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Historic Harvey Rainfall Floods 690 Westbury Homes Record 32" Fell in Westbury Over 4 Days

Hurricane Harvey hit Houston hard, not with wind but with rain. Seemingly, never-ending rain. Westbury saw 32 inches of rain in just 4 days. Some parts of Houston had over 50". This is the most rainfall EVER to fall in Houston in one event. Westbury had approximately 690 homes flood in Harvey, the most ever to flood in one event.

The scenes and stories were both frightening and surreal as residents coped with rising waters in their streets and homes. The aftermath of soggy wet carpets, ruined furniture and possessions that needed to be cleaned, boxed up and or thrown away lasted for weeks. For many residents, the hardships are just beginning, as they try to navigate the world of cleanup, insurance, FEMA, contractors and alternate living arrangements.

Full Harvey coverage on pages 8-13
Including Heroes of Westbury, flood debris information, pictures, and more.

Brays Bayou Association Special Flood Meeting Monday, October 16, 7PM Willow Meadows Baptist Church

Does this sound familiar? Do you think you have seen this announcement before? You have! The third time is the charm! Rescheduled due to flooding, the Brays Bayou Association is once again hosting a Special Flood Meeting. Hear the updates on Project Brays and possible future flood risk reduction opportunities. For more info, see page 9.

SPEAKERS

Russ Poppe, Executive Director of the Harris County Flood Control District
Steve Costello, Chief Resilience Officer "Flood Czar" for the City of Houston



Make Your Voice Count!
VOTE IN THE 2017 ELECTION
October 23— Early Voting
November 7 - Election Day

For more information, see page 15



2017 Fall White Elephant Sale

COME SHOP OVER 50 GARAGE SALES IN ONE LOCATION!

Sat., October 28
8AM to Noon

Westbury United Methodist Church
Parking Lot, 5200 Willowbend

Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian or in the surrounding neighborhood.

Rain date is Nov. 4.



BOOTHS ARE STILL AVAILABLE at the WCC OFFICE.
See page 7 for more information.

TRICK OR TREE



FREE trees for Westbury residents at the White Elephant Sale on October 28 from 8AM to 10AM. For more information, see page 7.

IMPORTANT TRASH ALERT

Until further notice, the City of Houston is **NOT picking up recycling, heavy trash or yard waste.** They are **ONLY** picking up the regular black trash cans on Thursdays and flood debris. See pages 5 & 8 for more information.



FLOOD DEBRIS

If your home flooded and you still have flood debris on the curb, please report your address to 311 to ensure pickup. See pg 8 for more on flood debris.

PLEASE REMOVE YOUR GREEN RECYCLING CANS, YARD WASTE AND HEAVY TRASH FROM THE CURB.

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Hurricane Harvey brought a torrential downpour of over 32 inches of rain into Westbury. Across the City, as much as 50 inches fell, 70 lives were lost, 120,000 homes were flooded and the prized possessions of hundreds of thousands were lost. Here in Westbury 690 homes flooded, along with thousands more in the Brays Bayou watershed.

The Westbury Civic Club began working the storm before it arrived. With the dire rain predictions, WCC Office manager Jennifer Edmondson drove all the bayous and ditches checking for obstructions and posting on social media to clear street storm drains. Then came the rain.

Around 9PM on Saturday night, just as the Willow Waterhole Bayou topped its banks after 3.6" of rain fell in 25 minutes, I received a call from the Mayor's office checking on Westbury. At that time, the rain had stopped and I said that I would post my phone number on social media and ask anyone with structural flooding to let me know. Little did I know how intense the next 48 hours would be as by 1:30AM, we had almost 12 inches of rain. By 3:30AM, all the homes that flooded on Memorial day were now flooding again. I texted the Mayor's office at 4AM to say it was a disaster. But the rain did not stop. Another 9 inches fell and by dawn another 200 homes flooded in Westbury.

To say that the people in these homes suffered gut wrenching anxiety and trauma would be an understatement as I took phone calls and texts from people huddled in their attics and on their roofs as the water rose around them. I spoke to dozens and dozens of residents, elected officials, people out on boats doing rescues, HISD, local churches and more. And I was reminded of what Fred Rogers' mother always told him when something bad happens: look for the helpers. And

during Harvey they were everywhere! We came together as a community to rescue, donate, volunteer and offer assistance.

Harry Hayes, Larry Green, Shawn Thierry, Susan Brock, Brandon Webb, Wanda Adams, Hannah Terry, Danny Yang, Father Hai, Jordan Montag, Jennifer Kuhleman, Susan Monahan, Joe Niles ...you were mine and others life lines during those days of Harvey. Thank you for being there. So many more people helped and I wish I could name them all and tell you about all that they did but that would be impossible. You will read about some of our Westbury Heroes of Harvey on pages 12-13. If you have special story of thanks you would like to share about your Harvey Hero please send it in to be included in our November Giving Thanks issue of the Crier.



CM Amanda Edwards, CM Larry Green, Martha Castex Tatum, Becky Edmondson, & Jennifer Edmondson

On the Sunday after Harvey I hosted a barbecue for those that had been working through this weeklong siege. Both Councilmember Larry Green and his staff as well as At Large Council Member Amanda Edwards attended and it was good to know that the city was there for us.

We as Houstonians MUST DEMAND that the flood control work that has languished for decades be done NOW. In Westbury we need all new storm sewers THROUGHOUT the WHOLE neighborhood. This infrastructure was put in during the 1950s when standards were different. In addition to being undersized, the storm sewers themselves have been compromised by shifting ground and decades of accumulated debris. Many of the outfalls into our ditches have COLLAPSED or are obstructed.

Unrestricted development to our west, which continues even today, sends water rushing from the Fondren area inundating the inadequate Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) and dam. The dam, installed in 1975 as a stop gap measure, is no working as evidenced by structural flooding along the WWB in 2013, 2015, 2016, and 2017. On page 10, you will find a link to a video called *When it Rains*. Watch it and you will have a better understanding of why Westbury is flooding.

The good news is that 4,300 homes in Westbury did not have flooding. Westbury has a whole, is not a flooded neighborhood. Our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are with all of you who flooded as you move forward. Some of you will repair, some of you will raise your homes, some of you may even raze your homes and rebuild. Some of you will sell and move and some of you will be applying for a buyout. Whichever direction you chose, we will continue to advocate for solutions.

Events are happening and life is continuing. This *Crier* is full of October events—White Elephant Sale, a fishing tournament, Halloween events, tree giveaways, and an election.

