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Upcoming EVENTS

Local Candidate Forums

The Mayor and all City Council positions are up for election this November. There are many candidates for each position. All of Westbury votes for the At-Large candidates. Three local candidate forums will be held near Westbury, one specifically for the At-Large Candidates. Plan to attend one or more of these events. Your vote matters! **More information about these forums on page 10.**

- ➔ **At-Large Candidate Forum, HBU**
Tuesday, September 10, 7:30AM
- ➔ **Mayoral Forum at Holman HCC**
Saturday, October 5, 11AM
- ➔ **Mayoral Forum at Lovett Elementary**
Monday, October 7, 7PM



National Night Out

Tuesday, October 1
Register your block party with the WCC Office today.
For more information, see page 9.

Halloween in the Park

Saturday, October 26, 6PM-8:30PM
Family fun with a "Trunk or Treat" provided by classic cars, costume contests, kids' rides, and inflatables. **For more information, see page 21.**



2019 Fall Elephant Sale

Saturday, October 26, 8AM - Noon
Westbury United Methodist Church
Purchase your booth space in the WCC office starting September 24! This is the perfect opportunity to have that garage sale you have been wanting to have at your house but know you can't per long-standing policy of the Westbury Civic Club! Come early for your booth space. Booths have been known to sell out! **For more info regarding prices, dates, and more, see page 9**



Mayor Turner Coming to WCC Annual Meeting on Sept. 18

The 2019 Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting will be held on September 18, from 6PM-9PM, in the Westbury Baptist Game Room at 10425 Hillcroft. A meet and greet will occur at 6PM, the meeting will begin at 7PM, the Mayor will speak at 7:30PM.

Door Prizes!

Mayor Sylvester Turner and our District K City Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum, will speak about what the City is doing to help Westbury, specifically flooding, and upcoming projects in our area. Come meet the new 2020 Board, and win some great door prizes!

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

Wed. September 18
6PM-9PM
Westbury Baptist

STAR PARTY



September 10, 8-10PM

Westbury Community Garden

The popular Annual Telescope Star Party at the Westbury Community Garden will be held on September 10 from 8-10PM. Plan to bring the whole family out to the Garden to look through telescopes owned by members of the Houston Astronomical Society. You never know what you will see from stars to planets and more!

For more information, see page 23.



RECYCLING DATES

September 2019

Friday, September 12
Thursday, September 26

October 2019

Thursday, October 10
Thursday, October 24

HEAVY TRASH

September 2019

Thursday, September 12*
TREE WASTE ONLY

October 2019

Thursday, October 10*
JUNK WASTE

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

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE *NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

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

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

CONTACT US

WCC Office Hours: Monday- Thursday, 9:30AM-2PM
Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays

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

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SECURITY

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

CITY OF HOUSTON

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

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

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

2019 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President.....Cindy Chapman
wccpresident@westburycrier.com
Vice President.....Marcia Hartman
Secretary.....Dan Vega
Treasurer.....Becky Edmondson

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Community Relations.....VACANT
Deed Restrictions..... VACANT
Flood Control & Infrastructure.....Jennifer Edmondson
Greenspace Beautification.....Mat Funk
Membership.....Jeff Benavides
Security.....VACANT
Volunteer Coordinator.....Robert Ellis-Montgomery

SECTION DIRECTORS

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

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Is the end of summer finally here? Not yet, if talking about the weather! But alas, summer vacation has ended, and it is back to school time. All schools (both public and private) are now in session. School zone signs and speed limits will be enforced and there will be much more traffic on city streets. Please be careful of children crossing streets and always obey school bus stop signs. The school zone speed limit is 20 miles/hour during the times to drop off and pick up students. Did you know that the speed limit on our neighborhood streets is **30 miles per hour**? Not 45 mph, not 50 mph. It is 30 mph unless posted otherwise, and streets with divided esplanades are posted at 35 mph. Willowbend is 30 mph.

While talking about schools, I want to commend the students, teachers, and staff at Westbury High School for remarkable improvements over the past few years. Under the leadership of Principal Susan Monaghan, scores keep going up. The TEA grade for WHS this year was a high "C" and was just one point shy of getting a "B". Perhaps you wonder whether this is a good score, so I will mention that well-regarded schools like Bellaire and Lamar are "B" highs schools and just a few short years ago WHS was at "F". In other good news, WHS was also awarded Platinum status as a family friendly campus, the highest award possible. We are aware that Anderson Elementary had a decline in scores this year to a "D", which is an aberration from past performance. We have a meeting scheduled with HISD to find out what HISD plans to do to improve the school and to find out how we can assist the school to make it better for the 2019/2020 school year.

I want to thank the Westbury area residents who participated in a civic engagement study over the summer with researchers from TSU and UH. Findings are being crunched by the researchers. Unofficial comments which have reached us indicate that our residents are eager to make our community better and are interested in learning more about how to do so. Do these words describe you? One critical need is to help our schools, and we will have more information in future newsletters about ways to help.

We also encourage our residents to vote in elections and to become familiar with issues. This month we are publishing information about several non-partisan events where you can meet political candidates for Mayor or for City Council, and learn more about them. See page 10 for more information. Westbury has a proud tradition of high voter participation rates in our precincts, and this helps us get attention from politicians. If you go to a non-partisan event, please consider wearing an item to let people know that you live in Westbury or make a point to introduce yourself to a candidate and mention that you live in Westbury. What is a key issue for Westbury? Flooding and Infrastructure! Two years ago our neighborhood was struck hard by flooding during Harvey when 700 of our almost 5,000 homes were flooded. It was a scary time and some of our neighbors are still struggling to overcome its impacts. We need action by both the city and the county to reduce the risk of flooding in Westbury.

Our City Parks are also a big focus right now as Hager Park was part of the 2015 Bond. I attended the grand opening of the Linkwood Park and got many ideas as to

what Hager Park could be. We are advocating for Hager Park improvements to be started. Read more about Hager Park on page 20.

