



# Westbury Crier

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## City Purchasing Multiple Sites for Drainage Near Westbury

The Westbury Civic Club is excited to announce that the City of Houston is purchasing the old Shell research facility on Gasmer next to the Willow Waterhole basins. This 28-Acre site will be used for additional detention and for the Levitt Pavilion. At the Westbury Annual Meeting in September, Mayor Turner said that the City will finalize the purchase in October after the environmental study.

District J City Council Member Mike Laster announced that the City of Houston is purchasing the site of the old Boardwalk Apartments off Fondren and Brays Bayou. This site will be used for additional drainage.

### IN THIS EDITION OF THE CRIER

- ➔ Read more about the 28-Acre Shell property purchase and the Levitt Pavilion, see page 13.
- ➔ Read more about the Westbury Annual Meeting on pages 10-11.
- ➔ Read more about additional drainage off Brays Bayou and Fondren on page 13.

## Westbury Proud

One of Westbury's treasures is its lifelong residents. Duane Coombs moved into Westbury in 1965. Lisa Placke and Vicki Davison had him beat as they were both born in Westbury in 1958 and 1963! All three of these longtime residents have given back to their community many times over volunteering through the decades. We salute our life long residents. If you are lucky enough to still have an original resident on your block, take a few minutes to visit them.



## Local Candidate Forums

The Mayor and all City Council positions are up for election this November. There are many candidates for each position. All of Westbury votes for the At-Large candidates. Two local candidate forums will be held near Westbury. Plan to attend one or more of these events. Your vote matters! **More information about these forums on page 9.**

- ➔ **Mayoral Forum at Holman HCC**  
Saturday, October 5, 11AM
- ➔ **Mayoral Forum at Lovett Elementary**  
Monday, October 7, 7PM



## 2019 Fall White Elephant Sale

COME SHOP OVER 50 GARAGE SALES IN ONE LOCATION!

**Sat., October 26**  
**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 2.*

**BOOTHS ARE STILL AVAILABLE at the WCC OFFICE.**  
**See page 8 for more information.**



## Halloween in the Park

**Saturday, October 26,**  
**6PM-8:30PM**

Family fun at the Willow Waterhole with a "Trunk or Treat" provided by classic cars, kids & dog costume contests, and inflatables. **For more information, see page 22.**



## RECYCLING DATES

**October 2019**

Thursday, October 10  
Thursday, October 24

**November 2019**

Thursday, November 7  
Thursday, November 21

*\*These are the published scheduled dates by the City of Houston. We do not know if trash will actually be picked up on the scheduled date.*

## HEAVY TRASH

**October 2019**

Thursday, October 10\*  
**JUNK WASTE**

**November 2019**

Thursday, November 14\*  
**TREE WASTE ONLY**

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE \*NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

NOTARY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO DUES PAYING

WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appt.

## CONTACT US

**WCC Office Hours:** Monday- Thursday, 9:30AM-1:30PM

*Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays*

WCC Office Telephone.....713-723-5437

WCC Office Email.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net

WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

**Visit our website at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com)**

**“Like” us on Facebook at Westbury Houston**

## SECURITY

**Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666**

*Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch*

Emergency.....911

Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131

Southwest HPD Station .....832-394-0400

## CITY OF HOUSTON

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

District C Council Member, 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

# 2019-20 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

President.....Cindy Chapman

wccpresident@westburycrier.com

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Secretary.....Katherine Wingfield

Treasurer.....Becky Edmondson

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Deed Restrictions..... Ray Mora

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Greenspace Beautification.....Mat Funk

Membership.....Susan Brock

**Security.....VACANT**

Volunteer Coordinator.....Robert Ellis-Montgomery

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Westbury 2.....Lauren Figard

Westbury 3.....Jeff Benavides

**Westbury 3.....VACANT**

Westbury 4.....Eugene Sirls

**Westbury 4.....VACANT**

Westbury 5.....Virginia Livingston

Westbury 5.....Donna Strom

**Westbury South.....VACANT**

Parkwest 1..... Angie Furnari

Parkwest 2.....Jeffrey Weiss

Parkwest 3.....Lisa Placke

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

## *A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President*

The 2019 Annual WCC Meeting was an amazing event, full of energy, and notable for a public announcement by Mayor Sylvester Turner that will propel Westbury into becoming a new city-wide destination.

The civic club always provides food and raffles off door prizes at our Annual Meeting, but this year we added a fun new photo op! It was enjoyable to watch people smiling while taking a photo with our new "I ❤️ Westbury" frame, and amusing to watch friends cram their heads together for group photos! It looks like a new tradition has started. Thanks to our crafty office manager, Jennifer Edmondson, for creating this fun frame! We can use this at future events. We asked people to raise their hands to indicate when they moved to Westbury. THREE people at the meeting have lived in Westbury since the 1960s! Duane Coombs moved here as an adult, while Vicki Davison and Lisa Placke were children. It is wonderful that Westbury continues to be a community which attracts new residents while retaining long-time residents.

It has long been frustrating to me and many others that our residential community is fine, but our commercial and public places are sometimes not. Too often these places are shabby or lack those special amenities that make a place amazing. How do we get from where we are to where we want to be? Behind the scenes, many folks have been advocating (or, more accurately, nagging) to bring back the basics, plus add special amenities to the Westbury area.

An amazing opportunity arose when Shell made a decision to shut down its research

facility on Gasmer and then later decided that they would sell this 28-acre property. The Shell site adjoins the Willow Waterhole Greenway, next to the area where the Annual Music Fest is held. Would it be possible, somehow, for these 28 acres to be purchased for a public purpose, to improve the Willow Waterhole amenities? How could the money be obtained? How could Shell be convinced to sell this site? Many creative minds collaborated to figure out how to make this dream possible. At the Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting, Mayor Turner was proud to publicly announce that the City will sign a contract to acquire the 28-acre Shell Research facility in late October, pending the completion of the environmental review. About 15 acres will be used for much needed additional stormwater detention, and the remaining 13 acres will be used as the site for the new Levitt Houston music pavilion (more details on page 13). The relocation of the future Levitt Houston pavilion will also allow more detention to be added near S. Post Oak. Many thanks to Mayor Sylvester Turner, CM Martha Castex-Tatum, Recovery Czar Steve Costello, Harris County Flood Control District, Houston Public Works, Brays Oaks Management District, and everyone who helped make this creative deal possible. More greenspace, more detention, and more flood mitigation make this a great project for Westbury and for our surrounding neighborhoods in District K.

Let's continue the momentum in Westbury to enhance our places and events. Take advantage of the cooler fall weather to get outside and explore our community. The Fall Westbury White Elephant Garage Sale will be held on the morning of Saturday, October 26 (page 8)

at Westbury United Methodist Church parking lot. Later that day, "Halloween in the Park" with a Trunk or Treat and costume contest will be held at the Willow Waterhole Schwartz Gazebo, see page 22 for more details. Have you noticed that a new Farmer's Market is being held every weekend morning in the parking lot of the old HEB on S. Braeswood at Chimney Rock? See page 19.

There is one more "new" place over at Willow Waterhole that is close to my heart. The small pavilion near S. Willow (across the street from The Gathering Place) is being enhanced to honor Scouts who have completed service projects over at Willow Waterhole (including one of my sons) and will also honor community leader Dabney Kennedy. Dabney has a long history as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America organization. Dabney is also a friend and mentor, and is a past-President of the Westbury Civic Club and a past-President of the non-profit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation. Some have been asking how they can honor our friend Dabney with a contribution. Donations can be mailed to: Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, 11415 Chimney Rock, Houston TX 77035. Put a note that the donation is in honor of Dabney Kennedy. Or, go to the website [www.willowwaterhole.org](http://www.willowwaterhole.org) to make a donation.