Looking forward to cooler temperatures!
Becky Edmondson

NEXT WCC Board Meeting
Wed., October 18, 7PM
Westbury Baptist 10425 Hillcroft



For Annual Meeting Notes
See pages 20-21



"Our flooding problems are not due to freak weather events or outdated flood maps. They are due to a lack of infrastructure and infrastructure upkeep; a diverting of water into other areas; development upstream that exacerbates flooding downstream; a myriad of decisions made by city and county officials that we are not privy to, don't have recourse against, and are for the benefit of others at our expense." From a Westbury resident who flooded for the third time

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October 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock Rd

Houston, TX 77035

Facility Manager:

Jorge Sanchez, 713.726.7107

Jorge.Sanchez@houstontx.gov



MONDAY		
Stretching Exercise Class: Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
Line Dancing: Fun cardio with a beat.	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	All Levels
Table Tennis: Open Adult and Teen ping pong.	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels
TUESDAY		
Quilting: Ms. BeeHaven Quilters Contact: Janie 713.721.5526	10:00 AM -2:00 PM	All Levels
Table Tennis: Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong.	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Ages
TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Contact: Dorothy 713.723.4441 or Naomi 713.988.2233	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels
WEDNESDAY		
Stretching Exercise Class: Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
Table Games: Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and More.	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	All Ages
Table Tennis: Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels
FRIDAY		
Stretching Exercise Class: Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels

- All classes/activities are free!!!
- Registration is good for a year.

Family Fun Day at the Platou Center October 28, 10AM-2PM


If you are interested in sponsoring a Family Fun Day, contact Jorge at 713-726-7107

Meyer Library CLOSED

The Meyer library suffered damage from Harvey and will be closed until at least January 2018. Look in future *Criers* for more information.

What's Happening in Westbury

Events/Meetings Calendar OCTOBER 2017

Thur 5	Booths on Sale to ALL for White Elephant Sale WCC Office—5322 W. Bellfort Ste 100 Mon—Thurs 9AM-1PM	
Mon 16	Brays Bayou Association Flood Forum Willow Meadows Baptist Church—4300 W. Bellfort For more information, see page 9	7PM
Wed 18	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Salem Lutheran Church—4930 W. Bellfort	8:30AM
Wed 18	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Sat. 21	Audubon Society Bird Survey Meet at the Gathering Place parking lot 5310 S. Willow—see page 22 for more information	8AM
Sat 21	Trunk or Treat at Willow Waterhole Willow Waterhole For more information, see page 22	6:30-9PM
Mon 23	Early Voting Starts— Local Elections Election on November 7 www.harrisvotes.org --- see page 15 for more info	
Tues 24	SW PIP (HPD Positive Interaction Program) Meeting Aramco Building—9009 W Loop South	7PM
Sat 28	Fall White Elephant Sale Westbury United Methodist 5200 Willowbend For more information, see page 7	8AM-Noon
Sat 28	Trick or Tree White Elephant Sale at Westbury United Methodist For more information, see page 7	8AM-10AM
Sat 28	2nd Annual Carp-a-thon Willow Waterhole For more information, see page 22	
Sat 28	Family Day at Platou Center 11655 Chimney Rock	10AM-2PM
Tues 31	Trunk or Treat at Westbury United Methodist 5200 Willowbend	6:30-7:30PM
Nov 5	Daylight Savings Time Clocks fall back on hour	
Nov 7	2017 Election	

PLANNING CALENDAR

November 5 - Daylight Savings Time

November 7- Local Elections

November 11- Urban Harvest Fall Celebration

November 13- Keep Houston Beautiful Luncheon
November

December 16 - Deck the Halls Parade

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Important Trash Information

- ♻ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- ♻ NO Recycling Pickup
- ♻ NO Heavy Trash Pickup
- ♻ NO Yard Waste Pickup
- ♻ GLASS can be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend in the orange bin.
- ♻ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:

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♻ Environmental Service Center - 11500 S. Post Oak

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- ♻ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information



Protecting Hillcroft as 4-Lane Road in Westbury

2017 MTFP Amendment APPROVED

The Westbury Civic Club is pleased to announce that the amendment, created by District K CM Larry Green to the MTFP (Major Thoroughfare and Freeway Plan), to permanently change Hillcroft through Westbury from a 6-lane designation to a 4-lane designation was approved by the Houston Planning Commission in August.

The threat of Hillcroft being expanded to 6-lanes is not new to long time Westbury residents. It resurfaced most recently last fall. The proposed widening was front page news in the 2016 September Crier. The idea had already been defeated years earlier, but came back like a horror film monster. We needed a solution to protect our neighborhood's roadways, esplanades and residences. The 2017 MTFP Amendment is our solution.

A huge thank you to everyone who wrote letters and signed our petition at change.org. Can you imagine what it would have been like for those 200 homes whose driveways enter directly on Hillcroft? Can you imagine a 6-lane major thoroughfare instead of our nice wide green esplanades? You will have a chance to thank Larry Green and his staff at the annual meeting. And you will have a chance to hear about plans for a linear park on Hillcroft. Check out the photos to the right for some ideas.



Our Beautiful Hillcroft Esplanade



2 mile Paul Carr Jogging Trail in the center of Heights Blvd.

West Airport Waterline Project Delay

Here is an update direct from District K.

"It came to our attention last week from the City of Houston Public Works Dept. that this waterline project has hit a few snags that took a significant amount of time to correct. However, the council office has been assured that the assigned contractor's issues have been resolved and the work is progressing. Regrettably, the original completion date was April 2017. The revised date has been pushed back to late this Fall and it will take a couple of months to fully complete this project.

The District K office sincerely apologizes for the inconveniences you and your Westbury neighbors are experiencing with this delayed project. Rest assured, CM Green is committed to coordinate with the PWE Dept. to move this infrastructure rehabilitation job along with haste. Note that the assigned contractor is responsible for maintaining the esplanades, sidewalks, curbs, and street back to its original state before the project began."

Barbara Hite from the District K office will continue to monitor this waterline project to its completion.

KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAN & CLEAR

Newspapers - One resident sent pictures of the weekly newspapers accumulating in people yards, and in the gutters. Please pick these up and throw them away. No, you didn't ask for them, but now they are on your property. Like them or not, they are your problem and require you to dispose of them.

Storm drain inlet - Remove any debris including newspapers, twigs and leaves from the grates. All these items impede the flow of storm water.

