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Westbury White Elephant Community Garage Sale



OCTOBER 25

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
8AM - NOON
WESTBURY UNITED METHODIST
(5200 WILLOWBEND)**



Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian (5020 W. Belfort) or in the surrounding neighborhood. Handicap parking will be available at the event (enter off Cedarhurst).

Come shop over 50 garage sales in one location at the Fall White Elephant Sale! There are always super deals and steals. The Westbury Civic Club provides its residents with two community garage sale events per year since garage sales, estate sales, yard sales, and moving sales are NOT allowed at any Westbury residence. As of press time, only a few booth spaces were still available. Call the WCC office at 713-723-5437 for more info.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WILLOW WATERHOLE

Music & Movie in the Park: October 19, 6PM-9PM
Come listen to Al's All-Star Jazz Band then enjoy "Amazing Spiderman 2" movie while eating free popcorn. Bring chairs and blankets.

Halloween Movie Night: October 25, 6PM-9PM
Costume contest for all ages with prizes and a kid's train. Stay for Disney's "Monster's Inc."


Movie in the Park: November 8, 6PM-9PM
Bring chairs and blankets and enjoy "Maleficent" and free popcorn

For more information about these events and volunteer opportunities at the Willow Waterhole, see page 21

Coffee With the Constables

The WCC outreach program, "Coffee with the Constables" is back! It allows Westbury residents to meet the constables who provide security in Westbury. The next coffee will be in Westbury 3 at the home of Donna and Tony Roberts, **11510 Ashcroft** on Wednesday, October 15, from 7:30AM to 9AM. Stop by and say hello!

Wed., October 15 @ 7:30AM



National Night Out: Oct. 7

National Night Out is a fun event designed to celebrate neighbors & security. We encourage you to organize block parties, or other events, and to get to know your neighbors. If no party is planned for your street, just go outside around 6:30PM and meet your neighbors!




Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

Heavy Trash for OCTOBER is JUNK WASTE.
Pick-up for ALL of Westbury is Thursday, OCTOBER 9.
DO NOT PLACE JUNK WASTE ON CURB UNTIL OCTOBER 6



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Power Outages (Centerpoint)
 713-207-2222

Westbury HPD Storefront
 713-726-7126

Platou Community Center
 713-726-7107

Poison Control
 1-800-764-7661

Street Light Repairs (Give pole number)
 713-207-2222

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832-393-3016

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 832-393-3004

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 832-393-6333

City of Houston 311 Hotline (for all Non-Emergency Issues)

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President's Message

What does it take to have a great neighborhood? That was the theme of our annual meeting held September 17th. It takes being in a great city and receiving city services and it takes good schools. We are lucky to live in Houston with its good economy. The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) works closely with the City of Houston to advocate for the city services we need. On hand at our meeting were our District K CM Larry Green with his staff and also 3 other Council members; Jack Christie, Steve Costello and Oliver Pennington! I am glad so many residents came out to enjoy the Meet and Greet before the meeting. Read more about the meeting and what was discussed on pages 8-9. Over \$700 in door prizes were given away and we thank our generous donors.

The WCC is also working with HISD to ensure that the schools in Westbury are the best they can be. Our HISD trustee, Wanda Adams, came with an army of HISD administrators to show their commitment to quality education. Read how you can be a part of this process on page 6. The new WHS principal, Jason Catchings, asked all of us to join the WHS PTO as community members or alumni and be a part of the rebuilding of Westbury High School. I just printed my PTO application form from the WHS website and I hope many of you will join me. If we want WHS to be a neighborhood school, then we in the

neighborhood are going to need to volunteer and embrace it. Cindy Chapman and I are serving on the team that is giving input into the new school that will be built for Westbury. For parents with elementary age children, get ready, because WHS should be your school of choice by the time your kids are ready for high school. WHS class of 2021 will be celebrating in a beautiful 21st century school on the banks of the 300 acre Willow Waterhole featuring the Levitt Pavilion.

October might have the best weather and it is surely the month that outdoor activities gear up after the long hot summer. We have a month full of activities on the calendar for the whole family. From our annual White Elephant Sale to Willow Waterhole (WW) Movie Nights to Workdays at the Garden and WW; there is something for everyone. One of my favorite neighborhood nights is National Night Out on October 7th. It is the perfect opportunity to meet your neighbors even if no one is hosting a party. Just walk outside around 6:30 PM, wave hello and start up a conversation. Knowing your neighbors is one of the best ways to combat crime.

Want to do an easy thing to help Westbury? VOTE!
November is
again
election

time, with early voting starting in October. One of the reasons Westbury is seen as a viable neighborhood is because we VOTE. Please vote in this upcoming election; encourage your neighbors to vote. Let's see our precincts at the top of the list. Here's my personal challenge to my fellow Precinct 146 members...let's be number 1!

I will close with a thank you to all of you who have taken our third annual survey. It will be open for another few weeks and the results will be in the November Crier. I have read through all the replies so far and am humbled by your nice words and encouragement and suggestions. I have passed on your thanks to all of my cohorts on the WCC Board. The new 2015 WCC Board's year of service begins this month. I hope you will welcome your friends and neighbors that are giving of their time to serve on the board to make Westbury the best neighborhood in Houston. Of course, we can't have a great neighborhood without great neighbors. And Westbury is blessed to have some of the best neighbors in the city. I know I appreciate mine.

Becky Edmondson



**Have you taken
our third annual survey,
"Westbury What Do You Think?"**
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Crier>

**Use this link to register your thoughts
and opinions! We want to hear
from YOU!**

Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock / Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM
Supervisor: Dan Reilly, Daniel.reilly@houstontx.gov or 713-726-7107

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For more information, contact Janie at 713-721-5526

GAMES

Wednesdays from 10AM to 12PM

For more information, contact Wally at 713-729-9310

PORTABLE PROJECTS

Thursdays from 10AM to Noon

For more information, contact Genie at 713-470-7969

LINE DANCING

Mondays @ 12:30PM

For more information, contact Dan at 713-726-7107

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

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

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, October 11, from 10AM to 2PM

All Westbury families are invited to visit the Platou Center and play games and see what the center has to offer. More information, call Dan at 713-726-7107

Table Tennis Table Needed

If you have a used table tennis table to sell or donate, please consider the Platou Center. Call Dan at 713-726-7107

Exercise Instructor Needed

A volunteer is needed to teach a dance or exercise class on either Tuesday, or Thursday evenings between 6-8PM. Call Supervisor Dan Reilly at 713-726-7107 if you are interested.