Westbury is full of young families with children who will be out in force on Halloween. Yard of the Month judges will be out judging Halloween decorations mid month. Enjoy the "cooler" fall weather that we hope will arrive SOON!

Cindy Chapman

### **WCC Board Meeting Notes September 2019**

- ◆ The September WCC Board Meeting was the Annual Meeting of the Westbury Civic Club. Elections were held for the 2020 WCC Board.
- ◆ For more information about the Annual Meeting, see pages 10-11.
- ◆ Most Westbury Civic Club board meetings are livestreamed on our Facebook page, Westbury Houston. Copies of the videos are available on Facebook.
- ◆ The following positions are vacant on the WCC Board, if you are interested, please come to the next board meeting or contact the WCC Office.  
2020 WCC Board Vacancies: Director of Communications, Director of Security, Westbury 4 Section Director, and Westbury South Section Director
- ◆ The next WCC board meeting is on Wednesday, October 16 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist Church.

### **WCC Board Meeting Wed., October 16, 7PM Westbury Baptist Church 10425 Hillcroft**



# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd  
713-726-7107

platou@houstontx.gov

**NEW CLOSING TIME— 7PM**



## 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!

### Line Dancing

Monday, 1PM

Come for a fun and unique exercise alternative.

### Evening Aerobics Exercise Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7PM, Starts September 3

Free Evening Aerobics Class held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6-7PM. Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 to register.

## TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays 5:45PM-7PM

A Weight Loss Support Group. Drop in to preview or call Dorothy -713-723-4441 or Naomi -713-988-2233

## New Face at Platou Community Center Welcome Gayle Herbert!

The Platou Center has a new supervisor. Gayle Herbert, a Senior Activities Specialist for Houston Parks and Recreation, has been assigned to Platou Community Center as Supervisor. Gayle has many ideas for activities and loves to do crafts. Come by and meet her. E-mail Gayle at platou@houstontx.gov. or call 713-726-7107.

## Halloween Family Fun Day—Sat., October 26

Family Fun Days are on the 4th Saturday of the month from 10AM—2PM. Bring the kids, play indoors, play board games, and do a some themed art. Ms. Herbert is planning a program for each month.

## Pop-Up Craft Class—Felting

Make small figures using a variety of dyed wool and special felting needles. Westbury resident Suzanne Wilson will teach this craft on Tuesday, October 8 at 10:30AM. If a class forms, that class will arrange its schedule. Please call Platou at 713-726-7107 to register and get a supply list.

## 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 purchased land in Westbury for the new location of the library.

The City purchased land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. The new location will be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury on Belrose. Stay tuned to future editions of the *Westbury Crier* for more information about the new library. We expect public meetings to be coming soon.



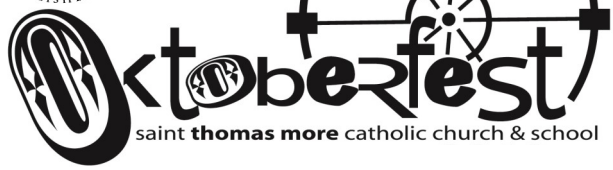
Public Welcome! **FREE** Admission!

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 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



*Loads of Fun for the Whole Family!*

# What's Happening in Westbury

## October 2019 Calendar Events/Meetings

Sat 5	Mayoral Forum Holman HCC Auditorium, 1300 Holman	11AM– Meet & Greet 2PM Program
Mon 7	Local Mayoral Forum Lovett Elementary— 8814 S. Rice	7PM
Tues 10	Booth Spaces on Sale for Non-Residents WCC Office open from 9AM to 1PM See page 8 for more information	
Wed 16	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St. John's Presbyterian—5020 W Bellfort	9:30AM
Wed 16	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church— 10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Sat 19	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	8AM
Mon 21	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort	7:30PM
Tues 22	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Station - 13097 Nitida	7PM
Sat 26	Westbury White Elephant Sale Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend See page 8 for more information	8AM-Noon
Sat 26	Halloween in the Park Trunk or Treat at the Willow Waterhole See page 22 for more information	6-8:30PM

## PLANNING CALENDAR

**November 2 – Rain Date for Fall White Elephant Sale**

**November 3 – End of Daylight Savings Clocks Fall Back One Hour**

**November 5 – Election**

**November 25-29- WCC Office Closed for Thanksgiving**



## All About Trash

Trash, yard waste, recycling, and heavy trash are picked up by the City of Houston.



