



Westbury Crier

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October Meetings in Westbury

Brays Bayou Association

October 15, 7:30PM, Willow Meadows Baptist Church

Westbury Area Improvement Corp. (pg. 20)

October 17, 9:30AM, St. John's Presbyterian

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

October 17, 7PM, Westbury Baptist

Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Turner (pg. 8)

October 17, 6:30PM-7:45PM, Fountain of Praise

SW Positive Interaction Program (HPD) (pg. 15)

October 24, 13097 Nitida

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Chimney Rock Park Needs Your Help

Chimney Rock Park is a City Park in Westbury. Located near the US Post Office on Chimney Rock, the park features the Platou Community Center, a playground, and tennis and basketball courts. In order to make the playground area more user friendly and comfortable, four benches and a picnic table were recently donated to be installed in the shade near the playground.

The donated benches and picnic table must be installed on concrete pads in the park, per city requirements. Some of the money to install these amenities has already been raised, but more money is needed. The Friends of Chimney Rock Park need to raise about \$2,500 to pay for the installation costs. Park goers are eagerly awaiting these benches and picnic table. We all know how important a comfortable spot in the shade is during our hot Houston summers.

How can YOU help? Send a check with your donation to: Friends of Chimney Rock Park, c/o Janie Schexnayder, Treasurer, 11518 Endicott, Houston, TX. 77035.

Friends of Chimney Rock Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and your donation is tax deductible.



2018 Fall White Elephant Sale

COME SHOP OVER 50 GARAGE SALES IN ONE LOCATION!

Sat., October 27

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 November 3.



BOOTHS ARE STILL AVAILABLE at the WCC OFFICE.
See page 19 for more information.

TRICK OR TREE



FREE trees for Westbury residents at the White Elephant Sale on October 27 from 8AM to 10AM. For more information, see page 19.



Election Day—November 6

Early Voting Starts October 22

For information about the City propositions, polling locations, and more, see pages 8 & 9.

RECYCLING DATES

October 2018

Thursday, October 11

Thursday, October 25

November 2018

Thursday, November 8

Friday, November 23

HEAVY TRASH

October 2018

Thursday, October 11

JUNK WASTE

November 2018

Thursday, November 8

TREE WASTE ONLY

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

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CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum..... 832-393-3016

District C Council Member, Ellen Cohen.....832-393-3004

Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333

Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107

Meyer Library.....832-393-1840

Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955

Houston Help & Information.....311

For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services

CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222

Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111

Street light repairs.....713-207-2222

Make sure to give pole number

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111

Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmd.org

Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.org

Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use "report a problem" link

Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661

Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000

Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

2018-19 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

If no contact information is provided, contact the WCC Office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net or 713-723-5437

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

This is my first President's Message as I follow Becky Edmondson as President of the WCC. Becky served 8 years as President, longer than any other President in more than 60 years of the existence of the WCC. Her accomplishments are many and her accolades are well deserved. Both Texas Senator Borris Miles and District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum presented official recognitions to Becky at the September Annual Meeting. You can read more about these recognitions and see photos from the event on pages 10-13

Even though I have been involved with the Westbury Civic Club for years, it is somewhat intimidating to follow a legendary WCC President. Some of you have seen my name here and there in the monthly newsletter, but may not know much about me. So, let me introduce myself! I settled in Westbury as a newlywed 30 years ago in 1988 when my husband, Walter, and I moved to Houston. We were both chemical engineers and Houston had, and still has, lots of jobs for chemical engineers. We bought our home in Westbury because we loved the trees and spacious yards, and the proximity to the 610 Loop boded well to be able to drive to any future job location across the Metro area in any direction. More importantly, we could afford a house in Westbury, even with interest rates at the shockingly high rate of 10.25% interest. Even today Westbury has continued to be one of the more affordable neighborhoods near the 610 Loop.

My first involvement with civic volunteer life started a few years later. A neighbor, Chris Sovereign, and I were both on maternity leave. We saw that another community had raised funds to improve their local playground, so we started talking about what we could do to change Westbury Park, which had ancient swing sets for play equipment. Chris decided

that she would start soliciting funds to improve Westbury Park if I agreed to help her. So we started the process for fundraising and working with the City. We started planning the project while on our first maternity leave, but the process took 2+ years, such that my second child was resting on my hip during the Grand Opening. (This happened so long ago that the "improved" Westbury Park playground has since been demolished and replaced). During that era, I served a few years as a WCC Section Director, but I stepped down after family and work life got more hectic.

I stopped working as an engineer in July 2005 and saw in the *Crier* that there were openings available on the WCC board for the upcoming Annual Meeting. After two years as a Director, I became President of the WCC in 2008. That year was memorable for Hurricane Ike – where much of Westbury and the WCC office were closed for almost 2 weeks due to no electricity, followed by a huge market crash. I served as WCC President for 3 years and then served as WCC Director of Community Relations and last year I served as Vice President.

Both Becky Edmondson and I agree on the importance of building relationships and connections as a key part of being strong advocates for Westbury. Happily, Becky will continue with her many advocacy efforts while in her new role as WCC Treasurer. Over the years, Becky and I have attended so many meetings together (or have substituted for each other) that sometimes people have a hard time remembering who is Cindy or who is Becky (so we answer to either name or to variations like Cindy Edmondson or Becky Chapman – ha!), but they do remember that we are advocates for Westbury!

In addition to being WCC President, I will continue to serve as the primary Westbury Super Neighborhood delegate to the Super Neighborhood Alliance(SNA) and as a member of the SNA executive committee. I am a board member for the following organizations: the Brays Oaks Management District, SWHouston2000, Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, Neighborhoods to Trails SW, and the Women's Club of Rice University.

As you can see in this issue, October is a busy month. A key item is that this is an election year for state and federal elections, and there are two city ballot propositions to vote on. Early voting starts on October 22. I encourage all eligible Westbury residents to vote. Westbury has a reputation for having a solid level of civic engagement and voting, which is unusual in Houston and in Texas.

I want to thank each and every one of you who support the Precinct 5 Constable Westbury Area Patrol with your dollars. Precinct 5 recently arrested 7 members of a juvenile gang (astonishingly, ages 11 – 14) who had been attacking vulnerable victims in the Westbury and general area. You can read more about it on page 15.

Let me finish this message with a small request. Please consider supporting some of our fine Westbury non-profits with your financial donations. This month I would like to highlight the Friends of Chimney Rock Park /Platou Community Center. The "Friends" need to raise about \$2,500 to implement some park improvements in this city park right located in the middle of Westbury. I have sent them a donation, and I hope that you will also consider doing so. If 100 people donated \$25 each, then they would have the funds needed to complete their small project. Thanks and have a great October!

