

# Westbury Crier

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Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting & 2022 Board Elections

## September 22, 7PM

Virtual Meeting Streamed LIVE on Westbury Houston Facebook page

The featured speaker is our District K City Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum. Questions can be submitted in advance to wccpresident @westburycrier.com by Sept. 18. More info on page 9



willowwaterhole.org/musicfest

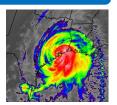
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## **Hurricane Season is Not Over**

It is still hurricane season and September is historically the most active hurricane month for Texas. Being prepared and knowing what to do are key. There is no need to panic if you are prepared and have a plan. Pages 10-11 contain many helpful articles about storm prep, weather resources, and more.

It has been over a decade since the Galveston-Houston region has experienced



Hurricane Ike in 2008 at landfall

a true major hurricane. Yes, Harvey was a hurricane when it made landfall in Rockport, TX, but it was a tropical storm when it arrived in Houston. The main concern for a major hurricane in Houston is typically wind, which can lead to long power outages. Hurricane Ike in September 2008, made landfall in Galveston as a Cat 2 storm with 110mph wind (only 1 mph off a Cat 3). Wind measured at Hobby Airport was sustained 75mph with gusts to 80. Most of Houston saw sustained winds of 60mph and there were widespread power outages that lasted weeks. Westbury homes didn't have power on average 2-3 weeks. There was no known flooding in Westbury homes during Hurricane Ike. Hurricanes hit hard and move out fast, it is important to not use Harvey as your comparison for hurricanes in Houston.

We live in a huge city close to the coast, so there is different advice for certain areas. It is important to know where you live. Westbury is NOT in an evacuation zone. A long-time hurricane saying is: "Run from the surge, hide from the wind". This means that the average Westbury homeowner should remain at home inside sheltered in place during the event. See page 11 for tips on what to do if a hurricane is coming.

When there is an active storm in the Gulf of Mexico, especially during August and September, you should always pay close attention to a trusted weather source on what is happening with the storm. Page 10 has a list of weather sources. If in doubt, go straight to the National Hurricane Center website, www.nhc.noaa.gov.

Flooding is still a concern with hurricanes. Really, any time it rains in Houston, we are concerned about flooding. Hurricanes can bring localized flash flooding with heavy rain bands, so streets could flood. Properties that regularly flood during high rain events could flood, depending on the rate of rainfall. However, this is no different than any other major rain storm in the sense of flood risks. Page 10 gives the links to the flood gages and how to look up that information.

## White Elephant Sale is BACK

## Saturday, October 23, 8AM-Noon

The Westbury Civic Club is excited to announce the return of our popular bi-annual White Elephant Community garage sale. The Fall sale will be held on Saturday, October 23 at Westbury United Methodist Church parking lot. The rain date is Saturday, November 6.



If you would like to participate in this event, **booths will go on sale to Westbury residents ONLY on Tuesday, September 21, at 9AM at the Westbury Civic Club office.** The WCC office will also stay open late on September 21 from 5-6:30PM for booth sales for Westbury residents. Booths will go on sale to non-residents, groups, businesses, etc. on Tuesday, October 5. For more information about the Fall 2021 White Elephant Sale, see page 8.

#### **HEAVY TRASH**

#### September 2021

Thursday, Sept. 9
TREE WASTE ONLY

#### October 2021

Thurs., October 14
JUNK WASTE

#### RECYCLING

#### September 2021

Thursday, September 9 Thursday, September 23

#### October 2021

Thursday, October 7 Thursday, October 21

#### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Drive-Thru Event, 5-7PM

Come drive thru the WCC office parking lot (5322 W Bellfort) and meet the new 2022 WCC Board and WAP Constables and get some fun freebies.

## **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

#### **WCC OFFICE**

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

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

NOTARY SERVICES are available by appointment ONLY.

#### **CONTACT US**

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| WCC Presidentwcc     | president@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 713-8                  | 84-3131 |
| Southwest HPD Station832-39                               | 94-0400 |

#### **CITY OF HOUSTON**

| Houston Help & Information                | 311          |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office         | 832-393-0955 |
| Platou Community Center                   | 713-726-7107 |
| Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal) | 832-393-6333 |
| District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin    | 832-393-3004 |
| District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum        | 832-393-3016 |

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            |

## **2021 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

| President                      | Cindy Chapman       |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|
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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
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| Deed Restrictions              | VACANT             |
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| Greenspace Beautification      | Mat Funk           |
| Membership                     | Susan Brock        |
| Security                       | Maria Cervantes    |
| Volunteer Coordinator          | VACANT             |

#### **SECTION DIRECTORS**

| Westbury 1     | •               |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Westbury 3     | •               |
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| Westbury 4     | Eugene Sirls    |
| Westbury 4     | VACANT          |
| Westbury 5     | Kent Perschke   |
| Westbury 5     | Donna Strom     |
| Westbury South | Brandon Richard |
| Parkwest 1     | Angie Furnari   |
| Parkwest 2     | Jeffrey Weiss   |
| Parkwest 3     | Lisa Placke     |

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## A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Historically, September is the peak month for hurricane season in Texas. Please pay careful attention to weather forecasts and update your preparations and supplies. Helpful resources are on pages 10-11. Our rare ice storm earlier this year gave a reminder that weather can be unpredictable and it is no fun to be without electricity and under a Boil Water notice.