Our WCC Annual Meeting and Election will be held on Wednesday, September 18, and will be a fantastic way to meet other residents, meet your incoming and outgoing WCC Board Members, and also meet elected officials and political candidates. Mayor Turner will be speaking at the Annual Meeting. We will have drawings to win DOOR PRIZES and will provide for refreshments. We will also be selling the popular I HEART Westbury signs for Westbury High School. The election slate is on page 8. We look forward to seeing you on September 18!

-Cindy Chapman



*You are never too old to go down a slide!
WCC President Cindy Chapman enjoying the
new park equipment at Linkwood Park.*

WCC Board Meeting Notes August 2019

- ◆ Guests included Sgt. Derkowski with Pct. 5 Westbury Area Patrol, Richard Nguyen, with Sold Waste Department, Shannon Martin with County Commissioner Pct. 1, and Mary Seymore with TX Senator Borris Miles.
- ◆ HISD Trustee Wanda Adams spoke about Westbury High School and its remarkable improvement over the past several years.
- ◆ Discussed the Railroad quiet zone, proposed commercial property on Gasmer at the site of Westbury Hospital, and Candidate Forums.
- ◆ All Westbury Civic Club board meetings are livestreamed on our Facebook page, Westbury Houston. Copies of the videos are available on Facebook.
- ◆ The next WCC board meeting is the WCC Annual Meeting, on Wednesday, September 18. For more information, see page 1.

WCC Annual Meeting

**Wed., September 18
Meet & Greet— 6PM
Meeting—7PM**

**Westbury Baptist Church
Game Room
10425 Hillcroft**

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd
713-726-7107

platou@houstontx.gov



Weekly Classes/Groups

Stretching Exercise Class

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

Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.

Ms. BeeHaven Quilters

Tuesday, 10AM - 2PM

Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

Table Games

Wednesday, 10AM - 12:30PM

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

Evening Aerobics Exercise Class

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

Free Evening Aerobics Class held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6-7PM. Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 to register.

POP UP CRAFT CLASS: Learn to felt an animal on Tuesday, September 10 at 10:30. Call or email Platou to register. You will be contacted about the supplies needed.

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays 5:45PM-7PM

A Weight Loss Support Group. Drop in to preview or call Dorothy -713-723-4441 or Naomi -713-988-2233

Meyer Library News

➔ Meyer Library CLOSED Indefinitely

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

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

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



Westbury City Pool Summer 2019 Schedule

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

August 31 - September 1: Pool open on Saturday and Sunday only, 1-5PM
September 2 (Labor Day): Last day for the pool to be open! 1-5PM

BE A PART OF THE ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

For an application and/or more information about STM,
please visit our website stthomasmore-school.org

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713.729.3434

- ◇ St. Thomas More Parish School is co-educational
- ◇ Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade
- ◇ Full Day and Half Day Pre-K Programs
- ◇ Before and After School Care Available
- ◇ Experience the Academic Discipline of STEM



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What's Happening in Westbury

September 2019 Calendar Events/Meetings

Mon 2	WCC Office Closed Happy Labor Day	
Tues 10	At-Large Candidate's Forum Houston Baptist University—7502 Fondren For more information, see page 10	7:30AM
Tues 10	Star Party Westbury Community Garden For more information, see pages 1 and 23	8-10PM
Mon 16	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort	7:30PM
Wed 18	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St. John's Presbyterian—5020 W Bellfort	9:30AM
Wed 18	WCC Annual Meeting Meet & Greet—6PM, Meeting—7PM Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	
Sat 21	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7:30AM
Tues 24	Booth Spaces on Sale for Westbury Residents Only 9AM WCC Office open from 9AM to 1PM See page 9 for more information	
Tues 24	WCC Office OPEN LATE for Booth Space White Elephant Sale Spaces — WESTBURY RESIDENTS ONLY 5-6:30PM See page 9 for more information	
Tues 24	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Station - 13097 Nitida	7PM
Oct 1	National Night Out For more information, see pages 1 and 9	