Cindy Chapman

WCC Board Meeting Notes September 2018

- The September 2018 WCC Board Meeting was the Annual Meeting of the Westbury Civic Club. The meeting was held at Parker Elementary on September 11.
- For information and photos from the Annual Meeting, see page 10-13.
- Thank you Becky Edmondson for your leadership as WCC President for 8 years.
- The next WCC Board meeting will be October 17 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist. Meet and Greet 6:30PM, Meeting 7PM
Speaker: Harris County Attorney, Vince Ryan

WCC Board Meeting

Wed., October 17, 7PM

Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft



Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



Heritage Stitchery Day

October 25, 12-4:30PM

Visit the Platou Community Center on Thursday, October 25, from noon to 4:30 PM to see lovely, handmade things. Some are old and some are rather new. These treasures were created by mothers, grandmothers, and in some cases, great-grandmothers. See lovely knitted, crocheted, and tatted works. Look at quilts, clothing, needle point, and embroidery. Be inspired by the handwork of the past.



If you would like to display heritage stitchery, please contact Carla Cawfield by email at carla@hal-pc.org or Hazel Potvin at hazelnut856@yahoo.com.

Weekly Classes/Groups

Stretching Exercise Class

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9-9:45AM

Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.

Ms. BeeHaven Quilters

Tuesday, 10AM - 2PM

Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

Table Games

Wednesday, 10AM - 12:30PM

Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and more!

Table Tennis

Wednesday, 4-8PM

Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong/Table Tennis will be available with Mr. Nelson

Interested in new classes/groups?

Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 or email platou@houstontx.gov if you want to form a craft class, play bridge, hold a meeting, etc. New classes are always welcome and needed. All classes are free and led by volunteers. The center will be open until 8PM Monday through Thursday.

Family Fun Day

Saturday, October 27, 10AM - 2PM

Family Fun Day at Platou is Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10 am to 2 pm. The Platou Community Center will be open for family activities, including table tennis

Are You Interested in a FREE Aerobics Class?

The Houston Parks Department has promised to assign a leader for an aerobics class to Platou, if enough individuals express an interest. The class would be FREE and held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. To put your name on a list, call Platou at 713-726-7107.



Meyer Library News

➔ Meyer Library CLOSED Indefinitely

The Meyer Library has long been on the City's replacement list and after minor flooding in Harvey, the decision was made to not re-open Meyer Library. The City recently approved \$1.2 Million to purchase land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. The new location would be at the site of the old post office in Westbury on Belrose.

"Mini" Meyer Library at Godwin Community Center

A "mini" Meyer Library is now open in Meyerland at the Godwin Community Center at 5101 Rutherglenn next to Kolter Elementary. Limited Services. Staff can be reached at 832-393-1840.

Hours of operation:

Mon-Wed: 1:00PM-6:00PM

Thurs: 1:00PM-8:00PM

Fri: 1:00PM-5:00PM



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What's Happening in Westbury

Events/Meetings Calendar October 2018

Sun 7	Oy-Vey Family Run See page 20 for information	
Tues 9	Booths on Sale for Non-residents Westbury Civic Club office—5322 W Bellfort See page 1 for more information	
Mon 15	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort	7:30PM
Wed 17	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St John's Presbyterian - 5020 W Bellfort See page 20 for more information	9:30AM
Wed 17	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist - 10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Wed 17	City Town Hall Meeting—District K Fountain of Life Center—14083 S Main See page 8 for more information	6:30—7:45PM
Sat 20	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	7AM
Wed 24	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Police Station—13097 Nitida See page 15 for more information	7PM
Thurs 25	Heritage Stitchery Day Platou Community Center—11655 Chimney Rock See page 4 for more information	12-4:30PM
Sat 27	Fall White Elephant Sale Westbury United Methodist—5200 Willowbend See page 1 & 19 for more information	8AM—Noon
Sat 27	Family Fun Day Platou Center - 11655 Chimney Rock See page 4 for more information	10AM-2PM
Nov 3	Rain Date for White Elephant Sale	

PLANNING CALENDAR

November 4 – Daylight Savings Time

November 6 – Election Day

November 22 – Thanksgiving

December 15 – Deck the Halls Parade



TRASH SCHEDULE



Recycling in Westbury

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

October 2018

November 2018

Thursday, October 11

Thursday, November 8

Thursday, October 25

Friday, November 23*

*Trash and recycling will be picked up on Friday, November 23, due to Thanksgiving

Heavy Trash Schedule

All of Westbury is on the same schedule for Heavy Trash. Pick-up is on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Odd months are TREE WASTE ONLY and even months are JUNK WASTE months.

October 2018

November 2018

JUNK WASTE

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, October 11

Thursday, November 8

Important Trash & Recycling Info



- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- ♻️ NO Glass in the green recycling bins
- ♻️ NO Plastic Bags in green recycling bins
- ♻️ Trash cans need to be on curb by 7AM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM each Thursday
- ♻️ Trash cans must be placed at least 3 feet apart
- ♻️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- ♻️ Yard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags
- ♻️ 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.
- ♻️ GLASS: May be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend, in the orange container near W. Bellfort.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

Welcome **NEW 2019** **Westbury Civic Club Board**

President: Cindy Chapman
Vice President: Marcia Hartman
Secretary: Dan Vega
Treasurer: Becky Edmondson

Communications: Katherine Wingfield
Flood/Infrastructure: Jennifer Edmondson
Greenspace: Mat Funk
Membership: Jeff Benavides
Volunteers/Events: Robert Montgomery

Westbury 1: Franny Oxford
Westbury 2: Susan Brock
Westbury 3: Tony Robert
Westbury 4: Eugene Sirls
Westbury 4: Gail Reaben
Westbury 5: Virginia Livingston
Westbury 5: Donna Strom
Parkwest 1: Angela Furnari
Parkwest 2: Jeffrey Weiss
Parkwest 3: Lisa Placke

VACANCIES

Deed Restrictions Director
Security Director
Community Relations Director
Westbury 3 Section Director

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the WCC at westburycc@sbcglobal.net or attend the next WCC board meeting to see what we do. Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7PM at Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft.



Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

Meet the Westbury Civic Club Board

Franny Oxford, Westbury 1 Section Director

Franny Oxford is the newly elected director for Westbury 1. She has twenty+ years of experience as an HR leader for rapidly growing companies. A native of Beaumont, Franny has both her Masters and her undergrad from UT Austin, and has been a Westbury resident since 2008. Franny's wife, Cathy, is the school nurse at Kolter Elementary, and her daughter attends Pin Oak Middle School. Franny just graduated from Leadership Houston Class XXXVI with Martha Castex-Tatum, our District K City Councilwoman. She has two dogs and can be seen in her front yard quite a bit, where she grows veggies in her raised beds. Franny and Cathy have a "Little Free Library" so that the little kids in the neighborhood can find and place surprise book treasures. She is also the founder and moderator for the Westbury 1 Facebook neighborhood group.