"Games" Space Available

Is there a foursome for bridge? Scrabble anyone? Pinocle? The Wednesday Game Group has space available. Call Wally at 713-729-9310.

After School Enrichment

Youths, ages 6 through 13, can register for After School Enrichment which provides guided activities, including time to do homework. Call Dan Reilly at 713-726-7107 for more information.

Do you think we need a new community center, library, park improvements, etc.? Send a letter or email to your District K City Councilmen, Larry Green at districtk@houstontx.gov

Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort

Phone: 832-393-1840 * www.houstonlibrary.org

October 2014 Events

Family Story-time : Every Wednesday and Saturday at 10:30 AM

Adult Mystery Book Club

Call the Meyer Library for info regarding the Adult book Club.

HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10AM-6PM
Wednesday: 10AM-6PM
Thursday: 12PM-8PM
Friday: 1PM-5PM
Saturday: 10AM-5PM
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What's Happening in Westbury

Events & Meetings Calendar October 2014

Tues 7	National Night Out Meet your neighbors! See page 1 for more info.
Wed 8	Plant It Forward Farms Information Meeting 10AM Godwin Park Community Center See page 16 for more information
Fri 10	Booths on Sale for Non-Residents and non-profits/groups* WCC Office 10AM -1:30PM *If booths still available
Sat 11	Family Fun Day at Platou 10AM-Noon Platou Center - 11655 Chimney Rock See previous page for more information
Mon 13	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:30PM Platou Community Center— 11655 Chimney Rock
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting—8:30AM Salem Lutheran Church—5030 W Bellfort
Wed 15	WCC Board Meeting 7PM Westbury Baptist Church— Open to ALL Westbury residents
Wed 15	Coffee With the Constables 7:30AM-9AM 11510 Ashcroft See page 1 for more details
Sat 18	Audubon Society Bird Survey 7AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow
Sat 18	Wildflower Seed Ball Making 9:30AM- 12:30PM Platou Center - 11655 Chimney Rock See page 21 for more information
Sat 18	SW School Expo 10AM-Noon Westbury United Methodist - 5200 Willowbend See page 15 for more information
Sun 19	Music & Movie at the Park 6PM - 9PM Willow Waterhole - Gasmer or Dryad See pages 1 & 20 for more information
Mon 20	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow See page 12 for more details
Sat 25	Westbury White Elephant Sale 8AM- Noon Westbury United Methodist -5200 Willowbend See page 1 for more information
Sat 25	Wildflower Seed Ball Toss 9AM The Gathering Place - 5310 S Willow See page 21 for more information
Sat 25	Halloween Movie Night & Costume Contest - 6-9PM Willow Waterhole - Gasmer or Dryad See pages 1 and 20 for more information
Tues 28	SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Bldg

Planning Calendar

Nov. 1 - Rain Date for WES Sale
Nov. 8 - Movie Night at Willow
Waterhole Park



RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH CALENDAR



October 2014	
Thurs 2	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 9	Heavy Trash— JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 16	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 30	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

November 2014	
Thurs 13	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 13	Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY
FRIDAY 28	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste **MUST** be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ Heavy trash can be placed starting at 6PM the Friday before pick-up
- ♻️ **YARD WASTE** is not considered tree waste. It is collected on regular Thursday trash day
- ♻️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr -10785 SW Frwy
 Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center - 11500 S. Post Oak**
 Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM.
 Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

September	Tree Waste	November	Tree Waste
October	Junk Waste	December	Junk Waste

Get Involved with Westbury Area HISD Schools

Do you wonder what you can do to make a difference? Do you wish our area schools were better? Well, here are some opportunities for you to help.

Join the Westbury High School PTO!

Principal Catchings listed three things that must happen for Westbury High School to be the best that it can be. One of these is the support of the community. He encouraged everyone to join the WHS PTO, even if you don't have kids at WHS. The PTO membership form is on the WHS website, www.houstonisd.org/Domain/8388. There is a list of volunteer activities to choose from and membership is as low as \$10. He is asking the PTO to raise its fundraising goals this year to raise over \$100,000 and to allocate most to scholarships.

Buddies for Kids at Parker Elementary

WHAT IS IT? As a child's buddy, you will be called to provide consistent support, guidance, and concrete help to a child who is in need of a positive role model. Children involved in the Buddies for Kids program may be going through a difficult and/or challenging situation, a period of life in which they need extra support, or they may simply need to have another significant adult present in their life.

WHAT DO BUDDIES DO? Each child is a little different and there is a required orientation/ training session in order to serve as a buddy. We ask that you dedicate 30 minutes per week for at least one year to be a buddy to a child. It may be during their lunch break or recess as long as it is a consistent time that has been arranged with your child's teacher.

READY TO INVEST IN A CHILD? You can begin the process for volunteering at Parker by going to www.houstonisd.org to fill out the background check information. Once at the website, the "Community" tab will take you to the "Volunteer" information which will lead you to the registration process. This takes about 2 minutes to fill out. Once you have filled out the on-line form, simply take your driver's license to the receptionist at Parker Elementary and she will scan it for approval.

QUESTIONS? Parker Elementary is located at 10626 Atwell (near Chimney Rock and Willowbend intersection). Start by contacting Michelle Vanderwater at mvanderwater@att.net. The training/orientation-date will be in early October and the pizza kick-off party will follow soon thereafter.

Literacy By 3 at Foerster Elem.

Houston ISD's new pilot program is Literacy By 3 which is supporting a movement to have every child reading on grade level by the end of third grade. This program is at a Westbury area school, Foerster Elementary near the Westbury Community Garden.

