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman
accepting Neighborhood of Year award from
NUSA in May 2015*

WCC Board Meeting Notes August 2018

- At-Large 4 Council Member Amanda Edwards brought news that ReBuild Houston will be on the November 6 Election. CM Edwards answered several questions from the board and audience regarding different incoming money to the City for flood relief.
- Richard Nguyen, City of Houston Solid Waste, announced that the new recycling facility will open in 2019. The new facility will allow for Glass and plastic bags to be put into the recycle bins and will reduce recycling costs significantly.
- WCC welcomed Sgt. Derkowski from the Westbury Area Patrol contract with Pct. 5. Sgt. Derkowski reported on crime trends and reminded the audience to use Pct 5 for Vacation Watches if you are going out of town.
- Thank you to Jackie Murray and Kendyl Maurer with Weichert Realtors for providing cookies and water.
- The next WCC Board meeting will be the Annual Meeting on September 11 at Parker Elementary at 10626 Atwell. Meet and Greet 6PM, Meeting 7PM

WCC Annual Meeting

**Tues., Sept. 11
6PM Meet and Greet
7PM Meeting
Parker Elementary
10626 Atwell**



Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd ♦ 713-726-7107



Chimney Rock Park Needs Your Help

Chimney Rock Park is a City Park in Westbury. Located near the US Post Office on Chimney Rock, the park features the Platou Community Center, a playground, and tennis and basketball courts. In order to make the playground area more user friendly and comfortable, four benches and a picnic table were recently donated to be installed in the shade near the playground.

The donated benches and picnic table must be installed on concrete pads in the park, per city requirements. Some of the money to install these amenities has already been raised but, more money is needed. The Friends of Chimney Rock Park need to raise about \$2,500 to pay for the installation costs. Park goers are eagerly awaiting these benches and picnic table. We all know how important a comfortable spot in the shade is during our hot Houston summers.

How can YOU help? Send a check with your donation to: *Friends of Chimney Rock Park, c/o Janie Schexnayder, Treasurer, 11518 Endicott, Houston, TX. 77035.* Friends of Chimney Rock Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and your donation is tax deductible.



Westbury Pool Schedule

September 1—3: Labor Day Weekend is last weekend for pool to be open in 2018.

Saturday, September 1— 1-8PM

Sunday, September 2— 1-8PM

Monday, September 3— 1-5PM

Questions? Call pool at 713-723-2192

Address: 10605 Mullins (near Parker Elem.)

Regular Schedule Resumes August 13

Stretching Exercise Class

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

Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.

Ms. BeeHaven Quilters

Tuesday, 10AM - 2PM

Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

Table Games

Wednesday, 10AM - 12:30PM

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

Table Tennis

Wednesday, 4-8PM

Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong/Table Tennis will be available with Mr. Nelson

Interested in new classes/groups?

Call Jayla Godbolt at 713-726-7107 or email platou@houstontx.gov if you want to form a craft class, play bridge, hold a meeting, etc. New classes are always welcome and needed. All classes are free and led by volunteers. The center will be open until 8PM Monday through Thursday.

Meyer Library News

→ Meyer Library CLOSED Indefinitely

The City approved \$1.2 Million to purchase land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. Read all about this on page 13.

→ "Mini" Meyer Library at Godwin Comm. Ctr

A "mini" Meyer Library has opened in Meyerland at the Godwin Community Center at 5101 Rutherglenn next to Kolter Elementary. Limited Services. Staff can be reached at 832-393-1840.

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Thurs: 1:00PM-8:00PM

Fri: 1:00PM-5:00PM



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What's Happening in Westbury

Events/Meetings Calendar SEPTEMBER 2018

Mon 3	Labor Day— WCC Office closed	
Tues 11	WCC Annual Meeting Parker Elementary—10626 Atwell See page 1 for more information	6-9PM
Sat 15	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7AM
Mon 17	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Location to be determined. Check Brays Bayou Association or Westbury Houston Facebook pages for up to date info.	7:30PM
Tues 18	Booth Spaces on Sale for Westbury Residents Only WCC Office open from 9AM to 1PM See page 11 for more information	9AM
Tues 18	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Police Station—13097 Nitida	7PM
Tues 25	WCC Office OPEN LATE for Booth Space White Elephant Sale Spaces — WESTBURY RESIDENTS ONLY 5-6:30PM See page 11 for more information	
Wed 26	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St John's Presbyterian - 5020 W Bellfort	9:30AM
Oct Tues 2	National Night Out See page 7 for more information	
Oct 7	Oy-Vey Family Run See page 20 for information	



PLANNING CALENDAR

October 2 – National Night Out
 October 7 - Oy-Vey! Family Run
 October 27 - Fall White Elephant Sale
 November 3 - Rain Date for the White
 Elephant Sale
 November 6 – Election Day
 December 15 – Deck the Halls Parade

