

# Westbury Crier

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### It is Still Hurricane Season

Be Prepared. Have a Plan.

While this year we have seen very minimal tropical activity, it is important to not let your guard down as September is historically one of the most active months for storms in the Gulf of Mexico. Warmer ocean temperatures and changing wind patterns can make conditions more favorable for storm formation. Being prepared and knowing what to do are key. There is no need to panic if you are prepared and have a plan.

We live in a huge city close to the coast, so there is different advice for certain areas. 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 9 for tips on what to do if a hurricane is coming.

When there is an active storm in the Gulf of Mexico, you should always pay close attention to a trusted weather source on what is happening with the storm. **Page 8 has a list of weather sources.** 

Flooding is still a concern with hurricanes. Hurricanes can bring localized flash flooding with heavy rain bands, so streets could flood. Page 8 gives the links to the flood gages and how to look up that information.

See pgs. 8 & 9 for helpful articles on storm prep, alerts, & weather resources.

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Oct. 8—Working on Westbury See page 17 Oct. 11—National Night Out See page 15 Oct. 29—MusicFEST

Nov. 5— White Elephant Sale See page 16

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### Come to the WCC Annual Meeting September 21 at Westbury Baptist Church 6PM-Meet and Greet / 7PM-Meeting

We welcome ALL Westbury residents to come to the 2022 WCC Annual Meeting. This is our first in-person annual meeting since 2019. As of press time, our speakers are Martha Castex-Tatum and Harris County Flood Control with a brief announcement. We will have food and more excitingly, door prizes are back!!!

The Annual Meeting is traditionally a time for Westbury residents to meet each other and the WCC board, hold board elections, vote on by-law changes, listen to guest speakers, and ask questions. Updates from City representatives on important projects such as the new library and the drainage reconstruction are expected.

More information on the Annual Meeting including the slate of candidates for the 2023 WCC board and proposed by-law changes, are on page 7. We hope to see you there!

### **Deed Restriction Revision Update**

There is a real need to update the deed restrictions. It has been an ongoing topic for the last several months. Westbury has many sections of deed restrictions and all need to be updated. The Westbury Civic Club will assist residents of each section in updating their restrictions.

### Parkwest 3, Westbury 4, Westbury 5

The first sections that the WCC will look at revising are Parkwest 3, Westbury 4 and Westbury 5. In Parkwest 3 and Westbury 4, there is an urgent need to update the restrictions in order to assist residents in rebuilding their homes with the TX GLO. It is imperative and time sensitive to get these 2 sections updated. Westbury 5 residents have expressed interest in updating their restrictions and the WCC is looking forward to helping with this process.

If you are a homeowner in one of these 3 sections, be on the look out for a letter in the mail with important information about a meeting for your section.

DEED RESTRICTION REVISION SECTION MEETINGS Parkwest 3 / Westbury 4—Thursday, September 29 Westbury 5—Thursday, October 13

### **HEAVY TRASH**

### September 2022

Thursday, Sept. 8
TREE WASTE ONLY

### October 2022

Thurs., October 13
JUNK WASTE

### RECYCLING

### September 2022

Thursday, Sept. 8 Thursday, Sept. 22

#### October 2022

Thursday, October 6 Thursday, October 20

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

#### **WCC OFFICE**

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

Westbury Civic Club Office Hours Mon.-Thurs., 10AM-12PM WCC Office Closed Friday-Sunday

**NOTARY SERVICES— available to paid WCC members** 

#### **CONTACT US**

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Deed Restrictions	westburycc@sbcglobal.net
WCC Presidentwccpr	esident@westburycrier.com

Visit our website at www.westburycrier.com "Like" us on Facebook at Westbury Houston

#### **SECURITY**

Pct. 5 Constables (WAP)	)281-463-6666
Report property crimes, suspicious	s activity, and vacation watch
Emergency	911
Houston Police Dept. Non-Eme	ergency 713-884-3131
Southwest HPD Station	832-394-0400

#### **CITY OF HOUSTON**

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum	832-393-3016
District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin	832-393-3004
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal)	832-393-6333
Platou Community Center	713-726-7107
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 Elli	s713-755-6111
County Commissioner Jack Cagle	832-927-4444
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

### **2022 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

President	Cindy Chapman
wccpresident@westbu	ırycrier.com
Vice President	Marcia Hartman
Secretary	Susan Brock
Treasurer	Becky Edmondson

#### **DIRECTORS AT LARGE**

Communications	Lauren Figard
Community Relations	Tony Robert
Deed Restrictions	Maggie Donovan
Flood Control & Infrastructure	Jennifer Edmondson
Greenspace Beautification	Mat Funk
Membership	VACANT
Security	Stephen Deavult
Volunteer Coordinator	VACANT

