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Westbury Area Drainage & Paving Improvement Sub-Project 1 FUNDED!

The first Westbury Area Drainage and Paving Improvement project has been funded by City Council. On September 2, City Council passed an ordinance appropriating \$1,474,000 for this first phase. This project includes new streets, new storm drains, and new sidewalks. The first sub-project is in Westbury 4 roughly bordered by Landsdowne to the West, Ludington to the North, Atwell to the East, and Ettrick to the South. A map is located on page 13.

This is our ReBuild Houston project finally starting. The Westbury Civic Club has been advocating for new storm drains in Westbury for over 10 years. In 2015 and 2016, Westbury was selected to receive a multi-phased, \$100 million, storm drain reconstruction project. Not all of Westbury is included in this overall project so we continue to advocate for ALL of Westbury to receive new storm drains.

Tropical Storm Beta Brought Heavy Rains

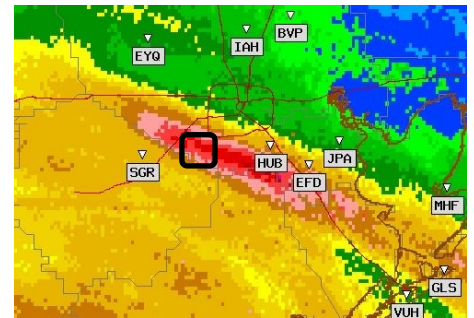
11+ Inches of Rain and No Homes Flooded in Westbury!

The 2020 Atlantic Hurricane season has been extremely active. For the first time since 2005, all the names on the hurricane list have been used and we have moved to the Greek alphabet. Tropical Storm Beta made landfall near Matagorda Bay on Monday, September 21. Beta was the 9th named storm to make landfall in 2020 on the continental US. The 2020 hurricane season ties the record set in 1916 for most named storms to make landfall.

TS Beta brought intense rains to Westbury. In 24 hours, over 11 inches of rain were recorded at the rain gage on the Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne. Streets flooded, cars stalled out, and bayous filled. However, the Westbury Civic Club received NO reports of structural flooding. This is very welcome news as in previous years, similar rains likely would have caused homes to flood in Westbury.

The main concern is always the Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB). The bayou was at the top of bank for over an hour as the overflow weirs worked downstream and water poured into the Willow Waterhole detention basins. It is important to note that this overflow into the basins likely saved many homes from flooding. All of the water that flowed over the weirs for over an hour would have gone into the neighborhood like in 2013, 2015, and 2016. Now it goes into the Willow Waterhole detention basins. This is good thing.

For more information about TS Beta and how the weirs worked, rainfalls amounts, and more see pages 10-11.



TS Beta Rainfall rates. Westbury is in red area

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Don't Let Houston Go To Waste City Launches Anti-Litter Campaign

At the WCC Annual Meeting in September, CM Martha Castex-Tatum announced that the City of Houston launched a new anti-litter campaign that very day. The campaign is to encourage Houstonians to throw away face masks, gloves, shields and other trash. Houston, along with many other cities in the country, is experiencing high amounts of PPE litter on the streets and sidewalks. More information on page 21.

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF YOUR USED MASKS & GLOVES

HEAVY TRASH RECYCLING

October 2020
Thursday, October 8
JUNK WASTE

November 2020
Thursday, November 12
TREE WASTE ONLY

October 2020
Thursday, October 8
Thursday, October 22

November 2020
Thursday, November 5
Thursday, November 19

Support the WCC Today!

Westbury needs your help today! The WCC voluntary contributions are lagging behind this year. COVID-19 presents a financial challenge to many families. If you have not paid yet or would like to make an additional donation, the dues form is on page 6. You can now easily pay online at www.westburycrier.com.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035
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District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum.....832-393-3016
District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin.....832-393-3004
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333
Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107
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*

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Electric outage.....713-207-2222
Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111
Street light repairs.....713-207-2222
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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

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

I started writing this message as our area was under a Flood Warning due to heavy rains from Tropical Storm Beta, which was slowly moving toward Houston. The flood gage at Landsdowne in Westbury indicated that we had over 11 inches of rain fall from 8AM Monday to 8AM Tuesday, September 22, at times in a heavy torrential downpour.