HISD has identified nearly 300 first-grade classes at more than 50 schools where children are desperately in need of an adult to read aloud to them and to listen to them read. This will reinforce the process their teachers have started in the classroom. You will build an important relationship with a student that can make a lasting impact on their self-esteem, ability to learn, and ultimate success.

Houston is in a literacy crisis, and it will take everyone – schools, families, community – to help provide this basic skill that can make the difference between lifelong learning and achievement or frustration and failure. By working with the same students for an entire school year, you have the potential to become a mentor who helps change the direction and life of these youngsters – simply by sharing the gift of reading.

Foerster Elementary, located on Fonmeadow near the Westbury Community Garden, is on the list of schools seeking reading mentors. Some residents of Westbury and the Westbury Super Neighborhood are zoned to

Foerster Elementary. If you are interested in sharing your love of reading, please consider aiding children at Foerster Elementary.

For more information, check out www.readhoustonread.org



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Westbury Area School News

Johnston Dancers learn a new “LANGuage”

This summer, 4 dancers from the Johnston Dance Department (Laura Anawaty, Isabella Clasen, Kira Daniel, and Destinee Gonzales) participated in a Summer Choreography Residency from famous New York based dance company, Jessica Lang Dance, at the ERJCC Houston, presented by the Education and Community Engagement department of the Society for the Performing Arts, Houston. Every day, they worked directly with Jessica Lang and members of the dance company on choreography and methods of producing interesting movement. At the end of the week, all of the classwork culminated in a performance on the Kaplan Theatre stage along with the premiere of a new work staged for the HSPVA Concert Dancers. The tuition for the dancers, students and professionals, was generously underwritten by a sponsor, and the experience was inspiring and brought great recognition to the talented young artists here at Johnston MSPVA. Save the Date for Friday, October 10 at 7PM when Johnston Dance Ensemble will be performing at Jones Hall as the Prelude to MOMIX company—visit www.spahouston.org for information on that performance, the LANGuage Summer Residency, and the Society for the Performing Arts, Houston!!!

***PAY ATTENTION TO SCHOOL ZONES AND STUDENTS WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.**

***REMEMBER NO CELL PHONE USAGE IN SCHOOL ZONES.**

***STOP FOR BUSES.**

DO NOT PASS VEHICLES ON WILLOWBEND.

Parker Elementary FunFest 2014 “FunFest Rocks!”

Parker PTO proudly presents FunFest, their annual fall carnival, on October 18 from 2-6 PM. Admission is free and open to the public. Please be sure to bring your entire family and invite your neighbors.

Arrive early to hear Parker’s award winning band and impressive jazz band. Carnival games will keep your kids entertained for hours. You can purchase game tickets, or buy an “all inclusive” \$20 wristband covering games, rides and attractions (excluding the dunking booth and consumables). Attractions include several inflatable moon walks, a rockwall, face painting, a “Glam Booth” in which participants can get their hair and nails painted, and much more. Win fantastic prizes at our carnival games and enjoy traditional carnival food including nachos, hot dogs, roasted corn, funnel cakes, snow cones, cotton candy, and more...all at low prices.

Money generated by FunFest helps fund school needs such as computer and science upgrades, library improvements, instrument replacement and repair, and other educational enhancements. We welcome volunteers from the community to help us with this fun-filled event and contributions are graciously accepted. For more information, contact Autumn Jamison at president@cynthiaannparkerpto.org or (281) 723-7465. Mark your calendars for this memorable event!

St. Thomas More Parish Community Oktoberfest 2014

Sponsored by the St. Thomas More Parish School Endowment Foundation

Sunday, October 19, 2014

10330 Hillcroft St., Houston, Texas 77096

11:00 am until 8:00 pm

International Foods • Games • Prizes • Craft Booth
Live Entertainment • BINGO • BBQ • Sweet Shoppe

**Public Welcome
Free Admission**

Park in the neighborhood and ride one of our free golf cart shuttles to the festival!!!



2014 Annual Meeting

The 2014 Westbury Annual Meeting kicked off with a meet and greet period with residents getting a chance to meet board members. All attendees were greeted with free Westbury “swag” including a shopping bag, cup, and magnet, all with the WCC logo. Pizza was provided by the WCC and Jackie Murray of Weichert Realtors provided water and cookies.



President Becky Edmondson welcomed the crowd of over 100 residents and guests. Becky acknowledged our guests from Houston City Council: District K - Larry Green, At-Large 2 - Stephen Costello, At-Large 5 - Jack Christie, and District G - Oliver Pennington. HISD Trustee Wanda Adams and Mary Seymour, representing Texas State Rep Borris Miles.

Guest Speakers:
Westbury HS Principal Jason Catchings, made an extraordinary effort to speak at the Annual Meeting, since WHS was having its Open House on the same

night. Mr. Catchings called WHS a “sleeping giant” with huge potential. WHS is the first HISD AP Campus (AP = Advanced Placement). All students are encouraged to sign up for Pre-AP and AP classes, and they are doing so. WHS is about a year ahead of schedule for the 2012 bond project.

To be successful as an AP campus, WHS needs three things to happen: A strong leader principal, the kids to accept the program, and support of the community. He encouraged everyone to join the WHS PTO, even if you don’t have kids at WHS. The PTO membership form is on the WHS website. The kids and families attending WHS are already accepting the vision. The Back to School Bash was attended by 495 people, and the Open House had over 600 people on the campus. He is asking the PTO to raise its fundraising goals this year to raise over \$100,000 and to allocate most to scholarships.



Oliver Pennington, current District G Council member and mayoral candidate for 2015, spoke briefly.

District K CM Larry Green gave a fast-paced update since he had a long list of issues to cover at the meeting. CM Green urged residents to use 311 to make service request, then contact the WCC Office and the District K Office. He emphasized that each city department has a liaison with city council, so council requests get higher priority. The Westbury Community Garden has been saved. TxDOT has cleaned the intersection of S. Post Oak and W. Bellfort. Homeless at intersection of S. Post Oak and W. Bellfort, call his office. CM Green gave an update on Capital Improvement Projects through the City (CIP). Waterlines in WB5 and WB2, asphalt overlays in WB1 and WB2, have been pushing flooding problems in Westbury area. The Public Works Dept. will be doing a study this fall.