#### SECTION DIRECTORS

Westbury 1	Santiago Caraballo
Westbury 2	Lindsey Pollock
Westbury 3	Jeff Benavides
Westbury 3	Jonathan Hansen
Westbury 4	Eugene Sirls
Westbury 4	Becky Pate
Westbury 5	Andrew Jefferson
Westbury 5	VACANT
Westbury South	VACANT
Parkwest 1	VACANT
Parkwest 2	Bob Droubi
Parkwest 3	Alan Hirshman

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#### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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### A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Like many of you, my husband and I did some traveling over the summer. I want to thank Becky Edmondson for volunteering to write the message last month to fill this space. Usually, I am deeply involved in the writing and editing process of the Crier, but last month, the rest of our intrepid Westbury Crier Publication Committee (Becky, Jennifer Edmondson, and Barbara Haverkamp) did the entire August publication by themselves. They did a wonderful job without me. Thank you.

An organization like the Westbury Civic Club (WCC), which handles a multitude of issues for 5,000 homes, is a busy organization. Due to our constrained financial situation, we run a lean organization with one extremely busy employee. The rest of the work is done by volunteers, primarily by board members plus some dedicated volunteers from the community. At the September 21 Annual Meeting, we will be holding elections for the next year's board of directors. You will notice that several vacancies are available on the WCC Board. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact me or the WCC Office email to learn more. Any vacancies on the WCC board will be filled at subsequent monthly board meetings after September. We have had some board positions which have been vacant for a long time, so the board has proposed some changes to the By-Laws to add more flexibility to the roles of the Directors. We propose that 4 of the 8 Directors will be changed to General At-Large Directors versus named specific roles, to allow more flexibility based on the interest and talents of potential board candidates. I encourage all of our residents to attend the monthly board meetings, especially anyone

interested in joining the board in the future. It is a great way to learn more about issues impacting Westbury and make the contacts to become a better advocate for Westbury.

Several of our Directors have recently or will be soon stepping off the WCC Board. I want to give a special shout out and thanks to: Lauren Figard, Angela Furnari, Tony Robert, Donna Strom, and Stephen Devault. On behalf of the Westbury community, I want to thank you for your time serving the Westbury Civic Club as volunteers for: Working on Westbury cleanup events, White Elephant community garage sales, attending meetings and community events, judging Yard of the Month, and many other activities.

There are many ways to be involved, not just be volunteering your time. If you are "Westbury Proud", and looking for a way to help our great neighborhood, then you will definitely want know about the following opportunities to help make our community better.

Support the Westbury Civic Club and the Westbury Area Patrol – A mailout will be sent out in September, and I encourage you to send a contribution. Even a lean organization needs to pay for rent, electricity, administrative costs, phone, internet, and professional services. Our paid security patrol is the most expensive program of the WCC. In August, our expenses for the year exceeded our income, so we need more \$\$\$\$ to avoid dipping into our savings. The dues form is on page 6. You can also pay online through our website, www.westburycrier.com

#### Support our local Westbury Schools-

Our schools are important to our families. Good schools also help maintain our property values. In this Crier, you will read about the progress our schools have made in achievement, and you will read about fundraisers to improve the SPARK Park at Anderson Elementary and also the soccer field at Westbury High School. Please consider sending a donation to these projects. See pages 10 and 11.

#### **Deed Restriction Revision Updates -**

If you live in Parkwest 3 or Westbury 4, then an important meeting will be held on Sept 29. I encourage you to attend. If you live in Westbury 5, then a meeting will be held in October. Read more about deed restriction revision on page 1.

#### Fall Community Events and Activities -

There are many different community activities and fun events scheduled in the next few months. Our Annual Meeting on September 21, will be a good way to hear about issues important in Westbury. The monthly Working on Westbury cleanups are a good way to make a tangible difference in the appearance of our neighborhood. See page 17. Neighborhood Night Out is intended to be a fun event to meet neighbors. See page 15. Our Westbury White Elephant Sale is a longstanding tradition offering a way to find or sell unwanted treasures. See page 16. The Willow Waterhole will be hosting a MusicFest on October 29.

On a final note, school has started again. Please drive carefully and pay attention to school zones and kids walking.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on September 21.

