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Fall White Elephant Sale



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
8AM - NOON
WESTBURY UNITED METHODIST
(5200 WILLOWBEND)**

Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian (5020 W. Bellfort) 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, there ARE booth spaces still available. Groups & non-residents may start purchasing booths on October 11. Call the WCC office at 713-723-5437 for more information.

***RAIN DATE: NOVEMBER 12**

Westbury Civic Club

60th Anniversary Party

**Sat., October 15
3PM-5PM**

Westbury Baptist



The Westbury Civic Club invites YOU to come celebrate 60 wonderful years of Westbury. A celebration party will be held October 15 from 3-5PM at Westbury Baptist Gym, 10425 Hillcroft, and is open to ALL Westbury residents. Come meet past presidents of the WCC, current board members, visit with neighbors, and learn more about our great neighborhood.

The WCC will be giving away 60 free trees, commemorative t-shirts, food, and DOOR Prizes! There will be games for children and special interest booths and much more!!! We look forward to seeing everyone there! More information, see page 7.

Sixty Wonderful Years
Westbury Civic Club

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HEAVY TRASH SCHEDULE



**OCTOBER 13
JUNK WASTE**

Pick up for ALL of Westbury is Thursday, October 13

November 10: TREE WASTE ONLY

***DO NOT PLACE JUNK WASTE ON CURB
UNTIL 6pm OCTOBER 7**



**Make Your Voice Count!
VOTE IN THE 2016
ELECTION**

October 24: Early Voting

November 8 - Election Day

For more information, see pages 9 & 15

2016 ELECTION

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President's Message

The 2016 Annual Meeting for the Westbury Civic Club was an awesome event. I loved looking out and seeing old friends. Judge Phyllis Frye, who served on the board for 9 years, before becoming a judge, was joined by Wally Davenport a past-president from the 1980s. Martha Kinn, a past-treasurer, and Duane Coombs, a longtime volunteer from Westbury South, were also at the meeting to name a few. Attendees included brand new residents, long-time residents, and many first-timers. I moved into Westbury in December of 1979 and attended my first WCC meeting in 2000. I'm not sure I've been home much since then!

As I prepared for the Annual Meeting I read the purpose of the WCC in our bylaws and I asked myself, how are we doing? 60 years into this process, is this still a viable message? *"The purposes of the Westbury Civic Club are to improve the appearance of the Westbury area and promote the civic, cultural, educational, health and general welfare of the residents of the Westbury and Parkwest subdivisions"*.

Improve the appearance of the Westbury area: It's a big neighborhood. Many of our commercial properties could take a bit (a LOT) more pride in their appearance. A handful of our residential properties are problematic with overgrown yards, heavy trash violations, visible storage of junk, junk cars and all those things that drive us, as neighbors, nuts. Please help get these properties cleaned up by calling in violations to 311 and passing the Service Request numbers to the WCC office by email. Take a picture and send us an address. Don't assume someone else has reported a problem. I am always shocked when someone says this house has been like this for two years. We are working hard to get the thorny problems resolved through the city, county, management district and sometimes even HPD. Our common greenspaces get much attention from volunteers every year. You will read on page 23 that the Westbury Civic Club will receive the ***Distinguished Neighborhood Award*** at the Mayor's Proud Partner Keep Houston Beautiful

luncheon in November. Every one of you shares in this award!

Promote the civic welfare: The Board of the WCC works to have a good relationship with our elected city officials and with the different city departments. On pages 12-13 you will see that our strategy must be working as we had the Mayor, three council members and staff members, a City department director, a judge, and a candidate for Congress at the Annual Meeting. We work closely with our council district as well as with many of the city departments. On page 6 you will see Cindy Chapman meeting the mayor in HIS office.

Promote educational welfare: We devote time to our schools. One way in which we do this is by making available a page or two each month in the *Crier*. At our Annual Meeting, our HISD Trustee, the Chief school officer and the WHS principal were on hand. The WHS PTO is also selling those great "I ❤️ Westbury" signs. The state of our neighborhood schools is a big factor in our property values as well as our educational choices. Members of the WCC serve on several official HISD committees that benefit our Westbury schools.

Promote health and general welfare: Public safety is so important to our health and general well-being. At the annual meeting, we had an HPD captain and a Chief, an HFD Chief, and our Pct. 5 constables. The WCC works closely with both Pct. 5 and the Westbury HPD storefront. On the flooding front, we have spent literally hundreds and hundreds of hours researching, advocating and working toward real solutions to mitigate the structural flooding which afflicted some Westbury homes in 2015 and 2016.

Promote the cultural welfare: We support the Willow Waterhole Greenspace and the Westbury Community Garden. Both of these are great social spaces. I hope many of you were able to attend one of the many events at these fine neighborhood jewels. Read about the Willow Waterhole on page 20.

So, I'd say the WCC is doing a fairly good job of meeting its stated purpose. We could always use more money, more members, more volunteers, and more people with a passion to make a difference. All you have to do is look around to see the good works being done by the dozens and dozens of volunteers who give their time, talent, and treasure to make Westbury a place we are proud to call home.

Please join us on October 15 as we celebrate our 60th Anniversary.

If you are an original resident, I hope you will come and visit with the newcomers. Share YOUR history with them. If you are new to Westbury, come learn about the history of our amazing suburban neighborhood as it grew out of rice fields. There will be something for everyone: classic cars to see; games for children; a 1950s backyard hotdog barbecue; and tables set up for groups that are working in Westbury from trails to animals to parks.

We have a lot to celebrate and it won't be the same without YOU! I look forward to one more year as the WCC President!

Becky Edmondson



WCC President Becky Edmondson with her father, Jim Rucker, a longtime Maplewood resident, at the Westbury Annual Meeting

Sixty Wonderful Years
Westbury Civic Club

Westbury Civic Club Board Notes

⇒ The September Meeting was the WCC Annual Meeting. You will read in detail about the meeting on Pages 12 and 13.