In years past, this amount of rain would likely have resulted in some Westbury homes getting water inside. However, a driving survey by WCC Infrastructure Director Jennifer Edmondson and photos sent by our residents seem to indicate that no houses flooded during Tropical Storm Beta. More information about this storm and how the stormwater drainage system works is on pages 10-11. Although there are future stormwater improvements planned by the city and county for the Brays Bayou and Willow Waterhole Bayou watersheds, the detention and channel improvements completed thus far have made a huge difference. I think I can safely speak for all of us when I say I am very glad that Westbury did not experience any flooding of homes.

The WCC Annual Meeting and board elections were held on September 16. The meeting was broadcast live on the Westbury Houston Facebook page and is available online for viewing. All of the WCC board positions were uncontested, thus the new board was automatically elected on the date of the WCC Annual meeting, per WCC bylaws. I want to thank two of our long-time Directors, Virginia Livingston

and Robert Montgomery-Ellis, who have opted to step down from the board. They have both been active volunteers and we will miss their hard work, good humor, and advice. See page 12. I also welcome our two newest board members, Kent Perschke and Jonathan Hansen.

This year we had 3 informative presentations at the Annual Meeting, plus a quick financial update. I will start with the financial update. We need to raise \$75,000 to pay for our contract with Precinct 5 Constable for our security patrol. We are nearing the end of the year, so please pull out your checkbook or tap your computer keys to send a contribution today! A contribution of any amount, large or small, will help immensely. If 1,000 households sent an average of \$75 each, then we would reach our goal easily. We have made steady progress, but it would be great to finish this goal in October or early November, before the holiday season. Don't delay, send it today!

Come by the WCC office for a Drive-By Fundraising event in our parking lot on October 13 from 5 to 7 PM. You can drop off a contribution and personally thank a Constable for their service making our community a better place to live. We will have fun door prizes and games!

In exciting news, Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap is considering creating a new Pct. 5 Constable Substation for our area in the vacant Meyer Library building on West Bellfort. If the City and the County agree to the project, then the substation could host up to 50 constable officers and

improve the already fast response time we have in Westbury when the Constables are called. Both District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum and Constable Ted Heap discussed this potential project for the vacant library building during the WCC Annual Meeting.

District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum discussed many of the projects she has been working on: remove illegal dumping and trash in public places, remove illegal "bandit signs", and create regulations for untended donation boxes. If you recall, Westbury residents and volunteers fought for a long time to remove a troublesome donation van parked at a Hillcroft intersection, because items were often being dumped there after hours. Her updates about the new Library for Westbury and flooding projects are on page 13.

Our WCC Annual Meeting ended with a presentation by Jennifer Edmondson and Susan Shafer as they discussed the results of a Civic Engagement study in Westbury that they facilitated for UH/TSU researchers. The WCC will consider how to incorporate these findings and recommendations. The Drive-by Fundraiser & Thank You that we will hold on October 13 for our Constables is an example where we are creating a brief event for our Westbury residents to get involved. We hope to see many of you drop by for a minute or so on October 13 from 5 to 7 PM. See page 8-9 about the study.

-Cindy Chapman

WCC Board Notes - October 2020

- ➔ The Annual Meeting of the Westbury Civic Club was held via Zoom and streamed live on Facebook.
- ➔ Full Annual Meeting recaps on pages 12-14.
- ➔ Speakers—District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum, Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap, Westbury Area Patrol Sgt. Derkowski, Jennifer Edmondson and Susan Shafer.
- ➔ 2021 WCC Board Elections—all positions were uncontested. Per the WCC by-laws, the persons in uncontested races shall be considered elected as of the Annual Meeting. New board is listed to the left.
- ➔ Finances—Income still needed for WCC and for the Westbury Area Patrol by Precinct 5 Constables.
- ➔ The next Westbury Civic Club board meeting will be on October 21 and held via Zoom and streamed online. If you have any specific question or topic, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net
- ➔ Vacant board positions—Section Director for Westbury 1 and Westbury 4, Director of Volunteers/Events

I ♥ Westbury
 "ATTEND"
 THE NEXT
 Westbury Civic Club
 Board Meeting
 October 21, 2020, 7PM

**Streamed LIVE on
 Westbury Houston Facebook**

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd
713-726-7107 * platou@houston.tx.gov



- ➔ **New Supervisor: Ilea Balderston**
- ➔ **Assistant: Justin Thomas**
- ➔ **Weekly Classes/Groups CANCELLED**
- ➔ **Playground, Swings & Basketball courts CLOSED**

The City of Houston is passing out food at the Platou Center every Monday thru Friday, 3PM—5PM. Children and adults are able to receive the food, but sign up is required to ensure food availability. Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 or email Justin at justin.thomas@houston.tx.gov.