New 2019 Westbury Civic Club Board. From Left to Right: Donna Strom, Jennifer Edmondson, Tony Robert, Franny Oxford, Susan Brock, Eugene Sirls, Gail Raeben, Angela Furnari, Marcia Hartman, Becky Edmondson, Brandon Richard, Katherine Wingfield, Cindy Chapman, Robert Montgomery, Dan Vega

BROCK *and*
FOSTER
> Real Estate

**"Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, that is all that ever has."
- Margaret Mead**

Super Neighborhood #37 • Westbury Community Garden • Levitt Pavilion • Westbury Park • Parker Elementary • Westbury High School Performing and Visual Arts Magnet • Westbury Civic Club • Turtle Bridge • Community Forestry • Trick or Tree • Westbury Area Library • Neighborhood Coffee • Westbury Little League • Hike Trail Program • Willow Waterhole Greenspace • Platou Community Center • Westbury Pool • Fine Arts Wing at Westbury High School • Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program • Westbury CARE • Westbury Moms & Dads Club

Check out the latest amazing Westbury people + places @
brockandfoster.com/amazing

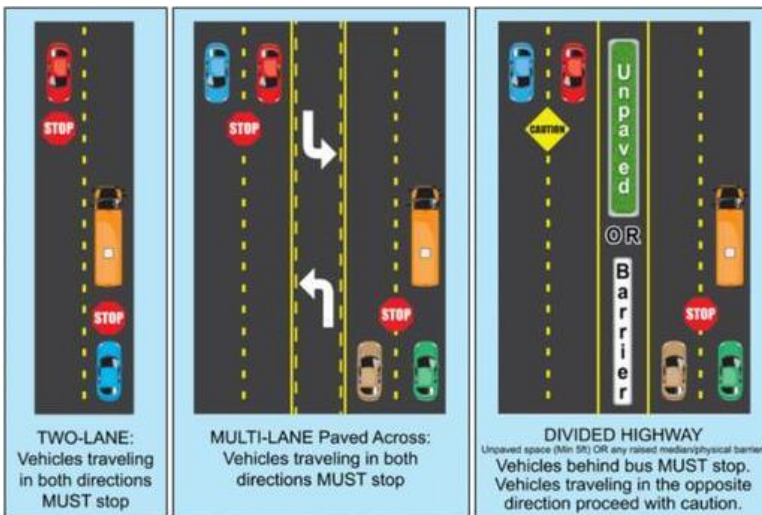
Safe Driving in School Zones

With our schools back in session, please be mindful to take extra care around school zones and crosswalks, especially during drop off and pick up times. Take a look at the diagram below to refresh your memory about when and where you are required to stop for school buses. Drivers going in both directions must **STOP** for a school bus (Willowbend) unless the school bus is stopped on a road which has a divider / esplanade separating the lanes of traffic (W. Bellfort and W. Airport).

The HISD Transportation Department changed its magnet bus program to have centralized hubs throughout the city. Both Anderson Elementary and Parker Elementary have become regional school bus "Hubs" for magnet students, resulting in more bus activity and traffic in our area in both the morning and afternoon.

We remind you to take caution when driving through school zones. Those strict speed limits are there for a reason and we have asked Pct. 5 to closely monitor traffic near Anderson ES, Parker ES, Meyerland Middle School, and Westbury HS to make sure our school kids are safe.

Put down your phone while driving near schools. It is illegal to text or talk on the phone while driving in school zones. Also, make sure you stop when school busses are loading and unloading.



Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts 2018 Middle School Workshops

HSPVA Friends invites all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students in the greater Houston area to the HSPVA 2018 Middle School Workshops!

Visual Arts	October 13 and 20
Piano	October 27
Vocal Music	November 10
Instrumental Music	November 10
Creative Writing	December 1
Theatre	December 8

Times and costs vary by workshop. Workshops will be held at HSPVA located at 4001 Stanford, Houston, TX 77006. To register, or to learn more, go to: hspvafriends.org/workshops. Financial Aid may be available.

Any questions? Email jmurrin@hspvafriends.org

(While participation in a workshop has no effect on a student's application to Kinder HSPVA, each one is an excellent educational opportunity and a unique introduction to the campus and specific art areas.)



Construction Update

Rain has hampered completion of the new playing field for Parker Elementary. The school playgrounds are expected to open on September 26, so the school children at Parker will be using the playground less often over at Westbury Park, next to Parker Elementary. The SPARK Park art installation will be installed in late September, weather permitting.



saint thomas more catholic church & school



Loads of Fun for the Whole Family!

Public Welcome! **FREE** Admission!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

10AM TO 6PM

- ◆ International Foods ◆ Drinks ◆ Games
- ◆ Bingo ◆ Carnival Rides ◆ Bounce Houses
- ◆ Crafts ◆ Rummage Sale ◆ Cake Walk
- ◆ Live Entertainment ◆ RAFFLE tickets for GRAND prizes!

St. Thomas More Parish & School

10330 Hillcroft Houston TX 77096
Between Willowbend and S. Braeswood

Election Information - Proposition A & B

Questions and Answers by the Westbury Civic Club

Questions and Answers by the WCC about Proposition A

What is the intent of this ballot item? Voters are being asked to restrict the Rebuild Houston fees so that the revenues are DEDICATED for flooding, drainage, and street improvements. A vote YES means that the revenue funds will be restricted to those uses. A vote NO means that the funds will not be restricted. Whether you vote Yes or No, the monthly drainage fees paid by Westbury and Houston residents will still continue to show up on your utility bill.

Why are we voting on Proposition A; Didn't voters vote on this same topic years ago? The Houston Chronicle on August 9, 2018 describes this ballot item as, "a 'do-over' of ReBuild Houston, the 2010 charter amendment that created the city's program for repairing streets and drainage pipes and ditches. The Texas Supreme Court voided the original election because the ballot language did not make clear that the program envisioned a new drainage fee residents would pay." Whether you vote Yes or No, the monthly drainage fees paid by Westbury and Houston residents will still continue to show up on your utility bill.

What is the impact of this ballot item on residents of Westbury?

Our subdivision was built more than 60 years ago. The infrastructure in Westbury has not been updated or replaced for most of our streets or street stormwater drainage systems. Westbury has several capital improvement projects waiting to be implemented and funded. These projects are currently under ReBuild Houston.