NEXT WCC Board Meeting
Wed., Oct. 19, 7PM-9PM
Westbury Baptist

Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock

Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM

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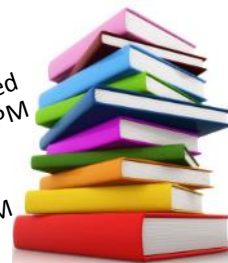
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Tues. & Weds. 10AM-6PM

Thursday 12PM-8PM

Friday - 1PM-5PM

Saturday - 10AM -5PM



WEEKLY EVENTS OCTOBER 2016

Baby Playtime

Tuesdays, 10:30am – 11:15am

Come for creative and collaborative play!
For children ages 0-18 months.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays, 10:30am – 11:15am

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Preschool Playtime

Wednesdays, 1:30pm – 2:15pm

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Special Library Events on page 19

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What's Happening in Westbury

Events/Meetings Calendar OCTOBER 2016

Thurs 6	Listen and Learn Tour with HISD Superintendent 5:30PM Westbury High School - 11911 Chimney Rock Speaker: HISD Superintendent Richard Carranza - See page 8
Sat. 8	Keeping Westbury Beautiful Workday 9AM Westbury Park Playground (5600 Stillbrooke) See page 22 for more information
Tues. 11	Booth Spaces on Sale for Non-Residents 9AM WCC Office open from 9AM to 1PM See page 1 for more information
Sat. 15	Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM Meet at the Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow See page 20 for more information.
Sat. 15	Westbury 60th Anniversary Party 3-5PM Westbury Baptist Gym - 10425 Hillcroft See pages 1 & 7 for more information.
Mon. 17	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow Speaker: Richard Rodriguez, Brays Oak Mgt. District
Wed 19	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 8:30AM Salem Lutheran Church 4930 W. Bellfort
Wed. 19	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting 7PM-9PM Westbury Baptist Game Room—10425 Hillcroft
Tues 25	SW PIP (HPD Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Building by Hobby Lobby
Tues 25	Listen and Learn Tour with HISD Superintendent 6PM Parker Elementary- 10626 Atwell Speaker: HISD Superintendent Richard Carranza - See page 8
Nov 5	Fall White Elephant Sale 8AM - Noon
Nov. 8	 2016 Election Day 

Heavy & Recycling Trash Calendar

October 2016

Thurs 13	Curbside Recycling <i>NO GLASS</i> All of Westbury
Thurs 13	Heavy Trash— JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 27	Curbside Recycling <i>NO GLASS</i> All of Westbury

November 2016

Thurs 10	Curbside Recycling <i>NO GLASS</i> All of Westbury
Thurs 10	Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY
Friday 25*	Regular Trash Pickup moved due to Thanksgiving
Friday 25*	Curbside Recycling <i>NO GLASS</i> All of Westbury

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ 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	October	Junk Waste
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PLANNING CALENDAR

- November 5 - White Elephant Sale
- November 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 12 - Rain Date for White Elephant Sale
- November 21-25 - WCC Office Closed

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Neighborhood Partnerships

Hillcroft Expansion Controversy

A successful letter writing campaign, bolstered with both hard copy and electronic petitions, has definitely served notice to Public Works that a proposed project to expand Hillcroft into a 6 lane roadway, while making needed street improvements, is an UNPOPULAR idea. At the WCC Annual Meeting in September, Mayor Sylvester Turner was well aware of the agitation in Westbury and surrounding communities regarding the proposed changes to Hillcroft. Mayor Turner said it is important "to preserve communities and neighborhoods" and that he had talked to Public Works and "the Hillcroft expansion was not going to happen".

Later during the Annual Meeting, District K CM Larry Green said it was a priority for him to amend the regional MTFP (Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan) to re-classify Hillcroft, so that it would no longer be designated as a 6 lane road designed "for higher rates of speeds".

We thank the many local residents who spoke up during meetings or who wrote a letter or signed a petition on this topic. The WCC worked with other area civic organizations to oppose expanding Hillcroft to 6 lanes and will continue to monitor the situation for other local road projects. And, we want to thank our elected officials for recognizing that 6 lane roads are not friendly to neighborhoods or school children.



Westbury Super Neighborhood Takes Part in Meeting with Mayor

A "Super Neighborhood" is a geographical area determined by the city. The Westbury area has been a recognized Super Neighborhood council organization since 2005, after realizing the many benefits from visits to the nearby Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood. The Westbury Super Neighborhood (SN) meets concurrently with the monthly WAIC meeting on the 3rd Wednesday each month. The Westbury SN is also active in the Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA). As "a picture is worth a thousand words", here is a photo of Cindy Chapman, co-president of the Westbury SN, visiting the Mayor in his office with the Super Neighborhood Alliance.



District K Chief of Staff Donald Perkins hosted a meeting in September for the residents who live in the nearby Willow Meadows/Willowbend area to learn more about Super Neighborhoods. Westbury SN Co-Presidents Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman were asked to describe how the Westbury SN operates and were pleased to invite representatives to attend the September Westbury SN meeting.

Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

Every third Wednesday is the monthly non-profit WAIC meeting, which is also the host of the monthly Super Neighborhood meeting for Westbury. Topics covered at the September WAIC meeting included: reports from our area schools, the panhandling problem and an update on the "civility ordinance" petition, an update on Hillcroft, an update on flooding

infrastructure that Westbury is advocating on behalf of, and more. For more info, go to WAIC Houston on Facebook.



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Westbury Area Schools and HISD

New HISD Superintendent Coming to Westbury TWICE in October

HISD District IX Trustee **Wanda Adams** has made arrangements for our community to meet newly hired HISD Superintendent, **Richard Carranza**. Superintendent Carranza will be in the Westbury area TWICE in October, and we strongly encourage our residents to attend one or both of these upcoming meetings.

- ⇒ Thursday, October 6, **Westbury High School**, 5:30PM
Note – the WHS PTO meeting will follow the townhall meeting. Westbury High School—11911 Chimney
- ⇒ Tuesday, October 25, **Parker Elementary** at 6PM
Parker Elementary is located at 10626 Atwell.