## Household Trash & Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



## Recycling in Westbury

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

**October 2019**

**November 2019**

Thursday, October 10

Thursday, November 7

Thursday, October 24

Thursday, November 21

## 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 2019**

**November 2019**

**JUNK WASTE**

**TREE WASTE ONLY**

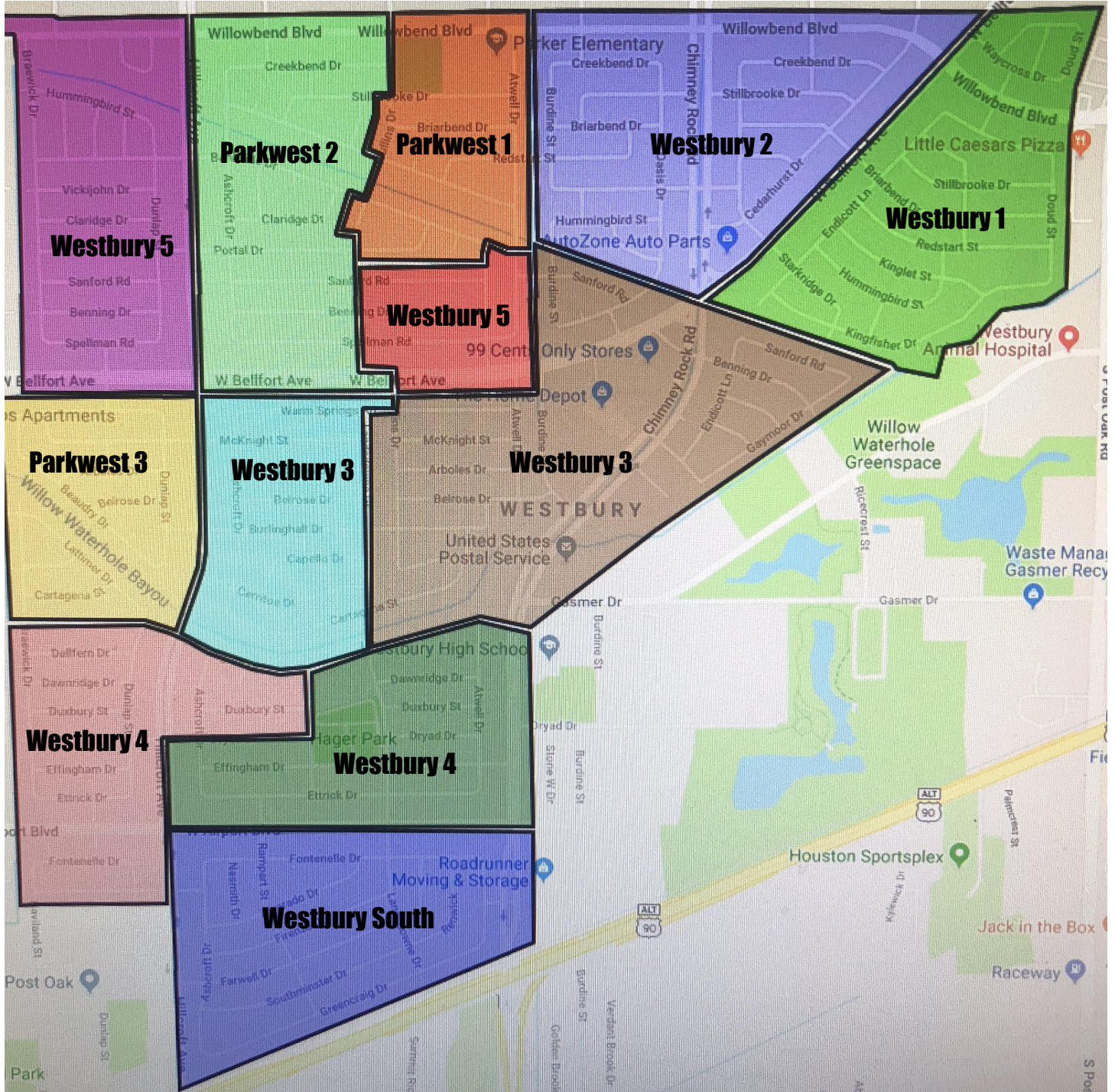
Thursday, October 10

Thursday, Nov. 14










## 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 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](http://www.westburycrier.com) or [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more trash and recycling information

# Map of Westbury by Section



Westbury is the 2nd largest neighborhood in the City of Houston with 5,000 homes. One reason Westbury has remained such a viable and desirable neighborhood is because of the very active Westbury Civic Club. The WCC has been advocating and working hard for the neighborhood for over 60 years. We often refer to different sections when talking about current or upcoming city projects, crime, or events. This handy map can also be found on our website, [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com).

	Parkwest 1
	Parkwest 2
	Parkwest 3
	Westbury 1
	Westbury 2
	Westbury 3
	Westbury 4
	Westbury 5
	Westbury South

## Westbury Fun Fact

Did you know that an airport was once located in Westbury South? The Sam Houston Airport operated from 1937 to 1956. And this is why we have West Airport Blvd. located in Westbury! There are some old photos in the WCC Office available for viewing.

# 2019 Westbury Civic Club Dues, Assessments, & Westbury Area Patrol

Please send this form in with your payment **2019 Westbury Civic Club Dues**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please support the Westbury Civic Club and our programs by paying your 2019 Dues and WAP. The majority of Westbury homes do not have mandatory assessments so the WCC relies on donations from residents to run the office, pay for the Constable program, and more. Please use the form to the left and send in your payment today! If you have any questions, please call the WCC office at 713-723-5437.

**Make checks payable to:**  
**Westbury Civic Club, Inc.**

**Mail to:**  
**P.O. Box 975182**  
**Dallas, TX 75397-5182**

**Online payment:**  
**paypal.com—Send Money to**  
**westburycc@sbcglobal.net**  
 Make sure to include your address

<b>Westbury Civic Club Dues</b>	<b>\$50</b>	\$
<b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>	<b>\$285</b>	\$
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$335</b>	\$
<b>Additional Contributions:</b>		
<b>Westbury Civic Club</b>		\$
<b>Westbury Area Patrol</b>		\$
<b>Total</b>		\$

**Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?**  
 Yes, this is correct! Mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas, allows them to be processed immediately. You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office.

**Want to send your support in multiple payments?**  
 You may choose any amount to pay in any increment throughout the year.  
 Here are a few examples:  
 2 payments of \$167.50 is \$335/yr  
 3 payments of \$111.67 is \$335/yr  
 4 payments of \$83.75 is \$335/yr  
 5 payments of \$67 is \$335/yr

**Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club and our important programs. We can't do it without you! To contact the WCC Office, call 713-723-5437 or email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.**

*By filling out this form, you are giving the WCC permission to send you communications. We DO not sell your information or give it out to other entities.*

**Mission of the WCC**  
 The purposes of the Westbury Civic Club are to improve the appearance of the Westbury area and promote the civic, cultural educational, health, and general welfare of the residents of the Westbury and Parkwest subdivisions in Harris County, Texas

- Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?**
- ➔ Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
  - ➔ Keeps the doors of the Civic Club office open and staffed.
  - ➔ Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol, Constable Pct 5.
  - ➔ Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
  - ➔ Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
  - ➔ Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year
  - ➔ Organizes community get togethers such as National Night Out and Keep Westbury Beautiful

**ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2 HOMEOWNERS**  
 Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. **The 2019 Mandatory Assessments of \$240.75 were due 2/1/2019. Late statements were sent in July.**

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# 2019 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale October 26, 8AM - Noon

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 26, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend.** The rain date is November 2. Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian or in the surrounding neighborhood.

**Booth spaces are on sale for individual Westbury residents\*.** 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 2019 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.

Booths will go on sale to non-residents, groups, and non-profit organizations on **October 10**, if space permits, on a first

come, first serve basis. 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.



**PUCS Coffee Truck** will be at the White Elephant Sale.



**COME SHOP OVER 50 GARAGE SALES IN ONE LOCATION!**  
**Sat., October 26, 8AM to Noon**

*\*Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space before October 10. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until October 10. Violators of this policy may not be allowed to participate in the current and/or future White Elephant Sales. All non-profit organizations and groups must register under their organization name. No individual may purchase a booth for a group or organization unless doing so under that organization's name.*



**KEEP YOU MOVING**  
without joint pain

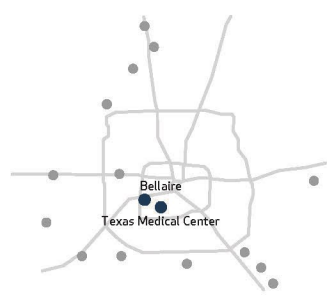
## Live life without joint pain.

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## ELECTION DAY – TUES., NOVEMBER 5

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](http://www.harrisvotes.org)***

### Mayoral Forum — October 5

*hosted by Super Neighborhood Alliance*

The Super Neighborhood Alliance (SNA) Mayoral Forum which will be held on Saturday, October 5 at the Auditorium at the Houston Community College Central Campus at Holman. The SNA is a non-partisan organization and this will be a non-partisan event. The Master of Ceremonies will be Isiah Carey with KRIV-Fox 26 News Houston. Please RSVP on Eventbrite to help with planning. Search Eventbrite for "SNA mayoral" to locate the event. This event will focus on issues important to neighborhoods across Houston. This event is **free**.

**When → Saturday, October 5, 11AM**

**Where → HCC Campus at Holman Auditorium, 1300 Holman**

#### Event Schedule

**11AM– 12PM:** One-on-One with Candidates and refreshments

**12–2PM:** Mayoral Candidate Forum



### LOCAL Mayoral Forum October 7

*hosted by the Brays Bayou Association and Meyerland Community Improvement Association.*

A **LOCAL** Mayoral Candidate Forum will be held on October 7 at Lovett Elementary. The Brays Bayou Association is hosting this local event along with the Meyerland Community Improvement Association. This event is **free**.

**When → Monday, October 7, 7PM**

**Where → Lovett Elementary,  
8814 S. Rice**



### What is on the Ballot?

City of Houston General Election for Mayor and City Controller  
Houston Council Member Districts C or K  
ALL five Houston City At-Large Council Members  
10 Propositions under State of Texas Constitutional Amendment  
1 Proposition for the METRO Bond Election

### What is the Deadline to Register to Vote?

Unlike many states, Texas requires voters to be registered to vote at least 30 days BEFORE an election. The last day to register to vote is OCTOBER 7 to be able to vote on the final day of voting on Election Day, November 5.