Westbury has a well-earned reputation as a friendly and welcoming neighborhood. September is when the weather finally starts showing a hint of cooler temperatures, so more and more people are going to be working in the yard, exercising, and enjoying the great outdoors. It is a great time to wave hello, give a friendly greeting, or meet the

School is back in session. All HISD students have returned to campuses throughout Houston, and so has the traffic. Please allow ample time to get to your morning destinations, drive carefully, and follow speed limits. Please be mindful of children walking to and from school, as well as buses picking students up.

The Precinct 5 Constables assigned some traffic patrol units to Westbury to help control traffic speed limits near schools. The Houston Police Department installed a speed indicator on West Bellfort just before school started.

One of the most common complaints we hear is about speeding on our local streets. SLOW DOWN! The speed limit is 20 mph in a school zone. Our major thoroughfares of Chimney Rock, Hillcroft, West Bellfort, and West Airport all have a speed limit of 35 mph. Willowbend and other 2-lane residential streets have a speed limit of 30 mph. These are all maximum speeds - you should be slowing down if you see children or adults in or near the street, vehicles ahead of you making a turn onto another road, traffic congestion, road construction, or other issues.

Westbury has a well-earned reputation as a friendly and welcoming neighborhood. September is when the weather finally starts showing a hint of cooler temperatures, so more and more people are going to be working in the yard, exercising, and enjoying the great give a friendly greeting, or meet the neighbors outside. National Night Out for Texas is Tuesday, October 5, 5-7PM. New this year, the WCC will host a drive-thru event in the WCC office parking lot for residents to meet the WCC board members, the Constables that patrol our neighborhood, get goodies, and more. We hope to get back to our normal party hopping through Westbury in 2022.

The Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting and Elections will be Wednesday, September 22, 7PM. Due to the uncertainties of COVID, and after much consideration, the board approved a recommendation to NOT meet in person as originally planned, but to host a virtual meeting that will be streamed live and will also be recorded for future viewing. One guest speaker will be Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum, who is our District K Councilmember. There will be other guest speakers as well. On page 9 you will see a list of the people who submitted their nominations by the deadline required in the WCC bylaws for the upcoming board elections. None of the elections are contested; therefore, all persons who submitted their nomination by the deadline will be considered elected as of the date of the election, per the bylaws.

This year is also the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Westbury Civic Club and we had hoped to have a fun celebration during the annual meeting. We still hope to hold an outdoor 65<sup>th</sup> celebration event later in the fall, when temperatures are more moderate.

The Westbury White Elephant Sale is back! This beloved long-time Westbury tradition had to take a hiatus in 2020, but we are ready to host the sale again. The Fall White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, October 23 at Westbury United Methodist from 8AM-Noon. See page 8 for more information.

The MusicFest at the Willow Waterhole will be on Saturday, October 30. This will be a fun day for the whole family. We are so fortunate that the amazing amenities over at Willow Waterhole are so close to our homes. The Willow Waterhole just keeps getting better every year. It is astonishing to compare what it looks like now to what it looked like a short 20 years ago. My husband and I plan to drop by the MusicFest to hear some great music and we hope to see you there!

-Cindy Chapman



## **WCC Board Notes - August 2021**

- The August Westbury Civic Club board meeting was held via Zoom and streamed live on Facebook.
- → Public Safety Sgt. Derkowski from Precinct 5 Constables noted several recent burglaries involved unlocked cars. Precinct 5 has added extra night patrols.
- → Solid Waste Alyce Coffey Solid Waste has a new mobile app. City will not pick up large TV sets. See page 16 for options.
- → Harris County Flood Control Rusty Lannin Bridge work at Brays Bayou at Chimney Rock and S. Rice should be completed by mid 2022. The work on the Fondren Diversion Channel and Willow Waterhole Bayou is in preliminary engineering to identify needs and options.
- → Brays Oaks District (BOMD): Update on the BOMD "Livable Centers Study" – public workshop on Sept. 23 (virtual mtg.). (pg7) Update about Gasmer Site Master Plan including the Levitt Pavilion (former Shell research facility) - pg19.
- → Trails in Westbury looking for a volunteer to assist with mowing grass trails.





Westbury Annual Meeting September 22, 2021, 7PM

WCC 2022 Board Elections and Guest Speakers

Streamed LIVE on Westbury Houston Facebook

## **Platou Community Center** at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd 713-726-7107 \* platou@houstontx.gov



Temporary Supervisor—Julia Soto

Email—Julia.Soto@houtsontx.gov

## **Platou Center is OPEN for Adult Classes**

Adult Program Schedule Programs will run from 9:30AM—1PM, Monday—Friday

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

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

# Playground, basketball, and tennis courts are OPEN.

## **Library News**

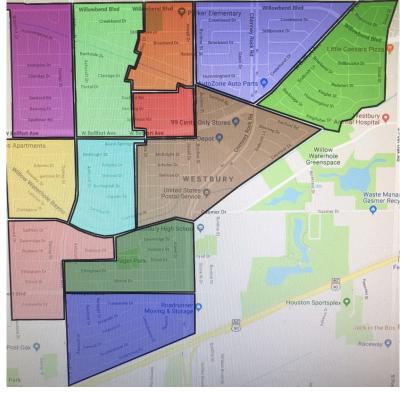
A new library is coming to Westbury! The new library will be located on Belrose at the site of the old post office. The new library will be a large, regional library for District K and Southwest Houston.