TRASH SCHEDULE



Recycling in Westbury

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

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Thursday, September 13

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Heavy Trash Schedule

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

September 2018

October 2018

TREE WASTE ONLY

JUNK WASTE

Thursday, September 13

Thursday, October 11

Important Trash & Recycling Info



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

2019 Westbury Civic Club Board Member Ballot

WCC Officers		Section Directors	
President	Cindy Chapman	Westbury 1	Franny Oxford
Vice President	Marcia Hartman	Westbury 2	Susan Brock
Secretary	Dan Vega	Westbury 3	Tony Roberts
Treasurer	Becky Edmondson	Westbury 3	VACANT
Directors		Westbury 4	Gail Reaben
Communications	Katherine Wingfield	Westbury 4	Eugene Sirls
Comm. Relations	VACANT	Westbury 5	Virginia Livingston
Deed Restrictions	VACANT	Westbury 5	Donna Strom
Flood Control/Infra	Jennifer Edmondson	Parkwest 1	Angela Furnari
Greenspace	Mat Funk	Parkwest 2	Jeffrey Weiss
Membership	Jeff Benavides	Parkwest 3	Lisa Placke
Security	VACANT	Westbury South	Brandon Richard
Volunteers	Robert Montgomery		

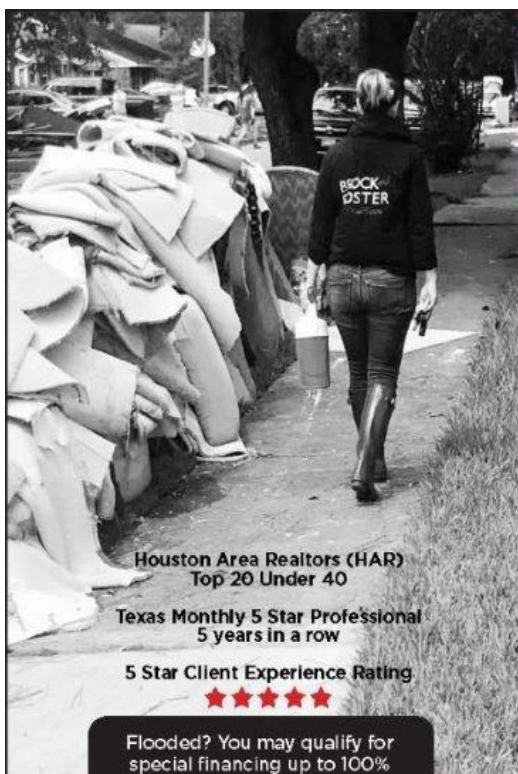
There are currently 4 vacant positions on the WCC board: Community Relations Director, Deed Restrictions Director, and Security Director. Section Director for Westbury 3. If you are a property owner in Westbury and are interested in joining the board, then please contact the WCC at westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Attend the next WCC board meeting to see what we do.

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Harris County Bond Election Flood

The Harris County Flood Control Bond Election, which passed with a wide majority, caused a flurry of activity at both the City and State level in the period leading up to the vote. Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson met at City Hall with CM Martha Castex-Tatum and "Flood Czar" Steven Costello to discuss the upcoming Harris County Flood bond and Westbury's wish list of projects. The wish list was published in last month's Crier and available online at www.westburycrier.com.

In addition to working at the City and County level, our state representative Shawn Thierry convened a meeting to develop a list of projects for the Harris County Flood bond. She convened a group of dedicated Southwest Houston stakeholders to study the most pressing flood issues in our mid-Brays communities. They have developed a list of potential projects that will better protect our neighborhoods from future catastrophic flooding. Dr. Lester King helped facilitate this meeting at his visualization lab at Rice University. In attendance were Bill Burhans, Cindy Chapman, Becky Edmondson, Charles Goforth, Marcia Hartman, Jeff Peters, Lynae Novominsky, Howard Sacks, & Vincent Sanders.

Now that the bond has passed, the Westbury Civic Club and Westbury SuperNeighborhood will continue to advocate for projects to mitigate flooding along the Willow Waterhole Bayou.

After the vote, Harris County Flood Control District executive director Russ Poppe said in a statement, "We plan to work extremely hard and efficiently to turn the financial resources made available as a result of this election into the reality of reduced flooding risks."

National Night Out October 2

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 2.

Register your NNO party with the WCC Office by Sept. 14 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 by September 14 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 11. 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.



Meeting Change for WAIC / Westbury SuperNeighborhood

Due to timing conflicts with the Yom Kippur religious holiday, the monthly meeting of the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation and Westbury Super Neighborhood will move to a later week in September and will meet on September 26 at 9:30AM at St. Johns Presbyterian on West Bellfort. This will be one of the rare times when the Westbury Civic Club (which moved its meeting date up to TUESDAY September 11) and the WAIC will meet on different days for the month. Typically both organizations meet on the third Wednesday, monthly. The WAIC/Westbury Super Neighborhood meetings are open to the public. **Please join us.**

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A memorial by Becky Edmondson

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Donald Perkins had a career of 16 years with the City of Houston Planning & Development Department, Community Sustainability Division, as a Planning Leader before moving to District K as Chief of Staff. When he was recognized before City Council in 2011, Councilmember Oliver Pennington had this to say, "Donald Perkins has provided exemplary service to super neighborhoods, homeowner and property owner associations, civic clubs, businesses, institutions, and residents of District G, and of the City of Houston as a whole."

We can attest to that here in Westbury. Donald was just 25 years old and an associate planner with the City back in 1997-98 when he worked on a "Revitalization Strategy for Westbury". He had just received his master's degree from TSU in Transportation Planning, and Management. Westbury, with our 5,000 homes, was teetering on the brink; our grocery stores and pharmacies had closed; the heart of our neighborhood Westbury Square lay in ruins; fire-damaged apartments stood vacant near the high school. But the City and Donald had a plan! Westbury has been actively working the revitalization plan for the past 20 years (creation of detention space which became Willow Waterhole Greenspace, beautification projects, improvements at Westbury High School, etc) and Donald has been with us every step of the way.