-Cindy Chapman

### **WCC Board Notes - August 2022**

- → Public Safety—Sgt. Derkowski discussed recent crimes. A new deputy is on our night shift and made 3 arrests during his first shift.
- → District K District K Field Services Director Melvin Hopkins surveys the district on a regular basis. He is working on getting some concrete panels replaced on Hillcroft.
- → Harris County Pct. 1—Edidiong Obot reported that the trails by Pct. 1 at the Willow Waterhole will start in August.
- Financial—WCC Treasurer is working with accountant on 990 report. Through August 16, WCC expenses to date have exceeded the income by approximately \$7,000. A mailout will be sent in September to increase income.
- → WCC board voted to move National Night Out to October 11 to avoid conflict with Yom Kippur.
- → WCC board voted to approve the proposed by-laws for approval by the general membership at the WCC Annual Meeting on September 21.
- → Thank you Susan Brock for the cookies and water.

### **WCC Annual**



Wednesday September 21 6PM– Meet & Greet 7PM–Meeting

### **IN PERSON MEETING**

Westbury Baptist Church 10425 Hillcroft, Game Room

# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney  $\bar{R}$ ock Rd713-726-7107 \* platou@houstontx.gov



New Supervisor — Dajai Tennard Email — Dajai. Tennard@houstontx.gov

Platou Center is open from 9:30AM—6PM, Monday—Friday

### **Adult Classes @ The Platou Center**

Exercise—M/W/F, 9:30-10:30AM

Quilting—Tuesday, 9:30AM -2PM

Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM

New Members are Needed—Other times can be added if interested.

Ping Pong—Thursday, 9:30-10:30AM

There is currently plenty of open times on the Platou Center Calendar. If you are interested in something particular, like line dancing, genealogy, crafts and other great get together ideas, call Dajai Tennard at 713-726-7107. There are no bad ideas!

### **District K Library Update**

The District K newsletter provided a much-desired update on the new library that is coming to Westbury. The new library will be a regional library. We are all looking forward to the official ground breaking andthe ribbon cutting ceremony of this library.

The Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library, located in Westbury at 5505 Belrose at the site of the old Post Office, is getting closer to the start of construction. Unfortunately, construction has been delayed due to supply chain issues and rising costs of materials.

The General Services Department (GSD) recently provided this update:

- → Design began January 2020. Construction to begin the first Fiscal Quarter of 2023. Construction Completion is expected by mid-year in 2023.
- → Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) has been signed off by Legal and was forwarded to City Engineer for approval.
- → Notice to Proceed (NTP) for Construction will be issued by end of August 2022



Map of Westbury by Section

Willowbend Blvd
Creathord Dr
Cr

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 2022 Calendar Events/Meetings**

Thurs 8	HEAVY TRASH PICK UP—YARD WASTE ONLY	
Fri 9	Westbury Revitalization Committee Meeting WCC Office—5322 W Bellfort, Ste 100	11AM
Sat 17	Working on Westbury Intersection of Hillcroft and W. Bellfort See page 17	8-9:30AM
Sat 17	Audubon Society Bird Survey 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey	7-9AM
Wed 21	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Held via Zoom	9:30AM
Wed 21	Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting Westbury Baptist Game Room, 10425 Hillcroft See page 1 and 7 for more information	6 PM
Thurs 29	Deed Restriction Revision Meeting Parkwest 3 and Westbury 4 Westbury Baptist—Game Room, 10425 Hillcroft	

### PLAN AHEAD

October 8—Working on Westbury October 11—National Night Out October 29 — MusicFEST November 5— White Elephant Sale



Help keep Westbury a desirable neighborhood by supporting your Westbury Civic Club today.

\*Deed restrictions

\*Flood advocacy \*Constable program

SUPPORT THE WESTBURY AREA PATROL CONSTABLES



Support the Westbury
Civic Club TODAY!

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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 2022

Thursday, September 8 Thursday, September 22

October 2022 Thursday, October 6 Thursday, October 20

### 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 2022 TREE WASTE ONLY Thursday, September 8

October 2022 JUNK WASTE **Thursday, October 13** 

# 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:

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

Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.

- Environmental Service Center 11500 S. Post Oak Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- Refer to www.houstontx.gov 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 **2022 Voluntary Dues is \$365**. That is well worth a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$305 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

### **Pay Your Dues Online** www.westburvcrier.com

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

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- → WCC Dues \$60
- →WCC Constables \$305
- →WCC Dues + Constables \$365

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Dallas, TX 75397-5182

- → Mandatory Assessments 2022— \$253.90
- → 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.



### **Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting**

3rd Wednesday Each Month at 7PM Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft

→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

### Next WCC Board Meeting **WCC Annual Meeting Wednesday. September 21. 6PM** IN PERSON MEETING

Topics- 2023 Board election, by-law revision vote, update on City projects.

### **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. Subscribe to WCC announcements on our website, and you will receive an email with a link to the online Crier each month.