PLANNING CALENDAR

October 1 – National Night Out

October 5– Mayoral Forum at
Holman HCC

October 7 – Local Mayoral Forum at
Lovett Elementary

October 26 – Fall White Elephant Sale

October 26 – Halloween in the Park at
the Willow Waterhole

November 2 – Rain Date for Fall White
Elephant Sale

November 5 – Election

All About Trash

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



Household Trash & Yard Waste

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



Recycling in Westbury

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

September 2019

October 2019

Friday, September 12

Thursday, October 10

Thursday, September 26

Thursday, October 24

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 2019

October 2019

TREE WASTE ONLY

JUNK WASTE

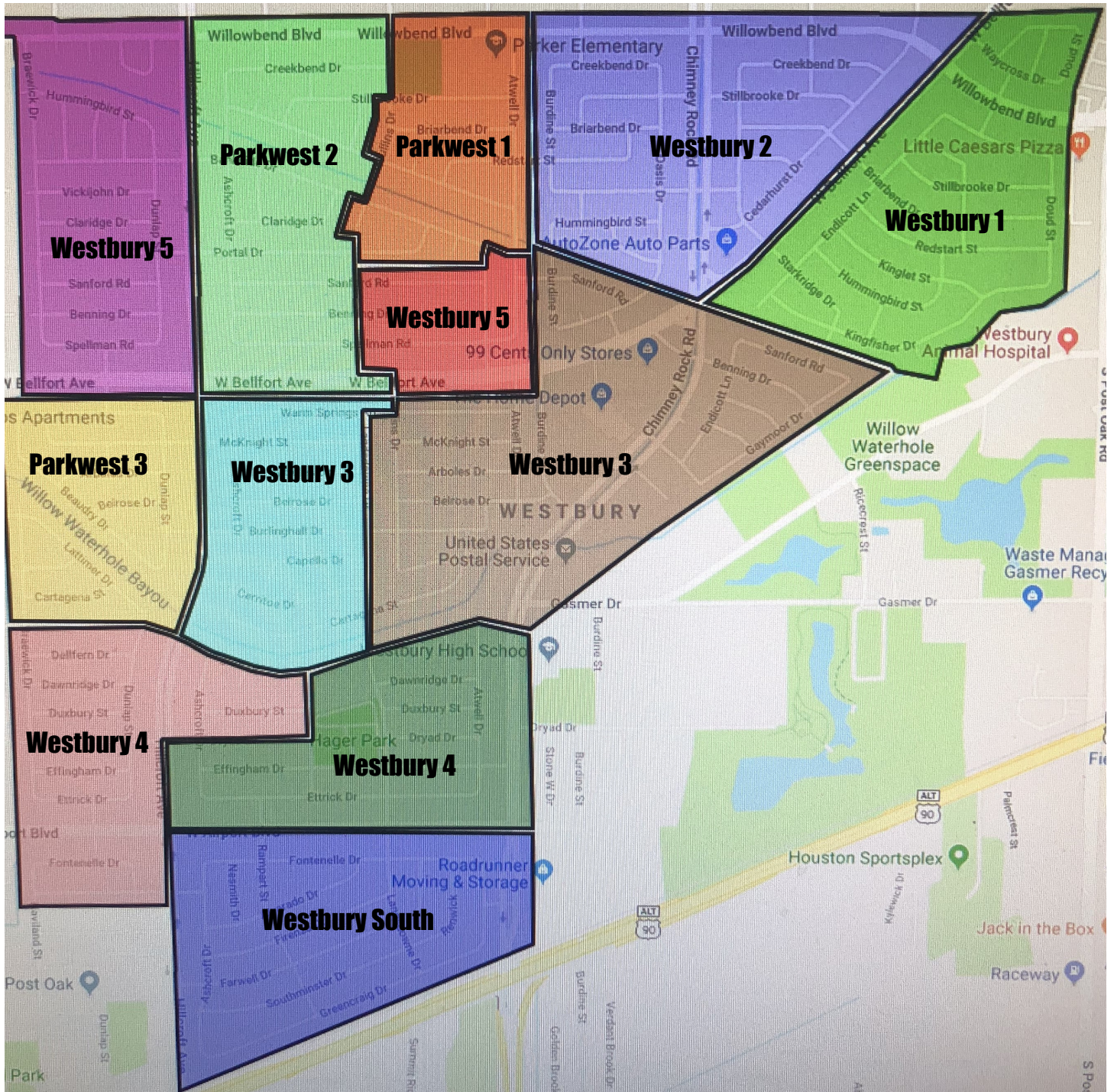
Thursday, Sept. 12

Thursday, October 10











Important Trash & Recycling Info

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

Map of Westbury by Section



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

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

Why are Westbury 3 and 4 different colors?

This was an internal WCC designation to help with the size of the sections and board representation. Both sections have over 800 homes each so it was decided they would have two section directors, one from each "side" of that particular section. We no longer use the East and West designation but it has remained on the google map. The WCC Office is currently working on a more accurate map that will show one color for each section.

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

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

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

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2020 Westbury Civic Club Board Member Ballot **2019 WCC Board**

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

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 2019 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 2019 and the August 2019 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 2019 or hereafter).

*There are currently 4 vacant positions on the WCC board:
Communications Director, Security Director and two section directors
(Westbury 4, and Westbury South).*

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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Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

KEEP YOU MOVING

without joint pain



Live life without joint pain.

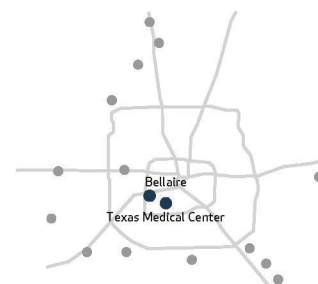
At Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, we know that joint pain affects every part of your life. With treatment plans customized for you, our specialists offer a full range of advanced nonsurgical and surgical techniques, including:

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2019 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale

October 26, 8AM – Noon

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

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

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

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

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

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

So why not have fun, make money, be safe and be a good neighbor.

Plan on having a booth at the Westbury White Elephant Sale!

IMPORTANT DATES

September 24—Booths go on sale for individual Westbury residents.

WCC office open at 9AM (til 1PM)

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

September 24-October 9

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

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

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

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



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

National Night Out — October 1

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 1.



Register your NNO party with the WCC Office by Sept. 20 for a chance to win a pizza party!

Please register your party with the WCC Office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net by September 20

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 18. 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.



Meet the Candidates—Multiple Local Forums Election Day is November 5

At-Large City Council Member Candidates Forum — September 10

Come out to a FREE continental breakfast to learn more about the candidates who are running for the At-Large Houston City Council positions. The forum will be held at Houston Baptist University on September 10. This non-partisan breakfast is hosted by SWHouston2000 and other community organizations, including the Westbury SuperNeighborhood.

Although mayoral candidates receive lots of attention in the media, other important city elections do not. Currently about 25 candidates have already indicated that they are running for election as an At-Large council member.

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

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

When → Tuesday, September 10, 7:30AM

Where → Houston Baptist University, McNair Hall in the Morris Cultural Arts Center, 7502 Fondren

If you are interested in attending the At-Large Candidate Breakfast, please RSVP to Alice Lee at Alee@BraysOaksMD.org

Mayoral Forum — October 5

hosted by Super Neighborhood Alliance

The Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA) Mayoral Forum which will be held on Saturday, October 5 at the Auditorium at the Houston Community College Central Campus at Holman. The SNA is a non-partisan organization and this will be a non-partisan event. The Master of Ceremonies will be Isiah Carey with KRIV-Fox 26 News Houston. Please RSVP on Eventbrite to help with planning. Search Eventbrite for "SNA mayoral" to locate the event. This event will focus on issues important to neighborhoods across Houston. This event is free.