In 2004, Donald took us under his wing and helped Westbury become a recognized Super Neighborhood. In 2011, when the city added two new council districts, Westbury now being part of newly created District K, candidate Larry Green chose Donald as his chief of



staff. When Larry came to introduce himself as a candidate for the new district K, I had never met

Larry before, never seen him around and asked him, "So why should we vote for you?" He said, "Because Donald Perkins is going to be my Chief of Staff". That got my vote, because no one knew more about our Southwest Houston neighborhoods than Donald. Donald took all that expertise and energy and excellence and shined his light all across District K and brought us all together, almost 100 neighborhoods, to make K a very special district.

Donald knew the answers to everything and who to contact for resolution of any issue. He was well respected by his peers across the city. When we wanted Hillcroft off the books as a future 6-lane highway, Donald championed our cause, personally handling the paperwork and the hearings. When graffiti covered several ATT communication boxes recently, he knew who to call and they were cleaned immediately. No problems or issues were too large or too small for Donald to handle with his excellent and responsive customer service. To accomplish this, Donald worked 60-hour-plus weeks to insure that all of his emails and projects were handled with excellence.

Donald loved trees and parks. Donald served on the SPARK (School Park) Board for many years. Donald was the force behind the planting of 3,500 new trees in distinct K over the last 7 years. As the Keep Houston Beautiful commissioner for District K, I worked closely with Donald on many a tree planting and cleanup event. But planting trees wasn't just about beautification. Donald loved to bring people together because he knew the real force behind revitalization was having a strong community. He encouraged us to apply for grants and awards. In 2015, when Neighborhoods USA came to Houston, Donald encouraged us to submit an award nomination, and Westbury



won First Place in the Revitalization category with much credit and thanks to Donald. That same weekend the flooding of Memorial Day hit 300 Westbury homes. Since then Westbury has had three more flooding events, including Harvey, and Donald helped us advocate for flooding mitigation for our 700 homes in harm's way.

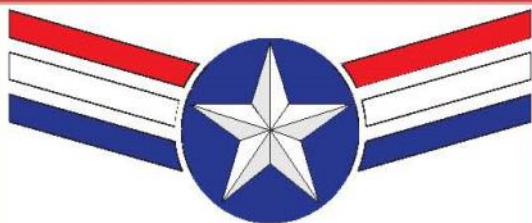
Donald did his job with a smile. He was one-of-a-kind and a mentor to so many. Donald loved what he did and LOVE defined Donald's life. Donald Perkins was patient, kind, had a servant's heart, and was happy to serve. Joy shone through in all he did.

Donald Perkins loved this city. He loved Westbury and all the neighborhoods he served. He loved events. He loved bringing people together. He always had a plan and something new on the horizon. He loved people. And we all loved him back. We are going to miss that joyful, kind hearted, happy, smiling man.

But we will see him in the trees (all 3,500 of them) and in the wildflowers that he helped plant. We will see him in the smiling faces of our children and grandchildren playing at the parks he helped renovate. We will see him in all those clean-up and Keep Houston Beautiful events that he loved to plan. We will see him each time a neighborhood celebrates a milestone birthday or ground breaking, and we will see him in those projects that we will work to complete that he started, but didn't have time to finish.

My mother always told me, "Love is reflected in Love", and Donald was proof of that. All of us and our communities are better for having known him and been served by him. Rest in peace, my friend.





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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 20 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 2018 Fall White Elephant Sale, starting on September 18.

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 27.

Details are on the next page.



Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

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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2018 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale



October 27, 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 27, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend. The rain date is November 3.

Booth space will go on sale at 9AM-2PM on Tuesday, September 18 for individual Westbury residents ONLY*. The office will also be open from 5-6:30PM on September 25 for booth space purchase.

Booths may be purchased during normal office hours starting on September 18. 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 2018 WCC membership dues of \$50. If you have not paid your dues, you must do so at the same time that you purchase your booth space. The

booth price for individual Westbury residents will be \$20-\$25. Booths will go on sale to non-residents, groups, and non-profit organizations on **October 9**, 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!

**Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space before October 9. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until October 9. 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 18—Booths go on sale for individual Westbury residents.
WCC office open at 9AM (til 2PM)

September 25—WCC Office Open Late Hours for booth sales. 5-6:30PM

September 18-October 5

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

October 9—Booths on sale for non-residents and non-profit organization and groups

October 27—White Elephant Sale, Westbury United Methodist, 8AM-Noon

November 3—Rain Date, check Westbury Houston Facebook for updates.

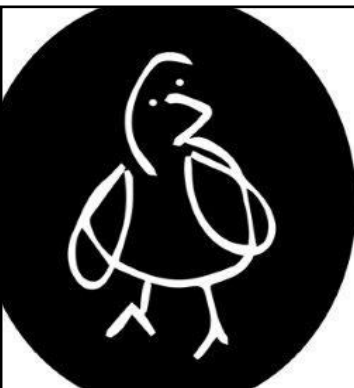
TRICK OR TREE

October 27, 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

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New Buzz About WHS

There's a new buzz about Westbury High School. With its test scores and reputation on the rise, WHS is looking like the place to be. The new cafeteria space is tremendous. A political town hall meeting was held there in August and WHS made a wonderful impression on the 1,200+ people who attended. When Principal Susan Monaghan started at WHS, the student enrollment was only 1900 and there was not a Fine Arts magnet at the school. This year, more than 2400 students are expected to attend WHS, and 600 students are expected to participate in the Fine Arts magnet!