Questions and Answers by the WCC about Proposition B

Why are we voting on this ballot item? The Firefighters Union did a petition drive to place this item on the ballot to increase fire department salaries and provide certain other benefits. If approved, firefighter pay would be linked to police officer pay.

What are the pros and cons? This is a complicated topic and the WCC encourages residents to do their own research. There seems to be general agreement by both sides that fire department workers deserve a salary increase. There is disagreement about how to implement a salary increase, how much the salary increase should be, and whether the City can afford the proposed salary increases without adverse impacts such as reduction in city services or personnel.

The fire union says that its workers are leaving the City of Houston for higher pay elsewhere and that this will continue if the ballot item is not approved. They say that the City has not followed through on pledges to increase their salaries. The City says that in the first year a 25% increase in salary would be needed at a cost of \$98 million (with up to \$298 million in costs anticipated over 3 years), and that the City may have to lay off employees and reduce city services to implement the proposed salary increase. The City says the Mayor has offered a 9.5% raise over 3 years.

What is the impact of this ballot item on residents of Westbury? This is a city-wide issue and does not seem to have a specific impact on Westbury residents.

Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Turner

October 17, 6:30-7:45PM, Fountain of Life Center, 14083 S. Main

Mayor Sylvester Turner will host public Town Hall meetings in each City Council district about the Rebuild Houston and fire department salary charter amendment election on the Nov. 6, 2018 ballot. Early in-person voting starts on October 22. All registered voters within the boundaries of the city are urged to attend. The power point presentation is available at <https://www.houston.tx.gov/houstonvotes2018/town-hall-presentation.pdf>



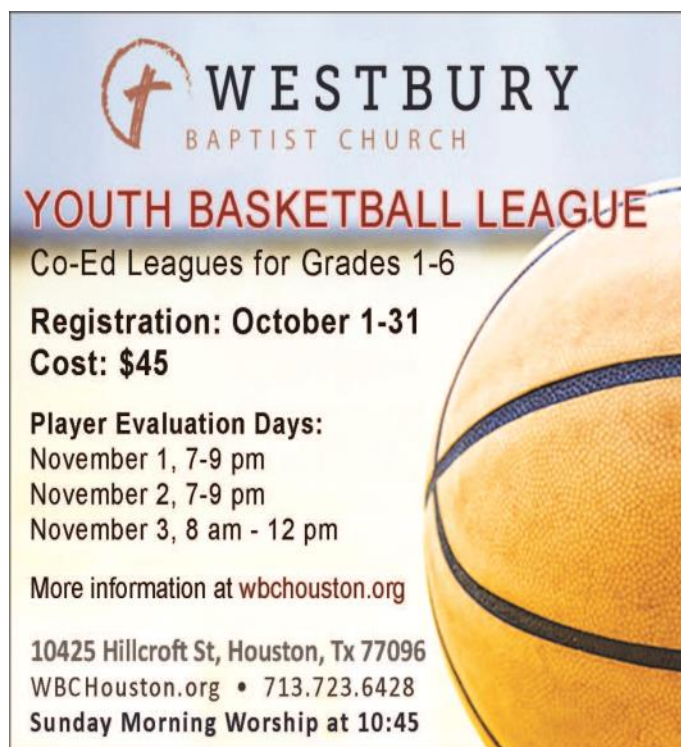
 **WESTBURY**
BAPTIST CHURCH


All are invited to our FALL CARNIVAL
Wednesday, October 31, 6 to 8 pm

Activity Booths: Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Basketball Hoop Shoot, Cake Walk, and more!

Food Court: (25¢ Per Food Ticket)
Hot Dogs, Nachos, Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Soft Drinks, and more.

10425 Hillcroft St, Houston, Tx 77096
WBCHouston.org • 713.723.6428
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45



 **WESTBURY**
BAPTIST CHURCH

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Co-Ed Leagues for Grades 1-6

Registration: October 1-31
Cost: \$45

Player Evaluation Days:
November 1, 7-9 pm
November 2, 7-9 pm
November 3, 8 am - 12 pm

More information at wbchouston.org

10425 Hillcroft St, Houston, Tx 77096
WBCHouston.org • 713.723.6428
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45



ELECTION DAY – TUES., NOVEMBER 6

Your Decision. Your Vote. Westbury is respected as an area with high voter turnout. Keep up the Westbury tradition and VOTE!

***Voting locations may change up until Election Day.
For sample ballots, locations, go to www.harrisvotes.org***

What is on the Ballot?

There are two City Propositions on the ballot. Read more about the propositions below and on page 8. On the Federal level, we will vote for United States Senate and House. In Texas, we are voting for Governor, Lt Governor, Railroad Commission, State Representative and Senator and more; plus two pages of judges; including Harris County Judge.

City of Houston Bond Propositions

Ballot Wording for Proposition A

[Relating to the Creation of a Dedicated Funding Source to Enhance, Improve and Renew Drainage Systems and Streets]

“Shall the Houston City Charter be amended to establish a Dedicated Pay-As-You-Go Fund, to be used for the enhancement, improvement, and ongoing renewal of Houston’s drainage and streets, funded annually from the following sources: (i) developer impact fees; (ii) drainage charges, to property owners or users, to recover costs of providing drainage to benefitting real properties; (iii) a portion of the City’s ad valorem tax levy; and (iv) third-party contracts, grants, or payments earmarked or dedicated to drainage or streets?”

Q & A about Proposition A on page to the left.

Ballot Wording for Proposition B

(Note: This proposition is long, with more than 500 words, so we are printing the first paragraph in our newsletter)

“Shall the City Charter of the City of Houston be amended by adding a separate section that reads as follows: The City of Houston shall compensate City firefighters in a manner and amount that is at least equal and comparable by rank and seniority with the compensation provided City police officers including: a. Persons employed in the following firefighter classifications shall receive the same base pay as persons of like seniority employed in the following, similarly numbered police officer classifications.....”

Q & A about Proposition B on page to the left.



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 October 27- 7:00AM - 7:00PM
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14	Tinsley Elementary	11035 Bob White
22	Foerster Elementary	14200 Fonmeadow
146	Platou Community Center	11655 Chimney Rock
281	Godwin Community Center	5101 Rutherglenn
291	Tinsley Elementary	11035 Bob White
293	Anderson Elementary	5727 Ludington
403	Westbury Baptist	10425 Hillcroft
453	Westbury High School	11911 Chimney Rock
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WCC Annual Meeting

September 11, 2018

The September WCC Annual Meeting was opened by Parker Elementary School Principal, Lori Frodine, who welcomed the enthusiastic crowd to the incredible new Parker Auditorium. Tours were given of the new school before the meeting began, and everyone agreed it was quite a beautiful school that would serve our community for decades to come.