Leaves - Please keep the curb line in front of your house free of leaves by raking and bagging them weekly. Pine needles are falling!



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2017 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale

October 28, 8AM—Noon, Westbury United Methodist

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides fall and spring community garage sale events to our members. The Fall White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, October 28, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend. The rain date is November 4.

Booths are on sale at the WCC Office now. Cash or check only. You must be a paid current member of the Westbury Civic Club to purchase a booth. This means you must have paid your 2017 WCC membership dues of \$50. If you have not paid your dues, you must do so at the same time that you purchase your booth space. The booth price for individual Westbury residents will be \$20-\$25. The booth price for non-residents and groups is \$70-75.

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

Come out and shop over 50 garage sales in one location! PUCS coffee truck will be on site as well as Trick or Tree!

We hope to see you at the Westbury White Elephant Sale!



PUCS will be at the White Elephant Sale



TRICK OR TREE

**October 28, 8AM –10AM
Westbury White Elephant Sale**

Attention all Westbury Residents: Come get a FREE tree at the Fall Westbury White Elephant Sale at Westbury United Methodist Church from 8AM to 10AM. Trees donated by Trees for Houston.







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Harvey Causes Flooding and High Water in Westbury



Top to bottom: Flooding on Warm Springs in PW 3; Flooding on Creekbend @ Checkerboard in Westbury 2 on 8/27; Flooding at Chimney Rock @ Gasmer looking South towards Ludington; Flooding along Chimney Rock at Gasmer looking North; Water in home on Lattimer in Parkwest 3 at 7AM on 8/27; Water & debris line at home on Warm Springs in Parkwest 3; Magnet art by Westbury resident

All About Flood Debris

Thousands of homes flooded throughout the City of Houston (COH) during Harvey. The Solid Waste Department is stretched thin. The COH has suspended all services other than flood debris removal and regular trash pickup (black cans). Please DO NOT put out your recycling, yard waste, or heavy trash.

The City of Houston's Solid Waste Department is working diligently throughout the city picking up Harvey storm debris. To assist with Harvey debris collection efforts, the City asks that citizens report storm debris to 311. The City DOES NOT use 311 call volume to prioritize storm debris removal. Residents should only make one report per address; multiple reports to 311 WILL NOT be accepted and will not speed or prioritize debris collection. The City will only use 311 data for debris collection planning and FEMA documentation.

Westbury was the FIRST neighborhood to see trash trucks after Harvey. Residents on Cartagena, Warm Springs and Beaudry expressed their surprise and gratitude to the trucks working on their streets multiple times that first week. As of press time, only a handful of homes still have the first load of trash still on the curb. If you need a 2nd pickup, please call 311 and register your address with the City. Normal heavy trash services are not likely to resume for awhile. The Mayor hopes to have all the flood debris in the City removed by Christmas.



Beaudry resident excited to see debris pick up right after the storm!

Report Your Debris

The City's Solid Waste Management Department is working to remove debris as quickly as possible throughout Houston. Be sure the City knows about your damage and debris by submitting a report on houston311.org or on the Houston 311 App for Smartphone. Please note that calling 311 repeatedly will not increase the speed by which your debris is collected. For information on debris management, visit houstonrecovers.org



Flood debris along Warm Springs



Flood debris along Ludington



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Special Flood Forum

October 16, 7PM

Willow Meadows Baptist Church

Steve Costello, Chief Resilience Officer, sometimes referred to as the Flood Czar for the City of Houston, and Russ Poppe, Executive Director of the Harris County Flood Control District, will discuss how the city, county and other entities work together towards achieving the goal of reducing the risk of flooding in the Brays Bayou Watershed. There will be updates on Project Brays and possible future flood risk reduction opportunities for SW Houston.

This event was previously scheduled for June and again in September but had to be cancelled due to Tropical Storm Cindy and Hurricane Harvey. If you have any concerns or doubts about flooding or drainage issues, this is the opportunity to have them addressed!

Meeting is hosted by the Brays Bayou Association and the communities of the Brays Bayou watershed. The meeting will be held on October 16 at 7PM. Location is Willow Meadows Baptist Church at 4300 W Bellfort.



Steven Costello



Russ Poppe

Unusual High Water Bills Reported After Harvey

The City of Houston and Houston Public Works take seriously the fact that some properties affected by flooding have received unusually high water bills. There are approximately 5,000 customer accounts that have water bills that are twice as much (or more) as the previous billing cycle. The Mayor is working with City Council and Houston Public Works to better understand how this happened and how to correct it. For updates, and steps you can take if you have experienced a high water bill related to Harvey, visit houstonrecovers.org/highbills

Harvey Numbers

Westbury was not the only neighborhood effected by Harvey. The devastation is widespread. Here are some numbers we know:

Meyerland: 1,900 out of 2,300 homes flooded

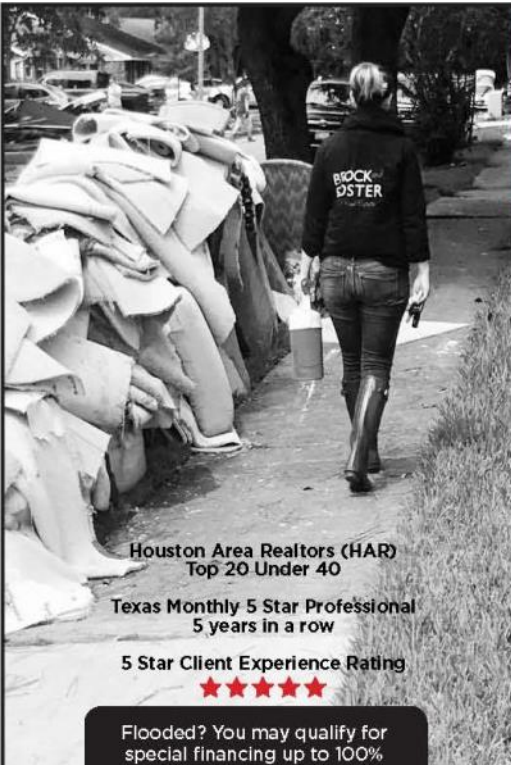
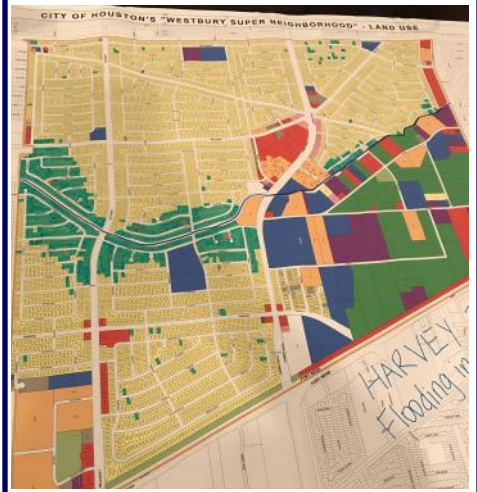
Bellaire: At least 38% of 6,200 homes flooded

Willow Meadows: At least 50% of the 820 homes flooded

Westbury: 691 out of 5,000 homes flooded

Map of Westbury Flooding

Yellow squares are all 5,000 single family homes in Westbury. The blue shaded homes flooded during Harvey. If you would like to see this map in person, please come by the WCC office.