Please send this form in with your payment	2022 Westbury Ci	vic Club	Dues	;	
Name(s)					
Address					
Home Phone		Cell			
E-mail					
Online payment: www.westburycrier.com www.paypal.com to email westburycc@sbcglobal.net	Westbury Civic Club Dues		\$60	\$	
	Westbury Area Patrol		\$305	\$	
		Subtotal	\$365	\$	
	Additional Contributions:				
Make sure to include your address	<b>Westbury Civic Club</b>			\$	
	Westbury Area Patrol			\$	
Make checks payable to:			Total	\$	
Westbury Civic Club, Inc. Mail to:	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 2022 Mandatory **Assessments of** \$253.90. Due Date is February 1, 2022.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN INVOICE, PLEASE EMAIL THE WCC OFFICE AT WEST-BURYCC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

### Proposed By-Law Changes

The members of the WCC Operations Committee proposed the following by-law changes. The WCC board approved the proposed changes at the August WCC board meeting. The following proposed changes will be presented to the Membership for a vote at the September Annual Meeting.

#### **Summary of Proposed Changes—**

- → Section 5: Add a requirement that candidates for Vice President shall have a minimum of 12 months experience on the board and candidates for President shall have a minimum of 24 months.
- → Section 6: Continue to keep 8 At Large Director Positions, but restructure to have 4 specific positions and 4 general At-Large. The intent is to provide more flexibility for the talents or interests of candidates who wish to serve in an At-Large position.
- → Eliminate provisions for Proxy Voting in Section 9.

### **EXISTING and PROPOSED By-Law Wording** (for each section) **5. Officers (EXISTING WORDING)**

5.1 Officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Eligibility to serve as an officer shall reside with any Member in good standing who resides in the Community.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES to Section 5 (ADD the statements in red)

- 5.1 Officers of the Club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Eligibility to serve as an officer shall reside with any Member in good standing who resides in the Community and who also meets the following minimum experience requirements.
  - 5.1.1 Candidates for Vice President shall have at least 12 months experience serving on the board of the Club
  - 5.1.2 Candidates for President shall have at least 24 months experience serving on the board of the Club

#### 6. Directors (EXISTING WORDING)

6.2.2 The Director-at-Large positions shall be:

**Director of Community Relations** 

**Director of Deed Restrictions Compliance** 

Director of Flood Control and Infrastructure

Director of Maintenance and Beautification

**Director of Membership** 

**Director of Security** 

**Director of Volunteer Coordination** 

**Director of Communications** 

#### PROPOSED CHANGES to Section 6. (ADD the wording in red)

6.2.2 The Director-at-Large positions shall be:

#### **Director of Deed Restrictions**

Director of Flood Control and Infrastructure

Director of **Greenspace** and Beautification

**Director of Security** 

**Director at Large 1** 

**Director at Large 2** 

**Director at Large 3** 

**Director at Large 4** 

#### 9. Voting Procedures (EXISTING WORDING)

- 9.2.3 Members may vote for a candidate in person at the Annual Meeting or through Absentee Ballot or by Proxy Ballot
- 9.2.11 For a Proxy vote to be valid, an Assignment of Proxy form must be signed and dated by the Member, it must have the Member's name and address, and it must possess any security markings or devices used to ensure the integrity of the ballot. The Assignment of Proxy form shall name the individual designated to vote on behalf of the member, with the understanding that the proxy may be revoked at any time by the Member prior to the conclusion of the voter registration process, upon receipt of a written revocation of proxy by the Club.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES to Section 9 (DELETE the wording in red)

9.2.3 Members may vote for a candidate in person at the Annual Meeting or through Absentee Ballot or by Proxy Ballot

9.2.11 Delete the entire section

# **WCC Annual Meeting**September 21, Westbury Baptist Meet & Greet – 6PM Meeting – 7PM

Come to the WCC Annual Meeting on September 21. This is our first in-person annual meeting since 2019. Come hear updates from our City and County reps about upcoming projects in Westbury. We will have food and drinks, and of course, door prizes are back!

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 below.

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 2022 or thereafter.

In addition to approving the 2023 board, we will also be voting to approve the proposed by-law changes seen to the left.

#### **WCC 2023 Board Nominations**

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Nomination				
Cindy Chapman				
Marcia Hartman				
Susan Brock				
Becky Edmondson				
Maggie Donovan				
Martha Kinn				
Jennifer Edmondson				
Mat Funk				
Santiago Caraballo				
Lindsey Pollock				
Jeff Benavides				
Jonathan Hansen				
Eugene Sirls				
Becky Pate				
Andrew Jefferson				
Bob Droubi				
Alan Hirshman				

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

#### **Director At Large**

Community Relations (At Large 2)
Communications (At Large 3)
Security

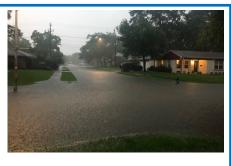
Volunteers/Events (At Large 4)

### Section Directors Westbury 5

Westbury 5 Westbury South Parkwest 1

### 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 decade 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 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.

https://www.centerpointenergy.com

### **Sign up for 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 <a href="https://www.harriscountyfws.org">www.harriscountyfws.org</a>. 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 for 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 at 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). The gage can be accessed here, https://www.harriscountyfws.org/GageDetail/Index/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 51.2-51.5ft. 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 a level of 51.2-51.5ft, it is likely the water is overflowing the weirs downstream.