All activities, groups, and classes are cancelled at the Platou Center. The playground and basketballs courts are CLOSED in accordance to the Stay Home, Work Safe order. Please do not use the equipment.

Meyer Library News

➔ NEW Library Update

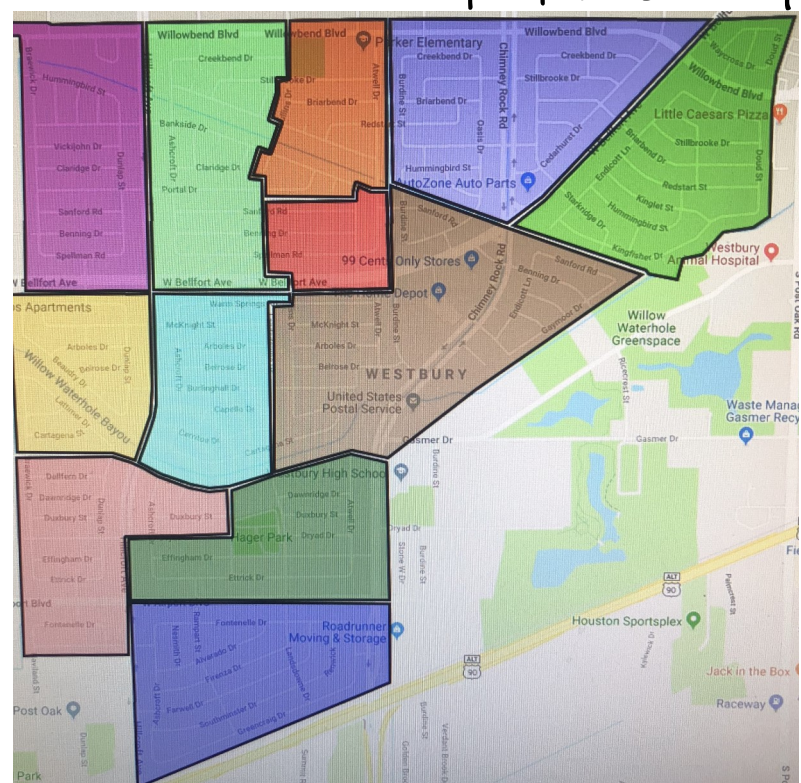
Brave Architecture Inc. is currently working on a design for the new library that will be located in Westbury. The plans are expected to be completed in November 2020. The new library should be completed by the end of 2022. The new location will be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury. Stay tuned to future editions of the *Westbury Crier* for more information about the new library. We expect public meetings to be part of the process.

Library Action Committee:

The WCC is starting a Library Action Committee, if you would like to join, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net. This group will be limited in size and will meet via Zoom.



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.

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	443 homes
	Parkwest 3	311 homes
	Westbury 1	543 homes
	Westbury 2	530 homes
	Westbury 3	853 homes
	Westbury 4	834 homes
	Westbury 5	501 homes
	Westbury 5	150 homes
	Westbury South	563 homes



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October 2020 Calendar Events/Meetings

Tues 13	WCC Drive Thru Constable Fundraiser WCC Office parking lot—5322 W. Bellfort More information, see page 8 & 14		5-7PM
Oct 13– Oct 30	Early Voting for 2020 Election See page 17 for more information		
Sat 17	Audubon Society Bird Survey		To Be Determined
Mon 19	HISD 1st Day of Face to Face learning Campuses reopen		
Mon 19	Brays Bayou Association Meeting		To Be Determined
Wed 21	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Zoom Meeting		9:30AM
Wed 21	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Zoom Meeting Live Stream on Westbury Houston Facebook		7PM
Tues 27	SW PIP Meeting		To Be Determined
Sat 31	Happy Halloween		
Tues 3	2020 Election		

All About Trash

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



Regular Household Trash

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can.

Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY week either on Thursday or Saturday or any day the City decides to come by. 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 2020 **November 2020**

Thursday, October 8 Thursday, November 5
Thursday, October 22 Thursday, November 19

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 2020 **November 2020**
JUNK WASTE **TREE WASTE ONLY**
Thursday, October 8 Thursday, November 12

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- 🗑️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- ♻️ Recycling is every other Thursday.
- 🗑️ Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- 🗑️ Yard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- ♻️ 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 with City logo
- 📞 Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr - 10785 SW Frwy
Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM;
Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center** - 11500 S. Post Oak
Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM.
Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- 🗑️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

PLANNING CALENDAR

November 1 –
Daylight Savings Ends
Clocks Fall Back
1 Hour at 2AM



November 3 — 2020 Election
November 26 — Thanksgiving



Why Support the WCC?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 463 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents.

Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. However, contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and to the Westbury Area Patrol are down in 2020. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. We all want a safe, flood free neighborhood with great schools and nice neighbors!

The total amount for the **2020 Voluntary Dues is \$335**. That is less than a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$50 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$285 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

SUPPORT THE WCC TODAY!!

Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas. This allows your payments to be processed immediately. You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office or pay online at www.westburycrier.com

NEW Pay your 2020 dues ONLINE at westburycrier.com

The WCC website has been improved so that you can now pay either by PayPal or by credit card directly from our website. If you have already paid, please consider sending an additional contribution for the WAP Constable Patrol. If you have been intending to pay, now is the perfect time to make a payment. The full recommended payment for the Constable Patrol program is \$285.

Go to westburycrier.com then to the Dues and Assessments page.

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- ➔ WCC Dues — \$50
- ➔ WCC Constable — \$285
- ➔ WCC Dues + Constable— \$50 + \$285 = \$335
- ➔ Additional Donation of \$100 or more

Once you get to the payment page you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card.

If you want to pay an amount different than the options in the Shopping Cart on the WCC website, you can send a check to the address indicated on the Dues form below or you can use your PayPal account to send the amount you want by sending the money to our email address of westburyc@sbcbglobal.net. The WCC board continues to look at other ways to make paying the dues easier and more convenient.

During this challenging period, we know that some will not be able to contribute the amount you would like to pay for the Westbury Constable program. If you have the ability to send an extra payment, please help your friends and neighbors who may not be able to pay, so that the important service provided by the Westbury Constable program is able to continue. We would not ask unless it was important.

Please help us keep our Westbury Constable Program patrolling on our streets. Pay your 2020 dues online TODAY!

Please send this form in with your payment **2020 Westbury Civic Club Dues**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

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

Online payment:
www.westburycrier.com
www.paypal.com to email
westburyc@sbcbglobal.net
 Make sure to include your address

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

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

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 westburyc@sbcbglobal.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.

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. **The 2020 Mandatory Assessments of \$246.75 were due 2/1/2020. Invoices have been mailed out.**

Payment plans can be set up for homes that have a past due balance. Please contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437.

The WCC does NOT receive payments from escrow accounts or any other source. If you receive a Mandatory Assessment bill, it was due by 2-1-2020.

An attorney will be contacted for accounts past due.

How Do I Make My Street Safer? City Process to Obtain Speed Humps and Close Streets

One of the most common complaints by Westbury homeowners is speeding cut-through traffic. It happens in almost every section and throughout Houston. If you have specific times and/or vehicles that are causing issues, please report this to the Constables and to the WCC office.

The WCC office often gets requests for speed humps. This request must go through City channels and funding. The City of Houston has a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program to address how to reduce traffic on a city street. Speed humps/cushions are one such way to calm traffic on neighborhood streets. However, they are notoriously difficult to actually get on your street. There is an application that involves a petition. Then multiple traffic studies and public meetings. The City page currently says there is no current funding for these projects. It is not clear if they are accepting new applications or not.

The WCC is currently working on Mullins from Willowbend to W. Bellfort and Landsdowne from Warm Springs to W. Airport. Residents are concerned about Endicott, Atwell, Cedarhurst, Creekbend, and many other streets.

The WCC is working with the Constables and HPD on finding other solutions to curb speeding and cut-through traffic on Westbury streets. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

City Brochure on Traffic Calming devices
https://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/sites/default/files/assets/004-sc_brochure_05042020.pdf

City Brochure on Volume Control
https://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/sites/default/files/assets/004-volume_control_brochure_05042020.pdf



Westbury Centerette Property Update

A sign for a new gas station was recently posted near the intersection of Chimney Rock and West Bellfort. The WCC is currently reaching out to the developers to get a better understanding of the layout and proposed plans. We have some concerns as well. Sometimes when a property is being developed, there are some opportunities to talk to the developers about concerns such as lighting, trash collection, driveway cuts, traffic flow, etc.