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Do You Have Flood Insurance?

Hurricane Harvey should serve as a reminder to all Houstonians that you don't have to be in a flood plain to flood. The majority of Westbury is not in the 100 year flood plain. However, with the amount of rainfall that is possible in any one storm, you don't have to be in a flood plain to experience water entering your home. Did you know the record for rainfall in a 24 hour period is held in nearby Alvin, Texas? 44 inches in a 24 hours period during Hurricane Claudette in 1979. Harvey proved that Houston can also get large amounts of rain. If the 33 inches from Harvey was received in one day rather than three days, hundreds or even thousands of more homes would have flooded. The good news is that if you are not in a flood plain, then you can buy peace of mind for just a few hundred dollars a year.

The Harris County Flood Control District advises that EVERY HOME in Harris County should have flood insurance, whether or not you live in a 100-year flood plain. The 100-year flood maps do not fully warn of where flooding might occur. They show the risk of rising water from a bayou. The maps do not show where homes might flood due to street flooding from ditches or storm water drains. The maps may not show where water will flow over land trying to get to a bayou. The maps do not show where houses may flood if the rainfall is higher than that predicted for a 500 year rainfall.

Because your homeowner's policy does not include flood coverage and because no insurance company wants to write an unprofitable line of business, the federal government stepped in. In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners. As you shop for a flood policy, you may be confused, as many are, about whether the policy is through FEMA or an insurance company. In 1983 the Write Your Own (WYO) Program began and is a cooperative undertaking between the private insurance industry and FEMA. The WYO Program allows participating property and casualty insurance companies to write and service the Standard Flood Insurance Policy in their own names. The companies receive an expense allowance (approx. 30% of premium) for policies written and claims processed, while the federal government retains responsibility for underwriting losses. The WYO Program operates as part of the NFIP and is subject to its rules and regulations.

When it Rains

If you would like to understand Houston's flooding problem, there is a 15 minute film produced back in 1979 that is as timely today as it was 38 years ago. The film is part of the Texas Archive of the Moving Image.



This film, narrated by actor Carle Bensen, presents Houstonians with a comprehensive look at their city's flood control infrastructure, put in place to deal with the heavy rains typical to the area. Due to natural factors such as a flat, low-lying topography and high clay content in the soil, as well as rapid urbanization, Houston has a history of flooding, and flood control projects, dating back as far as 1908. The film educates viewers about flood control systems in place, discussing strengths and weaknesses of the flood drain, storm sewer, bayou, channel, and pond system. It also recounts the physical and economic damage caused by flooding in the 1970s, the consequence of failure to continue to implement flood control improvements. In the end, the film is a plea to get back to the plan, urging the public to take action by voting on bond and tax allocations for drainage projects, and contacting their public officials to support the issues. Part of the TAMI library via the Patrick S. Coakley, Jr. Collection.

The film is available at http://www.texasarchive.org/library/index.php?title=When_it_Rains&p=video1&b=0 or there is a link on our Facebook page, Westbury Houston.

As of October 2015, there were 79 companies participating in the WYO program and handling the majority of flood insurance policies under the program. FEMA's NFIP Direct2 program administers a small number of policies. For flood events occurring between October 2012 and December 2014, the WYO companies received 162,500 claims and paid out 7.8 billion dollars.

The cost of a flood insurance policy varies due to the: deductible chosen, insured value, Replacement Cost or ACV, location in the flood plain, elevation of your home, and whether you choose to have both your home and your contents covered. Some Westbury homeowners were caught unaware that they did not have contents coverage. If you don't have flood insurance, ask your insurance agent for a quote. Make sure that you check the coverages and understand EXACTLY what you are purchasing. If you don't have an insurance agent, then look for one online at the FEMA site. Put in your address and it will give you a local agent. <https://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart>
Please note: You cannot purchase flood insurance when a named storm in the Gulf of Mexico. Once purchased, there is a 30 day waiting period before it takes effect, unless you purchase through a private insurer.

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District K Harvey Town Hall Meeting

One of the first Town Hall Meetings after Harvey was held in District K by City Council Member Larry Green on September 14 at the Power Center. CM Green arranged 12 speakers from various departments of the City, Harris County Flood Control (HCFCF), and FEMA.

Gary Zika, HCFCF Project Manager for Project Brays, gave a brief update on Project Brays. HCFCF had a table with information about their potential buyout program. They are gauging interest as there is NO plan for a buyout at this time.

Leo Skinner, a local rep for FEMA, explained their programs such as home repair, rental assistance, hotel (transitioning from shelter) assistance, and disaster unemployment (lost wages or businesses). He also noted that if you are told by FEMA to apply for SBA, you need to do so or you will not be eligible for any additional disaster assistance. Skinner noted that you don't have to accept the SBA loan. However, should you be denied by SBA, go back to FEMA for ONA (Other Needs Assistance) which covers transportation and medical assistance. The maximum grant a household can receive is \$33,300. If you determine that you want to lift or tear down, there is \$30,000 available through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) grant.

Jamila Johnson with the City of Houston Public Works Department, noted that her department covers Flood Administration, Water Treatment Plants and Permitting. She announced that there is a Satellite Permit Center at the SW MultiService Center (6400 High Star). The Satellite Centers and Main Office will all have extended hours. If you are in the 100 year floodplain, and your work is more than \$10k, you will need to obtain a Flood Plain Repair Permit. If you are doing any electrical (water over the plugs), plumbing, or structural work, you need to obtain permits for that. If you do not want to use

the HCAD Improvement value (house value), they have a new program that they will use to help determine the value of the structure or you may bring in a private appraisal. It has been reported to the WCC Office that this process seems much smoother than after Memorial Day.