It was an ambitious agenda and many of the people who serve and represent us in Westbury were on hand to give updates. However, before the speakers began, the Westbury Civic Club recognized Becky Edmondson for her 8 years of excellence in service as WCC President with a video trip down memory lane and a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



Mary Seymore with Senator Borris Miles' office presented Becky with a resolution from the Texas Senate.

At-Large Council Member (CM) Mike Knox said being an At-Large CM was a bit like being a mini-mayor as you represent the whole city. He grew up in Westbury, and has always been available when we've reached out to him with issues. There are five At-Large council seats and the WCC often reaches out to them. At Large CM Amanda Edwards attended the WCC August meeting.



District K Council Member (CM) Martha Castex-Tatum presented a resolution from the city that September 11, 2018 was "Becky Edmondson Day" in the City of Houston. This resolution was presented to Becky jointly with CM Knox. See pages 12-13.



Annual WCC meeting continued with news from **District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum**. She is working hard to get federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to help reduce flooding in the Westbury area. She invited City of Houston Chief Resiliency officer, known as the "Flood Czar", Steve Costello, to the WCC Annual Meeting.

Steve Costello explained the difference between federal HUD and FEMA funds for flood funding, and the status of the pursuits of money for Houston from each. He also discussed the purchase of an area for the future Larry Green Memorial Detention Basin. This was a detention project that CM Green had made possible with money from the 2015 flooding, but had not yet come to fruition at the time of his untimely death. It would serve as a wonderful memorial to his memory as he

worked tirelessly with Westbury for infrastructure improvements and stormwater detention to mitigate Westbury flooding woes.

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WHS Spirit Items for sale. I Love Westbury signs are \$5, available in the WCC Office.



Meet & Greet before meeting

TX State Rep. Shawn Thierry was accompanied by her staff David Janise and Sheryl Scott Taylor (pictured below). She announced that a group was offering \$35k in loans for businesses impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Rep. Thierry is very concerned about flooding in her district and worked hard to bring resources to the area after Harvey. She brought a letter, dated Sept. 10, to Harris County Judge Ed Emmett outlining a list of potential projects for the Harris County bond project to implement to mitigate flooding in southwest Houston. She facilitated several meetings of the "Southwest Stakeholders Higher Ground Resiliency Group" which brought together informed constituents and invested stakeholders. She is organizing a bill writing workshop and looking for feedback for bills to pursue to improve the area. Do you have an idea for a change you'd like to see that might work as bill before the State? Last session (2017) 1,252 new laws were passed.



HISD Trustee Wanda Adams (pictured above) represents most of Westbury in District IX, which includes Parker, Anderson and Westbury High School. She noted that the 2012 HISD Bond money is in full effect as evidenced by the new buildings at Parker Elementary and Westbury HS. She updated the crowd on the new Fine Arts wing which will be built at Westbury HS, and the ongoing Fine Arts magnet program which she brought back to Westbury High School several years ago.

No annual meeting is complete without an update from the **Harris County Flood Control District**. They brought their display boards and were set up both before and after the meeting to answer individual questions. Deputy Executive Director of HCFCD **Matthew Zeve** gave an update on the flood plans for the area, including the news that the Willow Waterhole Bayou area was being evaluated as part of the Fondren Diversion Channel bond work. He was followed by Project Brays Project Manager **Gary Zika** who gave an update on Project Brays.

Public Safety is always a concern and both HPD and Pct. 5, gave updates. **Lt. Julie Manfre**, from the HPD Southwest Station, said that crime was down 26% in Westbury – when comparing Jan-Aug 2018 vs Jan-Aug 2017 (down 9.5% in Houston). This is good news as sometimes when we read social media reports from all over the area, it seems crime is worse. **Lt. Hutter** from Harris County Constables Pct. 5 introduced the 4 deputies who patrol our neighborhood as part of the Precinct 5 security contract with Westbury, also known as WAP (Westbury Area Patrol).

Malkia Hutchinson, Representative for Pct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, brought greetings from Commissioner Ellis' office which represents about 1.1 million residents. She reminded us of the free swimming lessons available for all residents of Pct 1 at the Harris County Aquatic Center, located just a few miles away near NRG stadium. Sign up on <http://hcp1.net/>

The evening ended with door prizes that were appreciated by all winners. We thank our donors!



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Becky Edmondson, WCC President 2011-2018

Becky Edmondson served as the Westbury Civic Club President from 2011 through 2018. She is the longest single tenured President in the long history of the WCC. She has worked exceptionally hard to foster relationships with residents, City government, and State government. It will be hard to fill her shoes! Becky guided the neighborhood through 5 flood recoveries in the past 5 years.

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Over the years, **Becky Edmondson's** great work in the Westbury community has impacted generations of residents. Most notably, she worked with the City of Houston to expand the water aerobics classes at the Westbury Pool, saved the Community Garden, improved and enhanced the Westbury newsletter, and enacted the railroad quiet zone. She also worked closely with Harris County Flood Control District on mitigation projects to help ongoing repetitive flooding in Westbury, and built many relationships over the years, local and statewide, while working on countless worthwhile projects, to ensure the longevity and growth of the Westbury Community.

Becky Edmondson's outstanding work has earned her and the Westbury community many awards, including the Westbury Star from the Westbury High School Foundation in 2013, the Proud Partner Award from Keep Houston Beautiful awarded to the Westbury Civic Club in 2013, and the Neighborhood of the Year from Neighborhoods USA in 2015, among several other accolades.

On September 11, 2018, **Becky Edmondson** will be recognized for her eight years of service as president of the Westbury Civic Club and her continued dedication to serving the Westbury community. The City of Houston is grateful to **Becky Edmondson** for being a strong voice and advocate for the Westbury community, displaying what it truly means to be a Houstonian by being of exemplary service to others.

Therefore, I, Sylvester Turner, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim September 11, 2018, as **Becky Edmondson Day** in Houston, Texas.