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2014 Annual Meeting



CM Green shared the exciting news that an LA Fitness is proposed for the "Westbury Centerette" property and hopefully will be a catalyst for economic

development. District K received \$2.1 M for street lights and a center barrier from TXDOT. This will extend from Beltway 8 all the way to the Loop along US90A. District K held a workshop on Sept. 20 at WHS for Code Enforcement. CM Green's goal is to train neighborhoods to solve issues and be proactive. He concluded by saying that Westbury always make him look good!

Our schools are an important piece of our neighborhood. HISD was in attendance at our annual meeting to show their commitment to bringing quality education to Houston and Westbury. It was quite impressive to have 20 HISD administrators on hand, including our Trustee Wanda Adams!

HISD Trustee Wanda Adams spoke about the Westbury High School band trip to Canton, Ohio. She reiterated her commitment to our neighborhood schools and asked us to keep her accountable.

Top HISD Chief School Support Officer Dr. Shonda Hardman spoke eloquently and passionately about HISD. She spoke of the benefits that the new principal for Westbury High, Jason Catchings, will bring to Westbury. Then she had her three school chiefs for the elementary, middle and high schools introduce themselves and give an overview of their responsibilities. Harrison Peters, for High Schools; Michael Cardona, for Middle Schools and one of Westbury's own, Dr. Jocelyn Mouton, for Elementary Schools. Dr. Mouton encouraged all of us to check out www.readhoustonread.org and join the fight to promote literacy for all children. Most of you reading this article know the importance of reading to one's children, but there are literally hundreds of HISD children who are not read to at home.

We give thanks to the following school support officers and principals who



attended our annual meeting: Patsy Cavazos, Diana Gibson-Johnson, Matilda Orozco, Angie Miranda, Roger Ibarra, Charles Foust, Susan Monaghan, Lead Principal, Pin Oak Middle School; Wenden Sanders, Principal, JMS, Kim Heckman, Principal, Pershing Middle School; Inge Garibaldi, Principal, Welch Middle School; Todd E. Berry, Teacher Specialist, Welch Middle School.

Board Election: WCC VP Marcia Hartman presented the list of candidates for the upcoming WCC board, as listed in the September *Crier*. Since there were no contested races, the candidates were approved by acclamation.



Thank you to our generous door prize donors! We had over \$700 worth of door prizes to give away!

*Distinctive Glass

*Jackie Murray & Kendyl Maurer, Weichert Realtors

*Jon Lohman with Lohman Law Firm

*Larry Mercer, Remax

*Let Us Play Hourly Childcare

*Los Tios

*Plumbco

*Reginelli's Pizzeria

*Tic Tac Nails

*Tony & Charlesy Porcarello, Coldwell Bankers

Westbury Area News

Variance Request for Westbury Centerette

Perhaps you have seen the sign posted on the old Westbury Centerette property at West Belfort and Chimney Rock. Last month we told you that the owners of the property had filed a re-plat request and we noticed that the setbacks were incorrect. The purpose of the City requiring applicants to post **PROMINENTLY** for variance requests is so that everyone will know that a request has been made to the city to allow a variation to a city ordinance and to allow input from the public. In this case, it is for the property setbacks. The city ordinance in Chapter 42 requires a property setback of 25 feet on major thoroughfares and 10 feet on residential streets (when not otherwise created by deed restrictions). The original re-plat showed 10 foot setbacks. The WCC opposes a 10 foot setback on West Belfort. This is a busy thoroughfare and we felt 10 feet is too close. On Chimney Rock we do not have the same concerns. As of press time, we have not seen the actual variance request but we suspect it is just for Chimney Rock as the owners understood our concerns about West Belfort.

Please remember that any developer that purchases any unrestricted commercial property in Houston (Westbury) can build whatever he wants as long as it does not violate a city ordinance and even then things like property setbacks can be waived by the city planning department. We work closely with the City to try to address concerns of negative impact such as traffic, light pollution, aesthetics, flooding etc. We also try to work with owners, potential investors and developers to encourage them to be good neighbors.

The **proposed** plan by Samantha Fitness is for a 38,000 square foot 2 story building that is proposed to house an LA Fitness center with a parking garage. This should be a wonderful addition to Westbury.

Sometimes development such as cell tower erection, pollution causing processes, like concrete batching, etc. require that MAILED notice be sent to residential property within a certain distance of proposed developments. (This is not one of them.) If any of you receive a written notice in the future, please let the WCC office know. Several years ago a cell tower was proposed for Westbury Square and because a handful of residences were within the required radius, we were able to oppose it.

Ditch De-Silting to Begin Soon

Hummingbird and Bankside—D139-04-000

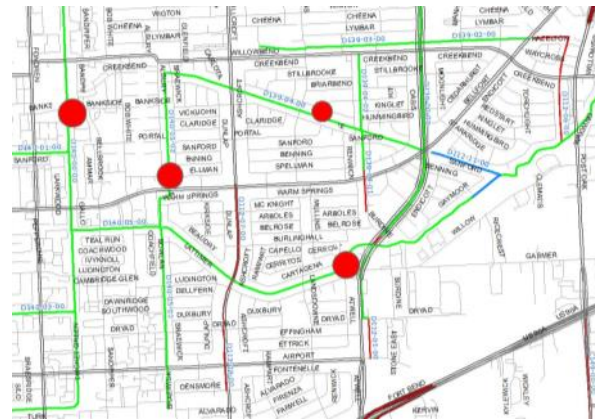
For years, residents and the Westbury Civic Club have been concerned about the state of the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) ditches in Westbury. We were concerned that our ditches had not been de-silted for decades. Water has accumulated and does not drain from the Hummingbird/Bankside ditch (D139-04-00) creating flooding fears for nearby residents. Work along this section of the ditch is to begin very soon. The WCC was told that it would be the first project in the bid. We are pleased to announce that HCFCD has reported the following timeline:

De-Silt Packet Bid Date: August 27, 2014

Bid Opening: September 8, 2014

Projected Award of Contract: September 23, 2014

Projected Start Date: Mid/Late October 2014



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Crime/Security

New Deputy on the Westbury Area Patrol

We have been notified by Harris County Precinct 5 that our night shift deputy, Deputy Farahshah, has taken another position in their department. We thank him for his service to Westbury.