When → Saturday, October 5, 11AM

Where → HCC Campus at Holman Auditorium, 1300 Holman

Event Schedule

11AM– 12PM: One-on-One with Candidates and refreshments

12–2PM: Mayoral Candidate Forum



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SEPT 10 @ 7:30 AM

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meet & greet the CANDIDATES

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7:30AM Meet & Greet • 8AM Program • 9:30AM Meet & Greet

email RSVP to Alice at Alee@BraysOaksMD.org



ORGANIZERS INCLUDE:

- SNC #31 Greater Meyerland
- SNC #36 Brays Oaks
- SNC #37 Westbury
- SNC #38 Near Southwest
- SNC #39 & #40/SHCCC
- SNC #41 Fort Bend Houston

METRO
October 1
@730am

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12 @730am
with guest speaker **Starla Turnbo**
President of the Houston Apartment Association

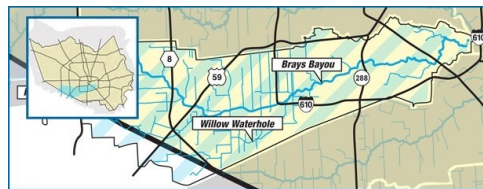
LOCAL Mayoral Forum October 7

hosted by the Brays Bayou Association and Meyerland Community Improvement Association.

A LOCAL Mayoral Candidate Forum will be held on October 7 at Lovett Elementary. The Brays Bayou Association is hosting this local event along with the Meyerland Community Improvement Association. This event is free.

When → Monday, October 7, 7PM

Where → Lovett Elementary,
8814 S. Rice



Vote

Contractors Hired by Solid Waste Dept.

The City announced on August 7 that a contractor will be hired to augment city trash pickup operations while the city continues to receive new vehicles to replace its aged truck fleet. The contract will end in December.

Mayor Turner says, "Solid Waste employees have been working long hours six or seven days, often in the dark, to keep up with service schedules," Mayor Turner said. "With a temporary boost from the contract approved today, and the arrival of new trucks for the city, we are eliminating service delays for residents and reducing unusually high levels of stress on workers as well as on old equipment."

Westbury residents were mildly surprised to see that August Junk Waste Heavy Trash was picked up on time! Trucks seen in Westbury appeared to be contractors not the typical City crews. The WCC is hopeful that trash pick-up will continue to be on time moving forward.



District K Forms HOT Team to Address Illegal Dumping

District K Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum recently helped form a HOT Team to address illegal dumping sites in the District. Tens of thousands of dollars are spent each month picking up trash at the detriment of more meaningful projects. Each of the management districts are reporting picking up 3,000-4,000 pounds of trash a month. In the first week the District K HOT Team picked up over 300 illegally dumped tires!



Hot Team Reporting Protocol

Please remember to continue to follow the City's protocol when you encounter dumping or a neighborhood nuisance.

- ➔ Report the matter to 311 Houston, obtain the service request number, and share the site address and 311 service request number with the District K office staff at 832-393-3016 or districtk@houstontx.gov.

- ➔ The District K staff member will make contact with the correlating City Department for resolution. If the District K staff determine the City Department is not able to resolve the matter in a reasonable time frame, the work will be scheduled for the Hot Team.

Feel free to reach out to the District K office if you have any additional questions or concerns about the procedures the Council Member has established for the HOT team.

Here's a message direct from District K CM Martha Castex - Tatum on illegal dumping:

"Attention illegal dumpers: People are watching and will report you. If you are riding through District K and you snap a picture of illegal dumpers that leads to a felony arrest, you could be eligible for a \$5000 reward. Our HOT Team is working on some of our notorious illegal dumping spots and placing these signs out. I really want someone to collect the \$5000 for reporting. Download the Crime Stoppers mobile app and program their number in your phone. Reports can also be made online and photos uploaded. Call 713-222-TIPS(8477). Let's stop this dumping in our community"

#DistrictK
#CrimeStoppers
#CleanStateofMind



City Sewer Upgrades Mandated by EPA

The City of Houston has reached an agreement with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce sewage spills. The City must spend about \$2 billion dollars to improve city sewer systems. Expect your city sewer bill to go up next year.

As part of the agreement, over the next five years, the City of Houston must repair or replace about 150 miles of sewer pipe each year. The City must also install about 2,500 "smart manhole covers", which can indicate if there are pipe blockages. Additionally, the entire sewer system must be inspected every ten years and all gravity pipes smaller than two feet in diameter must be cleaned every decade.



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Weather Wary in Westbury

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



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

Harris County Flood Warning System

www.harriscountyfws.org

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

National Hurricane Center

www.nhc.noaa.gov

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

Hype-free Weather Forecast

www.spacecityweather.com

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

Be Alert. Be Weather Smart.

Sign Up for Power Outage Alerts

A helpful alert service about Centerpoint power outages is Power Alert Service (PAS) which can notify you, friends and family of a power outage, its restoration progress, and when the electricity comes back on. Thanks to recent upgrades, you can send alerts to up to five text, five emails and five phone numbers. <https://www.centerpointenergy.com>

Sign Up for Alerts from The City



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

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

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

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

Hurricane Season is Here.

Are you Ready?

Hurricane season officially began June 1st and lasts until November 30th. Texas is especially vulnerable in August and September. Hurricane Ike hit on September 12, 2008 and Hurricane Carla on September 17, 1961. As we continue to prepare for hurricane season, the City of Houston offers the following tips to help you and your family prepare:

Get Prepared – Take a moment to review your emergency plan with your family, as well as make sure you have all the necessary supplies to be able to sustain yourself without electricity and running water for 5-7 days, including:

- Non-perishable foods & water
- Portable radio with extra batteries
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- First-aid kit, along with any prescription medicine
- Special items for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries and hygiene items
- Pet care items

Be Informed – During hurricane season, it's always a good idea to pay attention to developing storms. Pay attention to local television and radio weather broadcasts, and sign up for AlertHouston emergency notifications from the City of Houston by visiting HoustonEmergency.org/alerts/. See the page to the left to a list of helpful websites.