### **Sign Up for Alerts from The City**

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. Messages are issued for citywide and neighborhood level emergencies.

www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/

### 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 a 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 those will be needed for coastal evacuations. The 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 how you 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 are meant to be a helpful guide. There are official hurricane prep lists available on all the major news channels websites, which are also helpful tools to help plan. Be prepared and be safe.



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

- → Keep your trees trimmed. Wind is the 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 easy 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, battery operated radio, candle, 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.
- → Copy important documents, place in sealable plastic bag, ready to take with you quickly.



### **Immediate Hurricane Preparation Tips**

(This would ideally be done ove	r several days l	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 handy. Kids might enjoy glow sticks.
- ☐ Have candles or oil lamps ready
- ☐ 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's 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, applesauce, fruit cups 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 or large buckets with water. If there is no City water available, you can use the stored water in your toilet to flush.
- ☐ 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 it has no doors, you can shut the individual 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 and a lovey if they have one.
- ☐ Clean storm drains and gutters in front of your home.

### **WHS Soccer Field Needs Your Help**

Westbury High School does not have a dedicated Soccer field. Right now the soccer team is sharing the football practice field. A three-acre greenspace on the Westbury High School campus is unused (see photo below, area outlined in red). The greenspace was intended to be used as a soccer field with the construction project in 2017. However, the field is unusable and dangerous due to large chunks of concrete and rebar sticking up from the ground that was left during the construction work.

Experienced landscape contractors, who work at the Willow Waterhole, were contacted to analyze the steps and costs required to transform the greenspace into a usable soccer field. The first step is to cleanup the debris - \$7,000. The Friends of Westbury High School is partnering on this project and kicking off a fundraising effort.

If you'd like to be part of this effort to ensure a great soccer experience at Westbury High school, please send a check to the Friends of Westbury High School Foundation and mark "WHS Soccer Field" on the check.

Friends of Westbury High School Foundation P.O. Box 31386 Houston, TX 77231-1386



#### Back-to-School Drive and Health Fair at WHS

On August 15, Congressman Al Green hosted his annual, free Green Light to Healthy Living event at Westbury High School (WHS). "With the incoming school year right around the corner, it is exceedingly important that our students are equipped with the necessary school supplies and health resources to succeed academically," Congressman Al Green said.

The Back-to-School Drive and Health Fair is an annual event that provides free school supplies and health resources for the community ahead of the incoming school year. Giveaways during the 2022 event included: 500 backpacks stuffed with school supplies, COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters, food, priz-

es, information on Medicaid or CHIP applications, as well as blood pressure and glucose checks. Information booths around the room allowed families to meet school liaisons from other schools and to meet community partners.

Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson attended the event on behalf of the Westbury Civic Club. They talked with Rep. Green and mentioned that WHS is conveniently close to Willow Waterhole since one of the detention lakes is literally just down the street from WHS (See photo to the bottom). They met the new principal of Anderson Elemen-



tary, Erica Tran, and her team (photo to the right). Cindy and Becky also met with the new wraparound specialist at Westbury High School; as a result, the Westbury Civic Club will once again be hosting a Hygiene drive for WHS students (details to come next month). The Houston Library system had a table and they met with the head librarian of the small library at 10103 Fondren. (An update about the Westbury Library is on page 4).

### METRO Removing Problem Bus Stop Near Westbury HS

About a year ago, METRO added a new bus stop across the street from Westbury High School on Chimney Rock near Dryad. The new bus stop was located in a residential front yard, and most days there were up to 50 high school students hanging out in their front yard waiting for a bus ride or just talking to friends that were waiting.

Representatives from the Westbury Civic Club, Westbury High School, and METRO met at the high school this summer to discuss the locations of the METRO bus stops in the area of Westbury High School. School representatives assured METRO that the other bus stops on Chimney Rock were sufficient and the problem bus stop could be

eliminated. The proposal to remove that problem bus stop had to be reviewed by a METRO committee, which, in August, agreed with the proposal to remove that specific bus stop.