Construction of the site is slated to begin in the 3rd quarter of 2021. The City held a poll/vote for the name of the new library. The official name has yet to be announced. Look in future Criers for this exciting news.

The Westbury Civic Club started a Library Action Committee that has been meeting every 2 weeks for several months. The committee is made up of Westbury residents. One of the main concerns highlighted by the Committee is cut through traffic in the neighborhood to get to the new library. The library will have access from Belrose and Chimney Rock. The concern is the high amount of traffic down Atwell or other Westbury 3 streets to get to Belrose. Belrose is only accessible from other neighborhood streets, it does not connect to any major street. One possible solution the committee is suggesting is that that official address for the library be Chimney Rock, not Belrose. This will make it easier for Houston residents to find the new library, as Chimney Rock is a major throughfare. We are hopeful this will eliminate some neighborhood cut through traffic. Many people using mapping apps. These apps would direct people to enter from Chimney Rock if that is the address, not Belrose, so most non-Westbury residents will be directed to that entrance when trying to find the new library.

The committee is trying to set a meeting with the City of Houston to discuss other traffic concerns.

## Map of Westbury by Section



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

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

# What's Happening in Westbury

# September 2021 Calendar Events/Meetings

| Mon<br>6    | Labor Day<br>WCC Office Closed                                                                                |          |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Wed<br>15   | WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Zoom Meeting—Live Stream on WAIC Houston For                              | acebook  |
| Sat<br>18   | Audubon Society Bird Survey<br>5310 South Willow<br>Monthly bird survey                                       | 7-9AM    |
| Sat<br>18   | WOW! Working on Westbury Willow Waterhole—meet at gazebo, 5300 Dryad Litter pick—more info on page 19         | 8-9:30AM |
| Sun<br>19   | Kids Bird Walk at Willow Waterhole<br>Willow Waterhole—Meet at gazebo<br>Bird Week event—more info on page 19 | 5-6PM    |
| Tues<br>21  | Booths on Sale for White Elephant Sale—RESIDER 9AM—1PM and 5-6:30PM                                           | NTS ONLY |
| Wed<br>22   | Westbury Annual Meeting—via Zoom<br>Live Stream on Westbury Houston Facebook                                  | 7PM      |
| Thurs<br>23 | Livable Center Virtual Meeting<br>See page 7 more information                                                 | TBD      |
| Tues<br>5   | Booths on Sale for White Elephant Sale—EVERYO                                                                 | ONE 9AM  |
| Tues<br>5   | National Night Out Drive Thru Event WCC parking lot, 5322 W. Bellfort Meet the board and Westbury Constables  | 5-7PM    |

## ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS

Hurricane Season is here.

Keep Storm Drains Clear of Debris. Have Your Trees Trimmed Now! Get Flood Insurance TODAY!

## PLANNING CALENDAR

October 5—National Night Out

October 23—White Elephant Sale

October 30—2021 Music Fest at Willow Waterhole

November 6—Rain Date for White Elephant Sale

November 25—Thanksgiving

## **All About Trash**

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

## **Regular Household Trash**

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

## **Yard Waste**

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



## **Recycling in Westbury**

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

September 2021

October 2021

Thursday, September 9
Thursday, September 23

Thursday, October 7
Thursday, October 21

## **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 2021
TREE WASTE ONLY
Thursday, Sept. 9

October 2021
JUNK WASTE
Thursday, October 14

# Important Trash & Recycling Info

- Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- Recycling is every other Thursday.
- Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- Tard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- MO Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ¶Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags with City logo
- Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:

<u>SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr</u> - **10785 SW Frwy** Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM;

Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.

- **Environmental Service Center 11500 S. Post Oak** Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- Refer to <a href="https://www.westburycrier.com">www.houstontx.gov</a> for more trash and recycling information

## Why Support the WCC?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 463 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents.

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

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

## **Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting**

3rd Wednesday Each Month

→ Zoom Meeting

→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

# **This Month's Meeting WCC Annual Meeting September 22, 7PM**

(Meeting moved to 4th week due to Yom Kippur)
2022 WCC Board Elections, Guest Speakers, and more.
See page 9 for more information.

# Pay Your Dues Online www.westburycrier.com

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

The available payment options one the selection menu are:

- → WCC Dues \$60
- → WCC Constables \$300
- → WCC Dues + Constables \$360

pay in any increment throughout

the year.

Here are a few examples: 2 payments of \$180 is \$360/yr

3 payments of \$120 is \$360/yr

4 payments of \$90 is \$360/yr

→ Custom Amount — You can enter your own amount

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

#### Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

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

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

## **Read the Westbury Crier ONLINE!**

Did you know that you can read the *Westbury Crier* online? Our website, www.westburycrier.com has an archive of past Criers starting with March 2011 all the way to the current issue. We are working on getting all the past issues scanned and online. There is great Westbury history in the old Criers. If you sign up for announcements on the website, you will get an email every month with a link to the Crier.