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30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

August 27-September 26, 2018

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5700	Alvarado	Theft - Misc.	9/17	11Pm	Westbury South
5600	Arboles	Burglary of Habitation	9/16	2PM	Westbury 3
11600	Braewick	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	9/26	11AM	Parkwest 3
6000	Cartagena	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	9/25	9AM	Parkwest 3
10900	Doud	Burglary of Habitation	9/6	12PM	Westbury 1
6000	Dryad	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	9/6	8PM	Westbury 4
5500	Effingham	Theft - From Building	9/11	4PM	Westbury 4
11000	Endicott	Burglary of Habitation	9/23	3PM	Westbury 1
11000	Endicott	Auto Theft (Car not truck/van)	9/23	3PM	Westbury 1
5800	Firenza	Aggravated robbery	9/9	8PM	Westbury South
5700	Fontenelle	Theft - Misc.	9/6	7PM	Westbury South
5900	Fontenelle	Burglary of Habitation	9/11	11AM	Westbury 4
5700	Greencraig	Burglary - Building	9/19	6PM	Westbury South
11700	Hillcroft	Aggravated Assault with Weapon	8/29	12PM	Westbury 4
11600	Landsdowne	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	8/28	4PM	Westbury 3
5900	Lattimer	Burglary of Habitation	8/30	8AM	Parkwest 3
5600	Ludington	Theft -Misc.	8/31	4PM	Westbury 4
5400	Sanford	Theft - Misc.	9/25	3PM	Westbury 3
5200	Starkridge	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	8/29	11PM	Westbury 1
6000	W. Airport	Auto Theft	9/24	1PM	Westbury 4
5100	W. Belfort	Theft - Misc.	9/10	2PM	Westbury 1

KEY

- Burglary from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Theft
- Burglary
- Aggravated Assault with Weapon
- Aggravated robbery with weapon

The Westbury Civic Club strives to provide accurate information. Due to the printing date of the *Crier*, crime statistics are always delayed.

The crimes listed below took place between August 27 and September 26. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

The chart below breaks out the type of crimes and how many at each type of location. The apartments at 12500 and 12600 Dunlap accounted for 14 of 24 crimes at apartments. The WCC tries to publicize an accurate update list of crime in the area. If you have an idea of format, please call the office.

Crime Type	Westbury Homes	Apts./ Townhomes	Commercial/ Business	Public Space (Willow WH)
Aggravated Assault	1	4	0	0
Aggravated Robbery	1	2	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	5	2	0	0
Burglary of Building	1	0	0	0
Burglary of Habitation	5	6	0	0
Theft - other	5	5	1	0
Theft - Shoplifting	0	0	2	0
Theft - Bicycle	0	0	1	0
Theft - License Plate	0	1	0	0
Theft - From Building	1	0	0	0
Auto Theft	2	4	2	0
TOTAL	1	24	7	0

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Investigation Leads to Arrests

The contract that the Westbury Civic Club has with the Harris County Precinct 5 Constable office, the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP), is more than just the security patrol. Obviously, through highly visible security patrols, they are able to deter crime and respond faster when a crime does occur in our Westbury neighborhood. But did you know that they also investigate crimes?

When Westbury South had a recent rash of crimes being perpetrated by a group of young kids, the Precinct 5 constable placed a Special Response Unit, an unmarked car, in the neighborhood. These investigators spotted some juveniles attempting to steal a gas can from a lawn service truck. They called in a marked patrol unit which pulled over the stolen vehicle. Two juveniles escaped, but the other two were apprehended and confessed that they were planning to use the stolen gas to burn the stolen vehicle. Shockingly, the two juveniles apprehended were 11 and 12 years old.

The two who had been apprehended helped Precinct 5 investigators arrest the rest of the gang, who admitted involvement in the assault on longtime Westbury resident, Ray Johnson. Thankfully, Ray was only shaken up and sustained minor injuries during the aggravated robbery. These young boys took the 76 year old Mr. Johnson's walking cane and beat him with it. They also had a gun. A neighbor heard the shouting and ran out outside which sent the young thugs scurrying.

This group of kids is suspected of being responsible for a number of aggravated robberies, carjackings, and thefts over the past several months. At the time of printing, 7 juveniles had been arrested, all between the ages of 11 & 14 years old.

Westbury 1 Break In and Auto Theft

On a Sunday afternoon, shortly after leaving home, a Westbury 1 resident had a notification from their alarm company. Precinct 5 WAP was dispatched but, in just those brief 5 minutes, the perpetrators were able to kick in the back door, steal the resident's car, and get away.

Anything you can do to make your home more secure and slow down thieves is helpful. Put a lock on the gate to your backyard, arm your alarms, and use extra security locks if possible. There are several ways to slow down the kick in thieves: Door jamb armor that replaces your existing strike plate or the Master Lock door security bar that nests against your door knob.

If you see anything suspicious, remember to call the Westbury Area Patrol dispatch number at 281-463-6666. Legitimate people won't mind being stopped.

SW PIP Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 7PM

HPD Southwest Station 13097 Nitida

Mark your calendars for the October PIP meeting as officers from Auto theft will be on hand to offer VIN number etching on your car windows as a theft deterrent and possible insurance cost saving. The etching will start at 5PM with the PIP meeting starting at 7PM.

Burglar Alarm Ordinance

Alarm Permit Requirement Information

City Ordinance requires burglar and panic alarm systems installed, in use, and/or monitored within the city limits to receive emergency response from the Houston Police Department to have a valid and current alarm permit. The residential or non-residential alarm system owner is responsible for any false alarm fees and penalties for violation of this ordinance.

Why get a permit? The Houston Police Department (HPD) may refuse to respond to an alarm notification from a non-permitted burglar alarm system. Non-permitted locations receiving police response are subject to costly penalties ranging today from \$114.03 to \$478.93 for each false alarm.

Additionally, residential burglar alarm permit holders receive their first 3 false burglar alarms and first false panic alarm free. Did you know last year 96% of all alarm calls HPD responded to were false? When HPD responds to false alarms, they are diverted from true emergencies, citywide response times increase, and limited city financial resources are strained.

Burglar Alarm TIP from the Westbury Civic Club:

For those who pay to support the Constable Precinct 5 Westbury Area Patrol (WAP), you can request that your alarm company call the WAP patrol dispatcher instead of calling HPD. Using this tip will usually result in much faster response time to your burglar alarm call for service. Why? WAP already has constable officers patrolling in our area. Also, HPD gives higher priority to emergency calls than to burglar alarms, so it can take a long time for HPD to respond to a low priority call. If a burglary has occurred, then WAP will file the crime report with HPD. Also, the Constables have a crime investigation team.

Support our Westbury Area Patrol TODAY

A large part of the funds paid to Precinct 5 for our WAP Security Patrol (Harris County Precinct 5 Constables) is paid VOLUNTARILY by our residents who do not have mandatory assessments. If you appreciate this vital service, please consider showing your appreciation by sending a contribution TODAY for the WAP security patrol. See page 17 with information about how to send an online payment by PayPal or where to send your checks to our bank deposit lockbox in Dallas. Thank you for supporting WAP security patrol and for supporting our Westbury neighborhood!

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Westbury Area News

Feeding Stray Cats

Westbury is known as an animal loving neighborhood. BUT for some residents too much love is not a good thing. The Civic Club has received numerous complaints about neighbors feeding stray cats. It is against City ordinance to feed stray cats unless you trap them and have them neutered.