If you are ordered to evacuate, you should do so without delay. Evacuation information and contraflow lane maps out of Houston are available on the Texas Department of Transportation website.

Proposed Westbury Hospital Redevelopment

The old Westbury Community Hospital building, located at 5556 Gasmer, has been vacant since it was damaged by water during Harvey in 2017. Prior to that, the building had been in service for mental health services and was in bankruptcy twice since 2006. The site owner has prepared a proposal to demolish the existing hospital building and replace it with two apartment buildings totaling 289 apartment units for senior housing. The first level would be parking and then there would be 4 stories of apartments above. Fifty-one percent of the units would be low-income.

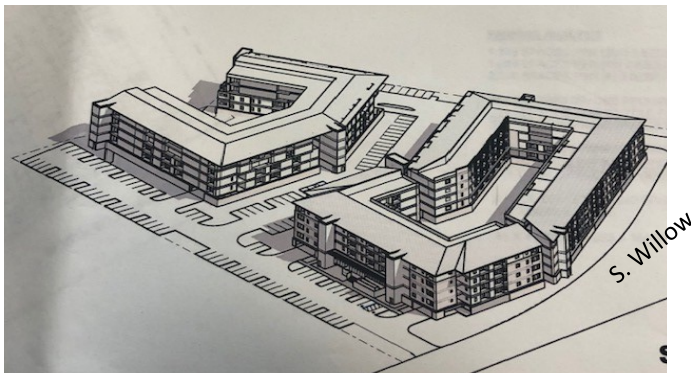
The architect presented preliminary conceptual drawings which were discussed at the WAIC/ Westbury Super Neighborhood meeting. An overview of that presentation was discussed at the Westbury Civic Club meeting. No decisions were made during the meeting, and many questions and concerns were raised. The plans have not been submitted to the Planning Department. Here are some of the topics discussed or concerns raised.

Number of Apartments in Same Area— It was noted that there are about 1,400 apartment units within a mile of the proposed new apartments, and about 16,000 apartment units are in the Brays Oaks District. A comment was made whether a larger concept could be considered - to be able to demolish certain existing area class D apartments after first moving the occupants to new units at the hospital site. The site owner said that concept could possibly help leverage area improvements with government Community Block Development Grant funds.

Flooding — Part of the site is in a flood zone and flooding is a significant issue along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. There were concerns about right-of-way needs by the Flood Control District at the rear of the site along the channel. There are also concerns about how this project might impact homes which have flooded in the past nearby along the bayou.

Public Safety — There are crime problems nearby with the result that the high school was in lockdown several times last year. Would seniors would be comfortable moving to that location? The site owner noted that good site management is vital.

A picture of the proposal is below. It is very important to note that this is just a PROPOSAL. We will have more information in future *Criers*.



Railroad Quiet Zone Update

Last month an inspector with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) determined that the design of the existing railroad Quiet Zone did not comply with current standards. As a result, the Southern Pacific railroad company is requiring the train horns to make sure that vehicles crossing the railroad tracks are sufficiently protected from danger.

Here is an update from the District K office regarding the loud train horns being used in the South Main/US90A Railroad "Quiet Zone".

"Public Works has taken care of the issue raised by the Federal Railroad Administration Inspector who found a problem with the 6" curb" at Chimney Rock and Highway 90. We believe that the matter has been addressed by the city, which then has notified the FRA Inspector who has the authority to tell the Engineers to turn off their horns as there is no longer any issue."

"We do understand the horrible inconvenience this has caused and we've been following up constantly. The Council Member stays on top of this and as far as we know the matter is now with the FRA Inspector."

5818 Cartagena Update

A hearing was held about this vacant house at the Building Standards Commission on June 5, 2019. The roof has caved in at multiple places and the building has flooded twice without mitigation. After reviewing the evidence at the hearing, the commission issued the following order:
 30 days secure from unauthorized entry
 30 days obtain repair or demolition permits
 60 days to repair or demolish
 \$5,000.00 civil penalty

As of August 8, the time compliance date has expired to repair or demolish the building. District K informs us that this structure will be a subject of consideration during the next available Demolition Assessment Panel meeting.

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New Principal for Anderson Elementary

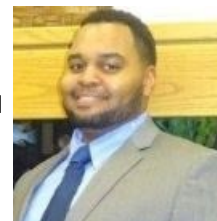
Welcome Dr. Everett!

Anderson Elementary School has a new principal, Dr. Deshonta Everett. We offer a warm welcome to Dr. Everett and look forward to working with him and the team at Anderson Elementary. He has 12 years of experience in education and was an assistant principal at Welch Middle School for two years before coming to Anderson Elementary. Welcome to Anderson Elementary and Westbury!



A Message from the New Parker Elementary Principal

Chavis Mitchell is the new principal for Parker Elementary. After welcoming him to Westbury, we asked him to introduce himself to the readers of the Westbury Crier. Here is his response.



"Hello Westbury Community,

I want to officially welcome you back to the new school year, with me as principal of Parker Elementary! I am extremely humbled and excited about my new role, in leading an amazing community of teachers and learners, where our goal is to place scholars FIRST before all!

For the past 12 years, I've served Team HISD as a classroom teacher, curriculum writer, Teacher Development Specialist, and most recently Assistant Principal. Although I've taught across all content areas, Language Arts and Science are my absolute favorites. Both avenues provide an outlet to my personality and stimulate my interest as a life-long learner.

I am originally from New Orleans, Louisiana, the fourth youngest sibling of a family of five, and I have one godson that I've helped to raise as my own since he was a little lad. I truly look forward to serving our scholars and community, while fueling the legacy of Parker Elementary being the school of CHOICE in HISD!