The WCC tries to get the Crier to residents as close to the 1st of the month as possible. Sometimes this is hard to accomplish as there are printer issues, weather delays, and schedule problems with our delivery team. We apologize for any inconvenience.

| Please send this form in with your payment                 | 2021 Westbury Ci                                 | vic Club | Dues  |    |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|----|--|
| Name(s)                                                    |                                                  |          |       |    |  |
| Address                                                    |                                                  |          |       |    |  |
| Home Phone                                                 | Work                                             | Cell     |       |    |  |
| E-mail                                                     |                                                  |          |       |    |  |
| Make checks payable to:<br>Westbury Civic Club, Inc.       | <b>Westbury Civic Club Dues</b>                  |          | \$60  | \$ |  |
| Mail to:                                                   | Westbury Area Patrol                             |          | \$300 | \$ |  |
| P.O. Box 975182<br>Dallas, TX 75397-5182                   |                                                  | Subtotal | \$360 | \$ |  |
| Online payment:<br>www.westburycrier.com                   | Additional Contributions:                        |          |       |    |  |
| www.paypal.com to email                                    | <b>Westbury Civic Club</b>                       |          |       | \$ |  |
| westburycc@sbcglobal.net Make sure to include your address | <b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>                      |          |       | \$ |  |
| Want to send your support in                               |                                                  |          | Total | \$ |  |
| multiple payments? You may choose any amount to            | Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club |          |       |    |  |

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

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

## ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

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

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

We apologize for any inconvenience. Any questions, email westburycc @sbcglobal.net

#### **Westbury Alphabet Soup**

There are many groups that advocate on quality of life issues for us here in Westbury. Most of the groups have regular meetings that you will find listed on our calendar page. We tend to speak of them by their acronyms.

wcc Westbury Civic Club

WAIC Westbury Area Improvement Corporation **WWGC** Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy

WCG Westbury Community Garden Westbury Area Patrol (Constables) WAP

**BBA Brays Bayou Association** SWH2000 Southwest Houston 2000 **BOMD Brays Oaks Management District** PIP Positive Interaction Program

#### Other common acronyms:

COH City of Houston

DON Department of Neighborhoods (City of Houston) **PWE** Public Works & Engineering (City of Houston) **HPARD Houston Parks and Recreation Department HCFCD** Harris County Flood Control District **HCTRA** Harris County Toll Road Authority HISD Houston Independent School District

HCC **Houston Community College** WHS Westbury High School **SWD** Solid Waste Department Volunteers in Public Schools **VIPS FOLPH** Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston

## **Livable Centers Update**

A public workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 23. to review preliminary recommendations and to make comments for a "Livable Centers" study that is in progress for the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD). As a reminder, ALL of the Westbury community is located within BOMD. Due to the COVID situation, this public workshop will be done virtually (online). There will be a way to submit comments online via a survey. We encourage you to review the preliminary recommendations and let your thoughts be known. For the latest information about the upcoming workshop, refer to https://www.braysoaksmd.org/ or to the Westbury Houston Facebook page.

What is a Livable Centers study? "The Brays Oaks Management District sees the future for the community as one with strong neighborhoods connected to vibrant mixed-use centers by a quality network of roads and trails. It envisions a community with strong connection to its growing number of cultural and natural assets that make this a place of physical and social sustainability and a celebration of diversity.

What was once a place that touted its proximity to other places as its greatest asset has a potential to become a destination by its own right - a place that residents and employees want to stay, and others want to regularly visit. The community is an area that supports regional stormwater management that also serves as natural and recreational attractions. To help in this vision, the Brays Oaks Management District is seeking to develop a Strategic Development Plan through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Livable Centers planning program."



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5202 Briarbend 3/2/2 • \$330's

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# 2021 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale

October 23, 8AM -Noon

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides booth price for individual Westbury fall and spring community garage sale events to our members. The Fall White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, October 23, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend. The rain date is November 6.

Booth spaces will go on sale at 9AM-1PM on Tuesday, September 21, for individual Westbury residents ONLY\*. The office will also be open from 5-6:30PM on September 21 for booth space purchase.

Booths may be purchased during normal office hours starting on September 21. 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 2021 WCC membership dues of \$60. If you have not paid your dues, you must do so at the same time that you purchase your booth space. The

residents will be \$20-\$25. Booths will go on sale to non-residents, groups, and non-profit organizations on October 5, if space permits, on a first come, first serve basis. The booth price for non-residents and groups is \$80-85. 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!** 

\*Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space before October 5. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until October 5. Violators of this policy may not be allowed to participate in the current and/or future White Elephant Sales. All non-profit organizations and groups must register under their organization name. No individual may purchase a booth for a group or organization unless doing so under that organization's name.



#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**September 21**—Booths go on sale for individual Westbury residents. WCC office open at 9AM (til 1PM)

**September 21—WCC Office Open Late** Hours for booth sales, 5-6:30PM

#### September 21—October 4

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

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

October 23—White Elephant Sale, Westbury United Methodist, 8AM-Noon

November 6—Rain Date, check Westbury Houston Facebook for updates.







## 2021 Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting—September 22, 7PM

#### VIRTUAL MEETING-WESTBURY HOUSTON FACEBOOK

The 2021 WCC Annual Meeting and 2022 WCC Board Elections will be held on September 22 at 7PM via Zoom and LIVE streamed on our Facebook page, Westbury Houston.