Tom McCasland, COH Housing Dept., reminded everyone that if they have volunteered they should go to www.reportyourhours.com. This is important for funds for the city and county. He announced that any landlord issues should be called into 3-1-1, because the city has been reaching out to apartment owners and landlords about being fair with families that are struggling. He noted that his department focuses on low/moderate income families and that there are some homebuyer assistance programs that families may qualify for. They can also provide roof repair and home repair when not covered by insurance or FEMA.

CM Green asked about the potential for Buyouts and Elevations. Tom noted that City Council will be voting in 2-3 weeks on the use of 2015 funds to be used for Buyouts in 3 target neighborhoods (all low income). Jamila spoke to the question about elevations. She noted that elevating is for mitigation purposes and therefore not part of the directed disaster funding.

Senator Boris Miles announced that John Sharp has been given the leadership of the Texas State Harvey Recovery Project by Gov. Abbott. He will be meeting with Senator Miles Wednesday of next week and he plans to take him on a tour of the area and homes so that he will be able to speak with some of the homeowners. (This happened on September 20 and you can read about it on page 13)

Sharon Moses, COH Solid Waste Dept., estimated that it will take 3 months to get all the flood debris collected in the City. They currently have all hands on deck and are working 7 days a week. If you have not

reported your debris to 3-1-1, please do so. Until further notice, NO green recycling bins, yard waste or heavy trash will be picked up.

TaKasha Francis, COH Dept of Neighborhoods (DON) Director, noted that they are currently in the process of doing windshield assessments. They use the terms: Affected, Major, Minor or Destroyed. DON will be sending out important information to the Super Neighborhoods to share with their civic clubs.

Chief Bainbridge, HPD, informed the community that they worked on 24 hour shifts throughout the stormy weekend. They used PWE dump trucks to perform rescues when boats were not effective or available (see picture on page 14). They lost both the Beechnut & Reisner stations to flooding. Currently SW Houston is being serviced through the HPD Westbury Storefront (S Willow).

Jack Bernet, Harris County Appraisal District rep., noted that appraisers are out and looking at homes to tag their account to make sure that they are properly documented in the files for Jan 1. He suggested that homeowners report damages to HCAD via email help@hcad.org or by calling or using their App. This way your 2018 appraisal will be correct.

Steve Costello, the COH Resiliency Officer, noted that he is pursuing FEMA and HUD Disaster Funds and trying to get the process to work faster. Within 90 days he hopes to have information about funding for elevations, Harris County Flood Control District buyouts, and a Repair & Rebuild Program that will allow residents to get back into their homes. He wants to make sure that the Recovery Funds are used to maximize the benefit towards the future. He will be going to Washington DC to advocate for the funds needed to help the COH recover from Harvey.

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Heroes of Harvey

by Becky Edmondson, WCC President

While Harvey brought much turmoil and destruction, the people of Houston rose and showed just how STRONG Houston is. There were so many heroes in Harvey. I would like to share a few stories from those that I know.

Pastor Brandon Webb, the new pastor of **Westbury Baptist Church (WBC)**, whom I had never met, but became fast friends. We traded phone calls, texts and even one FaceTime call just so we would know who we were! The helicopters and boats were dropping rescued people at Hager Park and we needed a way to get them inside somewhere safe. Brandon offered Westbury Baptist but there was no way to transport them. After intervention by more Harvey Heroes, Anderson Elementary was opened as a shelter of last resort. Knowing these people would need comforting and some spiritual guidance after what had to be a harrowing ordeal I asked Brandon if he could go over and “help out”.



Pastor Webb then called and offered WBC as a staging area for collecting and distributing supplies. The distribution center was open 7 days a week for the next 3 weeks.

Jordan Montaq was just one of the many rescue rangers out in their kayaks and canoes and boats and rubber rafts ferrying people to safety. There were dozens of unnamed heroes out working to get people to safety.

Susan Brock wanted to check on an octogenarian’s friend’s home. The next thing I knew she had a whole crew in mucking it out and had set up a process at **Willow Meadows Baptist** with **Jeff Peters** that ended up training over a thousand volunteers and clearing out over 300 homes. She set up a matching “need help” with “want to help” and hundreds and hundreds of people were helped. She was a one woman do it all resource and as the calendar turns to October she is still tirelessly working with those who need help.



Jennifer and Becky Edmondson with Susan Brock during Harvey recovery

Father Hai of St Thomas More Catholic Church also set up a collection and distribution site and then served as a Red Cross shelter for several weeks.



Pastor Danny Yang of Westbury United Methodist (WUMC) was able to open his doors to house people during the storm. Associate Pastor Hannah Terry led a volunteer-training-and-coordination center for United Methodist Churches and other groups looking to send in teams and donations to help out. When schools couldn’t open, they opened a free child-care camp. **WUMC** continues its mission of love and workers are still out helping.

A temporary Clinic was set up in Westbury Section 2 by a doctor so in case anyone needed emergency care during the height of the flooding that care was nearby.

Heroes of Harvey, continued on pg 13

A Special Thank You to the hundreds of neighbors who have washed clothes, mucked out houses, fixed meals, shared homes, shared resources, shared prayers, and shared a shoulder to lean on.

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Heroes of Harvey

by Becky Edmondson, WCC President

District 146 State Rep Shawn Thierry turned out to be an angel in disguise. She and I spent time on the phone during Harvey talking about how we would have a real disaster plan in place for our neighborhoods BEFORE the next time so that we weren't scrambling to invent the plan during the disaster. We would know who had the boats, where the high ground was and have a shelter of last resort OPEN.

But beyond planning for the future, Rep. Thierry immediately realized that there was more to acquiring and distributing supplies and she set about creating an incredible Hope Floats After Harvey store for flooded families in her district to feel special and loved. In just one week, she took an unfinished space and transformed it into our "Thierry's Threads & More Store" exclusively stocked with items for families impacted by the Harvey flooding. Each family received \$1,000 bonus bucks to spend on items of their choice. At the



end of the event, they were able to leave with brand new and consignment apparel, shoes, jackets, lingerie, cabinets of health and hygiene supplies, towels, sheets, pillows, diapers toys, car seats, and much more! They also participated in complimentary makeovers, shoe shines, and used volunteers/personal shoppers to assist with their building new wardrobes.