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### Congratulations to Westbury Schools

Here is a chart of the school ratings that were just released by the Texas Educational Agency (TEA) for the 2021 -2022 school year. Due to educational disruptions related to COVID, the previous school ratings are from the 2018-2019 school year. Most Westbury zoned schools either stayed the same or showed improvement.

A special congratulations is in order for the staff and students at Anderson Elementary. Anderson improved from a D to an A rating. That's an amazing achievement! Westbury homes are zoned to 6 elementary schools. Most of the Westbury neighborhood is zoned to Anderson Elementary or Parker Elementary; now both of these schools have the coveted A rating, along with Kolter and Elrod. A few streets in Westbury 4 are zoned to Tinsley or to Foerster, which both have a C rating.

Our middle schools are spread with A, B, and C ratings. Westbury High School has a C rating, but it was just one point from getting a B and expects to earn a B rating next year. A small part of Westbury is zoned to Bellaire High School, and it has a B rating.

We congratulate all of our students, families, and schools for their hard work toward achieving academic excellence.

Cabaal	2022 Crada	2022	2010	2019 Crado
School	Grade	2022	2019	Grade
Anderson ES	Α	90	68	D
Parker ES	Α	95	91	Α
Kolter ES	Α	96	96	Α
Tinsley ES	С	76	81	В
Elrod ES	Α	93	91	Α
Foerster ES	С	77	71	С
Meyerland MS	В	84	82	В
Pin Oak MS	Α	95	91	Α
Fondren MS	С	70	66	D
Westbury HS	С	79	79	С
Bellaire HS	В	84	89	В

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### NEW SPARK Park coming to Anderson Elementary

Last month we announced the kickoff to raise money for the new SPARK Park that is coming to Anderson Elementary. We are excited to report that our fundraising efforts have gotten off to a wonderful start. We've already had two residents send in donations. Our nonprofit partner, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, voted in August to donate \$1,500 and also has started a community fundraising effort (See details at the end of this article).

Back in 1998, generous Westbury residents raised \$10,000 towards the SPARK Park that is being replaced. Let's show the SPARK School Park Program how generous we still are 25 years later!

The SPARK School Park Program works with schools and neighborhoods to develop community parks on public school grounds. The existing SPARK park at Anderson Elementary, dedicated in 1998, is in serious need of replacement. SPARK Parks are available for public use after the school day has ended and on weekends and holidays. This will be a much-needed amenity and improvement for the neighborhood as the Houston Parks Dept. has still not moved forward with plans for a playground in Hager Park. There are just two old swing sets dating back to possibly the 1960s!

To build this new SPARK park, funds need to be raised. Funds will come from foundations, HISD, and others. As a community, we have been asked to raise \$5,000.

Won't you join us in helping bring this awesome playground to life, not only for Anderson's students, but for the whole Westbury community?

#### How to Make Your Tax-Deductible Donations?

- Mail a check payable to the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation and mail it to: 5322 West Bellfort, Suite 100, Houston TX 77035
- 2. Visit the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) website at: https://www.westbury37waic.org/

Or use this link: https://paypal.me/WestburyAIC?country.x=US&locale.x=en\_US

3. Visit the WAIC Facebook page (WAIC Houston) and donate. Facebook pays the processing fees if the donation is made on Facebook.



Proposed new SPARK park at Anderson Elementary

### Dangerous Intersection in Westbury: Chimney Rock at Willowbend

Accidents seem to be an almost daily occurrence at the intersection of Willowbend and Chimney Rock. Recently, one day in August, there were two wrecks. Speeding and trying to make it through a red light appear to be leading causes of accidents. These are not merely minor fender benders. Some cars become airborne and some cars even roll over.

With school starting in August, there will be much more traffic on these streets as Westbury High School, Meyerland Middle School, and Parker Elementary are all located along these two thoroughfares, as well as several private schools. The speed limit on Willowbend is THIRTY (30) miles per hour. Chimney Rock is just a bit faster at 35 miles per hour.

For those of you that drive these streets, please be extra cautious. Drive the speed limit and drive defensively.

For those of you who are picking up your students, please remember to be courteous to homeowners who live along the route.



Wreck on Willowbend at Chimney Rock in August

### Westbury Area Patrol Update

Westbury has a new deputy assigned to our night patrol. Deputy Eric Ropka is a recent hire with Precinct 5. He has completed his field training program and has joined the patrol team serving Westbury. Deputy Ropka hit the ground running and made THREE felony arrests on his first night patrolling in Westbury! As a result of these arrests, both guns and drugs have been removed from our streets.

Thefts of catalytic converters continue to be an issue, both in Westbury and across all of Houston. There were several catalytic converter thefts in August, with Toyota Tacoma trucks still being a favorite target of thieves.