*We are Parker Proud!
- Chavis Mitchell*



Traffic Concerns along Willowbend

School has officially started for all local schools, public and private. Please obey all posted speed limits and school zones. The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) receives many complaints regarding speeding and passing cars on Willowbend throughout the year.

At the request of the WCC, HPD temporarily installed a Speed Indicator Warning Sign near Parker Elementary to remind drivers to slow down and drive the speed limit. On the 1st day of school, Meyerland Middle School parents were shocked to learn that their long-time crossing guard at Manhattan and Willowbend was no longer there. This caused a very unsafe situation for students walking to school and morning commute drivers. No one was stopping to allow the children to cross the street or for cars to turn onto Manhattan for carpool drop-off. Parent took matters into their own hands and became crossing guards. The crossing guard was back in place by the afternoon of the 3rd day of school due to parent outrage and local news coverage. While we appreciate that the guard is back, Willowbend traffic concerns are still very valid as this situation highlighted. There is an overall disregard for speed limits and traffic laws.

The WCC has contacted HISD and the City of Houston for immediate and long term answers to our Willowbend speeding and traffic concerns.

- ➔ Willowbend is a RESIDENTIAL street that is **30 MPH**. This is the SAME speed as our interior neighborhood streets. Slow Down!
- ➔ Willowbend has **DOUBLE YELLOW LINES**. This means you are not allowed to pass cars or do a u-turn in the middle of the street.

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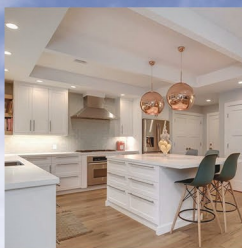
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Happy Retirement, Dr. Roz!

Known affectionately as “Dr. Roz”, Anderson Elementary School’s Principal Dr. Roslyn Vaughn retired after 40 years of service to HISD, with 32 of those at Anderson ES. She began her career as a teacher at Scarborough, Brookline, and then Anderson Elementary, before serving as principal for 32 years at Anderson. She was honored by the Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators (HAABSE) with the 2015 Living Legend Award.

At her retirement, Team HISD noted that “Dr. Vaughn is a perfect model of a committed educator that has impacted so many lives inside and outside the classroom”. WAIC president Becky Edmondson said, “Working with Dr.



Vaughn was always a pleasure and she welcomed community involvement. I have fond memories of judging hallways for Literacy Week and wish her a very well deserved retirement. Forty years is quite an accomplishment and 32 years as principal at one school is the type of continuity that is often lacking in other schools. We will miss her.”



Thousands of Westbury students have benefited from her enthusiasm and insistence on excellence in the classroom. Dr. Roz will be missed, and we wish her a very happy retirement.

Congratulations Westbury High School

Five years ago Westbury High School (WHS) was struggling. There had been 4 principals in 5 years and the TEA rating was ‘IR’, Improvement Required. The school was in danger of being shut down if it didn’t improve significantly. The Westbury Civic Club has always worked diligently to support WHS and eagerly met and had hopes for each new principal. In 2015 after yet another principal was terminated and an interim principal assigned, it seemed that things just kept getting worse at WHS.

A Principal search team made up of community and staff “interviewed” 5 applicants. Susan Monaghan, who had been a principal at both Kolter Elementary and Pin Oak Middle School, was selected to lead WHS.

Over the past four years, Principal Monaghan, her administrative staff, teachers and students have worked very hard to move the school from an “F” rating by TEA to a high “C”. That “C” was ONE point away from a “B”! Both Bellaire and Lamar high schools scored a “B”.

WHS is poised to become a premier HISD school with its beautiful new buildings, excellent Fine Arts program, new baseball and softball fields, and tennis courts. HISD Trustee Wanda Adams deserves credit for supporting our community vision of making WHS into a premier school and fighting to get funds we were promised in the 2012 bond.

How did other zoned schools in Westbury score on the TEA ratings?

- A:** Parker ES, Elrod ES, Kolter ES, Pin Oak MS
- B:** Tinsley ES, Lovett ES, Bellaire HS, Meyerland MS
- C:** Forester ES, Westbury HS
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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.

Meet & Eat: Sept. 5, 6PM

Links for Lost & Found Pets

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



Stay connected with what is happening in Westbury RIGHT NOW!

“Like” our Facebook page, Westbury Houston, to stay updated on neighborhood issues.

NEW Braeswood Farmers Market

There is a NEW local Farmer’s Market near Westbury! A Marilyn Estates resident, Michael Babajanov, has opened the market in the old HEB parking lot, on South Braeswood at Chimney Rock. His goal is to bring fresh produce, delicious prepared foods, and a variety of food trucks weekly. They are trying to add more fresh produce vendors with the ultimate goal of 51% of vendors selling fresh produce. The Braeswood Market is open every weekend, on Saturday and Sunday mornings, from 8AM to 12PM, rain or shine.

The market opened in mid-August and has been very successful. Most vendors sold out the first weekend, some had to get multiple deliveries to fulfill the demand. The organizers estimate the 2nd weekend crowds at approximately 1,000 attendees on Saturday and 750 on Sunday.



For more information, email info@braeswoodfarmersmarket.com or visit their Facebook page, Braeswood Farmers Market.



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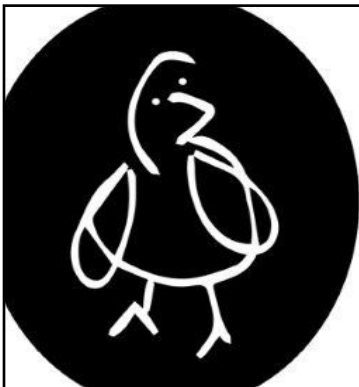
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Speed Indicator Sign near Parker Elementary on Willowbend

Thanks to HPD for moving a temporary speed indicator sign to Willowbend to remind drivers to watch their speed since school has started. Sgt. Michael Ortiz, from HPD, acted to get the speed trailer in place after a discussion of speeding concerns during the August Westbury Super Neighborhood / WAIC meeting. This section of Willowbend in Westbury sees traffic for four different schools. Meyerland Middle School, Parker Elementary, Westbury Christian, and St. Thomas More are all accessed off Willowbend, between Glenfield Court and Manhattan, a distance of only 1.4 miles!