We are happy to see that Mr. Carranza strongly supports arts education, since the Westbury area is noted for the excellent Fine Arts programs offered at Parker Elementary, Meyerland Middle School, and Westbury High School.

Carranza, 49, most recently served as superintendent of the 58,000-student San Francisco (CA) Unified School District. Carranza is a fluent Spanish-speaker and lifelong educator. He has served as a bilingual classroom teacher, a campus principal, and a senior-level administrator in Las Vegas and Tucson. "Mr. Carranza stood out in a field of excellent candidates," said HISD Board President Manuel Rodríguez Jr. "His personal journey, including his upbringing as the child of hard-working immigrant parents and his strong record of collaborative leadership, make Mr. Carranza the right person to guide Houston schools into a promising future."

Meet the Superintendent
OCT 6 @5:30PM, WHS * OCT 25 @6PM, Parker

SWHouston 2000 Focus on Education

The WCC hosts a table at each bimonthly breakfast hosted by SWHouston2000, which feature topics of interest to our southwest area of town. To learn more about upcoming events, their FB page is SWHouston2000.

The focus of the September 2016 breakfast was education.

Dr. Madeline Burillo, president of Houston Community College-Southwest, spoke about the new \$12 million Brays Oaks Campus that will be opening in November of 2016. The goal is to provide "education with a purpose" by providing a "pathway to careers".

Richard Carranza, the new superintendent of HISD, spoke about the



Local area Principals with the new HISD Superintendent.

need for a world class city to have world class education in order to invest in the future. Attending the breakfast were most of the principals from the schools in our area.

Parker Book Fair: November 7-11

Parker Elementary will be having their Scholastic Book Fair from November 7-11. Proceeds from the Fair benefit the Parker Elementary library. Parker Elementary is located at 10626 Atwell.



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IMPORTANT: Confusing HISD Item on Nov. Ballot

HISD Ballot Item Featured in Chronicle

Here is a summary of what the *Houston Chronicle* had to say about the HISD "ReCapture" measure that is on the November ballot.

"...be warned - it is a trick question. The ballot is really asking whether HISD should submit itself to state recapture and send \$162 million in local property tax dollars to Austin. The correct answer is "NO," or "AGAINST. If this misleading ballot provision passes, HISD will not only be required to send \$162 million in local property tax dollars to the state next year. The district will also likely face higher annual payments for the foreseeable future under the state's broken school finance system."

"...in reality, the system robs from the poor and gives to legislators so that they don't have to raise state taxes. There's no guarantee that poor schools will receive a single extra dime if HISD pays up. How does this work? Simply put, the state keeps two bank accounts: one for general revenue and one for the recaptured Robin Hood sums. Every dollar that the state pays from Robin Hood frees up general revenue money that the state otherwise would have to spend to help poor schools. So instead of giving extra money to needy districts, any HISD money will essentially be spent on highways, border security or some other appropriation besides education."

"...By voting no, Houstonians will keep their money and instead authorize the commissioner of education to detach \$18 billion worth of commercial property from HISD and assign it to other school districts. This has never happened before, and such a radical move would give the Legislature an opportunity to rectify the situation. A "no" vote won't end the problem. However, it will give the Legislature the entire 2017 session to fix school finance in Texas and keep local taxpayer dollars in our HISD schools."



Confusing Item about HISD on the November Ballot ("ReCapture")

Westbury is known for having among the highest voting rates in the City, so it is important that voters in Westbury consider carefully the complicated issue of school funding in Texas and how this affects our local public schools in the Houston Independent School District (HISD). The ballot item is worded in a confusing manner, so please review and understand the issue, so that you aren't trying to figure out how to vote when you get in the voting booth!

Here is how the topic will be worded on the ballot, "**Authorizing the board of trustees of Houston Independent School District to purchase attendance credits from the state with local tax revenues**". Voters will be asked to vote either FOR or AGAINST(NO).

Background: HISD serves a huge number of urban students who are impoverished, or have limited English skills, or need assistance to reach their potential. Over 75% of HISD students are disadvantaged. Yet, amazingly, the not-so-brilliant State of Texas has determined that HISD has become too wealthy ("property rich", since schools are funded by property taxes) and will be subject to "recapture" (also known as the state "Robin Hood" funding plan which takes funding away from "wealthy" school districts).

Vote For or Against? When you read these choices, you will see that BOTH voting options have bad consequences for students in HISD. The *Houston Chronicle* advises to vote NO / AGAINST in November 2016, in the hopes that the state legislature will be forced to take action during the 2017 Texas legislative session.

Explanation from HISD on Ballot Choices (Information taken from the HISD website)

FOR

- ⇒ If voters approve the measure, HISD will begin paying \$162 million next spring. The state will use this payment to fund public education in Texas.
- ⇒ If approved, the district will continue to make annual recapture payments for the foreseeable future. Voter approval will no longer be required for HISD to send an estimated \$257 million in 2017-18; \$308 million in 2018-19; and \$386 million in 2019-20. That's over \$1 billion going from HISD to the state in the coming years.

AGAINST

- ⇒ If voters don't approve the measure, HISD would then be subject to detachment of about \$18 billion worth of commercial property next July – starting with the most valuable.
- ⇒ The Texas Education Agency will detach a portion of HISD's commercial property and reassign it to other school districts in Texas, where it will be taxed at those districts' rates. Those districts would likely impose taxes at a higher rate than HISD. HISD would lose that revenue from the business community, and the local share would possibly increase.

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Department of Neighborhoods

District K hosted a “Neighborhood 101” workshop featuring Director TaKasha Francis from the City Department of Neighborhoods (DON). This workshop was attended by WCC board members: Becky Edmondson, Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, Virginia Livingston, and Donna Strom. The Department of Neighborhoods is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Houston neighborhoods through the delivery of services, innovative programs and strong community partnerships. The department serves as a centralized resource for the resolution of neighborhood concerns, and aids citizen access to city services, information and referrals.