Report any suspicious vehicles or person to the Constables. Make sure the Constable number is saved in your cell phone 281-463-6666.

### METRO Launches New Curb2curb Service

METRO is launching the METRO 314 Hiram Clarke curb2curb service. Effective August 21, this service will operate in the Hiram Clarke neighborhood, with connections to the Hiram Clarke Transit Center and Missouri City Park & Ride lot. Parts of Westbury, located south of West Airport are within the service zone.

This METRO service provides personalized, curb to curb transportation within specific community "zones". METRO curb2curb shuttle buses connect you with METRO's larger transportation network at anchor points within their zone. For instance, a rider's "first mile" of traveling may be on a METRO curb2curb shuttle between their residence and an anchor point, where they transfer to another METRO service.

Visit metro.org for more information. You can book your ride by using the METRO curb2curb app or by calling 713-739-7433 (name your zone, the pickup time, your location, and your destination). Students and seniors with a discount METRO fare card travel for half-price. The service operates 7 days a week from 5 am to 7 pm.



### Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

### July 23—August 23, 2022 Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

#### KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W	Theft from
5600	Arboles	Simple Assault	8/9	9PM	Westbury 3	Motor Vehicle
11000	Atwell	Simple Assault	8/17	11AM	Parkwest 2	Auto Theft
5900	Bankside	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	8/10	5PM	Westbury 5	
6000	Dellfern	Simple Assault	7/25	9PM	Westbury 4	Theft
5600	Dryad	Simple Assault	8/22	2PM	Westbury 4	
5500	Ettrick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	7/27	1PM	Westbury 4	Burglary
11600	Hillcroft	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/21	5PM	Westbury 3	
6000	Ludington	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/5	4PM	Westbury 4	Aggravated
5800	McKnight	Drugs, Narcotics	8/18	1AM	Westbury 3	Assault
5700	Portal	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	8/15	9AM	Parkwest 2	Simple Assault
5600	W. Airport	Simple Assault	8/16	7PM	Westbury 4	Drugs,
5800	W. Airport	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	8/11	10PM	Westbury 4	Narcotics
5600	W. Bellfort	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	8/10	5PM	Westbury 5	

The crimes listed took place between July 23 and August 23, 2022. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key to the right.

### **Crime by the Numbers**

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./ TH	Comm./ Business	Park/ Public
Aggravated Assault	0	8	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3	1	4	0
Burglary	2	3	2	0
Robbery	0	2	4	0
Simple Assault	5	17	5	1
Shoplifting	0	0	7	0
Drugs, Narcotics	1	0	0	3
Vandalism, Damage	0	7	0	0
Auto Theft	0	5	2	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	2	1	1	0
Theft—Other	0	2	4	0
Theft—From Building	0	1	1	0
DUI	0	0	0	4
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	1	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	13	47	32	8

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

### **VACATION WATCH**

Are you going on a summer vacation? If you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables.



Vacation Watch 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 call 281-463-6666

### KEEP THOSE HOME VALUES UP

- Keep your home and fences in good repair.
- Maintain a mowed and edged yard.
- Now is a perfect time to tackle those big projects!
- ◆ Do NOT put out Heavy Trash before the acceptable date. The next JUNK WASTE heavy trash is October 13 Junk Waste may be put on the curb starting December 8.

HAVING A CLEAN AND TIDY HOME APPEARANCE INCREASES THE VALUE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OVERALL. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR HOMES ON MAJOR STREETS AS THEY ARE VISITORS' FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF WESTBURY.

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### **Community News**

### National Night Out October 11

National Night Out is an annual event held throughout the United States. It is an evening meant to build community by meeting your neighbors. In Texas, National Night Out is typically held on the first Tuesday in October. This year, the first Tuesday falls on Yom Kippur. The Westbury Civic Club board voted to officially move our



National Night Out date to the following week on Tuesday, October 11. The WCC is currently setting up an event to be held that day where residents can come meet neighbors, the WCC board, and our Constables. Stay tuned for more details in the October Westbury Crier.

### **Voter Registration Deadline**

Are you registered to vote? Have you moved recently to Texas or Houston? If you are eligible to vote, Texas law requires that you register to vote 30 days (or earlier) prior to the election in which you wish to vote. Go to HarrisVotes.com to learn more about registering to vote in Harris County, Texas.

Early voting is from October 24 to Nov 4. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8. In this election, voters will be selecting candidates for federal, state, and some county positions. The City of Houston has announced that it will have a bond election on the ballot.