The Annual Meeting is traditionally a time for Westbury residents to meet each other, hold board elections, listen to guest speakers, and ask questions. Last year, due to COVID restrictions, the WCC held a virtual annual meeting. We had originally planned to hold this year's meeting in person but due to the uncertainties in COVID cases, after much consideration, the board agreed to a virtual annual meeting for 2021.

If you have a question or topic you would like discussed at the Annual Meeting, please contact Cindy Chapman at wccpresident@westburycrier.com by September 18.

Thanks to our returning board members and to the new ones who have stepped forward to join the board. You are appreciated. 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 right.

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 on October 2020 or hereafter.



#### **WCC 2022 Board Nominations**

| Position            | Nomination          |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| President           | Cindy Chapman       |
| Vice President      | Marcia Hartman      |
| Secretary           | Katherine Wingfield |
| Treasurer           | Becky Edmondson     |
| Communications      | Lauren Figard       |
| Community Relations | Tony Robert         |
| Membership          | Susan Brock         |
| Infrastructure      | Jennifer Edmondson  |
| Greenspace          | Mat Funk            |
|                     |                     |
| Westbury 1          | Santiago Caraballo  |
| Westbury 2          | Lindsey Pollock     |
| Westbury 3          | Jeff Benavides      |
| Westbury 3          | Jonathan Hansen     |
| Westbury 4          | Eugene Sirls        |
| Westbury 5          | Donna Strom         |
| Parkwest 1          | Angela Furnari      |

#### **Vacant WCC Board Positions**

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Parkwest 2
Parkwest 3



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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 <u>during</u> 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 Alerts from the City**

Sometimes it is easy to become complacent with weather alerts, but emails, texts, and phone calls from the City Alert System can be extremely helpful. Timely information during emergencies is important. AlertHouston delivers critical information to Houston residents regarding current conditions, expected impacts, and protective actions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

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

## **Flood Gage Warning Alerts**

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

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

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



#### Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) Gages

#445 – WWB at Landsdowne (Westbury)

#435 - WWB at Willowbend

#### Brays Bayou (BB) Gages

#440 – BB at Rice Ave.

#460 - BB at S. Gessner

#465 - BB at Beltway 8



## **Westbury Flood Gage Explained**

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

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

## Stay connected with what is happening in Westbury RIGHT NOW!

"Like" our Facebook page, Westbury Houston. Visit our website, www.westburycrier.com

## Hurricane Preparation Tips

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

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

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



## **Long-term Hurricane Preparation Tips**

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



## **Immediate Hurricane Preparation Tips**

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

## **Message from Pct. 5 Constables**

Westbury Sgt. Derkowski that noted several recent burglaries involved unlocked cars. Precinct 5 has added extra night patrols. Please LOCK cars to deter criminals from visiting our neighborhood. Also, remind yard crews to lock their equipment to deter criminal activity. There have been several items stolen from yard and work crews.

#### Speeding

Watch your speeds on Westbury streets. HPD has installed a temporary speed sign on W. Bellfort where multiple single car fatality wrecks have occurred. The Constables are monitoring speeding near our neighborhood schools, especially Willowbend. Did you know that the speed limit on Willowbend is 30MPH? And in school zones it is 20MPH?

#### **Suspicious Persons & Behavior**

Report all suspicious people and activity to the Constables. The dispatch number is 281-463-6666.

#### **Vacation Watch**

Going on a vacation? Leaving for a weekend 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 or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.



Do you hear sirens? Go to http:// cohweb.houstontx.gov/ActiveIncidents/ search.aspx

# New Westbury Constable Deputy Welcome Deputy Rodriguez!

My name is Juan Rodriguez Jr. and I am the new Evening Shift Deputy for Westbury. I was born in Houston, Texas, on July 5, 1997, but grew up most of my life in Rosenberg, Texas. I attended Wharton County Junior College for my police academy (Graduated in May 2020) and was hired

by Pct. 5 on August 1, 2020, as my first law enforcement job. Most of the time, when I am outside of work, I enjoy working out at Alphalete Gym, playing basketball, spending time with my family/girlfriend, and have a huge love for collecting sneakers.







## Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

July 28—August 28, 2021 **Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes** 