DON Divisions: ● Inspections and Public Service (IPS) ● Citizens Assistance Office ● Anti-Gang Office ● Office of International Communities ● Office for People with Disabilities ● Volunteer Initiatives Program

Director Francis said that DON has been asked by Mayor Turner to “be responsive” as its first priority, because that is what residents expect. She pledged that DON will strive for service and excellence. She noted that there have been problems with the 311 database and the 311 mobile app and that DON is trying to figure out the problems to fix them. She said that all complaints should first be made to 311 to get a Service Request (SR) number, and

she recommended that an additional step be taken to contact District K with the problem and SR number. We suggest you also call the WCC Office with this information.

The Inspections group is the division which works closely with neighborhoods regarding quality of life issues. Inspectors respond to the following issues: overgrown and weedy lots, dangerous vacant buildings, illegal dumping and trash accumulation, junk motor vehicles, materials and appliances stored in public view, graffiti, nuisances on private property (as specified in city ordinances), and signs illegally placed on city property and right of way.



that CITATIONS will be issued for violations. It is up to the resident to understand the correct times to put out regular trash and heavy trash and to understand the trash rules. The goal is for rules to be enforced consistently across the city and that DON inspectors will help communities stay clean because “the bar has been raised” with higher expectations.

Westbury has junk waste pickup just SIX times a year on the second Thursday of the even numbered months. Tree Waste is picked up on odd months. Trash may be put on the curb at 6PM the Friday before our Thursday pickup. Call 311 or use the 311 app to report heavy trash violations.

HEAVY TRASH VIOLATORS BEWARE!

Director Francis warned that the city is going to start cracking down on trash violators. Deputy Assistant Director Reggie Harris leads the Inspections group and warned that “the game has changed” and

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Westbury Area News

Neighbors4Neighbors Network Expands to Include 77035

We are pleased to announce that the Neighbors4Neighbors Network, a non-sectarian community service program of Jewish Family Service, aimed at helping older adults remain in their own homes as they age, has expanded its boundaries to include Zip Codes 77035 and 77025 in addition to 77096. This means ALL of Westbury!

N4NN is a one-stop resource to help seniors resolve the every day challenges of remaining in their own homes as they grow older -- from finding volunteers to do light maintenance to finding professionals for the larger issues, to connecting members to volunteers who will visit or make check-up calls, to hosting monthly lunches with speakers, a discussion group and special events to connecting members with transportation to medical appointments or grocery shopping to networking with new friends.

Membership is open to anyone age 50 or older, regardless of religious affiliation, who lives in the three zip codes and who is capable of making key decision about their own lives, lives in a residence that presents no known threats to health or safety and is self-sufficient in meeting personal care needs, either through self-care or arrangements with a personal caregiver.

Annual dues (which also can be made in semi-annual or quarterly payments) are \$300 for a household or \$175 for an individual.

"N4NN has made all the difference for me," says member Clara Welsh, who lives in Zip Code 77035. "My kids were pressing me to move to a senior living facility. I like being independent. I don't want to have to do something when someone else tells me to. And I like the people I've met at N4NN." N4NN just installed a replacement phone for Ms. Welsh.



Flooding in Westbury Concerns Brays Bayou Association (BBA)

The speaker for the September 2016 BBA meeting was Michael Turco, General Manager of the Houston-Galveston Subsidence District. Subsidence in Houston is primarily caused by the withdrawal of groundwater, followed by compaction of the clay soils found in the Houston area.



Subsidence was first observed in the Houston area in coastal

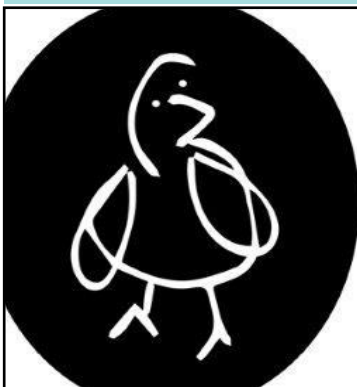
areas in the 1920s, and some subdivisions built in Baytown in the 1940s and 50s were underwater in the 1970s. The Houston Galveston Subsidence district was created in 1975 and initially was focused east of Hwy 288. In 1985, the district expanded to include more of the Houston area. The district uses "disincentive fees" to greatly increase the cost of water in order to encourage regulations about how much groundwater can be withdrawn. Coastal areas (Zone 1) can only withdraw up to 10% groundwater total. Westbury is in Subsidence Zone 2, where up to 20% groundwater withdrawal is allowed. Many of the new developments in Houston area are in Zone 3, where up to 70% groundwater is currently allowed, although by year 2035 the usage must be reduced down to 20% usage of groundwater. Most of the subsidence in the southwest area of Houston happened prior to 1990, although they do not have sufficient tools to identify where very localized subsidence may be happening.

Brays Oaks Mgt. District Committees

Committees from Public Safety to Greenspace to Infrastructure are held each month. Meetings are open to the public. By attending, you will get an idea of how much work goes on to make our area great. Residents of Westbury who participate on BOMD committees include: Cindy Chapman, Becky Edmondson, Marcia Hartman, Virginia Livingston, and Donna Strom.

Public Hearing -2015 Disaster Recovery

Two meetings were held for public input. The Westbury Civic Club along with Westbury residents advocated to support the BOMD/ District K plan for additional detention upstream in the Fondren area.



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2016 Annual Meeting

An enthusiastic crowd of almost 200 Westbury residents gathered at Westbury Baptist for the 2016 Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting. A meet and greet preceded the meeting and residents were able to meet the Westbury Area Patrol constable deputies, WCC board members, and neighbors. After President Becky Edmondson called the meeting to order, the first piece of business was the introduction of the current WCC board, followed with a vote by acclamation to elect the incoming board since no board positions were contested.

The 2016 guest speaker was **Mayor Sylvester Turner** who was warmly welcomed by the enthusiastic crowd. The Mayor addressed 5 major issues in our area: Flooding, Widening of Hillcroft, Panhandlers in the area (Civility ordinances), Other Infrastructure



WCC President Becky Edmondson & Mayor Sylvester Turner



Sign-In table was busy!