### **WAIC/Westbury Super Neighborhood Meeting Notes**

- → The Harris County Tax office is offering tax workshops tax.outreach@tax.hctx.net.
- → Voted to sponsor HISD District IX celebration on Sept. 18, 2-4 pm at Butler Field
- → Voted to donate \$1,500 to Spark Park project at Anderson Elementary School
- → Partner with Friends of Westbury High School on WHS soccer field remediation → Ruffino Hills announcement of award and recognition by City of Houston. This is
- possible future site of large stormwater detention in the Keegan's Bayou area.

  Nork to begin at Willow Waterhole in August on trails and pier at Westbury Lake
- → Approved a motion to look at Matching Grant opportunities of up to \$5000 with City of Houston

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### 2022 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale November 5, 8AM - Noon

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides Booths will go on sale to non-residents, fall and spring community garage sale events for the community. The Fall White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, November 5, from 8AM to **Noon at Westbury United Methodist** Church, 5200 Willowbend. The rain date is November 19. Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian or in the surrounding neighborhood.

Booths are \$10 and consist of 2 parking spaces total, one for selling and one for parking your vehicle. You can purchase up to 4 booths. In order to make the White Elephant Sale more accessible, you no longer have to be a paid member of the Westbury Civic Club to participate. Westbury

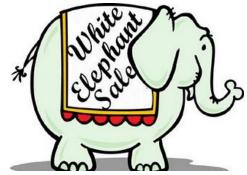
residents have first priority to purchase booths.

Booths will go on sale to Westbury residents ONLY on Tuesday, September 27, at 9AM at the WCC office. The WCC office will be open late on Tuesday, September 27, from 5PM to 6PM for resident booth purchases. Payment is cash or check.

groups, and non-profit organizations on October 12, if space permits, on a first come, first serve basis.

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.





#### IMPORTANT DATES

**September 27** → Booths on sale for Westbury residents ONLY

**September 27** → WCC Office open late for booth sales, 5PM-6PM.

October 12 

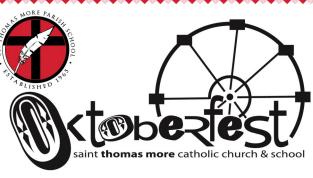
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**November 5** → Fall 2022 White **Elephant Sale** 

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#### **Westbury South**

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#### Parkwest 1

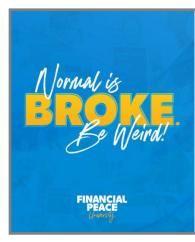
11002 Crestmore Greg and Kim Lesniewicz

#### Parkwest 2

5806 Bankside Peter and Jennifer Zografos



The Westbury Yard of the Month program runs from March through September. We do a Halloween Yard of the Month in October and a special holiday awards in December. If you have a yard of the month nomination, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net





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Looking for an easy way to give back to the neighborhood? Come out to the next WOW—Working on Westbury—Workday. Each month the Westbury Civic Club hosts work days in the neighborhood. We pick up litter, clean up the sign markers, pull weeds, and more. It is a good family volunteer event and perfect for students needing service hours. The next 3 WOW Workdays have been set. The first is on Saturday, September 17, from 8AM—9:30AM. We will meet in the parking lot of the church located at the corner of Hillcroft at W. Bellfort. The workday will be a litter pick-up at all 4 sides of the intersection and cleaning up some of the landscaping in that area. The WCC will provide trash bags and trash grabbers.

### → September 17, 8 - 9:30AM

Intersection of Hillcroft and W. Bellfort. Meet in parking lot of church at corner. We will do a litter pickup along all 4 sides of the intersection and clean up some of the landscaping.

→ October 8, 8 - 9:30AM Hager Park Clean-up

November 12, 9 - 10:30AM Westbury Park Clean-up



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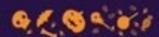
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### Willow Waterhole

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Photo—Mark Mulligan, Houston Chronicle

### Save the Date—Fall MusicFEST October 29, 11AM—7PM

The MusicFEST is back! The Fall MusicFEST will be held on October 29 from 11AM—7PM. This is the first year to hold the MusicFEST twice in a year. This great event is fun for the whole family. Plan to come for part of the day or stay all day and enjoy all that the Willow Waterhole has to offer. There will be Halloween activities such as a Haunted House Maze, costume contests, Trunk or Treat and more! We will have more information in the October Crier. We hope to see you there!

### Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

What: Audubon Society Bird Survey

When: Saturday, September 17, 7-9AM

**Where:** Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

For more information, visit the Houston Audubon

website, https://houstonaudubon.org/

# WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN

**12581 DUNLAP** 



WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN



### **WHERE IS THE GARDEN?**

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

Pavilion is readily visible. Street parking.



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### **SAVE THE DATE for the WCC Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, September 21



**→** 6PM—Meet and Greet



→ 7PM—Meeting

Westbury Baptist Church, Game Room, 10425 Hillcroft



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