#### **KEY**

| Block | Street       | Crime                          | Date | Time | Section of W   | Theft from                                  |
|-------|--------------|--------------------------------|------|------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 5600  | Arboles      | Simple Assault                 | 8/11 | 1AM  | Westbury 3     | Motor Vehicle                               |
| 11600 | Ashcroft     | Burglary, Breaking & Entering  | 8/9  | 3PM  | Westbury 3     | Auto Theft                                  |
| 12000 | Ashcroft     | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/18 | 12AM | Westbury 4     |                                             |
| 12400 | Ashcroft     | Aggravated Assault             | 8/20 | 1PM  | Westbury South | Property Crime                              |
| 12500 | Ashcroft     | Vandalism, Destruction, Damage | 8/20 | 10PM | Westbury South |                                             |
| 5700  | Benning      | Robbery                        | 8/7  | 3PM  | Parkwest 2     | Burglary                                    |
| 12300 | Braewick     | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/21 | 10PM | Westbury 4     |                                             |
| 5600  | Briarbend    | Burglary, Breaking & Entering  | 8/9  | 5PM  | Parkwest 1     | Assault, Simple                             |
| 6000  | Cerritos     | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/2  | 8AM  | Parkwest 3     | or aggravated                               |
| 5900  | Densmore     | Theft— other                   | 8/15 | 10AM | Westbury 4     | Robbery                                     |
| 5600  | Effingham    | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/13 | 6PM  | Westbury 4     | The crimes listed                           |
| 5600  | Effingham    | Vandalism, Destruction, Damage | 8/13 | 10PM | Westbury 4     | took place between                          |
| 5800  | Effingham    | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/16 | 12AM | Westbury 4     | July 28 and August 28.                      |
| 5800  | Ettrick      | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/16 | 12AM | Westbury 4     | They are in                                 |
| 11100 | Fonda        | Theft—other                    | 8/6  | 3PM  | Westbury 1     | alphabetical order by                       |
| 5700  | Fontenelle   | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/22 | 12AM | Westbury South | street. The crimes are highlighted by type. |
| 6000  | Fontenelle   | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/21 | 4PM  | Westbury 4     | Please see key above.                       |
| 10900 | Hillcroft    | Vandalism, Destruction, Damage | 8/20 | 1PM  | Westbury 5     | <b>1</b>                                    |
| 5800  | Ludington    | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/17 | 8PM  | Westbury 4     | 1                                           |
| 10900 | Mullins      | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 7/28 | 10AM | Parkwest 2     |                                             |
| 6000  | Portal       | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/25 | 10PM | Westbury 5     | JESTBUR                                     |
| 10900 | Rampart      | Simple Assault - Intimidation  | 7/28 | 10PM | Parkwest 2     |                                             |
| 5800  | Southminster | Theft from a motor vehicle     | 8/13 | 3AM  | Westbury South |                                             |
| 5600  | W. Bellfort  | Burglary, Breaking & Entering  | 8/8  | 11AM | Westbury 5     |                                             |
| 6000  | W. Bellfort  | Aggravated Assault             | 8/9  | 6PM  | Westbury 5     |                                             |
| 5700  | Willowbend   | Theft—other                    | 8/8  | 5PM  | Parkwest 1     | PATRO                                       |

## **Crime by the Numbers**

| Crime Type                    | Homes | Apts./<br>TH | Comm./<br>Business | Park/<br>School |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Aggravated Assault            | 2     | 10           | 4                  | 0               |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle      | 12    | 8            | 1                  | 0               |
| Burglary, Breaking & Entering | 3     | 2            | 4                  | 0               |
| Robbery                       | 1     | 0            | 2                  | 0               |
| Simple Assault                | 2     | 25           | 5                  | 0               |
| Shoplifting                   | 0     | 0            | 4                  | 0               |
| Drugs, Narcotics              | 0     | 0            | 1                  | 1               |
| Vandalism, Damage             | 3     | 4            | 2                  | 0               |
| Auto Theft                    | 0     | 4            | 3                  | 1               |
| Theft from Building           | 0     | 0            | 0                  | 0               |
| Theft of Vehicle Parts        | 0     | 2            | 0                  | 0               |
| Theft—Other                   | 3     | 1            | 0                  | 0               |
| TOTAL                         | 26    |              |                    |                 |

**Pct. 5 Constable Dispatch Westbury Area Patrol** 281-463-6666 SW HPD Station 832-394-0400 **HPD Non-Emergency** 713-884-3131

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#### **New Concrete Panels on Hillcroft**

Thank you District K Martha Castex-Tatum and her office for using council district funds to repair part of Hillcroft in Westbury! Much needed, new concrete panels were installed on Hillcroft between Ludington and Dryad. These new panels on are north and south bound Hillcroft and are much appreciated. Thank you District K!









## **New 311 Reporting System**

Since 2001, the Houston 3-1-1 system is how you communicated with the city to report problems or request information about city services. Each year the 3-1-1 Call Center has received more than 2 million contacts and cataloged more than 450,000 requests for service. 3-1-1 has been available via phone, email, or an app. (NOTE—911 is for emergencies!)

The time has come to upgrade the 3-1-1 system. Over the summer, the city has been rolling out a new 3-1-1 interface system that is cloud-based. At times, this may have caused delays with contacting 3-1-1. If you have had problems using 3-1-1 in July and August, this may have been related to rolling out a new 3-1-1 system for the city starting on June 26. At times during the rollover, reports could only be submitted via telephone.

Here are some details about the new system.

- 1. You can continue to call 3-1-1 via phone, just like before. Alternately, you can call the full phone number of 713-837-0311 if you are calling from outside Houston city limits.
- 2. The previous phone app called "SeeClickFix" is no longer being used by the city. You will need to use the NEW app called "Houston 311" or use the 311 Portal on the Houston 311 website.
- 3. There is a "How To" video on the website that shows how to submit a report, how to attach an additional document or photo, and how to check the status of a service request.
- 4. When you report a problem, a "virtual agent" will walk you through a series of questions (prompts). Please note that submitting a problem seems to be a TWO-STEP PROCESS! After you submit your problem, you will get case number. After you get that case number, THEN you will need to CLICK on the link provided to review and confirm all the information you have submitted. At this step you can attach a photo or other document to the record.
- 5. The new system is supposed to make it easier for city workers to re-assign a problem to a department, instead of closing it and then re-opening it as a different report number.