### What is Needed to Vote in Person?

The State of Texas requires voters to have an acceptable form of identification to be able to vote in person. There are 7 acceptable forms of identification, including a Texas Driver's License and a US passport. Go to HarrisVotes.org for more information.

### Where Do You Vote on Election Day?

Anywhere! A NEW program initiated by Harris County Clerk, Diane Trautman, will allow any eligible voter in Harris County to vote at ANY county polling place in Harris County, including at your local precincts. The priority is convenience for the voter. This means that on Election Day (Tuesday, November 5), voters can vote near where they work, live, or go to school in Harris County and not just at their local precinct.

Bellow is a list of local Westbury area precincts, subject to change. Visit [www.harris.votes.org](http://www.harris.votes.org) for up to minute news.

Precinct 14: Parker Elementary, 10626 Atwell

Precinct 22: Foerster Elementary, 14200 Fonmeadow Dr.

Precinct 146: Platou Community Center, 11655 Chimney Rock

Precinct 281: Kolter Elementary, 9710 Runnymede Dr.

Precinct 453: Spanish United Pentecostal Church, 5365 W. Airport

Precinct 291: Houston Christian Fellowship, 11122 Hillcroft

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## 2019 Westbury Annual Meeting

Tropical Storm Imelda caused a one week postponement, but didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd who turned out for the September 2019 Annual Meeting of the Westbury Civic Club. A standing room only crowd of over 200 people enjoyed a meet and greet complete with food from Chick Fil A and a new I Love Westbury frame!

The WCC welcomed Houston **Mayor Sylvester Turner** to the Annual Meeting. After singing a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to Mayor Turner, the topic quickly turned to flooding. Mayor Turner said, "*Last week (Tropical Storm Imelda) reminds us that we must always be diligent as residents of Houston.*" He then provided updates on multiple projects that are in the works for alleviating flooding in our area.

The highlight of the evening, which generated a standing ovation, was the Mayor's announcement that the City is about to be close on purchasing the 28-acre Shell property adjacent to the Willow Waterhole. Read more about this exciting announcement on page 13. More greenspace, more detention, and more flood mitigation make this a great project for Westbury and for our surrounding neighborhoods in District K. In addition to this 28 acres, the Mayor announced more acreage adjacent to the Fondren Diversion Channel that should be purchased in the next few months. Both of these projects will help mitigate flooding along the Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB). The Westbury Civic Club has been seriously advocating for additional detention and improvements along the WWB since 2013.

### District K Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum

announced that the library project is moving along. The new District K library will be on Belrose, at the old Post Office site. The property has been purchased and an architect is reviewing options. She mentioned touring existing libraries to look for features to incorporate into the new one.

District K is staying on top of Public Works to get the Quiet Zone reinstated along the railroad track. After the upgrades are completed, the Federal Railroad Administration will have to re-examine the crossings and decide if it is safe again.

She reiterated her commitment to make District K the cleanest district in the city. The District K Hot Team which is paid for



from her Council Service budget is working to clean up the area by making regular sweeps of known illegal dumping sites. These illegal dumpers are becoming more and more bold with dumping occurring regularly on West Bellfort. After seeing over 100 yellow "bandit" signs pop up one Saturday morning in District K, and realizing the thousands of dollars spent each month removing this blight, she is working to rid our esplanades and right of ways of these illegal signs.

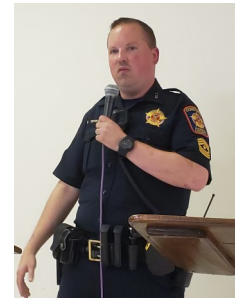
**Wanda Adams, HISD District 9 Trustee**, brought the good news that her district had no F rated schools per the latest TEA ratings. Westbury HS was only 1 point away from getting a B rating. She introduced **Westbury HS Principal Susan Monaghan** who gave an update on WHS progress. The new Fine Arts wing is scheduled to be ready by the first of the year. Once that is done that will complete the work from the last HISD bond.

### WHS Parent Engagement

**Director Jeri Brown** received a big round of applause for going the extra mile so that a WHS drop-out could re-enroll at school with plans to graduate in December. The story aired on Channel 13 news segment *Inside Edition* by Chauncey Glover. Read more about this great story on page 15.



**Sgt. Derkowski from the Westbury Area Patrol** brought news and updates from his team that patrols our streets. He reports that the Constables work closely with HPD (Houston Police Department) to ensure information is shared. The Silver Watch Program (weekly check program) has been created (see page 18). Don't forget to sign up for Vacation Watch in order to get additional protection while you are out of town.



The night ended with the always exciting drawing of the raffle ticket winners. We had some great prizes this year and we thank our generous donors!



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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.

## Meet the Westbury Civic Club Board

During the September Annual Meeting, the 2020 Westbury Civic Club Board & Directors were elected by a motion to accept the board by acclamation, since all positions were running unopposed. Below is a photo of members of the incoming and outgoing board. We welcome NEW board members Ray Mora and Lauren Figard. We thank our outgoing board members Dan Vega and Gail Reaben. Also, we thank our board members who have moved to different responsibilities on the board: Katherine Wingfield moved from Communications to the Executive Board as Secretary. Tony Robert moved from Section Director to Director of Community Relations. Susan Brock moved from Section Director to Director of Membership. Jeff Benavides moved from Membership to Section Director.



2019-2020 Westbury Civic Club Board

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## Tropical Storm Imelda

Tropical Storm Imelda dumped close to 12 inches of rain in Westbury over two days. We are very pleased to report that no structural flooding was reported in Westbury during this event. Street flooding was reported as normal.

The WCC was closely monitoring the gages on the Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) and reached out to the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) for additional information. The WWB rose to 52 feet on Wednesday (9/18/2019) and to 54 feet on Thursday (9/19). Historically, flooding is likely to occur once the level exceeds 55 feet elevation.



Street flooding & floating trash cans in Westbury 2 during TS Imelda

## HCFCD Answers Questions

The WCC asked HCFCD how the detention basins performed during the rains and also about some properties in Westbury that Harris County has recently approved to purchase for flood risk reduction purposes. To clarify some of the terms used in the response, the City of Houston (COH) handles street drainage and HCFCD handles bayou drainage. Major city drainage improvements are often done as part of a Capital Improvement Project (CIP).

**The Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) reached close to the top of the bank. How did the weirs downstream function?** (As a bit of background, flood gage #445 is located in Westbury where the Landsdowne Bridge crosses the WWB. The elevation of this gage is normally about 2 feet higher than the elevation of the overflow "weir" at the detention lakes. There is not a gage at the weir. If the channel level gets high enough, the system is designed so that water will start flowing over the weir and into the detention basins).