Harry Hayes and the City of Houston

Solid Waste Dept This hard working city department had trucks rolling on day one in Westbury just as they have after our last three flooding events. It has been and will continue for some months to be a long process to pick up the tons of debris removed from our flooded homes. That first pass through that some may hardly remember picked up the smelliest of the trash; the rotting food from non-working



refrigerators and freezers and foul water soaked mattresses and couches. As of the last weekend in September 85 to 90% of the Westbury flood debris has been picked up. It's those isolated spots that remain and it's important to call 311 to report your address if it hasn't been picked up.

Council Member Larry Green reached out to me almost immediately during the storm. From that point on, CM Green was addressing multiple concerns and helping.



CM Green discussing concerns about shelters with WCC leaders at Westbury Baptist on Tuesday, August 29

Knowing that there were so many people that needed answers Larry Green quickly setup a town hall meeting for September 14. It was an informative recovery meeting hosted by District K with representatives from every city department and more. FEMA and the FMO were on hand to answer individual questions and check status. Tables were set up for HCAD, HCFCD, 211, Solid Waste and more. He knows Westbury needs a solution for the homes that have had repetitive flooding and is working on several different fronts from CIP projects; a detention project and funds for elevation or buyout.

Wanda Adams, HISD Trustee and Board

President When I learned that there were as many as 60 people at Anderson Elementary. I called Wanda Adams and asked how do we get this school open. I had tried earlier in the day with Westbury High and HISD said no. Wanda worked some magic and Anderson was finally opened as a shelter of last resort and some 80 people had a dry place to spend the night. HISD was awarded a grant from the USDA to provide three meals a day to families but school had not yet started so Wanda asked how about if we feed the flooded areas of Westbury. Over the next several days Wanda and a group of volunteers from the community and the school delivered thousands of meals to very grateful people.

Texas State Senator Borris Miles at the District K Recovery meeting, announced that A&M Chancellor, John Sharp, has been given the leadership of the Texas State Harvey Recovery Project by Gov. Abbott. He said he would be meeting with Sharp and planned to take him on a tour of the area and homes that he will be able to speak with some of the homeowners. True to his word, on September 20, Senator Miles and Chancellor Sharp met me at Westbury High School and we drove down Ludington from Chimney Rock to Braewick and stopped at David Peterson's house. David shared his feelings of how he felt after this his 4th flood. He wanted his house raised. So our next stop was the 11000 block of Mullins to see a house that had been raised and DID NOT flood.

Sharpstown High School Jennifer Kuehlman a former Westbury high school teacher and now at Sharpstown took her amazing volunteer skills and created Sharpstown Cares and brought students and parents to muck out houses. She then decided to do it on a grander scale and created a special Sharpstown Cares Day and hundreds of volunteers went into the community, State Rep Gene Wu worked on WCC VP Marcia Hartman's flooded home!



Westbury High School While looking for a solution to make Ludington a safer route for the school children who walk it every day until the trash could be collected; Principal Susan Monahan reached out to her football coach, Greg Wilson and he and his team and other volunteers showed up on Ludington with brooms and shovels and spent the day clearing sidewalks where they could.

Read more about WHS on page 19.



Crime & Security

Westbury Constable Calls September 2017

Type	Count
Accidents	5
Alarm local	16
Animal	2
Arson fire	1
Assault	2
Burglary/Habitat	3
Burglary/Motor Vehicle	3
Contract Check	250
Criminal Mischief	2
Discharge firearm	7
Disturbance/Loud noise	3
Dist./other	2
Follow Up	1
Information call	14
Meet the Citizen	18
Open Door/Window	1
Special Assignment	1
Stranded motor vehicle	3
Suspicious person	25
Terrorist Threat	1
Theft/Other	2
Theft/Residence	1
Traffic hazard	2
Traffic stop	23
Vacation watch	67
Vehicle abandoned	3
Vehicle suspicious	22
Warrant Service	4
Welfare check	8
Total	489

30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood August 16– Sept. 15, 2017

	Commercial Property	Apartments	Public Areas	Westbury Homes	TOTAL
Theft <i>(Misc., Other, US Mail)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Theft– BMV <i>(Burglary of items in Motor vehicle BMV)</i>	0	0	1	0	1
Auto Theft	2	2	0	0	4
Breaking & Entering <i>(Burglary of Habitation or Building)</i>	3	1	0	0	4
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault w/ Deadly Weapon	0	1	1	2	4
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	4	2	2	13

Data from www.crimereports.com. This pulls crimes reported to HPD. Searched 30 Day period in Westbury neighborhoods. The WCC office is still working on getting complete up to date crime statistics for Westbury.

Crimes at Westbury Homes by Block Number

August 15-September 15, 2017

Block #	Street	Crime
5700	Firenza	Breaking & Entering
5700	Firenza	Breaking & Entering
5400	Willowbend	Breaking & Entering
5900	Dryad	Auto Theft
11500	Gaymoor	Auto Theft



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. www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/ If you do not have access to a computer or internet, please call 281-463-6666 for assistance.

Thank you to all our first responders during Hurricane Harvey!

For days, the sounds of helicopters would fill the air. Westbury and surrounding neighborhoods had many residents rescued from rising waters in their flooded homes. These rescues were done by average citizens and our great first responders. There were boats of all sizes, helicopters, dump trucks and more. Our Westbury Constables were on 12 hour shifts with no days off following the storm.



Left: TX National Guard and HPD in City of Houston dump truck and police vehicle traveling down Willowbend at Chimney Rock during Harvey. Top: Coast Guard dropping rescued residents off at Hager park during Harvey

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Westbury Area Patrol
281-463-6666
Westbury HPD
Storefront
832-394-7520
HPD Non-Emergency
713-884-3131





ELECTION DAY – TUES., NOVEMBER 7

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What is on the Ballot?

This is a State and City Election. The ballot includes seven propositions for the State of Texas for amendments to the State Constitution, five City of Houston Bond Propositions, Houston Community College Trustees, and HISD Trustees.

City of Houston Bond Propositions

PROPOSITION A The issuance of \$1,010,000,000 pension obligation bonds for the purpose of funding a portion of the unfunded liability of the City with respect to the Houston Police Officers' Pension System and the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System as contemplated by the pension reform plan contained in Senate Bill 2190 (adopted in the 85th (2017) Texas Legislature, Regular Session), and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.

PROPOSITION B The issuance of \$159,000,000 public safety improvement bonds for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and equipment of public safety permanent improvements for the police and fire departments and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.

PROPOSITION C The issuance of \$104,000,000 park improvement bonds for the conservation, improvement, acquisition, construction and equipment of neighborhood parks, recreational facilities and bayous, including such green spaces along all bayous to create an integrated system of bayou walking, running and bicycle trails to enhance, preserve and protect the health of citizens, water quality, natural habitat and native wildlife and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.