New Fine Arts Wing Coming Soon

A Project Advisory Team meeting for WHS was held on August 14 to bring everyone up to date on the pending new Fine Arts Wing. Cindy Chapman, Becky Edmondson, and Marcia Hartman represented the Westbury community. The ground breaking on this exciting new addition should be in November 2018. WHS has a fantastic Fine Arts magnet program, and these students deserve a facility worthy of their talents. If the construction timeline goes well and weather allows, move in to the new wing may happen over the winter break at the end of 2019. You may have noticed that new tennis courts for WHS are being built on the Gasmer side of the campus, and should be ready for use at the end of September. The tennis courts are situated on the spot where old "temporary" buildings were located.

The "old" cafeteria and kitchen were recently demolished near the Gasmer parking lot. This site is where the new future Fine Arts wing will be built. The new wing will host a Band Hall and a Choir Hall, including spaces of different sizes for practicing (multi-purpose for band or choir) and storage for instruments and supplies. Although there will still be some art classrooms in the main building, a new Art Studio will take advantage of that critical northern light so prized by artists and to add sufficient ceiling height for sculpting.

The existing auditorium will be renovated with new lighting and sound systems, new acoustic panels, new carpeting, and the wooden seats will be replaced with more comfortable upholstered seats. The old Band Hall will be turned into a dance studio with dressing rooms and lockers. Spaces will be created for Piano, Orchestra, Broadcast, and Speech. The theater storage spaces and Black Box Theater will be renovated. The stage floor will be refinished.

Back to School Bash

Westbury High Back to School Bash was a big success. All of the feeder schools had booths and there was a steady stream of parents and children enjoying the day. Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson attended on behalf of the Westbury Civic Club and had a chance to thank some of the WHS baseball team Crier deliverers. Houston Community College was on site and had its Mobile Go Center. Did you know seniors, over 65 years old, can attend credit class for free tuition? Seniors between the ages of 55 to 65 only pay half-price. What a bargain! We spoke to many Westbury teachers and administrators and others. It's going to be a great school year!



Bus Tour for WHS Teachers

Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartmann, and Becky Edmondson also participated in the annual Teachers Bus Tour of the Westbury High School attendance zone. This year there were three busloads of teachers. The tour began at the Willow Waterhole area near the school, then drove through Westbury into the Brays Oaks neighborhoods. It gives teachers and administrators a chance to see where their students live and what kind of challenges they might face.



Friday Night Lights in Westbury

Want to catch a high school football game this fall? Here are the Westbury High School varsity games being played at Butler stadium on S Main at Hillcroft. Come out and support our local schools!

Sat., Sept. 15 vs Aldine Davis, 6PM

(Teacher Appreciation Night)

Fri., September 28 vs Bellaire, 7PM

Thurs., October 11 vs Sam Houston, 7PM (Homecoming)

Sat., October 27 vs Lamar, 6PM

Sat., November 10 vs Heights, 1PM (Senior Night)



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Lori Frodine, Principal of Parker Elementary, notes that construction is still underway at Parker and “The good news is our staff parking lot will be open for Monday, August 27 (the first day of school). Unfortunately, the new school carpool lane will not be ready when school starts”; however, Principal Frodine wants everyone to know that the carpool drop-off lane will be ready soon and that it is anticipated that it “should open after Labor Day!”

The parking lot, carpool lane and field areas are being placed on the site of the old school building for Parker and its old front lawn, which was demolished near the end of the past school year and over the summer. The site had to be cleaned up before the new construction could begin. The last remaining part of the project will be the completion of new field and play areas on the Atwell side of the Parker campus. Principal Frodine says that, “Our hope is the field and play areas along with the SPARK Park will be completed in October/November. We are planning our official grand opening for December, when everything will be 100% complete!”

The WCC also asked about drainage, since a small detention area on the Willowbend side of the campus was removed by filling it in. She responded that “as for your question about drainage, the field is also the retaining pond. It is designed/ graded to use the inlets at the edges and direct the water to Willowbend. The length of time to drain is depending on the amount of rain received. It has been designed by an engineer and approved by the City of Houston.”



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.
No cellphone use in school zones.



New Library Coming to Westbury

On July 25, Houston City Council voted to approve the purchase of the vacant US Post office property at 5505 Belrose in Westbury for a library in District K. The Houston Public Library (HPL) would like to purchase this property to either renovate the existing improvements or build a new public library and associated parking area at 5505 Belrose. This new library space would replace the George Meyer Branch Library at 5005 W. Belfort and the Frank HPL Express Library at 10103 Fondren. The site is large enough to house the new library and has direct access to Chimney Rock and Belrose Street. The library service areas will be better served by a larger, more robust facility than the current smaller Meyer Library and Frank HPL Express. The Meyer Library has been rated the facility in most need in the HPL system for many years, due to its structural issues. The Frank HPL Express Library costs HPL approximately \$150,000 per year in rental costs and was never intended to be permanent. The proposed acquisition will resolve both issues and further HPL’s One Houston One Library Transformation Plan.