(potholes), and Education. Mayor Turner has made a commitment to mitigate flooding. Through District K and the Brays Oaks Management District a plan to create additional detention in the Fondren area to mitigate flooding for Westbury and Meyerland was proposed for the 2015 Disaster Recovery plan. Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman both asked for the Mayor's support of this very important piece of flood mitigation.

Mayor Turner spoke at length about panhandling and homelessness and the proposed civility ordinance for District K. It is a city-wide problem without an easy answer or solution. He said he no longer gives money to panhandlers as it simply exacerbates the problem, and he suggested we give to charities that provide for the basic needs of those who are truly homeless. He briefly discussed

his fiscal policy to not kick the pension problem down the road.

The subject of a proposed Hillcroft expansion to six lanes was discussed and ended with a large round of applause when Mayor Turner reiterated his commitment to protecting neighborhoods. Mayor Turner took questions from the audience and subjects ranged from speeding to illegal game rooms.

His speech ended with a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" sung by the audience, in honor of his upcoming birthday. Perhaps the most salient comment was made by a resident who said, "I am a Republican and I did not vote for you. But I think you are the best mayor Houston



It was a full house! Standing room only with people in the hallway during the Mayor's speech!

has ever had." Everyone who attended the meeting left with a sense that the City is in good hands. We look forward to the exciting improvements in Westbury and SW Houston in the upcoming years. Thank you Mayor Turner!



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2016 Annual Meeting

Education is important to Westbury. Wanda Adams, HISD District IV Trustee, attended the meeting and introduced Chief School Officer Sam Sarabia and Westbury High School (WHS) Principal Susan Monaghan, who all spoke about good things happening at WHS, including the return of the Fine Arts magnet program.



HISD at the Annual Meeting with Becky Edmondson

Public Safety is important. Sergeant Hernandez of the Westbury Area Patrol (Harris County Pct. 5) was on hand with his 3 deputies. They stressed the importance of calling in reports of suspicious persons. A package thief was apprehended because someone called it in with a description of the car and crooks. On behalf of HPD, Captain Kristine Anthony of the Southwest (Beechnut) HPD Station, along with her boss, Chief Fenner, spoke and discussed adding radar units around Westbury to combat speeding. Fire Chief Troy Webb also said a few words. A rousing round of applause was given for all the police and fire fighters.

Those who represent us on City Council are important. Two At-Large city council members, Amanda Edwards and David

Robinson, both spoke about how they can assist residents and also about the General Plan, which will be seeking neighborhood input. Last, but not least, District K Council Member Larry Green spoke of all the accomplishments of the past year and about upcoming projects. District K Staff members Barbara Hite (our amazing constituent representative) and Donald Perkins (Chief of Staff) were also on hand to answer residents' questions.



Sgt Hernandez with Harris County Pct 5, Becky Edmondson, and George Addison, father of the late David Addison



District K City Council Member Larry Green

Solid Waste Director Harry Hayes was on hand with three of his staff members. He talked about the number of homes they service and their commitment to doing a good job.

The meeting ended with the always favorite door prizes. We would like to

thank our great and generous donors for making this a fun end to a wonderful meeting!



Photo Above: From Left to Right - HPD Chief Fenner, Jennifer Edmondson (WCC Office), Larry Green (District K CM), Becky Edmondson (WCC Pres), HPD Captain Anthony, Cindy Chapman (WCC/WAIC), Amanda Edwards (At Large CM), & David Robinson (At Large CM)



Solid Waste Speaking At Meeting

Photo to Right: Crowd Standing for Police Officer and Fire Fighters



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Crime & Security

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37* 30 days September 15, 2016

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	11	0	2	0	13
Theft	6	8	3	4	21
Auto Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	2	0	2	5
Assault	0	3	0	1	4
Rape	0	2	0	0	2
Murder	0	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	18	16	5	7	46

*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 by block number, not exact address. Stats for 30 days preceding Sept. 15, 2016

Block #	Street	Crime
5000	Cartagena	Theft
5800	Caragena	Theft
11300	Chimney Rock	Theft
5800	Claridge	Theft
5700	Ettrick	Burglary
5700	Ettrick	Burglary
6000	Ettrick	Burglary
5700	Farwell	Theft
5100	Kingfisher	Burglary
5900	Lattimer	Burglary
5800	Ludington	Burglary
5800	Ludington	Burglary
6000	Ludington	Theft
5700	McKnight	Burglary
11400	Mullins	Burglary
5500	Redstart	Burglary
5600	W. Belfort	Burglary
6000	Willowbend	Theft

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Westbury Area Patrol / Constables
281-463-6666

Westbury HPD Storefront 832-394-7520
HPD Non-Emergency 713-884-3131

Greater Post Oak/West Belfort Neighborhood Coalition

The Greater West Belfort/South Post Oak Coalition met again to finalize the plans for the petition to create a Civility Ordinance zone in District K. Signing the petition will kick off in October. The aggressive panhandling and trash situation at South Post Oak at W. Belfort has made this ordinance necessary. It does not criminalize being homeless, it just restricts the hours that people can sleep or sit on our city sidewalks. People will still be allowed to sleep there during night time hours. Since 2002, the civility ordinance has been enacted to include the Central Business District, Midtown, Old Sixth Ward, Avondale and Greater Hyde Park. The East Downtown Management District area, known as EaDo, was added most recently in 2011. Northside has recently taken their petition to City Hall. We hope to follow soon.