PROPOSITION D The issuance of \$109,000,000 public facility improvement bonds for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, remediation and equipment of permanent improvements that support public health and wellness, sanitation and other essential governmental and general services of the City and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.

PROPOSITION E The issuance of \$123,000,000 library improvement bonds for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and equipment of the public library system and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.

EARLY VOTING STARTS OCTOBER 23

Hours of Operation

October 23 - October 27: 8:00AM– 4:30PM

October 28- 7:00AM - 7:00PM

October 29: 1:00PM - 6:00PM

October 30 - November 3: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Nearby Early Voting Locations

SWHouston: Bayland Park Community Center
6400 Bissonnet, 77074

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

Astrodome Area: Fiesta Mart, Inc., 8130 Kirby Drive

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

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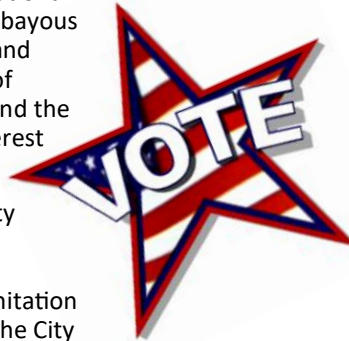
Precinct 14

Will vote at Tinsley Elementary located at 11035 Bob White. This precinct normally votes at Parker Elementary

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Westbury Area News

HEB on S. Braeswood Closed

Our local "baby" HEB located on S. Braeswood at Chimney Rock flooded for the 2nd time in 3 years. It is with great sadness, that we announce that HEB is NOT reopening the S. Braeswood store.

HEB hosted a community gathering at Godwin Community Center to share the news that our store would not be reopening. HEB reiterated their commitment to the area and stated that within 3 to 4 weeks they hoped to announce the location of a new Meyerland area store. In the meantime, HEB will have a new store that will open in April 2018 on Bissonnet in Bellaire.



Remodeling your home? Adding On? Do you know your deed restrictions? Did you know that the Westbury Civic Club can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction? We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5 have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know that there is a minimum percentage of brick that must be on your home? Did you know that you can't build in front of your building line? We want to help you! We want you to find out about possible violations before it costs you money and time. Several homeowners in the past couple years have had to tear down and/or modify their construction due to deed restriction violations. **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 www.westburycrier.com. If you have any questions, contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437 or westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury -

www.nextdoor.com

Westbury Lost and Found Pets

Facebook

Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



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.

November Meet & Eat: Thurs., November 2, 6PM

December Meet & Eat: Thurs., December 7, 6PM

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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").

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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.
- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
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- Organizes community get togethers such as Coffee with Constables and National Night Out

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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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WHS Attends "Constitution Day"

Westbury High School Debate, through the Houston Urban Debate League, recently attended the James Otis Lecture Series / "Constitution Day" sponsored by the Texas-ABOTA (American Board of Trial Advocates).

Westbury has received a personal invitation to attend this event for the past three years. Westbury students, along with 20 other schools from across Texas, consisting this year of 126 students, were afforded the opportunity to tour the Texas State Capital building and sit in the Texas Congressional Chamber, and hear speeches by practicing Attorneys.

The regular and returning keynote speaker was Renowned Author, Historian, and noted History Professor from the University of Texas, Dr. H.W. Brands. This year's discussion revolved around the elements of Law and constitutionality, but also included Dr. Brand's new book, "The General vs. The President, Macarthur and Truman at the Brink of Nuclear War."



Westbury debater students are pictured from left to right:
Front row: Ana Barona, Hafsa Wenibwe, Punima Siwa, Fatmata Sesay, Yasmin Argueta, Victor Reyes, Alasia Huffman, Lizbeth Lopez, Alirma Davis, Paul Heron, Amara Young, Fiyona Berhe, Reginae Davis.

Back row: Alton Valier, Jeremy Sanders, Faith Davis, Travoyie McCardell, Cristopher Hernandez, James Huff.

Westbury Loves Beyoncé

Beyoncé was in Houston on September 8 at St. Johns United Methodist church downtown. Ten teachers whose homes had flooded along with students from Worthing, Madison and Westbury High School were treated to a huge surprise when they got to the church. Beyoncé and Michelle Williams were on hand to greet them! Thanks go out to Park Wood Entertainment, Minister Ivy McGregor and HISD Board President Wanda Adams for making dreams come true!



Thank You WHS

Westbury High School is a perfect example of what makes a good community partner. When the Westbury Civic Club lost its long time *Crier* delivery service, the WHS Baseball Booster Club stepped up. By volunteering once a month, the WHS boosters bring in over \$10,000 a year into their program. When the WHS Choir needed performance robes, the Westbury Area Improvement Corp was able to purchase them. When the WCC was moving and needed some extra hands for heavy lifting, several baseball players showed up to help.

Hurricane Harvey was no different. Principal Susan Monaghan and WCC president Becky Edmondson were busy texting during and after the storm. Parent Engagement coordinator Jeri Brown helped pickup and deliver over a thousand meals. When we were trying to get Ludington cleaned up enough for the children to be able to safely go to and from Anderson and WHS, Principal Monaghan gathered a group of volunteers to sweep and clean up. When the WCC posted this story on their Westbury Houston Facebook page it became our highest ranking post ever with 550 likes, 40 comments, 43 shares and 17,510 people reached!



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Westbury Civic Club 2017 Annual Meeting

Hundreds of people attended the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Westbury Civic Club on September 27. Held again at Westbury Baptist Church, it was a standing room only affair. The meet and greet began at 6PM and gave residents a chance to visit one on one with WCC board members, neighbors and a host of guests, including Harris County Flood Control.



On display, was the flood map of Westbury Homes during Harvey for residents to see up close.



FEMA, NFIP and the SBA loan group were set up in the lobby to answer questions and check on Harvey claims status.



The WCC board came early to set up the raffle table with gifts generously donated by the WCC, Jackie Murray and Kendyl Maurer of Weichert Realtors and Susan Brock of Brock and Foster. Jeri Brown from Westbury High School and her son, Chance, had the "I love Westbury" signs and shirts that benefit the WHS PTO. WCC board members manned the sign in table and food table full of pizza, fruit and veggies. And of course, the great cookies and water that Weichert Realtors donates each month, were a big hit.