Our new night deputy is Kristopher Sang. It's not as easy to meet and get to know the night shift deputies, but if you are out and about during his shift take time to introduce yourself and say hello.

Scam Alert

Several Westbury residents called the WCC office this month to report scams that were attempted on them via the phone and door. Make sure to call the Constables if you are suspicious about a person knocking on your door claiming to be from a company. They should have identification visible. Do not take workers to the backyard alone. Secure your doors.

One Westbury resident alerted the WCC office to a scam in which a caller tells you that they are with a law enforcement group.. In case, the scammer said he was from the Constables. The caller claims there is a warrant for your arrest and you need to pay them money to clear the warrant. This smart resident called the Constables and verified that there were no warrants and it was a scam. Be smart and alert!

“Like” our Facebook page, Westbury Houston, to stay updated on neighborhood issues. Other nearby neighborhoods also have Facebook pages that alert their residents of crimes; it’s a good idea to follow them as well. Nearby neighborhoods on Facebook include Marilyn Estates, Meyerland, & Sharpstown. Or subscribe for notification emails at our website: westburycrier.com.

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37* 30 days September 22, 2014

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	7	1	2	1	11
Theft	9	7	5	2	23
Auto Theft	2	1	1	1	5
Robbery	2	3	2	1	8
Assault	3	6	0	0	9
Rape	0	1	0	0	1
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	23	19	10	5	57

*Area bounded by: S. Post Oak, US 90/S. Main, utility easement north of Willowbend and drainage bayou, west of Braewick

Single Family Residential Crime Locations (30 days preceding 9/22/14)



Block #	Street	Crime
12200	Ashcroft	Theft
12600	Ashcroft	Theft
5900	Benning	Theft
11100	Braewick	Burglary
5300	Briarbend	Burglary
5500	Burlinghall	Burglary
6000	Cartagena	Assault
5800	Claridge	Theft
5500	Duxbury	Assault
11500	Endicott	Burglary
5800	Firenza	Robbery
11100	Fonda	Assault
11400	Mullins	Theft
10700	Oasis	Burglary
5800	Portal	Robbery
6000	Sanford	Theft
5000	Stillbrooke	Auto Theft
5700	W. Airport	Theft
5900	W. Airport	Burglary
5500	W Belfort	Burglary

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Westbury HPD Storefront
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HPD Non-Emergency
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Westbury Area News

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Paper Shred Day: October 4

Are you looking for an efficient and low cost way to securely shred documents and papers? ECHOS will be hosting a Shred Day event on October 4 from 9 AM to noon for a minimum donation of \$10. ECHOS is located at 9600 S. Gessner (near Bissonnet). Donations are tax-deductible and 100% of the donations support the programs at ECHOS. The documents will be shredded on site while you watch. Certificates of destruction are issued immediately, if desired. Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS) is a non-profit 501.c.3 organization. For more information contact Kathy at (713) 270-0369

Westbury Meet & Eat

Come out to Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant at 6579 W. Bellfort every 1st Thursday of the month to meet Westbury residents. This event is open to anyone who lives in Westbury.
October Meet & Eat: Thurs, Oct 2 @ 6PM
November Meet & Eat: Thurs, Nov 6 @ 6PM

Brays Bayou Association Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2014, 7:30 PM at The Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

Carter Stern, Event Chair, and Allyssa Balough will describe a major event scheduled for April 4, 2015 in the lower part of Brays. The **Parks By You** event is sponsored in part by **The Houston Parks Board**. Part of the **Bayou Greenway Initiative**, the participants will have the opportunity to walk, bike, run, play and paddle between four parks along lower Brays. Come get a "heads up" on this coming event.

Westbury Trading Group - Facebook

The Westbury/Meyerland/Bellaire Trading Group is a Facebook group that has over 1,600 members. It allows area residents to sell, trade, or buy items from other area residents. It was started by a Westbury mom who saw a need. Check it out today!

House Numbers

Also, take a look at your house number today. Do you have house numbers on your house and are the numbers readily visible from the street? Did you know that the city requires EVERY home to have a visible house number, so that emergency vehicles can respond quickly to the correct address. A house number painted on the curb is helpful, but it can be obscured by a parked car. The ordinance says a house number should be placed either on the primary door or within 18 inches from that door. If your house was built before 1979, then the numbers have to be at least 2" tall. If your house was built between 1979 and 2010, then the numbers have to be at least 3" tall. If your house was built after January 2010, then the numbers should be at least 4" tall.

Links for Lost & Found Pets

☑Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com
☑Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook-<https://www.facebook.com/westburyhoustontexas>
☑CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com (Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury) or at www.westburycare.com

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2014 Dues/Assessments

Mission of the WCC

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

Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?

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Make checks payable to: Westbury Civic Club, Inc. Mail to: P.O. Box 975182 Dallas, TX 75397-5182 Online payment: paypal.com—Send Money to westburycc@sbcglobal.net Make sure to include your address or account number	Westbury Civic Club Membership	\$40	\$
	Greenspace Beautification	\$25	\$
	Westbury Area Patrol	\$230	\$
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	Greenspace Beautification		\$
	Westbury Area Patrol		\$
	Westbury HPD Storefront		\$
	Total		\$

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- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplandes, parks, and green spaces.
- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
- Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year

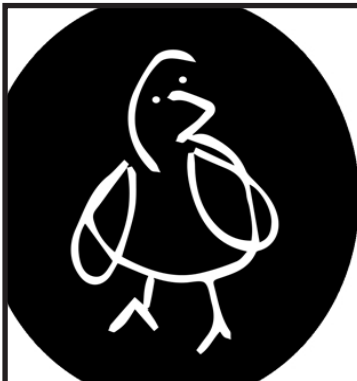
For a more detailed explanation, check out the January 2014 *Westbury Crier* available online at westburycrier.com.