This property, while vacant for over a decade, was always a busy commercial center in the Westbury neighborhood. The former "Westbury Centerette" site had two shopping centers and a two-story building along Chimney Rock. There was a gas station at the corner of Moonlight and W. Bellfort. Cedarhurst, on the northern boundary of the vacant site, is not a public street on the west side of Moonlight. It is a private road that was created when the property was sub-divided decades ago.

Some residents have inquired with concerns about cut-thru traffic or general traffic issues related to this proposed commercial development. Cut-thru traffic is a concern in almost every section of Westbury. Speeding or cut-thru traffic is very frustrating. Many residents want speed humps added or streets closed. However, closing public streets is extremely hard to accomplish in Houston. A group of Westbury residents is trying to do this on Ludington in Westbury 4. It involves petitions, public meetings, and even then, it is very difficult challenge. We do not know of any street in Westbury that has been closed. All the cul-de-sacs in Westbury are original.

It is hard to get traffic issues fixed before they are actually issues. The City typically presumes you can't know what is going to happen until it does, and then you address it. This is our understanding based from past conversations regarding street closures or concerns due to possible commercial development.

It is worth noting that there is a sign for another future gas station further west on W. Bellfort, near the WCC office and across from Westbury Square. That sign has been there for two years and no permits have been pulled. Commercial development often takes a long time and can change quickly. A sign doesn't necessarily mean that it is set in stone yet. We hope to learn more details soon.

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3/2/2 • \$330's

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Eyes on Westbury

Do you wish you could see the detention basins and weirs at the Willow Waterhole? Do you want another way to monitor flooding? Let's get cameras!!!

Join this new group to help get "Eyes on Westbury." This group will research camera options, contact HCFCF for access questions, fundraise if needed, look into other options with cameras and lights.

If you are interested in joining the "Eyes on Westbury" group, please email Jennifer at westburycc@sbcglobal.net.
CAMERAS TO MONITOR WEIRS AND BAYOU



Drive-by Constable Fundraiser

→ October 13, 5-7PM

→ WCC Office Parking Lot
5322 W. Bellfort

Say Thank You to our Great Constables!
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Games and prizes available for the first 50 people!



"Attend" a WCC Board Meeting! Next Meeting is October 21

All WCC meetings are being held via Zoom and are live streamed on our Facebook page, Westbury Houston. You can post questions in the comment section and board members monitor the feed to relay questions/comments to the Zoom meeting. Get involved today! WCC Board meetings are held every third Wednesday each month at 7PM.

**Live Streamed on Facebook,
Westbury Houston**

WESTBURY ACTION COMMITTEES

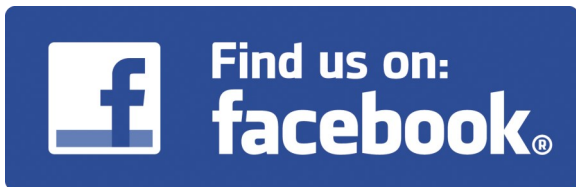
Deed Restriction Revision Action Committee

Westbury's deed restrictions are outdated and need to be revised. This group will start meeting in January 2021. *If you have already emailed regarding this group, we will reach out to you! COVID-19 delayed the start. If you are interested in joining, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Library Action Committee

Westbury is getting a new library. The WCC is starting a Library Action Committee that will focus on getting up to date information, meeting with the City, and more. If you would like to join, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net. This group will be limited in size and will meet via Zoom.

JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY!



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WESTBURY FOCUS GROUPS

Westbury Focus Group Results Revealed

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Civic engagement was widely defined in the focus groups. It could be helping your neighbor, attending a meeting, paying your dues, voting, taking care of your property, and so many more. One suggestion to increase civic engagement was to create small action groups specific to people's interests. We have already started implementing this strategy by creating a Library Action group and Eyes on Westbury, a flood monitoring group.

Focus Group Main Questions

1. How do community members define civic engagement?
2. What facilitates civic engagement and what are the barriers to civic engagement, as perceived by community members?
3. How does the crisis of, and recovery process from, Hurricane Harvey impact how community members experience civic engagement?