Located just 1.5 miles from the old Meyer Library, the new site is convenient to the whole area. There should be plenty of parking as well as walking/biking access for much of the area. The property is just blocks from Westbury High School and Anderson Elementary, making it convenient for students. It’s one mile from Parker Elementary and 1.5 miles from Meyerland Middle School. The proposed Willow Waterhole Trail will run alongside the library property making it accessible by trail. The City of Houston’s Platou Community Center and Chimney Rock Park is across the street on Chimney Rock. The City owned HFD Station 48 is a neighboring property. There are also a number of apartments on Chimney Rock and Gasmer that will also benefit from having a public library nearby within walking distance.

While the property is adjacent to the Willow Waterhole Bayou, it is not in the 100 or 500 year flood plains and the current buildings have never flooded. **We look forward to working with the City to make this a spectacular library for all of us.**



Google Earth map picture of the Belrose Post office property. The yellow area is the approximate lot at 5505 Belrose. This lot has shared driveway access with the property next door on Chimney Rock.

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Meet the Westbury Area Patrol

Westbury Civic Club contracts with Harris County Precinct 5 for law enforcement that is dedicated to our neighborhood. We have one sergeant and 3 deputies. Sgt. Nick Derkowski heads up the Westbury contract and has since April 2018. We have 2 new deputies assigned to our contract. Read below to learn a bit more about them!

Deputy Martinez

Deputy Marisol Faith Martinez has been with Precinct 5 Constable's Office for 6 years. She spent one and half years in dispatch. Deputy Martinez has 3 years in the County side of Precinct 5 and 1 year in the community and media relations division. She has been working on the City side for 6 months.

Deputy Martinez holds an Intermediate level TCOLE license and is a bilingual (Spanish) speaker/translator.



Deputy DuBose

Deputy Mark Dubose, Jr. is a new deputy with Precinct 5. He enjoys the opportunity to work with the Westbury community and he really enjoys "watching and seeing how active the community is at the parks." He grew up in the small town of Onalaska, Texas, near Lake Livingston. He graduated from high school in 2012, attended college for a while, and then worked at a prison and with a pipeline company. He graduated from the police academy at Angelina College in Lufkin and started working for Precinct 5 just five days after graduating from the police academy. He patrolled in the Briar Meadows neighborhood before moving to the Westbury neighborhood patrol contract. He says, "I promise to always try my best for our community and be very proactive."



Manhunt and Party in Westbury 1

On July 20, 2018 prominent Houston cardiologist Dr. Mark Hausknecht was gunned down while riding his bicycle on a city street in the Texas Medical Center and died at the scene. Sadly, it turned out that a Westbury One resident, Joseph James Pappas, Jr., had held a 20-year grudge against the doctor after the death of his mother during heart surgery and was the gunman who had killed the doctor. Mr. Pappas became the subject of an intensive police manhunt. Westbury Section One was cordoned off, had dozens of police vehicles and SWAT activity in the neighborhood, and endured tension and drama over a 48 hr period. It was an unbelievable situation.

Within 48 hours of the end of manhunt, Westbury One residents came together to heal, to enjoy one another's company, and just get back to normal and fill the air with good vibes. They organized a street party. Getting together is something they know how to do because they host a great Halloween party, great National Night Out parties, and have also had bike rallies. Their "Bring Your Own Bev and Bike Rally" reclaimed their nice quiet enclave and lifted spirits. Hundreds of residents, District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum, HPD, and Pct. 5 constables all came out to celebrate community in Westbury One.



Westbury One Street Party with neighbors, HPD, and Constables

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30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

July 25-August 26, 2018

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5800	Arboles	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	7/25	7AM	W3
10600	Atwell	Auto Theft (Car not Truck)	8/20	6AM	PW1
5900	Beaudry	Aggravated robbery with weapon	8/2	5AM	PW3
6000	Beaudry	Aggravated Assault with weapon	7/27	12PM	PW3
10800	Burdine	Burglary of Habitation	8/1	3PM	W2
5600	Burlinghall	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	8/4	10PM	W3
11400	Braewick	Burglary of Habitation	8/2	8AM	PW3
5700	Cartagena	Burglary of Habitation	8/15	1PM	W3
6000	Cartagena	Theft - Misc.	8/17	8AM	PW3
12100	Chimney Rock	Burglary of Habitation	8/6	7PM	W4
10900	Doud	Theft of License Plate	8/6	8PM	W1
5500	Ettrick	Burglary of Habitation	7/31	12PM	W4
5500	Ettrick	Theft of License Plate	8/6	8PM	W4
5700	Farwell	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	8/22	10AM	W South
5700	Fontenelle	Auto Theft (Car not Truck)	8/22	7AM	W South
11500	Gaymoor	Burglary of Habitation	8/18	8AM	W3
5700	Greencraig	Burglary of Habitation	7/30	8AM	W South
5800	Greencraig	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	7/28	8AM	W South
10900	Hillcroft	Aggravated Assault with weapon	8/25	4PM	W5
5200	Kingfisher	Burglary of Habitation	8/17	5AM	W1
5600	Ludington	Burglary of Habitation	8/17	1PM	W4
5700	Ludington	Burglary of Habitation	8/13	7PM	W4
5400	Spellman	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	8/2	11PM	W3
5400	Stillbrooke	Robbery	7/30	3PM	W2
5300	W. Belfort	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	8/24	5PM	W2

KEY

- Burglary from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Theft
- Burglary
- Aggravated Assault with Weapon
- Aggravated robbery with weapon

The Westbury Civic Club strives to provide accurate information. Due to the printing date of the *Crier*, crime statistics are always delayed.