Links for Lost & Found Pets

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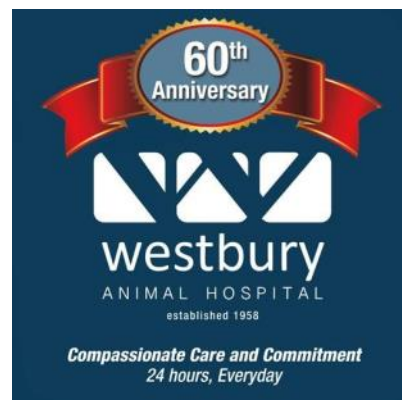
Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



60th Anniversary of Westbury Animal Hospital

It isn't often that we can say Happy Birthday to a Westbury business celebrating its 60th Anniversary! Westbury Animal Hospital, located on S. Willow near South Post Oak, saw its first animal patient on September 25, 1958.

Congratulations! Thank you for continuing to serve the Westbury community for so many years.



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[https:// www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/](https://www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/)



Parker PTO Announcements

-Leave your legacy around the original Parker flagpole in Westbury's new Spark Park! Purchase your custom brick at www.parkerpto.org/bricks. Small (3 lines), \$125; Medium (6 lines), \$250; Corporate (6 lines + logo), \$500. Hurry, sales end Oct 31!

-The Parker PTO will host "A Night of Magic" at our annual Auction, Friday, November 30 at Braeburn Country Club. Tickets are open to the public and include dinner and a magic show! www.parkerpto.org/auction

-Do you own, work at, or love a local business that would like to become a Proud Parker Sponsor? The Parker PTO is looking for businesses to join our community! Multiple sponsorship tiers are available that support our school and provide great benefits to your business! It's a win-win! Contact BusinessDevelopment@parkerpto.org for more information.



Westbury Meet & Eat

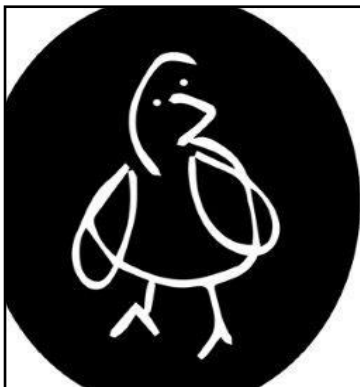
Come out to Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant at 6579 W. Bellfort every 1st Thursday of the month to meet Westbury residents. This event is open to anyone who lives in Westbury.

October Meet & Eat: Thurs., Oct. 4, 6PM

November Meet & Eat: Thurs., Nov. 1, 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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Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$
Subtotal	\$335	\$
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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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2018 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale

October 27, 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 27, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend. The rain date is November 3.

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. Non-residents can purchase booth space on October 9.

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 27, 8AM –10AM
Westbury White Elephant Sale**

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Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

The September Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) meeting, which serves as the Westbury Super Neighborhood meeting was held September 26 at St. John's Presbyterian Church. Twenty three people, representing a broad base of the Westbury SN and surrounding area, were present.

HPD Sgt. Ortiz was on hand and described the need for an AFIS portable fingerprint scanners. These units, about the size of a cellphone, match fingerprints in the various databases so that officers can quickly identify people without IDs. The

WAIC approved the purchase of 2 AFIS units (\$900.00 each) which will be donated to HPD. The Brays Oaks Management District recently matched funds for the purchase of these units for the Gessner station and this same match will be requested for the Southwest station.

Sgt. Derkowski from the Westbury Area Pct. 5 patrol said that he had a unit and, if needed in the meantime he could meet HPD officers in Westbury to use his machine. Sgt. Derkowski reported on the arrests made of the juvenile gang. He reminded everyone to call in ANY suspicious activity to their Pct. 5 dispatch.

Representatives from Tinsley Elementary, Anderson Elementary, and Westbury High School were on hand to give school updates. Westbury High School will be participating with the Houston Food Bank to host a mobile Food Pantry to Westbury twice a month to provide food to area residents. Students will help facilitate this program. On October 18th Westbury High School will host Parents University from 5 to 8 PM.

Barbara Hite from CM Castex Tatum's office reminded everyone to attend the Mayor's Town Hall meeting on the Propositions on the ballot. Meeting is October 17 at 6PM at the Fountain Life Center at 14083 South Main.

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Willow Waterhole – At the Races!

The Willow Waterhole greenspace makes for a great location for a Cross County meet. There were 3 meets in September and one planned for October.

- ⇒ On Saturday, September 8, the “Bellaire High School Cross Country Invitation Meet” was held at Willow Waterhole.
- ⇒ On Saturday, September 22, was the “Westbury Invitational Cross Country Meet.” This cross country competition featured student athletes from across the greater Houston area and was held at “Westbury Lake” (the storm-water detention lake closest to the Westbury Little League fields).
- ⇒ On Saturday, September 29, St. Thomas Episcopal High School hosted another Cross Country Invitational Meet at Willow Waterhole.



Parker Elementary students, Lylah and Lyza Sosa, won 1st and 2nd place in the Girls Elementary Division on September 22.

On October 20, the “Texas Charter Schools Academic League Cross Country Meet” will be held, with the start and finish line near the Schwartz Gazebo at 5300 Dryad, Houston 77035.

These high school athletic events held at Willow Waterhole bring thousands of visitors to Westbury and to Willow Waterhole. The site is popular for cross country events because of the variety of topographical features along a closed loop trail.

Project Brays Update from 9/17 BBA Meeting

As of September 10, 2% of the project to widen Brays Bayou between Fondren and South Post Oak has been completed. Construction is starting from Fondren and moving eastward to avoid interfering with contractor work to widen the channel between Buffalo Speedway and South Rice area. It is anticipated that work will start in mid-October to replace the Buffalo Speedway Bridge. The bridges at South Rice and Chimney Rock will also be replaced. The bridge at Hillcroft will be elevated by about 15 inches. By next year, all these projects will be in progress.

City Trash Trucks Have New Technology

The City of Houston has recently updated ALL city trash trucks, so that the trucks are now equipped with GPS tracking and video cameras. This means that the Solid Waste Department will now be able to better determine if truck routes have been missed and to verify what has happened when 311 service complaints are received. The city will also be able to determine whether trash was properly placed for collection at the curb by the appropriate day and time

No Plastic Bags in Recycling

As a reminder, please do not bag up your recyclable materials before putting them in the green recycle bin. The plastic bags disrupt the automated sorting machinery at the recycle center of the recyclable materials.

City Fees for Repair/Replacement Cans

These are the current 2018 city fees for repair or replacement of city household trash or recycle containers.