*We went out there this morning and it looked like the basins acted as designed. The rapid flood waters raised 8.93 feet in 2 hours and 22 minutes. The elevation of the weir is 50'. There is about a 2 foot difference in natural ground elevation from the weir to Landsdowne Drive. Once the water elevation hits around 52' at Landsdowne Drive, it enters the basin we believe. On inspection today it looked like there was about 1 to 2 feet of flow going over the weir at its high point. The restrictor whose function is to slow the water down so it backs up and goes over the weir structure was clear from obstruction.*

**We heard at the Brays Bayou Association meeting that the County has identified several properties in Westbury to purchase. Could we get a brief technical explanation of the purpose of the properties that will be acquired for excess overflow, for our newsletter?**

*The COH is working with HCFCD to acquire properties in the area that will assist in the COH installing street inlets, channel outfalls and emergency over flows to Willow Waterhole Bayou. This is part of the COH overall CIP program. The acquired properties are all voluntary purchases whose owners have shown interest in selling their property. Newer design standards required developments to be designed with more inlets, outfalls, emergency overflows, and detention. These properties will be used to update the drainage design on the existing conditions to be closer to newer standards. This will reduce the risk of flooding, increase drainage and detention.*

**How are the city and HCFCD working together?**

*The COH and HCFCD are working together via inter-local agreements. We are also working together to locate and design additional detention along Willow Waterhole bayou to facilitate additional detention. The COH and HCFCD are working together to maximize the outflow of the drainage from the subdivisions with offsetting detention to have zero impact on the existing water surface elevation in Willow Waterhole Bayou.*

**Will the sites be owned by city or county? HCFCD would own the sites and the COH would have an easement.**

## Weather Wary in Westbury

Does rain make you nervous? Are you unsure on the weather forecasts? Does listening to the news weather reports make you panic? You are not alone. Houston weather over the past couple years has made us all very wary, if not scared, of storms. Houston gets rain. The trick is to know where and how much. There are many good websites and apps available that can help guide you before rain events or during them. This is not a complete list but just one meant to help guide you and add to your storm preparations.

### Harris County Flood Warning System

[www.harriscountyfws.org](http://www.harriscountyfws.org)

This website is extremely helpful **during** a rain event. It shows real time bayou levels and rainfall amounts at gages that have been installed along the bayous. **Gage 445** is located in Westbury on the Willow Waterhole Bayou at the Landsdowne bridge. Gage 440 is located on Brays Bayou at S. Rice. A new tool just introduced is the ability to sign up for Flood Alerts by gage.

### National Hurricane Center - [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)

If there is a chance of a named storm or there is a current named storm, the National Hurricane Center is your go-to source. During an active named storm, there will be multiple updates issued along with many different maps. These include the wind probability, the storm track cone, storm surge, tides, and many more.

### Hype-free Weather Forecast

[www.spacecityweather.com](http://www.spacecityweather.com)

This website is dedicated to covering Houston weather news and forecasting with accuracy and without hype. Space City Weather was founded in October 2015. This website isn't about making money or getting "hits", it is truly about providing residents and business owners a quality forecast to make informed decisions. Eric Berger and Matt Lanza provide the best forecast for Houston weather. You can also follow them on Facebook.

## City Purchasing Shell Property at Willow Waterhole for Detention & Levitt Pavilion Site

During the Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting, Mayor Sylvester Turner announced that the City is acquiring the 28 acre vacant Shell Research facility on Gasmer. This will have a huge impact in the Westbury area.

The City will use the site for additional detention, plus 13 acres will be the location for a "Levitt Pavilion" performing venue in Houston. This property is next to the Willow Waterhole Greenway (See map). The City anticipates that purchase will close in late October.



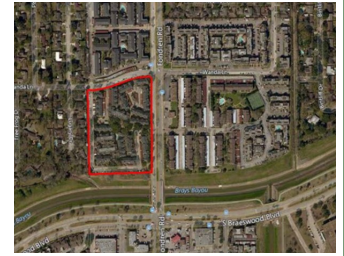
If you are not sure why a Levitt Pavilion is an exciting project, do an internet search on Levitt Pavilions located across the country! The original Houston site for a Levitt Pavilion had been proposed on a 13 acre site near South Post Oak in the Westbury Super Neighborhood. However, this original location was adversely affected by the uncertainty caused by a possible extension of the Fort Bend tollway along South Post Oak.

Levitt Pavilion Houston Chairman, Howard Sacks, had this to say about the acquisition of the Shell Research facility: "We now have the ideal location for Levitt Pavilion Houston! Next hurdle is to fundraise millions to build the Pavilion. This will require much effort and generosity as we have a limited time to get this done."

How will the acquisition of the Shell Research Facility reduce flooding risk? The Shell facility is 28 acres. More than half (15 acres) of the Shell site will be used for NEW detention in Westbury. Obtaining the Shell site also means that the original proposed 13 acre site of the Levitt Pavilion Houston near South Post Oak is now available and will be used for more detention. This means that 15 plus 13 adds up to 28 acres of land that will be available for NEW storm water detention. How does this help Westbury since most of Westbury is upstream of this new detention? It is our understanding that part of this detention can be used to offset modifications to the street drainage system in Westbury.

## City Purchasing Land for Detention near Brays Bayou

CM Mike Laster of District J announced that the city plans to purchase the site of the former Boardwalk Apartments at 9100 Fondren, located near Brays Bayou. The city intends to make the purchase using federal disaster relief funding. The site has endured repeated flooding from rain events over the past few years and the apartment complex was demolished after Hurricane Harvey. The city's Housing and Community Development Department will partner with Houston Public Works and the Harris County Flood Control District to convert the 7.73 acre site into greenspace and/or detention to help reduce the risk of future flooding in the area.



From Left to Right: Vernon Smith, Bill Burhans, Jeff Peters, Howard Sacks, Becky Edmondson, CM Martha Castex-Tatum, Cindy Chapman, Mayor Turner

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## District K “HOT” Team at Work

The District K “HOT Team” is working diligently to make District K the cleanest district in the city. This program is being paid from CM Martha Castex –Tatum’s district service funds and costs almost \$14,000 a month. This is a large amount of money to pick up the trash from illegal dumping and illegal “bandit” signs. The Brays Oaks Management District also pays a crew to pick up trash from our major streets and collects illegal “bandit” signs. Think of all the money being spent by these organizations to pick up trash that could be used for OTHER PROJECTS to make our communities better! We agree with CM Martha Castex-Tatum that it is important to change behaviors and to change the way that people think about trash. Together we can make our whole area look cleaner. We need to create a CLEAN STATE OF MIND. #CleanStateOfMind.

### Illegal Dumping

If you see stuff that has been illegally dumped, call 311 and get a service request (SR) number. Send an email to [MelvinHopkins@houstontx.gov](mailto:MelvinHopkins@houstontx.gov) with the SR number, location, and description. Melvin manages Field Operations for District K, including managing the District K HOT Team. Initially, 27 sites were identified as sites of chronic illegal dumping and were visited frequently, sometimes daily. After two months of doing cleanups, while identifying and contacting culprits, 18 of those sites were clean during the last survey. This shows that dedicated effort can make a difference to reduce illegal dumping.



If you see someone dumping furniture or other items illegally, take a picture of the vehicle and the person doing it, if you can do so safely. A video of the crime is even better evidence. Did you know that Crime Stoppers is now offering a reward for reporting the criminals who are doing illegal dumping? Then follow Step 1 to get an SR number and get the illegal trash cleaned up by the Hot Team.

### Bandit Signs

What are “Bandit Signs”? These are signs advertising businesses that have been posted illegally on public property. You might see them nailed high on telephone poles, or attached to street signs or street lights, or stuck in the ground on an esplanade, or located between the sidewalk and the street. These companies do their advertising by illegally posting “bandit signs”. Be careful around these signs since these signs are typically located in places with a high volume of traffic. Every month HUNDREDS of these illegal bandit signs are removed from our streets in District K.

- ➔ Try to take a picture of the illegal bandit sign and the phone number of the business. Send the photo of the illegal bandit sign and its location to District K.
- ➔ If you can safely remove the signs, please do so. Otherwise, more signs will start showing up. They are trash and can be removed.
- ➔ You can call the number on the sign and ask them to stop illegally posting their signs.