The crimes listed below took place between July 25 and August 25. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

This month there is too much crime in the commercial/, public space, and apartments to list each one individually. The chart below breaks out the type of crimes and how many at each type of location. The apartments at 12500 and 12600 Dunlap accounted for 20 of the 37 crimes at apartments. The WCC tries to publicize an accurate update list of crime in the area. If you have an idea of format, please call the office.

Crime Type	Westbury Homes	Apts./ Townhomes	Commercial/ Business	Public Space (Willow WH)
Aggravated Assault	2	5	0	1
Aggravated Robbery	1	1	0	0
Robbery	1	1	0	0
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	6	8	2	1
Burglary of Building	0	0	3	0
Burglary of Habitation	10	3	0	0
Theft - other	1	2	0	0
Theft - Shoplifting	0	0	3	0
Theft - US Mail	0	0	0	0
Theft - License Plate	2	1	0	0
Theft- Construction Equip.	0	0	0	0
Auto Theft	2	3	1	0
TOTAL	25	24	9	2

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Westbury Area News

Feeding Stray Cats

Westbury is known as an animal loving neighborhood. BUT for some residents too much love is not a good thing. The Civic Club has received numerous complaints about neighbors feeding stray cats. It is against City ordinance to feed stray cats unless you trap them and have them neutered.

Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook

Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



Mayors Jazz Brunch

As part of the Houston International Jazz Festival weekend, that is hosted by Jazz Education, Inc., the Mayor holds a brunch. On Sunday, August 12, the Mayor Turner's Jazz Brunch took place in the heart of our city at the Hobby Center for The Performing Arts. The event featured a performance by students from the Summer Jazz Program, a delicious brunch, and of course, more jazz music including a special performance by a national recording jazz artist. Sponsors of the Mayor's Jazz Brunch enable the youth of Houston to further their musical education through scholarships.

And when there is Jazz there will be people from Westbury! Some people even refer to the neighborhood as Jazzbury. One of the four scholarships awarded went to Faith Woods a 2018 Westbury High School graduate. She will be attending Prairie View in the fall. Her brother Jordan received this same scholarship two years earlier and will be a junior at Prairie View. The Woods are a very talented family. On hand as part of the Jazz education team were Westbury High School's Al Campbell and Emery/Weiner's Kelly Dean.



Amy Reed, the executive director of Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB), and Becky Edmondson, the District K representative to KHB, were guests of fellow KHB commissioner, Alyce Coffey. Alyce is the awesome constituent services director at the Solid Waste department and the person who works with the WCC on trash issues.



AlertHouston

Staying informed during emergencies is important. There are two notification systems you can sign up for that the City of Houston will use to alert the public when emergencies occur. AlertHouston provides Houston residents with timely information about current conditions, expected impacts, and tips for keeping themselves, and their families safe.

[https:// www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/](https://www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/)



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., Sept. 6, 6PM

October Meet & Eat: Thurs., Oct. 4, 6PM

David Roschke and ELCA Honored

The Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) is a nonprofit which works on projects to improve the Westbury area. WAIC Vice-President David Roschke, retired pastor from Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church on West Bellfort, was recently honored by the City of Houston for his efforts related to the amazing volunteer work done by the 30,000 high school students who were in town this summer for a conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). It takes a huge amount of planning to organize events and volunteer work for 30,000 high school students. Here in Westbury, we benefited from

busloads of ELCA volunteers who helped at: Westbury High School, Westbury Community Garden, Willow Waterhole Greenspace, and Chimney Rock Park.



**Congratulations,
David and ELCA!**

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2018 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 2018 Mandatory Assessments is \$235.80. The 2018 Assessments were due by April 1, 2018.

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Mission of the WCC

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

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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

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

*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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Harvey One Year Later

By WCC President, Becky Edmondson

It seems to be de rigueur to write a Harvey one year later article. I'm not sure I want to relive those awful stressful days where most of us didn't sleep for 48 hours, many were displaced, lives were turned upside down, and lives changed forever.

But here goes my story: The Mayor's office called me after the first band of Harvey rains to see how Westbury was faring; we were all right. I said I would post my personal phone number on social media (Facebook and NextDoor) to see if anyone in Westbury had flooded. I didn't realize that in the next 36 hours almost 4 feet of rain would fall and 700 Westbury homes would be flooded. Hundreds more Westbury homes came close to flooding. It was a heartbreaking 36 hours of fielding calls from residents worrying about their children possibly drowning in their homes, from residents on their roofs needing rescue, from adult children unable to reach their elderly parents, and more. Then we went into rescue mode; District K Councilman Larry Green and I were texting back and forth as he sent

addresses directly to the Coast Guard. I reached out to HISD to see if Westbury High or Anderson Elementary could be opened as temporary shelters since the adjacent homes were badly flooded and the Coast Guard was dropping people off at Hager Park (next to Anderson Elementary) by helicopter. Residents with boats were texting for rescue locations. Finally we were able to secure permission thanks to Board Trustee Wanda Adams.

Then came the cleanup and the mucking out and the meal deliveries and the reality of dealing with the aftermath. It was brutal. Thankfully there were so many helpers. But for those that flooded, the nightmare of insurance, FEMA, contractors, permits and decisions for the future had just begun. For several hundred Westbury residents who had just recovered from Memorial Day flooding or Tax Day flooding or Halloween Day flooding, Harvey was even worse.