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. The 2014 Assessment is \$227. All assessments were due by February 1, 2014 unless you have an active payment plan with the Westbury Civic Club. If you are interested in a payment plan, please call 713-723-5437.

Remodeling or Adding On? Submit Plans to WCC Now

The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits. They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. All deed restrictions are available online at westburycrier.com.



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WHS Homecoming Parade

October 25 from 10 – 11:30 AM

The WHS homecoming parade traditionally winds its way through our neighborhood from Parker Elementary to WHS on the day of the homecoming football game. Parade begins on Atwell at Briarbend, proceeds south on Atwell, west on Spellman, south on Renwick, east on W. Belfort south on Burdine continues south on Chimney Rock, and concludes on Chimney Rock at Gasmer Dr. Staging at Parker Elementary and disbanding in Westbury High School parking lot.

As of press time, we are unable to confirm the route. The route listed is the previous years route. For more information, go to www.houstonisd/domain/8388.

SW Houston School Expo

Westbury UMC will host its 7th Annual Southwest Houston School Expo on Saturday, October 18, 10AM to Noon, in Humphrey Hall. Our goal is to empower parents to make informed choices about their children's education by providing a laid-back, geographically focused forum.

Up to 40 schools in southwest Houston from all levels (elementary, middle and high school) will set up tables and provide information to prospective families. This information will be used to educate parents about opportunities, options and school performance, thus allowing them to choose the best fit for their children.

"There will be representatives from different magnet schools in the area who can answer questions you may have and explain the application process," says School Expo organizer and Westbury UMC church member Donna Reid.

This event is free and open to the public. All parents seeking a better understanding of what schools in southwest Houston have to offer are welcome to attend. A "child-watch" area for younger siblings will be provided by Westbury UMC's Children's Ministry.

For more details, contact Donna Reid at donna@robreid.com or call the church office at 713-723-0175.



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Westbury Community Garden



Westbury Community Garden Hosts Daisy Scouts

Daisy Scouts from Girl Scout Troop #22059 visited the Westbury Community Garden to experience gardening first hand. The girls planted various types of veggies in their own 18 inch square space. The result absolutely delighted them. They raised radishes, green beans, strawberries, onions, and zinnias that they planted. It was so much fun and they plan to return this October to plant carrots, beets, and more. This is just one more great example of the outreach the WCG provides.

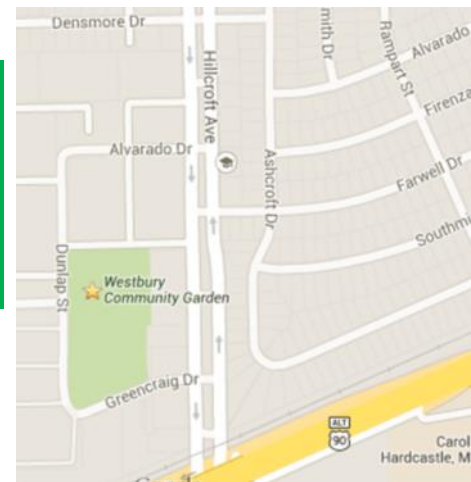


Daisy Scouts from Troop #22059

Buy Fresh Food at the Westbury Community Garden

A farm stand run by Plant It Forward Farms is open at the garden on **Saturdays from 9AM to 5PM and Sundays 10AM to 6PM.**

A farm share program is also available with pick up at the Westbury Community Garden. Visit www.plant-it-forward.org for more information.

What Is Plant It Forward Farms (PIFF)? Information Session: Oct. 8

Are you interested in locally grown organic produce? On Wednesday, October 8, at 10AM learn the history and the goals for Plant It Forward Farms with Kassy Rodriguez, the PIFF Market Manager. This free program will take place at Godwin Park Community Center, 5101 Rutherglenn Drive.

WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

The Westbury Community Garden is located at 12581 Dunlap near Hillcroft and South Main (US 90A) in zip code 77035. The intersection of Greencraig and Hillcroft is the intersection closest to the railroad tracks at South Main.

Take Greencraig and follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof of the June Hollingsworth Outdoor Learning Center, built by Leadership Houston, is readily visible.

Keep Houston Beautiful Luncheon: Oct. 27 at Hilton Americas from 11:30AM-1PM

Westbury has 4 projects that are being recognized! The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Marcia Hartman for her leadership of the Westbury Community Garden, The Friends of Chimney Rock Park, and the Westbury Civic Club for the Hager Park-Keep Westbury Beautiful Day. Tickets are available to purchase online at www.houstonbeautiful.org. Tickets start at \$100. Come out and support this very worthwhile organization that helps Keep Westbury Beautiful!



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Westbury Resident Wins Mayor's Award

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Yard of the Month

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Westbury 2

10807 Moonlight

Westbury 3

Derek & Tania Olander
11067 Landsdowne

Westbury 4

Jack & Lynn Powell
5619 Duxbury

Westbury 5

Ramy & Amy Hanna
10719 Braewick

Westbury South

Toni Pulkrabek
12421 Mullins

Parkwest 1

David & Monica Caceres
5606 Bankside

Parkwest 2

Darren & Magdalena
Santana
5805 Bankside

Parkwest 3

Sending & Hanna Tiric
6010 Cerritos

Congratulations to all our winners for September Yard of the Month. The Yard of the Month program will take a short hiatus in November, but will be back for holiday judging in December. Look for future Criers for more information. Thank you to all our Yard of the Month judges!

Congratulations to Dr. Richard Tapia

Congratulations to Dr. Richard Tapia, a long-time Westbury resident and Rice University Professor, for receiving the 2014 Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Lifetime Achievement Award for helping minorities and women prepare for higher education and increasing participation of underrepresented students in the sciences. Mayor Annise Parker said each recipient of the Mayor's Hispanic Heritage Award "has displayed leadership and dedication to advancing our Hispanic community," she said. "Houston is enriched by their volunteerism, activism and public service."

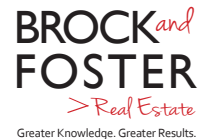


Tapia, the son of Mexican immigrants, was the first member of his family to attend college. Among the many honors Tapia has received are the National Medal of Science, election as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) fellow and receipt of the AAAS Lifetime Mentor Award, membership in the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Distinguished Public Service Award from the American Mathematical Society, the Distinguished Scientist Award from the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science and the National Science Board's Vannevar Bush Award.