## District K “Neighborhood 101” Workshop

CM Martha Castex-Tatum hosts regular Neighborhood 101 workshops that are open to all District K residents. The September workshop featured a panel of city employees from different departments, including: Legal, Planning, Public Works, and Solid Waste. Also on hand were all of the District K staff. We encourage you to come to these meetings, and meet the people who can help you navigate city services. Attending this month from Westbury were Cindy Chapman, Becky Edmondson and Steve Goldberg.



## Railroad Quiet Zone Update

Train horns continue to blare along the two train tracks at South Main/US90A. Why? Our railroad “Quiet Zone” has been temporarily halted, after an inspection found that these railroad crossings do not comply with current safety standards for a Quiet Zone. Until the crossings are upgraded by the CITY, the train horns are required to blast every time a train crosses through the intersections. Residents who live near the train tracks are frustrated and sleep-deprived because these two train tracks are busy day and night.

Houston Public Works (PW) has revised the signage on Hillcroft for vehicles approaching the railroad crossings. PW now needs to modify the road curbing near the tracks.

At the WCC Annual Meeting, District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum announced that PW has told her that it will be completing the work in late September. Then the next step will be for an inspector from the Federal Railroad Admin (FRA) to inspect the crossings to decide whether the train horns are still needed for safety reasons.



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## Deadline For Actual Harvey Repairs

Houston homeowners have until **Dec. 31, 2019** to make home repairs that could be eligible for reimbursement under the federal Harvey Homeowner Assistance Program (HoAP).

The deadline is set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The deadline is for the actual repairs to be completed; homeowners can still apply for reimbursement after December 31 for work completed before that date. "If you've been putting off repairs of damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, now is the time to make them so that you may be eligible to have federal funds cover some of your costs," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.

The maximum amount of reimbursement depends on homeowners' income:

- ➔ Below 80% Area Median Income (AMI): 100% of eligible expenses, up to \$80,000
- ➔ 81 -120% AMI: 50% of eligible expenses, up to \$40,000
- ➔ Above 120% AMI: 25% of eligible expense, up to \$20,000

All homeowners impacted by Hurricane Harvey should take the Harvey Recovery Survey at [recovery.houstontx.gov](http://recovery.houstontx.gov) or by phone at 832-393-0550. Almost 20,000 residents have taken the Harvey Recovery Survey. As a result, about 5,000 homeowners have been invited to apply to HoAP and are working on an application or have completed their submission.

Almost \$150 million is still available for reimbursements.

## Westbury Leader Quoted in Houston Chronicle

Current Westbury Area Improvement Corporation President and Past WCC President Becky Edmondson was in the news after Tropical Storm Imelda caused flooding in Houston. Here is the part of the article in the Houston Chronicle on September 19 where Becky is mentioned:

*By 1:30 p.m., Becky Edmondson, a civic leader in the southwest Houston neighborhood of Westbury, was finishing an update to post on the club's Facebook page. She checked the online flood gage at nearby Willow Waterhole: Just shy of 54 feet. "Harris County says 'flooding likely' at 54.25," Edmondson said. "Historically it's taken until about 55 before homes flood." She sighed, recalling that this is the sixth straight year Westbury has struggled with flooding.*

*"It's wearying," she said. "The most frustrating part of it is you're just sitting and watching the water rise." In the 10 minutes since she had last checked the flood gauge, it had risen once more, to 54.14 feet. "We do need solutions, and in the Westbury area we do have some projects pending, but we need to get them past pending," she said. "People can't continue to live like this. People are panicked." She paused, then added: "I used to love a rainy day."*

## Westbury Area Improvement Corp.

One focus of the WAIC is our neighborhood schools. We are passionate about our schools because a neighborhood thrives when schools thrive. Without a library or librarian at Anderson ES and no librarian at Westbury High School, the need for a City library is even more urgent.

### Westbury Area Schools Anderson Elementary

Dr. Everett, the new principal of Anderson, talked about the needs at Anderson ES. Coming in with a "D" from the TEA was a troubling sign and one that he intends to correct and overcome. Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson met with both Dr. Everett and the School Improvement officer to discuss ways we as a community could help. A new PTO is forming and their first meeting is October 8 at 5PM. The WAIC volunteered to fundraise for Anderson for a library and to see where else we can help. Look for details in future *Criers* on how you can be a part of this important initiative.

### Meyerland Middle School

Ambreen Ali, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Dean, from Meyerland MS, attended the September WAIC meeting. She asked that we help spread the word that, although the official name of the school, Meyerland Performing and Visual Arts Middle School, includes "Performing and Visual Arts", it is a full academic school where students can even earn high school credits. It is still a neighborhood school.

### Westbury High School

Enrollment is at 2,402. It hosted a parent university. WHS will offer SAT testing for all seniors on campus at no cost. There will be an upcoming college fair with 60 colleges represented.

### Westbury Community Garden

Two motions were passed to amend the bylaws of the Westbury Community Garden: By-laws format was improved so they could be referenced. Motion to codify historical organization documents in an order that is more organized. Passed unanimously. Article 8- Change for annual meeting, traditionally in February, to move back to November. Motion passed unanimously.

### Overtime HPD Initiative

Discussion of hiring two officers for a four-hour shift. It can be a day that we suggest and can vary week to week and can focus on our priorities. It would be a Super Neighborhood initiative. Cost: \$440-500 per shift with a marked HPD unit and officers on duty. The Constable program only patrols homes, not commercial or multi-family. The Constables cannot enforce City ordinances. Sgt. Ortiz is taking the plan to his Captain. Brays Oaks Management District is doing a similar program that has been very successful targeting hotspots.



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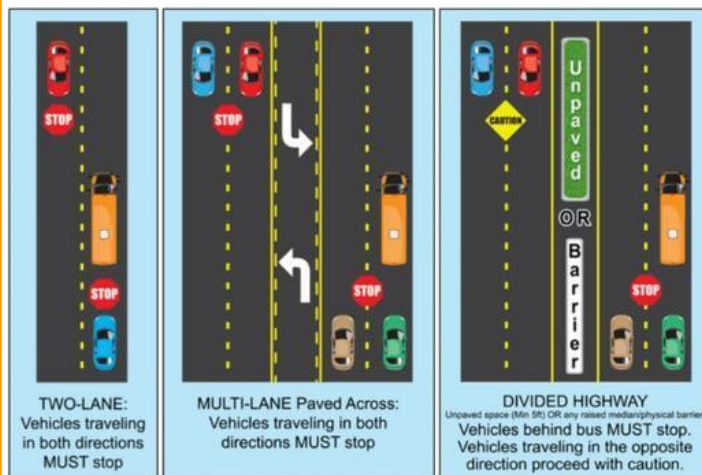
## School Traffic Concerns

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. There is nothing more important to us or our residents than protecting our children.

Take a look at this diagram 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... unless the school bus is stopped on a road which has a divider /esplanade separating the lanes of traffic. Both Anderson Elementary and Parker Elementary are school bus "Hubs" for magnet students, resulting in more bus activity 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. Make sure to stop when school busses are loading and unloading.



## Willowbend Woes

The speed limit on Willowbend is 30 MPH. In school zones, the max speed is 20 MPH! That double yellow line down the center of Willowbend means NO PASSING and NO U-TURNS. Every day drivers are doing 40 or 50 mph or faster on Willowbend. Sometimes these scofflaws are driving around law-abiding drivers. Parents dropping off and picking up their students make illegal u-turns.