But now a year has passed since Harvey struck the Texas coast. The reality is that some people have moved, some people have elevated their homes, some people have sold their homes, some people are waiting for repairs to be completed, and some people are still trying to decide what to do. Harris County has made a huge commitment to MITIGATE and reduce future flooding with a huge 2.5 billion dollar flood bond that passed on the one year anniversary of Harvey with an approval rate of 85%.

Some good news: The City has completed a local drainage project to fix outfalls (the big pipes which take rainwater from the underground street drains and dump that water into the bayou) on a part of the Willow Waterhole Bayou, and the work on Project Brays is progressing to add capacity to Brays Bayou. We had seriously heavy rainfall on January 18 and on July 4 of 2018 and no homes flooded in Westbury. So that was encouraging. But more needs to be done to reduce risk of flooding, and the Westbury Civic Club and Westbury Super Neighborhood have submitted projects that we believe will make Westbury safer from flooding.

Some even better news: if you need proof of the resiliency of the human spirit and the perseverance of Westbury residents, you should have attended one of the many Harvey anniversary parties that happened over the weekend. I wasn't able to visit all of them, but the pictures brought a smile to my face and warmed my heart. Our residents are Westbury's biggest treasure and it sure made me happy to see their smiling faces.

Harvey Recovery

Over 700 homes flooded in Westbury. Here is the current status of them.

- 54 Homes for Sale
- 5 Homes for Rent
- 9 Homes Elevated
- 3 Homes currently elevating
- 3 RVs
- 8 Storage Pods
- 6 Dumpsters

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Flag Dedication - James "Jim" Myers

The family of Jim Meyers, a long-time community advocate for the southwest area of Houston, who passed away in 2010 after a valiant fight against cancer, sought an appropriate way to honor his service both to the military and to the community. The family decided to donate funds to install illuminated flagpoles at Willow Waterhole for the flags of the USA and Texas. The James Myers Flag Dedication ceremony was held Saturday July 28, 2018, near the new flagpoles located near the end of Dryad at the Large Gazebo.



Myers family at the dedication ceremony

As President of Houston Southwest 2000, he helped lay the groundwork for what is now the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD). Later, the BOMD hired Jim as the Director of Services, where he served the district for over a decade. One of Jim's big loves was music. His efforts helped lay the foundations for what would become the Willow Waterhole Music Festival. Jim Myers understood that the language of music is universal. Music brings people together and inspires them, making Willow Waterhole the perfect setting for honoring Jim.

Eagle Scout Projects Galore!

Bayou Trail Project Thanks to Gabe Lenz, from Troop 99 at St. Thomas More, for completing his Eagle Scout (BSA) project at the Greenway on August 25, 2018. After a two year moratorium on trail use due to construction of flood control facilities, Gabe restored the Bayou Trail, which is a nature trail connecting South Willow to the bank of Willow Waterhole Bayou. The Bayou Trail is immediately west of the "Gathering Place" building on South Willow.

Over two workdays, Gabe and his friends cleared brush and removed weeds on the trail, painted a bench on the trail, replaced eight weathered tree identification signs, and installed a new trailhead sign. Since the old trailhead sign had been destroyed during construction activities, Gabe also handcrafted a new and improved sign.

Sign Restoration Project Dedrick Thomas (Troop 601 New Faith Bible Church) and Marshall Hudson (Troop 242 Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church) each completed their Eagle Scout (BSA) projects at the Willow Waterhole Greenway in July of 2018. They each restored two large signs, four signs in total, which had significantly weathered and were in bad condition after fifteen years. The four signs required sanding, pressure washing, wood putty, and painting first a green basecoat and then carefully painting the lettering in white. The large number of volunteer hours involved and the great results are appreciated by the Willow Waterhole Conservancy. Thanks, Dedrick and Marshall!

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Planning Department Update for 100 and 500 Yr. Floodplains

NEW RULES IN EFFECT 9-1-18

New Requirements for In-City Plats in Floodplain

Chapter 19 amendments pertaining to development in the floodplain and floodway were adopted by City Council in April and will take effect on September 1, 2018. The first Planning Commission date to consider plats affected by the new rules will be on September 13. As a result, beginning August 31, all final subdivision plat applications submitted that lie within the City limits and within the 100-year and 500-year floodplain, must include an approved drainage plan in order to be promoted to the Planning Commission agenda. Final plat types include C1, C3 Final, C2, C2 Replats and Street Dedication Only plats.

Applicants managing projects that are affected by the new rules and plan to make a plat submittal soon, should visit with the Floodplain Management Office of the City Engineer's Office as soon as possible. If you have questions, please call our Planner of the Day line at 832-393-6600 or the Floodplain Management Office at 832-394-8854.

Construction Starts on Final Project Brays Channel Improvements from Loop 610 to Fondren Road

The Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) has begun construction on the final phase of channel modifications as part of the Brays Bayou federal flood damage reduction project – Project Brays. During this construction phase, Brays Bayou will be widened between Loop 610 (Meyerland) and Fondren. This is the Westbury side of the bayou, finally!

On June 26, 2018, Harris County Commissioners Court awarded an \$11.72 million construction contract to lowest qualified bidder Serco Construction Group Ltd. for the channel improvement project. Preliminary work began in mid-July and is expected to be complete in approximately one year.