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Meet the WCC Board



Mark Knoblauch— Secretary

"I am excited to begin my tenure as your Westbury Civic Club Secretary. Westbury has been my family's home for the past five years, and throughout my time here I have come to learn the vast array of benefits Westbury has to offer. Though originally from Kansas, I have been a Houston resident since 2005. I

received my doctorate from our own University of Houston and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine. I now work full-time at UH as a clinical assistant professor. My wife and I are the parents to two incredible little girls as well as a two year old BARC rescue. One of my favorite activities is taking a morning or late afternoon jog through the streets of Westbury, often with a jogging stroller in hand.

As your civic club's Secretary, a priority of mine is to continually work to improve our Westbury neighborhood. Improvements can come in many forms, whether it be striving for a picturesque yard, reporting streetlight outages, or calling the constables regarding any suspicious activity. I am passionate about neighborhood safety, and I personally believe that when residents feel safe it strengthens the bond of the neighborhood. Lastly, I encourage you to attend the monthly Westbury Civic Club meetings. It's not only a great way to meet your fellow neighbors who are passionate about Westbury, but it also allows your voice to be heard."



Heath Campbell— Westbury 5 Section Director

"My wife and I moved to Westbury six years ago, a newly married couple looking forward to creating a family in our first home. We searched for our first home in a number of locations throughout the city, but were sold on Westbury's proximity to the

city, the lush trees, and my wife (Mindy Campbell) is a tad bit partial to the neighborhood, as she is a Westbury High School graduate.

Within a year of owning our little house we added a new member to our family. Our first daughter joined our little family in 2009, and two short years later her sister joined. We love calling Westbury our home, and are exciting about all the growth in the area.

I look forward to being a voice for my section, and helping our community continue to grow."



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Meet the WCC Board



Jeff Benavides—Director of Flood Control & Infrastructure

Jeff and his partner moved to Westbury in 2008. He is employed by the Harris Health System, formerly known as the Harris County Hospital District. Presently he is a health educator and a coordinator of education programs for healthcare professionals. He has been with the Harris Health System for 16 years. He volunteers at St. Anne's Catholic Church as a monthly reader

and coordinator of service. He enjoys travelling, exercising, going to the gym, movies, various programs on TV, spending time with family and friends, and hosting gatherings. He hopes to bring many of his creative skills and personality to the table.



Libby Mondello—Director of Communications

Libby has been a Westbury resident since 2009. Formally a high school history teacher, she now spends her time parenting her three young children, working as a freelance social media consultant, and managing the Westbury Trading Group on Facebook. Libby enjoys traveling and practicing yoga.

Her favorite things about the neighborhood are the tight knit community and the proximity to all that Houston has to offer!

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.

WAIC	Westbury Area Improvement Corporation
WCC	Westbury Civic Club
WWGC	Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy
WCG	Westbury Community Garden
WAP	Westbury Area Patrol (Constables)
BBA	Brays Bayou Association
SWH2000	Southwest Houston 2000
BOMD	Brays Oaks Management District
CARE	Compassionate Animal Rescue Effort
VIPS	Volunteers in Public Schools
PIP	Positive Interaction Program
FOLPH	Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston

Other common acronyms:

COH	City of Houston
DON	Department of Neighborhoods (City of Houston)
WPE	Public Works & Engineering (City of Houston)
HPARD	Houston Parks and Recreation Department
HCFC	Harris County Flood Control District
HCTRA	Harris County Toll Road Authority
HISD	Houston Independent School District
HCC	Houston Community College



Rocio Lara—Westbury 2 Section Director

Rocio is a native Houstonian who grew up in the Heights. She attended Field Elem., Hogg Middle and Reagan High Schools. She later attended the University of Phoenix where she earned her

Bachelor's degree in Business Management. She and her husband, Bryant, have two children.

Her husband decided to invest their future in Westbury in 2005. Its central location with close proximity to the Medical Center, where they both work, and the diverse, rebounding nature of the area were attractive. Rocio volunteers at the Houston Food Bank and also Rebuilding Together Houston - a group that helps re-vitalize homes for senior citizens in need. She has since decided to invest her extra time by becoming a WCC member where she hopes to positively contribute as the neighborhood improves and continues to define itself.

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 date is October 9. Junk Waste may be put on the curb starting October 4.

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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Willow Waterhole Events

Music & Movie in the Park: October 19, 6-9PM



Come listen to AI's All-Star Jazz Band made up of Parker and West-bury HS students. Then enjoy "Amazing Spiderman 2" movie while eating free popcorn. Bring chairs and blankets.



Huge Movie Screen!
Plenty of room for blankets and chairs!
FREE FUN! FREE FUN!

Halloween Movie Night & Costume Contest: October 25, 6-9PM

Kids and adults will enjoy Disney's "Monsters Inc." projected onto a huge outdoor screen! Prizes will be awarded for the best Halloween costumes. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Popcorn and water will be provided. This is the 4th year for this great event. Bring the whole family and enjoy a wonderful night at the Willow Waterhole relaxing, watching a movie, and eating popcorn! Don't forget to wear your Halloween costumes!



Presented By:



Willow Waterhole
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Movie in the Park: November 8, 5:30-9PM



Come enjoy "Maleficent", Disney's retelling of Sleeping Beauty, starring Angelina Jolie on an outdoor movie screen. Enjoy free popcorn. Make sure to bring chairs and blankets. It can get chilly in the open.

PARKING FOR ALL MOVIE & MUSIC EVENTS::: Parking will be open on Dryad and Gasmer. Make sure to lock vehicle and do not leave valuables in the car.

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Willow Waterhole Volunteer Opportunities

Tree Mulching at Willow Waterhole

In September, Westbury High School JROTC students and WWGC volunteers spread mulch for 150 trees on the slope of the lake across Gasmer from Shell. The JROTC students were under the direction of Cadet in Charge Isaac Butler. Ralph Reiger, Howard Sacks, Bob Schwartz, Kari Mullen, Russell Schexnayder, and Bill Burhans from the WWGC also participated.