What You Can Do to Help Combat Aggressive Panhandling

- ❖ Do NOT give money directly to those panhandling on the street.
- ❖ Give to organizations like SEARCH, www.searchhomeless.org/ or www.homelesshouston.org/, to ensure your money goes to those that need help and not to professional panhandlers.
- ❖ Report aggressive behavior and drug use to the Houston Police Department non-emergency line at 713-884-3131.
- ❖ Contact 311 to report littering and damage to city property.
- ❖ **Sign the petition to create a zone that would prohibit sleeping on the street during daytime hours. We will begin to collect signatures for this petition in October of 2016.**
- ❖ Attend public session at City Hall to raise awareness among our elected officials of the issue of aggressive panhandling (Date TBD).
- ❖ Join your local civic association to help in their efforts to beautify the esplanades and make them locations that are not conducive to aggressive panhandling.

Thank you for helping our community combat aggressive panhandlers that destroy our neighborhoods and for helping to assist those that are truly in need of food, shelter, healthcare and basic needs.

A special note to those who give to the panhandlers:

For many of us, it's hard to look away. It's hard to sit in the comfort of our air-conditioned cars on our way to the store or to work or to play and see the suffering and/or addiction that drives people to stand on our corners and beg. We are a charitable group of folks out here. Some say they wouldn't be out there if they didn't need something. That's true, but if they are truly homeless, what they really need is a safe place to live where they are not preyed upon or victimized. They need REAL assistance to get their lives back on track. Giving them money doesn't give them what they truly need. It may buy them a bag of kush, a rock of crack, or a bottle of comfort...but it doesn't help them.

Want to give money? You can make a one-time donation or set up a monthly donation of \$10 at homelesshouston.org and know that you are truly making a difference and helping someone find their way home.

Don't forget Vacation Watch!

For residents, who pay the WAP patrol dues, a special Vacation Watch may be requested from Pct 5. The form is available online. Sign up at www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/ If you want to request a Vacation Watch, but do not have access to a computer or internet, please call 281-463-6666 for assistance.



Election Day Information

WAP Constable Calls

Below is the breakdown of top 10 calls for the months of August and September 2016 in the Westbury Contract for the Pct. 5 Constables.

August WAP Stats

Contract Check (general patrol interactions)	362
Vacation Watch	102
Suspicious Vehicle/ Person	46
Local Alarms	9
General Disturbances (fireworks , etc.)	11
Information	10
Meet the Citizen/Officer	12
Welfare Check	4
Traffic	31
Theft	11
Other	46
Total	644

September WAP Stats

Contract Check (general patrol interactions)	354
Vacation Watch	74
Suspicious Vehicle/ Person	34
Local Alarms	15
General Disturbances (fireworks , etc.)	6
Information	10
Meet the Citizen/Officer	9
Welfare Check	2
Traffic	48
Theft	5
Other	7
TOTAL	564

EARLY VOTING

Hours of Operation

October 24 - October 28: 8:00AM- 6:00PM

October 29: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

October 30: 1:00PM - 6:00PM

October 31 - November 4: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Nearby 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 Drive

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

ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 8

Where do I vote on the regular Election Day, November 8? On Election Day you must vote at your assigned precinct. Enter your address at harrisvotes.org to find your precinct.


What do I bring with me? The Harris county website states that "According to the Interim Federal Court Order, IDENTIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR VOTING IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION". However, the list of acceptable IDs has been expanded, if an affidavit is also signed.



Do I Have to Mow THAT part too???
Did you know that city ordinance requires you to maintain not only your own lot but adjacent property?

City of Houston Municipal Code Section 10-451.10 describes yard maintenance responsibilities. In simplified terms, Residents are responsible for maintaining your entire yard within your property boundaries. Residents are also responsible for maintaining your yard out to the curblin of the street adjacent to your yard (for example, if your house is on a corner, then maintain out to the curb for both your front and side streets). If an adjacent property does not have a curblin (for example, a drainage easement), then residents are responsible for maintaining the adjacent property for 14 feet beyond their property line. This is why homeowners are responsible for maintaining the area between the sidewalk and the street. A big thank you to all who mow a portion of the easements.


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WHS Baseball Annual Bowl-a-thon
SAVE THE DATE: November 13, 12-3PM
Palace Bowling Lanes
More information in the next Crier.

Compassionate Friends Meeting

The Compassionate Friends of the Greater Houston area will present "A Day with Mitch and Alan" with a workshop and a butterfly release on Sat., October 22, from 9AM to 4:30 PM at Westbury United Methodist. This is a day of inspiration for bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings. Professionals are welcome and the workshop is approved for continuing education credits.

Mitch Carmody is an author and nationally renowned speaker on grief. Alan Pederson is the Executive Director of The Compassionate Friends, an organization for those who have lost a child. Non-professionals - \$30. Professionals (6 CEUs) - \$70. Includes morning coffee, lunch and butterfly release.

To Register, Contact the The Greater Houston Area Compassionate Friends at 812-249-5452 or dsrambis@gmail.com.

Westbury Meet & Eat

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

Links for Lost & Found Pets in Westbury

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

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2016 Dues/Assessments

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The amount of the 2016 Mandatory Assessments is \$233.50. The 2016 Assessments are due by February 1.

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Mission of the WCC

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

Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?

- Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
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- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
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2016 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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 5 payments of \$67 is \$335/yr
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Westbury Civic Club Dues*	\$50	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
Subtotal	\$335	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$
Total		\$

*The Westbury Civic Club Dues encompasses all operations, programs, and services including greenspace, of the Westbury Civic Club, except patrol services.

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Meyer Library Special Events *See page 4 for hours, address, & more.*

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Learn knitting with beginner instructions in English. Bring your own knit project or start a new one with us. Different patterns each month. Supplies not provided. Adults & seniors welcome.

Read with Paws-itive Pups

Sat., October 15, 10:30am - 11:30am

Come and read with our trained therapy dogs! Children are invited to relax and read aloud their favorite picture books alongside canine companions to ease their reading discomfort. Intended for school age children.

Houston Public Library's Improv Puppet (HIP) Theatre

Wed., October 19, 4pm – 5pm

Our selection of puppets along with their unique vibrant personalities helps break down barriers with children and opens the pathways for early literacy.

Mystery Book Club

Thurs., October 20, 1pm – 2pm

Do you enjoy reading and discussing books? Join us for a lively discussion with the Meyer Mystery Book Club.