#### **Links for Lost & Found Pets**

✓ Nextdoor Westbury - <a href="https://www.nextdoor.com">www.nextdoor.com</a>✓ Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook✓ Houston Cares -

Contact at https:// houstoncaresrescue.org/



## City Trash News and Facts

#### How Do I Dispose of an Old Television?

During the August 2021 Westbury Civic Club meeting, Alyce Coffey suggested that old televisions can be taken to the City Recycle Facility at 5900 Westpark. Note that Westpark does not accept obsolete CRT (cathode ray tube) TVs larger than 36". Call 311 if you have questions. Also, television manufacturers offer a recycling program free of charge. Go to www.TexasRecyclesTVs.org for more information.

#### **New Mobile App for City Trash**

The City has released a NEW mobile app. The logo shows a trash truck and says "HTX Collects". Currently, the name shown in the Android app store says "HTX Trash and Recycling", but we have heard that it will show HTX Collects in the future after the app has been downloaded by more people. Enter your street number and street name to get your personalized trash collection schedule. You can also set reminders or search for information about how to properly dispose of waste.

#### When is Yard Waste Picked Up?

At this time, the City is collecting yard waste (in the correct City approved bag) on Saturdays. If your yard waste is not collected, please report to 311.



## **Mosquito Control**



It's that time of year again. The mosquitoes are out in full force! Mosquitoes are not only annoying, but they can carry dangerous illnesses. The best way to keep down the number of mosquitos is to not let them breed.

Mosquitos can breed anywhere that water is left to stand or collect. If you look in the standing water, you may see little wiggling things. Those are baby mosquitoes (larvae). Some examples of where water may be left standing include: pet water bowls, bird baths, low puddle areas, saggy gutters, and plant container saucers. What can each of us do to reduce the numbers of mosquitos?

- Tip over all the water collectors in your yard and leave them turned over to discourage mosquitoes
- Don't allow standing water in saucers under a pot.
- Rinse and refresh bird baths and pet water bowls daily.
- If you collect rainwater to water your plants, be sure the container has a good screen cover to keep mosquitos out.
- If you have a decorative pond in your backyard, check it for mosquito larvae. Small fish called Gambusia (Mosquito Fish) can be added to eat the mosquito larvae.
- Keep gutters in good repair.
- Get rid of old tires.

## Westbury Yard of the Month Winners

August Winners

## Westbury 1

Chaz Grille & John Raley **5162 Kingfisher** 

#### Westbury 2

Westbury Resident 10927 Cedarhurst

#### Westbury 3

The Liss Family 11418 Mullins

#### Westbury 4

Westbury Resident **12111 Dunlap** 

#### Westbury 5

The Dupre Family **5635 Spellman** 

The Yard of the Month program will be back in the Spring of 2022.

Special Holiday
Judging – October
and December







#### **Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19**

(data from publichealthharriscountytx.gov)

|          | 77035 | 77096 | Houston |
|----------|-------|-------|---------|
| 4/23/20  | 54    | 59    | 2,975   |
| 5/21/20  | 108   | 85    | 6,188   |
| 6/24/20  | 334   | 183   | 16,253  |
| 7/27/20  | 748   | 492   | 45,145  |
| 8/26/20  | 1,102 | 700   | 62,097  |
| 9/26/20  | 1,255 | 817   | 72,684  |
| 10/26/20 | 1,360 | 894   | 82,999  |
| 11/23/20 | 1,504 | 1,026 | 93,988  |
| 12/20/20 | 1,779 | 1,240 | 110,445 |
| 1/26/21  | 2,238 | 1,659 | 150,091 |
| 2/23/21  | 2,613 | 1,943 | 170,667 |
| 3/29/21  | 2,752 | 2,069 | 182,440 |
| 4/25/21  | 2,837 | 2,126 | 189,585 |
| 5/19/21  | 2,863 | 2,152 | 192,238 |
| 6/28/21  | 2,842 | 2,153 | 192,674 |
| 7/28/21  | 2,920 | 2,216 | 197,088 |
| 8/24/21  | 3,409 | 2,675 | 233,287 |

## Sunflower Maze at the Garden

The Magical Sunflower Maze at the Westbury Garden is open for business! You may book your own appointment, beginning September 5, between 9AM and 6PM, 7 days a week. Times that have already been reserved will be blacked out.

The Magical Sunflower Maze is perfect for playdates, family picnics, photo shoots, class or scout outings, and Plein Air Painting or drawing groups. The suggested donation for a 30-minute reservation is \$20. You will receive an easy link by text or email two days before your appointment to make your donation by credit card.

Bouquet Days—Stop by the garden on Saturday mornings from 9AM to Noon, September 11- October 9, for Sunflower Bouquet Days! You can create your own bouquet of sunflowers for just \$2 a stem.

# RESERVE IT FOR YOUR EVENT

The Magical Sunflower Maze is the perfect place for:

- playdates
- family picnics
- field trips/scout outings
- photo shoots
- painting or drawing groups
- ...and more!