Wildflower Seed Ball Making at the Platou Center:

Sixteen volunteers made about 1,400 wildflower seed balls in September at the Platou Center. Diana Gay & Talie Williams from WHS JROTC, Dabney & Peggy Kennedy, Edith Smith, Polee & Annolyn with their children Zoe & Aleesa, Shea & Anabel Precht, Clare Thomsen, Betty Portal, Diana Lovelady, Jack Metcalfe, and Janie Schexnayder attended.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Planting: October 4

The Houston Parks Department will hold their annual Lady Bird Wildflower Planting event at the Willow Waterhole from 9:00 AM until all seeds are planted. Seeds will be planted in two areas. The planting honors the former First Lady, who promoted the use of wildflowers and native plants in public beautification projects. Her efforts have led her to be considered one of America's first environmentalists. Now in its 8th year, the wildflower planting is a favorite volunteer project. **Workday Specifics:** October 4, 9AM. Registration at The Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow.

Wildflower Seed Ball Project, October 18

Come to the Platou Center anytime from 9AM-1PM to help make seed balls for the Willow Waterhole. **Workday Specifics:** October 18, 9AM-1PM, Platou Community Center at 11655 Chimney Rock. Fruit, water, and snacks will be available.

Wildflower Seed Ball Toss: October 25

Wildflower seed balls will be tossed from 9 AM until gone. Then, the HFD's Westbury pumper truck will make it rain to start the germination process. Registration will be at The Gathering Place, 5310 South Willow. This will be a great family event for young and old alike.

A signed waiver is required to participate in all the above events. It is available on the WWGC's website at www.wwgc.org. Certificates of volunteer service will be available.

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2014 Election Information

VOTER ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE

1. A voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote:

- Texas driver license issued by the DPS
- Texas Election ID Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- U.S. military ID card with photograph
- U.S. citizenship certificate with photograph
- United States passport

2. My ID is expired. Will it still work?

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

3. A **permanent exemption** is available for voters with documented disabilities. Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption. Affidavits are available for voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed and for voters who do not have any photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor within 45 days of the day the ballot was cast.

4. Election officials will review the ID and if a name is "substantially similar" to the name on their list of registered voters, you will still be able to vote, but you will also have to submit an affidavit stating that you are the same person on the list of registered voters.

5. If a voter does not present proper identification, the voter will still be permitted to vote provisionally. The voter will have (six) 6 days to present proper identification to the county voter registrar for the voter's ballot to be accepted.

For more information visit www.harrisvotes.org or call **The Election Information Line at (713) 755-6965.**



2014 Election

What is on the ballot?

US Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Affairs, Commissioners of Public Accounts, General Land Use, Agriculture, and Railroad, Harris County District Clerk, County Clerk, and various state, county, district judges. You can view your sample ballot at www.harrisvotes.com.

Early Voting Hours of Operation

October 20—October 24: 8AM - 4:30PM
 October 25: 7AM - 7PM
 October 26: 1PM - 6PM
 October 27—October 31: 7AM - 7PM

Some Early Voting Locations

SWHouston: Bayland Park Community Center at 6400 Bissonnet, 77074

Main Office: Harris County Administration Bldg at 1001 Preston, 1st Floor, 77002

Astrodome Area: Fiesta Mart, Inc. at 8130 Kirby Dr, 77054

Galleria: Harris County Public Health Environmental Services 2223 West Loop South, 77027

Where do I vote on the regular election day, November 4? At the time this newsletter went to print, many of the precinct polling locations were not yet defined. Check www.harrisvotes.com for exact poll location.




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WAIC / Southern Crushed Concrete

TCEQ & Southern Crushed Concrete Air Permit Application

Southern Crushed Concrete has applied for a permit through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to allow concrete batching at its Gasmer location. In August, State Representative Borris Miles facilitated a community meeting by the TCEQ at Westbury High School.

Concerns expressed at the public hearing focused on the concrete dust and particulate matter from the batching plant that will negatively affect the public health of nearby residents and possible environmental impacts of dust and water runoff into the adjoining Willow Waterhole.

The public comment deadline was August 25. It is expected to take up to at least 60 days to hear from the TCEQ on the decision. Please stay tuned to our Facebook page *Westbury Houston*, or our website, www.westburycrier.com for up to date news on the permit process. We will have an update in the next *Crier*.



WAIC: Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

The nonprofit WAIC monthly meeting was held on September 17.

School Reports

Parker Elementary currently has 843 students. To support the HISD literacy effort they have several events planned: a movie night with the movie *Narnia* and books available to read from the series, a "Little Free Library" where a child can bring a book and take a book, and monthly drawings for Lego kits for children who have read at least 3 books.

Anderson Elementary announced that they have closed the performance gap in math and language and once again meet requirements. A NEW dual language program was started at the kindergarten level this year. An additional grade level will be added each year until dual language is available at all grade levels. Dual language offers instruction in both English and Spanish and is intended to have both native English speakers and native Spanish speakers fluent in both languages. Realtor Wayne Murray of Weichert Realtors offered to donate prizes for drawings for the literacy efforts at Anderson Elementary.

Westbury High School – Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson are on the Project Advisory Team for the WHS bond construction project. Principal Jason Catchings spoke at the WCC annual meeting.

Officer Reports

Treasurer Marcia Hartman noted that the WCC has donated \$2,000 to the WAIC, part of which has been used to purchase insurance. The nonprofit WAIC will now operate the Westbury Community Garden, rather than the WCC. The city requires insurance.

The following organizations gave updates: Friends of Westbury High School Foundation, Westbury Little League, Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, the Westbury Community Garden, Barbara Hite from District K, and Veronica Hernandez from the Mayor's Office.

Barbara Hite reported that there were about 35 requests submitted to District K for the new "Council District Service Budget" of \$1,000,000 that CM Larry Green can choose how to allocate across District K. The WAIC and the WCC both submitted several requests.

The next Westbury Area Improvement Corporation meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15, at Salem Lutheran Church at 8:30AM.

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