On Willowbend, from West Belfort to Braewick, there are four schools nearby, affecting almost every intersecting street along Willowbend in Westbury. Meyerland MS affects Chimney Rock and Manhattan. Parker ES affects Atwell and Mullins. St. Thomas More and Westbury Christian School affect Hillcroft and Glenfield Court. And, once the new school is completed, Kolter ES will affect Cedarhurst and make it 5 schools affecting Willowbend. That adds up to thousands of students being dropped off and picked up every day along Willowbend.

The WCC is working closely with the City, the police, and Pct. 5 to find ways to calm the traffic on this very busy street.

## Slow Down. Go the Speed Limit.

## Anderson Elementary Needs Community Help & Support

Anderson Elementary School is an important part of our Westbury community, but it faces several challenges. Many nearby zoned houses are vacant and untended due to 2017 Harvey flooding. We think that more families than usual have moved out of the school zone last year, resulting in additional disruption at Anderson and lower attendance than usual. A first-time principal became principal shortly before the school year started.

We reached out to HISD Trustee Wanda Adams to express our concern about the challenges faced by the school, because the TEA ratings for the school fell to a D when ratings were released recently. This is not acceptable for Anderson Elementary.

Trustee Adams forwarded our concerns to HISD. As a result, Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson met with new school principal, Dr. Deshonta Everett, and with the School Support Officer, Tarrynce Robinson to discuss. This will be an ongoing process. Some action items that Becky and Cindy have identified where the Westbury community can help include:



- ◆ Dr. Everett is now on the email list for the monthly Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) meetings and attended the September meeting to meet more Westbury area community leaders.

- ◆ He will be mentored by Cappy Selig, a resident of Westbury who is a retired principal from Parker Elementary and who consults for HISD on a part-time basis.

- ◆ The school does not have a PTO. The school will start a Parent Advisory Council and we promised to assist the school with community connections and publicity. The first PTO meeting will be on October 8 at 5PM. They have 32 parents interested.

- ◆ We were dismayed to learn that the school library has not been used in many years. We took a tour of the library and saw that the books on the shelves are old and disorganized. The school does not have a librarian. HISD agreed to bring in Library Services to evaluate the books. We agreed to help the school library. Additionally, book donations for classrooms may be part of this project to improve access to books by students. This project is being developed.



- \* The SPARK playground at Anderson is old and needs to be replaced. The WAIC is consulting with SPARK to determine a path forward. As a community, we also want to push for improvements at the city park next door (Hager Park), which has been identified by the city as one of the parks most in need of upgrade.

The school is increasing the daily instructional time in math and English and will work to improve daily attendance. We will continue to work with Anderson Elementary to find ways to help and to advocate for the school.



## Dedicated Leaders at WHS Make Education a Possibility for EVERY Student

Often the evening news seems to be filled with bad stories, but this past month Westbury High School was featured on Channel 13 for their commitment to every student. When students don't return to school in September, the WHS administration contacts them to see if they can be helped to return to school. One young woman told them she hadn't returned to complete her senior year because she had no one to look after her baby. She was told, "come to school and bring your baby".



Jeri Brown, the WHS Parent Engagement Director, immediately took over child care duties for a week while WHS looked for a suitable place for baby Derrick to spend his days while his mom finished her high school work. Derrick's mom is now on track to graduate in December.

But the story doesn't end there. Several other students, who had dropped out, have called WHS to find out how they, too, could return

to get their high school diplomas.

Many students have needs beyond the classroom that keep them from learning or achieving their full potential. HISD has a new program under the umbrella of "Wraparound Services". These specialists figure out how to obtain assistance for everything from housing, food, mental health services and more.

### Friends of Westbury High School

The Friends of Westbury High School Foundation will hold a board meeting on October 28 at Westbury HS at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in becoming involved with this organization or in the upcoming gala on April 18, 2020 at Braeburn Country Club are welcome to attend.



## Mentors of Hope at WHS

Were you inspired by the story of Jeri Brown helping a student come back to Westbury and finish school? If so, do you have one lunch a week to devote to a student who needs YOU? The "Mentors of Hope" program at Westbury High School matches students to volunteers who come in once a week to have lunch together in a special room.

It doesn't get much easier than that to touch the future. You will be impressed with the school, with the students you meet, and with the faculty and administrators that you see at WHS. To register, go to the HISD website at [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org) and search for VIPS. After registering, reach out to Sheila Howieson, the incredible powerhouse leader of this program. Contact her at 713-723-6015 or email [jemsofbray@yahoo.com](mailto:jemsofbray@yahoo.com).

## WHS Cross Country Meet

Trails at the Willow Waterhole detention basins create an amazing site for cross country runners. On Sept. 28, there were 1,400 runners (middle school and high school students) who participated in the annual Westbury High School Invitational Classic Cross Country Meet. Wow! Additionally, thousands of spectators attended. The success is due to WHS Coach Andrew Blanks and staff who started a Cross Country program for the Willow Waterhole site seven years ago. Now, student athletes across the metropolitan area use Willow Waterhole for cross country meets. Five invitational cross country meets are held there each Fall.



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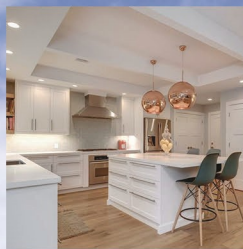
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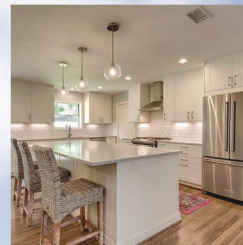
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### Westbury Meet & Eat

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.

**Meet & Eat: Oct. 3, 6PM**

### Links for Lost & Found Pets

- Nextdoor Westbury - [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)
- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
- Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at [www.westburycare.com](http://www.westburycare.com), Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



**Stay connected with what is happening in Westbury RIGHT NOW!**

“Like” our Facebook page, Westbury Houston, to stay updated on neighborhood issues.

### Hillcroft Walmart Now Offering Free Curbside Grocery Pick-up

Our local Walmart Grocery located at 9700 Hillcroft has introduced a new program to help its over-scheduled customers, who have little time to shop. Free curbside grocery delivery! WCC Office Manager, Jennifer Edmondson, attended the grand roll-out of its Grocery Pick Up service with an official ribbon cutting and singing of the national anthem. Customers can now order online at [walmart.com/grocery](http://walmart.com/grocery), in their free time, and set a later time for picking up their items. There is also a phone app to make ordering and pick up easy.



### NEW Braeswood Farmers Market

There is a NEW local Farmer’s Market near Westbury! A Marilyn Estates resident, Michael Babajanov, has opened the market in the old HEB parking lot, on South Braeswood at Chimney Rock. His goal is to bring fresh produce, delicious prepared foods, and a variety of food trucks weekly. They are trying to add more fresh produce vendors with the ultimate goal of 51% of vendors selling fresh produce. The Braeswood Market is open every weekend, on Saturday and Sunday mornings, from 8AM to 12:30PM, rain or shine.

For more information, email [info@braeswoodfarmersmarket.com](mailto:info@braeswoodfarmersmarket.com) or visit their Facebook page, Braeswood Farmers Market.

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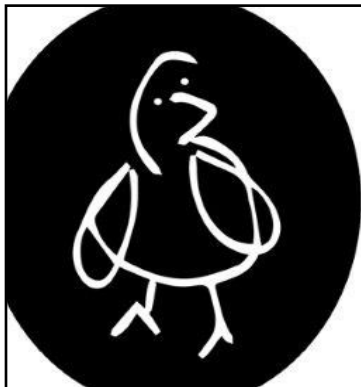
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# Clearing up Confusion: Precinct 5 or Precinct 7

The Westbury Civic Club contracts with Precinct 5 for patrol services for the ENTIRE Westbury neighborhood. ALL of Westbury is patrolled by Precinct 5 whether your home is technically located in Pct. 5 or Pct. 7. Westbury is a HUGE neighborhood. Some parts are technically located in Pct. 7 but most are located in Pct. 5.