RESERVE YOUR EVENT ONLINE

www.westbury communitygarden.org

Events can be scheduled 9 am-6 pm. 7 days a week

Suggested donation for 30 minutes = \$20

## **Fall Seed Packs For Sale**

Each spring and fall, the WCG curates a special seed collection of vegetables, herbs, and sometimes flowers. This year the Fall Seed Pack contains 29 varieties for only \$12. Seed sales begin mid-September. To reserve your seed packet today, email seeds@westburycommunitygarden.org

## Farm Stand at the Garden

Plant It Forward Farms is operating a weekly farm stand in Westbury! Take advantage of the opportunity to purchase fresh grown produce from your local neighborhood farmer, Farmer Sarment.

Sundays → 11AM—3PM



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

# WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN

## HERE IS THE GAR

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



## Like "Westbury Community Garden Houston" on **Facebook**

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

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## New Trails and Paved Dryad Driveway

There is exciting news for the Willow Waterhole, two major projects are coming soon! Harris County Pct 1 Commission, Rodney Ellis, is funding 2.5 miles of new trails at Westbury Lake and District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum and the BOMD are funding the paving of Dryad Drive. The construction of the trails is expected to start at the end of the year. The paving of Dryad is expected to be completed before the MusicFest on Oct. 30.



## **LEVITT PAVILION HOUSTON Update!**

We've made major progress toward building Levitt Pavilion Houston at Willow Waterhole. Despite hurricanes, floods, a possible toll-road running over our original site, economic downturns, and, of course, the pandemic, we have an exciting plan!

Brays Oaks Management District will lead the master planning of the Gasmer property (former Shell Gasmer Technology Center) and will announce the Design Team (i.e. concepts for buildings, landscape & engineering) in September that has been awarded the work.

YOU, the Community are a vital stakeholder & will be invited to participate at future meetings. Master planning is scheduled to take six months and Levitt Pavilion Houston hopes to launch capital fundraising in mid-2022.

Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston needs your support in order to fund Levitt Pavilion Design work, legal fees, and marketing materials, preceding "The Capital Campaign". Please consider joining our "Founder' Circle" initiative at: www.levitthouston.org.

For updated details and to support "building community thru music", please stop by the Levitt Pavilion Houston booth at Willow Waterhole "MusicFest 2021" on October 30, Saturday, between 11AM-7PM.

For more information: www.willowwaterhole.org/musicfest

## **Student Projects at the Willow Waterhole**

Philon Yu from Boy Scout Troop 828 at St. Laurence Catholic Church in Sugar Land completed his Eagle project at the Willow Waterhole on July 24. He and his friends built and installed two Eastern Bluebird houses. Additionally, Philon painted a Bluebird mural on the sidewalk at 11350 Ricecrest. This panel of sidewalk now contains three birds painted by scouts. The Houston Audubon Society conducts monthly bird counts at the Greenway and has registered over 220 different species.



Students from the Westbury High School Honor Society came out to the Greenway on the afternoon of July 30 for community service. They applied oil to the sculptures in the Naturescape Garden. Additionally, they assisted Conservancy members in moving five cubic yards of mulch to the area around the sculptures. The mulch came from tree trimmings from another location at the Willow Waterhole. The workday exemplifies how youth are involved in improving the Willow Waterhole and recycling.







## Working on Westbury @ Willow Waterhole

#### **WOW Workday—Litter Pick-up**

Come join us at the Willow Waterhole for another workday at Westbury Lake on Saturday, September 18, 8AM. The WAIC along with the WCC, is hosting monthly workdays in Westbury greenspaces. This workday will focus on litter pick-up at Westbury Lake. The WAIC will provide trash bags and grabbers.

What: Working on Westbury (WOW)
When: Saturday, September 18, 8AM
Where: Westbury Lake—meet at the
gazebo, 5300 Dryad

Thank you to all the volunteers who come out each month to pick up trash! We really appreciate ALL of you!

## Kids Bird Walk with Houston Audubon

## Sunday, September 19, 5-6PM Meet at the Gazebo

Bring the whole family to the Willow Waterhole for a kid-friendly bird walk with the Houston Audubon. As part of Bird Week, they will show you the birds that live at the Waterhole and talk about its role in bird migration. There will be an opportunity to play Bird Bingo to help identify different kinds of birds. Bring binoculars if you have them. Park in the lot at the east end of Dryad St. and meet by the Gazebo.

#### MusicFest 2021—October 30

The 8th Annual MusicFest will be a one-day free festival on **Saturday, October 30 from 11AM to 7PM.** 

The festival will feature a diverse line-up of professional bands (57 musicians) and student-school musicians. There will be Halloween fun, community non-profits, and some of Houston's finest food truck vendors. This FREE event is great for the whole family!

MusicFest has grown into a much anticipated community event.

For more information: www.willowwaterhole.org/musicfest

# 2021 Westbury Annual Meeting 2022 WCC Board Elections

- → Virtual Meeting
- → Live Streamed—Westbury Houston Facebook Page
- → Board Meet & Greet—Tues., Oct. 5 for National Night Out Drive thru event.

#### VIRTUAL MEETING

Submit topics, questions or concerns to wccpresident@westburycrier.com by Saturday, September 18

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

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