Associate Pastor Hannah Terry, from Westbury United Methodist, opened with a prayer followed by some welcoming words from Pastor Brandon Webb of Westbury Baptist Church. Both of these churches opened their doors and hearts to those impacted by Harvey.

One piece of business always conducted at the Annual Meeting is voting in the new WCC board. The 2018 board was voted in by acclamation as there were no contested races. A nomination from the floor to fill the Westbury 2 vacancy was unanimously filled by Susan Brock. We welcomed several new members to the board to the existing board and have two vacancies; Parkwest 1 and Westbury 5. See page 2 for full list of new 2018 WCC Board.

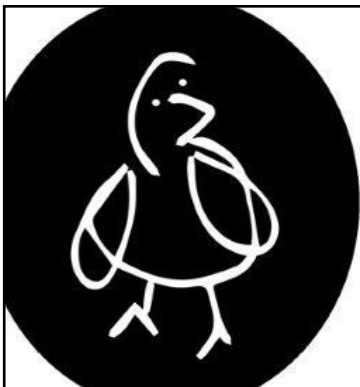
Texas State Senator Borris Miles talked about his meeting with Governor Greg Abbott and Rebuild Texas Commissioner John Sharp to discuss relief efforts like additional funding for debris pick-ups, a flood infrastructure study to minimize the damage of future floods, more disaster recovery centers (DRCs) and mobile DRCs in impacted areas, as well as housing assistance to those who lost everything in the storm.



He told about Sharp's tour of Westbury and meeting with a resident who had flooded 4 times. He

said he wanted to save our homes and save our neighborhood and talked of raising our houses out of the flood plain.

Texas State Rep Shawn Thierry gave a report on her work to fund elevation of homes for those who want to stay and is hosting a Townhall meeting in early October. She wants transparency of information and is hosting a panel of Federal, State, County, & City experts to help residents make informed decisions regarding buyouts, raising homes or rebuilding.



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Councilmember Larry Green listed the accomplishments his office had facilitated here in District K during the past year. The civility ordinance went into effect for parts of K. One HUGE accomplishment was for Hillfort being reclassified as a 4



lane thoroughfare. He reminded us that there was an upcoming CIP project to redo the streets and storm sewers in the first of nine phases outlined for Westbury. He introduced his outstanding staff of Donald Perkins and Barbara Hite.

At Large Council member Amanda Edwards spoke about financial matters that Harvey had created and the need for funds to cover those costs not covered by FEMA. She set the record straight on the possible tax increase to pay for debris cleanup. All agreed that the State of Texas should dip into the Rainy Day fund to offset these costs and stop a tax increase.

HISD Superintendent Richard Carranza was a surprise guest invited by HISD board president and trustee Wanda Adams. "Westbury is the party to crash," he said, as he then spoke of the heroism of the HISD community in this tragedy

and all the work that went into insuring that all 215,000 of HISDs students would have classrooms. Wanda Adams outlined what she had done for Westbury High School in getting the magnet program reinstated and millions of dollars allocated for a Fine Arts wing. She presented a resolution to honor the Westbury Civic Club for its outstanding service to the community.



Westbury Sgt. Hernandez of Pct. 5 introduced his deputies. He then told of the extra hours and patrols Pct. 5 had been performing since Harvey.

Gary Zika, project manager for Harris Country Flood Control District, gave an update on the Willow Waterhole project and its expected completion date of August 2018. He and three other HCPCD employees were on hand all evening to discuss Project Brays.

All in all it was a great night, as the people that we elect to represent us, stood before to let us know what they are doing on our behalf. Someone remarked that it was a pretty amazing all-star cast of elected officials and folks from all levels of government on hand to show their support of Westbury.



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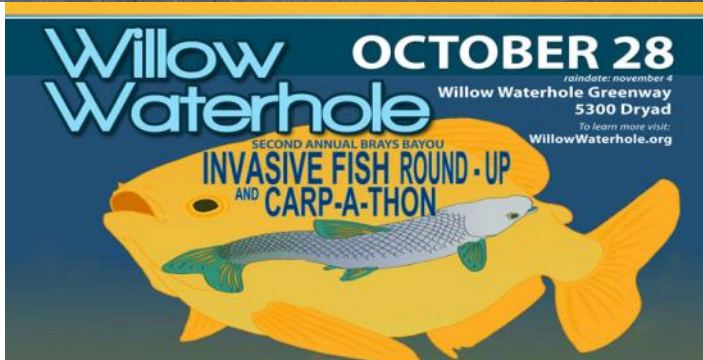


Eagle Project Completed

Alexander Mayberry completed his Eagle Scout project at the Willow Waterhole Greenway on Saturday, September 23. Alex is a member of Troop 686 from Lily Grove Missionary Baptist Church. For his project, Alex and his fellow troop members, parents, and friends installed two new educational signs at the overlook near the Schwartz Gazebo, moved a trash receptacle, and painted two receptacles. Lots of hard work involved in assembling signs, digging holes, and mixing concrete!



Thanks to all for your efforts to improve the Greenway.



2nd Annual Carp-A-Thon

The Brays Bayou 2nd Annual Invasive Species Round-Up and Carpathon will be held on October 28 at Willow Waterhole Greenway. Admission and parking are free for all visitors. For those wishing to participate in the tournament, there will be a fee of \$20 that allows them to compete in Fly Fishing and Conventional Divisions. Other activities include fishing clinics and and invasive species presentation. The event will be held with the cooperation of the The Texas Flyfishers, and starts at 8AM at Westbury Lake (5300 Dryad). For further details, please visit www.willowwaterhole.org

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Westbury Community Garden News

Urban Harvest Celebration – November 11
10:30AM-1:00PM

See below for more information.



A Gift of Gardening Tools

As a Planet in Action Community Partner, Asakura Robinson's team was awarded a set of Troy-Bilt tools. AR chose to gift the tools to the Westbury Community Garden. G. Abigail Phillips, Associate Designer with Asakura Robinson, says "We wanted to gift the tools to Westbury Community Garden, not only because you'll be able to use them, but because we really enjoyed working with you!" Asakura Robinson created the Master Plan for the garden last year.

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.

JOIN the garden TODAY at
www.westburycommunitygarden.org



Pictured with tools gifted to the Westbury Community Garden: Virginia Livingston, WCG President; Debbie Gordon, WCG VP; Abigail Phillips, Asakura Robinson; Wayne Slaideu, WCG Site Mgr.

UPCOMING EVENT

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November 11, 10:30-1PM

See below for more information



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