Vacation Watch

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

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

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We Need More Constables to Better Serve Westbury Residents

Do you want the Constables to be able to target hot-spot cut thru traffic areas, monitor school zones, ticket speeders on W. Bellfort or local streets? Of course you do! The Westbury Civic Club office gets frequent requests to ask the Constables to sit on certain streets or areas because of cut thru traffic speeders. This is a common problem in almost every single section of Westbury. Now that school has started, the WCC office is getting even more requests to ask the constables to issue tickets in school zones, to park near schools to deter bad behavior by drivers, to patrol specific streets, etc. These are excellent and worthy tasks to keep our children safe and to reduce crime. However, the WAP Constable services hired by the Westbury Civic Club are not free, and are limited.

For financial reasons, the Westbury Civic Club had to eliminate our 4th deputy in 2019. This lost deputy worked the morning shift so they could have monitored certain hot spots as we had 2 on duty at that time. Now we have 3 constables on our contract: a sergeant on days, an afternoon deputy, and a night deputy. They work 40 hours a week and get two days off. We just do not have the manpower for the Constables to be everywhere that residents want them to be.

We need to receive more donations to the WAP program from our residents. The money donated for the Constable program is a dedicated fund that can only be used for security. We currently do not have any reserve security funds. We cannot add the 4th deputy back into the contract until we are sure we have the funds to cover the cost. If you have not yet paid any money to the Westbury Constable program for 2019, then please make a donation ASAP. If you have already paid, please consider sending an additional payment. The dues and WAP form are on page 9.

Support the Westbury Area Patrol TODAY

Public Safety Reminders from the Constables

➔ If you own/keep weapons in your home, specifically guns, rifles, machetes, please keep them locked up for safety's sake. This a good general rule especially in cases where necessary service providers, healthcare or contract workers visit a home. Unless you actually know these home visitors, the possibility of a weapon theft is possible. Keeping your weapons locked up will also make it harder in case of a burglary. Safety first!

➔ 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.**

➔ Thefts from motor vehicles can be prevented. Make sure to always remove your belongings and all valuables. Take all bags, backpacks, purses inside your home. Do not leave your car unlocked. Try to park your vehicles in the garage or driveways to eliminate crime of opportunity.



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





Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

July 26—August 26, 2019

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

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10900	Ashcroft	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/10	10PM	Parkwest 2
6000	Beaudry	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/24	11AM	Parkwest 3
6000	Benning	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/20	3PM	Westbury 5
5600	Burlinghall	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/15	10PM	Westbury 3
6000	Cerritos	Theft from Motor Vehicle	7/31	7AM	Parkwest 3
5800	Creekbend	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	8/5	11AM	Parkwest 2
6000	Dryad	Theft from Motor Vehicle	7/31	8PM	Westbury 4
6000	Effingham	Theft from Motor Vehicle	7/31	8PM	Westbury 4
11100	Endicott	Vandalism, Property Damage	8/11	12AM	Westbury 1
11000	Hillcroft	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	8/16	6PM	Westbury 5
11900	Hillcroft	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	8/2	8PM	Westbury 4
5200	Hummingbird	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/12	3AM	Westbury 1
12400	Landsdowne	Theft from Motor Vehicle	7/28	11PM	Westbury South
10700	Moonlight	Simple Assault	8/20	11AM	Westbury 2
6000	Portal	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	7/27	5PM	Westbury 5
5000	Redstart	Theft from Motor Vehicle	7/30	11AM	Westbury 1
5200	Redstart	Theft from Motor Vehicle	7/30	7PM	Westbury 1
5700	Spellman	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	7/31	6AM	Parkwest 2
6000	Spellman	Simple Assault	8/1	3PM	Westbury 5
5200	Stillbrooke	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/26	11AM	Westbury 1
6000	Warm Springs	Vandalism, Property Damage	8/18	5AM	Parkwest 3
5900	Willowbend	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/23	1PM	Westbury 5
5800	W. Airport	Auto Theft	8/15	5AM	Westbury 4

KEY


	Theft from Motor Vehicle
	Auto Theft
	Property Crime
	Burglary
	Simple Assault
	Robbery

The crimes listed took place between July 26 thru August 26. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.



Crime by the Numbers


Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	0	8	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	14	3	2	1
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	5	6	2	0
Robbery	0	1	2	1
Simple Assault	2	6	2	0
Shoplifting	0	0	2	0
Embezzlement	0	0	1	0
Theft of Car Parts	0	3	0	1
Purse Snatching	0	0	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	2	0	2
Drugs, Narcotics	0	3	0	0
Vandalism, Damage	2	9	1	1
Auto Theft	1	5	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	24	46	14	7



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Linkwood Park Reminds Us that We Have Work to Do for Hager Park

WCC President Cindy Chapman attended the ribbon cutting in August for the newly improved Linkwood Park. Linkwood Park is located at 3699 Norris Drive. If you haven't been there yet, then drop by Linkwood Park to see the possibilities available to make an okay park into an amazing park. While viewing the park, Cindy made sure to talk to Steve Wright, the head of the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, to other members of Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD), and to District K City Council Member Martha Castex Tatum to find out when Hager Park in Westbury will get on the work list for capital improvements.