ALL of the single family homes in Westbury are covered under the WCC Contract. The phone number for PRECINCT 5 is 281-463-6666. If you need a vacation watch or other services, visit PRECINCT 5 website, [www.constablepct5.com](http://www.constablepct5.com).

## Vacation Watch with Pct. 5

Going on a vacation? Well, if you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables. This is a great service that is included in our contract. A deputy will check out your property at least once a day to make sure it is secured and nothing suspicious is going on. You can register for a vacation watch online at <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch/> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

# NEW Program for Senior Citizens by Pct. 5 - "Silver Watch"

Constable Ted Heap is pleased to announce the launch of Silver Watch, a program designed to better serve and protect senior citizens served by Precinct 5. This program is available to all Westbury residents.

Under this new program, senior citizens can sign up or be signed up by concerned family members for regular personal welfare checks. Once they fill out a short form on the Pct. 5 website and provide their consent, a Precinct 5 deputy will stop by on a weekly basis to make sure the registered senior citizen is safe and well.

The Precinct 5 deputies will also be able to educate registered seniors on common scams that target senior citizens over the phone and internet. They will be happy to answer any questions regarding local crime trends, and can offer suggestions to seniors on protecting themselves, their home and property.

For issues not falling under the umbrella of law enforcement, the deputies can provide senior citizens with a list of local agencies which may be of assistance to aid in meeting any specific needs.

Register today at [www.constablepct5.com](http://www.constablepct5.com) at the tab for Silver Watch. When filling out the registration form, the "Neighborhood Contract Area" is Westbury.

**Please note, this program is not intended to replace full-time care, physical security, or any other medical or emergency service. If an emergency condition exists, please call 9-1-1 for immediate help.**

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







# Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

August 27—September 28, 2019  
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5800	Arboles	Theft of Vehicle Parts	9/4	3AM	Westbury 3
12400	Ashcroft	Vandalism/Damage	9/21	11PM	Westbury South
12100	Atwell	Simple Assault	9/25	1PM	Westbury 4
6000	Benning	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/25	5PM	Westbury 5
11200	Braewick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/21	12PM	Westbury 3
6000	Cerritos	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/19	8PM	Westbury 3
5700	Claridge	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/26	12PM	Parkwest 2
10900	Doud	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	9/21	3PM	Westbury 1
5800	Dryad	Vandalism, Damage	9/19	8AM	Westbury 4
12300	Dunlap	Disorderly Conduct	9/23	8PM	Westbury 4
5700	Effingham	Auto Theft	9/6	2AM	Westbury 4
6000	Ettrick	Vandalism, Damage	9/20	8AM	Westbury 4
5700	Firenza	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/22	3AM	Westbury South
5800	Greencraig	Drugs/Narcotics	9/16	2AM	Westbury South
11000	Hillcroft	Vandalism, Damage	9/19	2PM	Westbury 5
11700	Hillcroft	Vandalism, Damage	9/21	1PM	Parkwest 3
5200	Hummingbird	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	9/10	4PM	Westbury 1
10700	Mullins	Simple Assault	9/27	11PM	Parkwest 2
6000	Portal	Auto Theft	8/31	8PM	Westbury 5
12300	Rampart	Simple Assault	9/7	10PM	Westbury South
12300	Rampart	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/22	3AM	Westbury South
5500	Spellman	Auto Theft	9/15	6PM	Westbury 5
5700	W. Airport	Vandalism, Damage	9/24	10AM	Westbury 4

## KEY


	Theft from Motor Vehicle
	Auto Theft
	Property Crime
	Burglary
	Simple Assault
	Robbery

The crimes listed took place between August 27 thru September 28. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.



## Crime by the Numbers


Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	0	4	1	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6	4	0	1
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	2	5	2	0
Robbery	0	0	1	0
Simple Assault	3	5	1	0
Shoplifting	0	0	1	0
Theft of Car Parts	1	0	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	0	0
Drugs, Narcotics	1	2	0	2
Vandalism, Damage	6	4	3	0
Auto Theft	3	3	1	0
Theft from Building	0	2	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>



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## Dabney Kennedy Scout Pavilion Coming Soon!

As mentioned in the President's message, an existing pavilion is being improved to recognize the many Scout projects which have been accomplished at Willow Waterhole and also to recognize long-time Community Leader and Scout Leader, Dabney Kennedy. The grand ribbon-opening is expected to take place in November.



Meanwhile, here is a sneak peek of some of the scout projects being done to improve this pavilion. It is located on South Willow across the street from "The Gathering Place". For his Eagle badge, Davis Thames, from Troop 505 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, built three signs to identify the Native Prairie Gardens and the Dabney Kennedy Scout Pavilion.



For her Silver Award, Alexis Norman, from Willow Rock Girl Scout Troop 21723, pressure washed the pavilion and sidewalk. She then painted scout logos on the sidewalk entry to the Kennedy Scout Pavilion. The logos were approved for use by scouting headquarters; she had stencils made and then perfectly painted.

Honoree Dabney Kennedy sometimes drops by to visit the pavilion, so say hello to him if you meet him! A park bench has been recently installed under the pavilion, making it a pleasant place to sit, talk, and enjoy nature.

Donations in honor of Dabney Kennedy can be mailed to: Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, 11415 Chimney Rock, Houston TX 77035. Put a note that the donation is in honor of Dabney Kennedy. Or, go to the website [www.willowwaterhole.org](http://www.willowwaterhole.org) to make a donation.

## Halloween in the Park October 26, 6-8:30PM

Family fun event with "Trunk or Treat" out of classic cars, costume contests for kids and dogs, and an inflatable haunted house for the kids. Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy the scenery and cool breezes at the overlook area surrounding the Gazebo at 5300 Dryad.



## Willow Waterhole Monthly Bird Surveys

The next bird survey will be held on  
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# Westbury Community Garden News



## What to Plant for Fall?

In the fall, choose vegetables that prefer cooler temperatures and shorter days like broccoli, peas, cauliflower, beets, kale, onions, garlic, lettuce, spinach, peppers, collards, and Swiss chard. Plants do best with at least 6 hours of sun.

## Seeds Available FOR SALE

The Westbury Community Garden buys seeds in bulk that are suitable for fall gardening and re-packages them for members. A limited number of packages are available for purchase by non-members. The full collection of 30 varieties costs \$12. Mix and match of leftover varieties is 6 for \$5.



## 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](http://www.westburycommunitygarden.org)

Contact us today at  
[membership@westburycommunitygarden.org](mailto:membership@westburycommunitygarden.org)

## Star Party Success!

A popular event at the Westbury Community Garden is the annual Star Party. Members of the Houston Astronomical Society brought telescopes to the garden on the evening of Tuesday, September 10. Despite clouds to the north, the view to the south was clear and people were able to view Jupiter, Saturn and our own beautiful Moon! Uncertainties about the weather meant fewer people came out than usual, but the 75 or so attendees had a great time exploring the heavens.



## Volunteers at the Garden

In September, a team of volunteers from the Duke University Houston Alumni helped at the garden. If you (or a group you belong to) are interested in volunteering at a place that is outside and which benefits healthy living, then please consider volunteering at the Westbury Community Garden. We LOVE our Volunteers! For more information, [www.westburycommunitygarden.org/volunteer/](http://www.westburycommunitygarden.org/volunteer/)



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