Teen Craft

Thurs., October 20, 6pm – 7pm

Get your craft on at the library with other teens! Geared for teens ages 13-18.

Trick or Treat! Pedestrian Safety

Tips Sat., October 22, 10:30 - 11:30am

Join us for this program, presented by Texas Children's Hospital, to learn how to be safe when walking around on Halloween. Children will be provided with goodies such as a reflective trick-or-treating bag, reflective tags, bookmarks, stickers, and activity books (while supplies last).

Para Los Niños

Wed., October 26, 4pm - 5pm

¡Bienvenido! Each of the workshops includes a story-reading modeling session and a series of learning activities for use at home related to the workshop's theme.

Pajama Storytime

Thurs., October 27, 6:30pm - 7:15pm

Wear your pajamas and bring your bedtime friend as we sooth you into an evening storytime. All ages welcome.

Halloween Happening

Sat., October 29, 10:30am - 11:30am

Description: This ghoulish bash features games, refreshments, a costume contest, and loads of spooky fun! All ages welcome.



Friday Night Lights in Westbury: Support the WHS Football team!

Did you know that just south of Westbury at 13155 South Main (US 90) sits Butler Stadium? This 8,000 seat football stadium is the long time home of the Westbury Huskies football team.

The WHS Homecoming game is Friday, October 14, at 7PM. See Westbury vs. Sam Houston! (Note for long-time residents that have been used to a WHS homecoming parade wending its way through Westbury in years past; however, this year the WHS parade will be moved to the springtime).



No doubt you hear the band playing in the distance at Friday night games. Come out and see a game and support your local school!

Deck the Halls Parade December 17

The 2016 "Deck the Halls" Parade will be on Sat., December 17! The theme this year is Fairies. Invite all your friends and neighbors!



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Willow Waterhole News

The Schwartz Gazebo at Willow Waterhole

The southern gazebo at the Willow Waterhole will be named The Schwartz Gazebo! At the October 17 meeting of the Brays Bayou Association, a great honor will be bestowed upon area resident Bob Schwartz.

The gazebo will be named in his honor for his years of dedicated service to the community and the Willow Waterhole. Schwartz was a founding member of the Brays Bayou Association and the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. He has tirelessly advocated for flood control projects in the Brays Bayou watershed, helping in the development of Project Brays and the Willow Waterhole Detention Project.



Schwartz is a native Houstonian and a 58 year resident of the Marilyn Estates subdivision. He graduated from Rice University with a degree in electrical engineering and had a long distinguished career with Schlumberger. He also led the project to bring electricity to the Greenway in 2013. His engineering background, knowledge of the area, and historical recall make him a key advisor to Harris County Flood Control engineers and other governmental authorities.

Schwartz has been a voice of the community and represented Southwest Houston in many organizations and committees over the years. He has served as an example to and a mentor for many in our area. Schwartz is passionate, knowledgeable, and maybe more importantly, a genuinely fine man. He has certainly made a huge difference for us in the Brays Bayou watershed. This newly named "Schwartz Gazebo" is one way to honor Bob's many accomplishments.



Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy



Fishing Tournament & Harvest Moon Fest

The first annual invasive species "Carpathon" tournament was held at the Willow Waterhole Greenspace on September 17, to remove invasive species from the Brays Bayou watershed. Over 100 fishermen of all ages signed up to participate. Amazingly, invasive tilapia and carp were caught and brought in for the weigh in. Pictured below is 9 year old, Neal Baum, with his prize winning catch of carp.

If you are looking for a nearby fishing hole, you need to look no further than the Willow Waterhole. If you are under the age of 17 or born before 1-1-31 you do not need a State of Texas fishing license. There are plans to construct a fishing pier at the Willow Waterhole Greenspace in the near future.



Following the fishing tournament was the Harvest Moon Festival. There were food trucks, music and a Harry Potter movie. Nature provided an amazing double rainbow and a beautiful sunset as temperatures cooled down.



Children enjoyed a mechanical ride and some went on a shoreline nature walk where tiny grass shrimp were netted. It was beautiful evening at the Willow Waterhole.

Audubon Bird Survey: Sat, Oct. 15, 8AM

Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

Both Houston Audubon and the Nature Discovery Center appreciate your effort, especially in the summer, to be part of this amazing survey team. Meet bright and early at 8AM in the parking lot of the Gathering Place, 5310 South Willow Drive.

Since it is impossible to know exactly where it will rain at what time in the greater Houston area, someone will always be at the Gathering Place at start time and, if rained out, you can always enjoy breakfast at Annie's!

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Master Plan Continues

A master plan requires much data gathering and research, but just as importantly, a master plan requires a huge amount of conversation and feedback to build consensus. The Master Plan for the Westbury Community Garden is being prepared by the team from

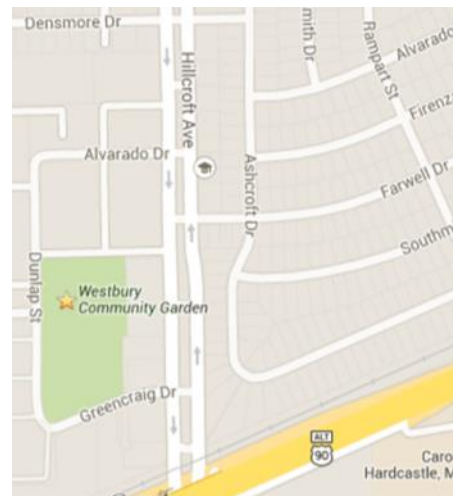
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At the first public meeting held on June 21, the team obtained ideas and then prepared 3 preliminary concepts which were presented to the Garden Master Plan Steering Committee for comments. Those comments were then used to create a draft plan, which was presented during the second public meeting, held on September 20, 2016. The goal was to get more comments to refine the plan. Drainage and use of storm-water continue to be a major issue for the site. After a question and answer period about the draft design, participants were encouraged to put adhesive notes on maps of the site to indicate what design items were positive or negative and also to discuss any additional concerns or comments on the site maps.