- ⇒ Replace damaged parts such as wheels, lids, and handles – no charge by city.
- ⇒ Replace containers damaged by city collectors beyond use - no charge by city. Container Replacement: Residents needing to replace containers more frequently than once every 10 years will have the following fees added to their monthly water bill. The fee reflected on the property owner's water bill must be paid in full before delivery of new trash container. Fee includes the container delivery fee and the cost to purchase the replacement container.
- ⇒ Container Delivery/Retrieval - \$23.84, plus the Cost of Replacement Container – which varies at the time of each purchase order.
- ⇒ Cleaning & Disposal of Content \$40.14 (*Only applies to retrieval of unauthorized containers).

Thanks from WHS Baseball Team

The Westbury Huskies Baseball Team would like to extend our gratitude to Don Sanders for his generous donation! Mr. Sanders donated enough money for our team to buy a piece of equipment that the coaches have been dreaming of for years. While the coaches, the players, and the booster club continued to think of this as only a dream, Don stepped in and made our dream a reality. Thank you so much, for purchasing such an important and valuable piece of equipment for us!

Although words cannot express our gratitude, we are using them here to acknowledge and appreciate your generosity. Thank you so much!

Julie Jaramillo, WHS Booster Club Pres.

Traffic Woes in Westbury

Those of us who drive through the intersection of Chimney Rock and West Bellfort have been having a miserable experience for the past few months due to construction activities related to Project Brays by the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD). At first, several lanes were blocked northbound on Chimney Rock, but this month the eastbound traffic on West Bellfort at Chimney Rock has been restricted to a single lane. Since traffic counts are higher for east/west traffic through Westbury, this squeezing of traffic on West Bellfort has caused traffic delays, especially in the mornings.

When will these travel woes end? During the September WCC Annual Meeting, Gary Zika from HCFCD says the end is nearing for the lane obstructions. At the time, he said HCFCD needed 10 working days of good weather to complete the connections underground and about a full month to get everything finished and cleaned up. We have had several rainy periods since the September Annual Meeting, but perhaps the HCFCD work at this intersection will be completed and traffic lanes restored by mid to late October. When finished, more water will flow toward the detention lakes along Willow Waterhole Bayou instead of flowing north along Chimney Rock to Brays Bayou.

Recycling Problems for Westbury United

Methodist Westbury United Methodist Church (WUMC) is having major problems with the recycling bins (for paper and glass) located on their property due to continuing issues with debris and trash. These bins do NOT provide any income to the church; the bins are located on the WUMC property as a public service. Westbury UMC is **seeking volunteers** to help clean up these recycle areas on a regular basis, or else the recycle services may be discontinued. Are any volunteers interested in helping to keep these convenient bins in Westbury? If so, then please contact Mark Chatfield by private message on NextDoor.

As a reminder, if the recycle bins are full, return another day. Never leave materials outside of the bins. The truck drivers do NOT clean up any materials or any messes left outside the bins! If you leave your recycle stuff outside of the recycle bins, then you are illegally dumping on the property of WUMC.



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Westbury 5 — 11007 Renwick — Charles & Leigh Scott

Parkwest 1 — 10810 Sagamore — Alan Sprague

Parkwest 2 — 5730 Benning — Victor Aguilera & Brian Wolf

Parkwest 3— 11619 Dunlap — Mia Culton & Gabriel Torres

Westbury South — Are you interested in volunteering to judge these sections? Contact the WCC office at westburyc@sbglobal.net or 713-723-5437.

Flood Bond Election Results, Aug. 2018

When the votes were counted, just 6.69% of Houston’s voters went to the polls to vote on HCFCD’s Prop A. We in Westbury are proud of the voter turnout here and in the precincts that we share with our neighboring communities. Pct. 281 that we share a corner of with Meyerland had the highest turnout with 27.13%. Next was Pct. 403 that we share a corner of with Maplewood South. Westbury’s Precinct 14 was 18th in the city. Of the 1012 precincts in the city, about 18% saw voting percentages in double digits. The two precincts in the southern part of Westbury that we share with other neighborhoods to the west and south were slightly below the city average. But when you average them all together we had a turnout of 16%. And while the proposition passed with an 85% approval rating our precincts weighed in at 92%.

Precinct	Voters	For	% For	Registered	% of Voters
281	634	602	95	2,337	27.13
403	426	402	94	1,695	25.13
14	367	331	90	1,923	19.08
146	367	323	88	2,070	17.73
293	303	280	92	1,815	16.69
291	167	151	90	1,179	14.16
693	76	74	97	720	10.56
453	130	108	83	2,086	6.23
22	153	131	86	2,505	6.11
Total	2,623	2,402	92	16,330	16.00



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Westbury Community Garden News

Garden Work Day and New Garden Sign

Ten Westbury Community Garden members, 16 volunteers from Stephen F. Austin High School in Sugar land, and two individuals from across town were undeterred by intermittent rain at the Garden Community Service Day on Saturday, September 22. They installed a new sign at the entrance of the garden on Sunday. Thanks to all for your community service and hard work. The next WCG volunteer day is October 27, 8:00AM – 12:00PM. Come out and join us!



Master Plan

The Westbury Community Garden is looking forward to the future. A Master Plan was completed in 2016 and Phase I of the plan proposes to improve site drainage, add more parking, and improve and extend the driveways at the garden. Check out the presentation on the WCG website to learn about the development of Westbury Community Garden over the last 8 years, its current needs and its future plans. The fundraising goal for Phase 1 is \$240,000. The garden leadership team has already started applying for grants.



As you are thinking about your donations for the last quarter of 2018, please keep the Westbury Community Garden in mind as a worthy neighborhood 501c3 non-profit charity. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information about donating to the Westbury Community Garden, visit our website at westburycommunitygarden.org/

Ready, Set, Plant by Hazel Potvin

I get very excited about Fall gardening ever since I have experienced successful Fall and Winter crops. Having cooler weather is another plus. I hope everyone is ready to plant their gardens in the next few weeks. The soil is soft and weeds come out easily. Be sure to fertilize and work in compost if you can.

By the time you read this article, I will have planted carrots, beets, some dill and some broccoli seeds. In October, I look forward to a good return with lettuce. I will also plant peas. Maybe they will be ready for Thanksgiving.

Plant It Forward Farm Shares

The Plant-It-Forward Farm Share program now delivers Farm Shares at Westbury Community Garden every Wednesday, with items available for pick-up between the hours of 3:30-7:30PM.

Not a Farm Share member yet? You can read more about it here: <http://plant-it-forward.org/our-produce/farm-share/>

And here's the link to sign-up online: <https://csa.farmigo.com/join/plantitforwardfarms>

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WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main. Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Green Craig, 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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