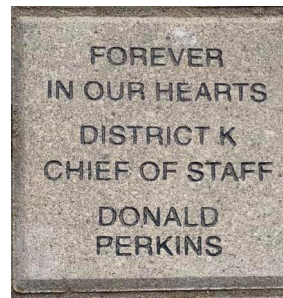
Hager Park was among the parks listed for improvements when the city had a bond referendum in 2016 for park improvements. Funding has not yet been allocated and Hager Park is not currently in the 5 year plan. If you are going to city candidate forums in the coming months, please let the candidates know that you care about Lee Hager Park. Hager Park is located next to Anderson Elementary in an area of Westbury which was adversely affected during Harvey flooding in 2017. Hager Park is also listed as one of the 5 priority parks with needs in Park Sector 8 (southwest Houston), in a Park Master Plan study done by the Parks Department in 2015: "The parks in Park Sector 8 that have the highest need for redevelopment are listed from greatest need to least need: Hager (Lee) Park, Cambridge Village Park, Minchen (Simon) Park, Maxie (Beulah) Park, and Brentwood Park."

Linkwood Park set up a Friends group and raised a lot of money over several years to help fund the park improvements. If you are interested in helping Lee Hager park, please contact the WCC office.

Forever in Our Hearts – Donald Perkins

A memorial brick honoring Donald Perkins is located at Linkwood Park. The ribbon-cutting for the new park was held on his birthday last month in August.

Donald Perkins was the first Chief of Staff for District K. He passed away in August last year at the age of 46 from cancer. Over the years, Donald was a great friend of Westbury. He helped us do the first planning study for the Westbury High School area, which ultimately led to the 291-acre Willow Waterhole flood and recreation facility in Westbury and helped us create the Westbury Super Neighborhood. He was a friend and advisor and we miss him.



WCC Mailbag

Here is a summary of common complaints that we receive

regularly. Some of these are common courtesy, some of these are governed by deed restrictions, and some by city ordinance.

Trees: Do your trees overhang into your neighbor's yard, their garage or house? Do your pine trees drop loads of needles onto your neighbor's property? Probably not a big deal, unless you are disabled and have to hire someone to sweep your driveway and sidewalk. Be a good neighbor and look at your trees and talk to your neighbors.

Signs: Please remove construction and landscaping signs and other business advertising signs. Political signs can be displayed 90 days before an election and removed 10 days after.

Visible trash cans: One of the most common complaints is leaving the trash/recycle bins out in full view. Bins are not to be visible from the street. This is city ordinance violation and can be ticketed. Bins can be placed at the curb by 6pm the day prior to pick-up and must be returned to their location by 10pm on trash day.

Visible Trash: Some people mistakenly think that it is okay to leave trash visible in their front yard if it is away from the curb. Actually, it is a violation to have the trash visible, whether it has been placed at the curb or if it is near the house.

Commercial vehicles may not be parked in a driveway. No 18 wheelers or cabs may be parked overnight or for an extended period on the residential street.



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Eagle and Gold Scout Awards

The Willow Waterhole has had many scouts complete their Eagle and Gold Award projects on site. From new trails, to new benches, to multiple new sign kiosks, the list of projects is extensive over the years.

Below is a list of scout troops that have completed Eagle and Gold Award projects at Willow Waterhole

Troop 40 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic
Troop 55 at St. John the Divine Episcopal
Troop 99 at St Thomas More Catholic
Troop 197 at St. Phillip's Methodist
Troop 222 at Bellaire United Methodist
Troop 242 at Wheeler Avenue Baptist
Troop 404 Pearland
Troop 500 at Brentwood Baptist
Troop 601 at New Faith Bible
Troop 686 at Lily Grove Missionary Baptist
Troop 740 at Post Willow Parents Club
Troop 1020 at Pilgrim Lutheran
Troop 1226 at St. Thomas Episcopal
Troop 21126 at St. Thomas More

Willow Waterhole Monthly Bird Surveys

The next bird survey will be held on **September 21 at 7:30 AM.** Meet in the parking lot of The Gathering Place at 5310 S. Willow.



Beautiful August sunset at the Willow Waterhole

Halloween in the Park October 26, 6-8:30PM

Family fun event with "Trunk or Treat" out of classic cars, costume contests, kids' rides and inflatables. Soft drinks will be available for purchase. Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy the scenery and cool breezes at the overlook area surrounding the Gazebo at 5300 Dryad.



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6034 Beaudry

Westbury 1
Beth Macfarlane
5119 Willowbend

Westbury 2
Westbury Homeowner
11122 Cedarhurst

Westbury 3
Todd & Nicki Canada
5214 Benning

Westbury 4
Donna Kaminsky & Kelley Smith
12203 Hillcroft

Westbury 5
James & Stephanie Bates
5622 Sanford

Westbury South
Homeowners
5707 W. Airport



Westbury 5 Yard of the Month Winner



Westbury 2 Yard of the Month Winner



Parkwest 2 Yard of the Month Winner

Yard of the Month Ends for 2019

The Yard of the Month program runs from March thru August. Our judges are volunteers from the neighborhood that drive around each section looking at homes. If you have a nomination next year, please let us know!!

Halloween Decoration Judging will occur in Mid October.
Holiday Lights and Decoration judging will be held in early December.

Email Robert Montgomery at robertsmontgomery@icloud.com. He will forward the nominations to the correct judge for your section.

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Westbury Community Garden News

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

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



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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

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Seed Packs for Sale

Why pay high prices for seeds when you can buy in bulk with the Westbury Community Garden? September and October are planting time! This year the garden is offering over 30 varieties of seeds for home gardening which are especially well-suited for fall in Houston.

To purchase our 2019 Fall Seed Collection, look for the WCG at the Urban Harvest Farmers Market.

When: Saturdays in September, 8AM - 12PM,
Rain or shine

Where: Urban Harvest Saturday Farmers Market
2752 Buffalo Speedway

Teaching Youth

On August 24, the Westbury Community Garden hosted a booth at Faith Lutheran with two activities for kids to play. One activity was to guess how much sugar is in common foods. The other activity was "What Parts of Plants Do We Eat". Kids got to look at and touch different vegetables. They learned whether we eat roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits, or seeds. The event was the Creation Care Fest / Environmental Extravaganza, a free event which offered fun and educational environmental activities for all ages.



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