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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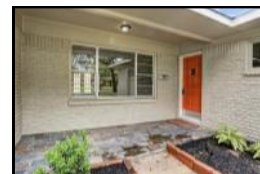
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Let's Clean-up Westbury: Bandit Signs

Did you know it is ILLEGAL to place signs in a public right-of-way or place? The public right-of-way includes: esplanades, the space between a street and sidewalk, and city parks. People, who attach signs to poles or trees or who post signs at intersections, sidewalks, parks, or esplanades, aren't only creating eyesores in our neighborhood, they are also breaking the law. These types of signs are forbidden both by state law and by city ordinance. These signs are called "bandit signs" or "litter on a stick".

Residents who see what they suspect to be bandit signs should report them to the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods by calling the 3-1-1 Houston Service Helpline or using the Houston 3-1-1 mobile app. Violators are subject to a fine between \$300-\$500, can be taken to court, as well as have a warrant issued for their arrest for breaking Chapter 28 of Houston's code of ordinances.

How to Identify a Bandit Sign? Bandit signs are typically small and placed along public spaces as esplanades. These signs include political, real estate, developer, and garage sale signs, etc. and are placed upon a public street, public sidewalk, public right-of-way, public park, or on any public building or structure of any kind belonging to the city.

What can you do?

1. Call 311 and report the location of the sign. An inspector will be there within 48 hours. A city citation will be issued.
2. All signs posted on public right-of-way are considered to be trash; therefore, any bandit signs are allowed to be removed by anyone, the same as removing any other trash. In fact, Westbury volunteers, the city, and the Brays Oaks Management District often remove illegally placed "bandit signs".
3. During this active political season, please post political signs in YOUR yard between the sidewalk and your house.

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FREE ESTIMATE

Keeping Westbury Beautiful Work Day on October 8

Come out and join us for a morning of fun, friends, and food! Let's make Westbury more attractive and cleaner. Tools and gloves and lunch pizza are provided to volunteers! Notice that the headline says "Keeping" because the work never ends, but the rewards really are beautiful.



When: 9 AM to 12 Noon

Who: All residents are welcome to join in.

Where: Meet at Westbury Park Playground (near Parker Elementary, at approximately 5620 Stillbrooke)

Projects planned: Plant six redbuds on the Hillcroft esplanade near Bankside. Trim trees and pick up litter on West Bellfort - from Willowbend to Hillcroft. Re-position stakes and support chains on trees at Hagar Park. Weed butterfly garden at Westbury Park.

Sod Web Worms Taking Over Westbury Yards

Does your yard have large patches of brown grass? Are there small moths flying as you walk across your lawn? It's more than likely sod web worms say lawn experts. It's been three decades since wet, hot and moist conditions created the perfect environment for the tropical web worm to thrive.

The sod webworms spend the winter several inches below the surface. During spring the larvae mature and transform into the adult moth stage. After mating the moths deposit eggs that hatch in one week. The young feed for one to weeks before transforming into the pupal and adult stage. Two or three generations may be completed within a year. Our lawns are susceptible during the hot months of July and August.

Control measures: According to the Texas A & M cooperative extension office, if you find three to four sod webworm larvae within a six inch square of dying sod, then chemical treatment is recommended. Larvae are most active on cloudy days or at night. Spray or granular applications of insecticide will work. Recommended: insecticides containing acephate (Orthene), bendiocarb, (Dycarb or Turcam), carbaryl(Sevin) or the microbial insecticides Bacillus thuringiensis ssp Kurstake and ssp. aizawai

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Westbury Greenspace News

Yard of the Month



September Yard of the Month Winner Westbury 3

September Winners

- Parkwest 1:** 5538 Redstart - Westbury Resident
Parkwest 2: 5726 Sanford - Ryan & Alaine Stephens
Parkwest 3: 5907 Lattimer - David & Carri Peterson
Westbury 2: 5327 Stillbrooke—David Powell & Lucy McLaughlin
Westbury 3: 5706 Warm Springs - Victoria & Mike Langlais

To nominate your yard or a neighbor's yard for Yard of the Month, please e-mail Robert Montgomery at rmontgomery002@comcast.net.

Westbury Chosen to Receive Distinguished Neighborhood Award

The Westbury Civic Club will receive a major award, the **Distinguished Neighborhood Award**, during the Mayor's Proud Partner Awards at the upcoming 2016 Keep Houston Beautiful award luncheon. Westbury submitted two entries this year: the "Westbury Arbor Day 60 for 60" project and the "Westbury Civic Club Sixty-Year Celebration" initiatives.

What did the WCC do this year to receive this significant honor? On Arbor Day 2016, the WCC and volunteers planted 60 trees on esplanades in Westbury to salute 60 years of the WCC in the "60 for 60 project". The WCC also organized a series of projects throughout the year to improve Westbury in honor of its 60-Year Celebration. The other projects included: planted 30 pines on an esplanade at W. Airport and Hillcroft; restored the original concrete street sign posts; beautified the Dryad entrance to the Westbury Little League and the Willow Waterhole during the "Bud Light Gives Back to Houston Day"; expanded the Butterfly Garden at Westbury Park; participated in Keep Houston Beautiful day at all 3 parks; sponsored a street sign cleaning contest; and made improvements to the landscaping at the Westbury subdivision sign marker located at Willowbend at Hillcroft.

To celebrate this achievement our project will be highlighted at the 32nd Annual Mayor's Proud Partner luncheon which will be on November 7, at the Hilton Americas, Houston at noon.

Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) has made such a huge difference in Westbury across the city. We thank the Mayor and Keep Houston Beautiful for this honor and pledge to continue working with KHB to make Westbury and Houston more visually appealing. To learn more about Keep Houston Beautiful and how to volunteer or donate, go to website <http://www.houstonbeautiful.org/>. Also, please support future WCC beautification efforts by volunteering for our events (It's FUN!) and paying your WCC dues.

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