During this construction phase, Brays Bayou will be widened along an approximately 15,000-foot section from upstream of Loop 610 to 300 feet upstream of Fondren Road. (Bayou improvements will be made on the northern bank only between Loop 610 and South Rice Avenue.) A previous channel improvement segment from Buffalo Speedway to Loop 610, which began construction about one year ago, is approximately 90 percent complete. Additional bridge modification projects also are in or nearing the construction phase.

As part of the newest project, the HCFCD will excavate approximately 289,000 cubic yards of soil, and will construct retaining walls under existing bridges. The project also will install new outfalls and headwalls, and rebuild trails along the bayou in the project area. These operations require the use of large trucks to carry excavated soil from the construction site for off-site disposal, and to mix and pour concrete for the retaining walls. Motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to be alert to heavy equipment traffic near construction sites.

Project Brays is a \$480 million cooperative effort between HCFCD and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Project Brays includes the widening of 21 miles of Brays Bayou in 13 separate channel modification project segments, the modification of 32 bridges, and the construction of four stormwater detention basins with a combined capacity of 3.5 billion gallons.

When Project Brays is complete, it is expected to provide a 1 percent (100-year) level of flood protection upstream (west) of the Sam Houston Tollway. In areas downstream (east) of the tollway, Project Brays will reduce the number of structures at risk from a 1 percent (100-year) flood from 16,800 to 1,800.

Hazard Mitigation GRANT Program

Elevation Grants/BuyOuts

The Houston Public Works Department sent out postcards to about 500 homes in our area which have had repetitive flooding. Unfortunately, the Westbury Super Neighborhood and the Westbury Civic Club was not notified, so we were unable to help spread the word. Some Westbury homes received the postcards while others did not.

The purpose of the meeting was to pass out information of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program sponsored by the city Public Works Department. If you are interested in applying for funds to have your home elevated, please email hazard.mitigation@houstontx.gov.

For some home owners in Westbury, elevating their home is probably the best solution. The WCC will be sending a survey link in September for residents who have flooded more than once. We want to gauge the interest in the options of house elevation and property buyouts. Buyouts work best when there are multiple homes in a row which are bought out. We want to identify any areas where people WANT to be bought out. For homes that have flooded 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and more times, elevating or being bought out makes sense. The stress of living in fear of rain in a city that gets lots of rainfall is not a healthy way to live. We also have concerns about unsuspecting buyers ending up in one of these multiple repetitive flooded homes as house flippers only have to disclose what they know when they purchase a house with a flood history to remodel it before reselling it.



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Parkwest 1 — 5511 Briarbend — Mike & Kris Budno

Parkwest 2 — 5718 Stillbrooke — Paez Ernestina

Parkwest 3— 11619 Dunlap — Westbury Resident

Westbury 5 and Westbury South — Are you interested in volunteering to judge these sections? Contact the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net or 713-723-5437.

Westbury Community Garden Master Plan

The Westbury Community Garden has amazing plans to improve the garden site. The garden needs better drainage and parking. They want to improve and add more social gathering spaces. And they want to continue improving the site to demonstrate good practices for farming, gardening, use of rainfall, and natural habitats. But, it will take money to make these changes to the garden site.

A meeting was recently held at the District K office to discuss implementation of the master plan for the garden. After the meeting, CM Martha Castex-Tatum posted on Facebook: “We’re making BIG plans for the Westbury Community Garden. Talking fundraising goals, memberships, partnerships, and master planning today. We are ‘Growing Community through Gardening’ in District K. Watch us grow!”

Attendees at the meeting included: District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum, Abigail Phillips from landscape architecture firm Akasura Robinson (which prepared the master plan), Liz Vallette from Plant It Forward Farms, Becky Garza from the apartment complex adjacent to the garden, Alice Lee for the Brays Oaks Management District, Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman from the Westbury Civic Club and Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, and the garden leadership team of Betsy Longoria (President), Virginia Livingston (Past-President and Chair of Master Plan Committee), and Debbie Gordon (Fundraising for garden).



The garden is preparing grant request applications. If you have ideas or connections or want to learn more, contact the garden leadership team at www.westburycommunitygarden.org/contact/



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Westbury Community Garden News



TELESCOPE STAR PARTY

There was an exciting evening star gazing event at the Westbury Community Garden on Wednesday, August 22. Ten members of the Houston Astronomical Society brought their own personal telescopes to the garden to share views of the Moon, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn and Mars with area residents. Also seen was the double star, Albireo. Between 100 - 125 people, including our own CM Martha Castex-Tatum, attended the event.



Our thanks to the Houston Astronomical Society for sharing these fascinating points in the sky with us at the Westbury Community Garden.



Plant It Forward Farm Shares

The Plant-It-Forward Farm Share program now delivers Farm Shares at Westbury Community Garden every Wednesday, with items available for pick-up between the hours of 3:30-7:30PM.

Not a Farm Share member yet? You can read more about it here: <http://plant-it-forward.org/our-produce/farm-share/>

And here's the link to sign-up online: <https://csa.farmigo.com/join/plantitforwardfarms>

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The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) Youth Gathering

30,000 high school students and their adult leaders came to Houston last week from Lutheran churches all across the country. The ELCA Youth Gathering is an event held every 3 years. In the past they have gone to New Orleans twice, Detroit, and now Houston. Westbury Community Garden was fortunate to host a busload of 46 volunteers on Saturday morning, June 30. These energetic students (and adults!) worked along with our WCG volunteers and together we mulched the aisles of the entire garden - 22 yards of mulch covering ~5600 sq. ft. in record time



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