What is Civic Engagement?



Strategies to Promote Civic Engagement

Create neighborhood information sessions
Share effective models of other neighborhoods, provide community members with list of actionable items, educate on how to carry out action with who to contact, what to say, and what to do. Expand City 101 classes to local level such as history of Westbury, deed restrictions, etc.

Create smaller action groups & street level programs
Create opportunities that match the interests of community members, don't discount what is considered meaningful to people, create action groups (WCC has started this with Library Action committee and Eyes on Westbury)

Streamline communication techniques
Encourage community members to build sense of community by checking on neighbors, use newsletter to communicate number and type of complaints and how they were addressed to show progress, utilize social media in addition to traditional methods such as Crier.

Community organizations need to share info., give regular updates, seek out new ideas, and find ways to be more inclusive.

Provide community members with inclusive and inviting spaces to gather
Revitalize community center, throw block parties and get together to build community engagement and comraderie, hold events at the WCC office. Create events and incentives that reflect community interests.

Community & local city leaders need to be more open, intentional, & held responsible for their actions
Leaders needs to be more intentional about reporting what is being done for the community and in response to their concerns

Strategies to Increase Engagement After Disasters
*Leaders needs to coordinate efforts in the community, be more intentional getting our info, and signing members up to get info.
*Communication needs to be straight forward, easily accessible in different languages, using various methods of communication, that is easy to understand without technical speech
*Leaders need to create a list of clear actionable items
*Educate community on how to deal with concerns, how to get involved, who to hold accountable, and how to make change happen using other communities as positive examples

TS Beta Brings Heavy Rains But No Home Flooding to Westbury

Over 11 inches of rain fell in Westbury and Meyerland causing many people to have some Harvey PTSD as the Willow Waterhole Bayou (pictured to right) and Brays Bayou (below) both got very close to top of bank. WWB was at top of bank for over an hour and half as water went into basins downstream. The WWB photo is looking towards Ludington from Cartagena side of bayou. Brays Bayou is at S. Rice.



WHAT IS RAINFALL RATE?

Rainfall rate describes how much rain falls over a period of time, and is measured in inches of rain per hour. Heavy rainfall is .5 inches per hour. Intense is 2 inches per hour. Two inches of rain in one hour is very different than two inches over four hours. A good analogy is if you had a kitchen faucet leak. Your sink could drip for over a week (low rate) or your faucet could break off for half an hour (high rate). The same amount of water will come out, but one will flood your kitchen faster.

In the beginning of Beta, we received 1.8 inches of rain in 5 hours. (1-6PM). This caused no big issues or street flooding. The WWB rose 4 ft in this time. An hour later, we received another 1.8 inches but in one hour! (7-8PM). The bayou jumped another 4 ft during this time. The next hour from 8-9PM another 1.6 inches of rain fell causing major street flooding throughout Westbury and the WWB to reach its max level. The WWB top of bank is 54.20, the gage read 54.05 for an hour and half. During this time, massive amounts of water were flowing over the two overflow weirs located downstream at the Willow Waterhole detention basins.

Event	Name	Rainfall	WWB @ Landsdowne	WWB @ Willowbend	Brays @ Rice	# Flooded Westbury Homes
		Top of Bank	(54.20)	(51.10)	(51.30)	
4/27/2013		7.20" (3.64" in 1st hour & 5" after 2)	55.10'	48.10'	48.72'	175-200
5/26/2015	Memorial Day	7.48" (6.16" in 4 hours)	56.70'	51.70'	52.90'	420-450
10/31/2015	Halloween	8.32" (5.04 in 2 hours)	Not given	48.56'	46.57'	80-100
4/18/2016	Tax Day	6.72" (4.8 in 3 hrs; 5.44 after 4 hrs)	55.55'	50.68'	51.36'	25-35
8/26-29/17	Harvey	32.08" (3.76" in 1 hour on 1st night)	58.30'	53.60'	54.10'	690-720
9/21/2020	TS Beta	11.20" (3.4" in 2 hours)	54.05'	46.33'	47.32'	0

WESTBURY ON THE LOCAL NEWS

Jennifer Edmondson, the WCC Office Manager and Director of Flood Control & Infrastructure for the WCC Board, was asked to be interviewed regarding Project Brays and TS Beta. Andy Cerota with NBC Ch. 2 interviewed her on the banks of Brays Bayou to discuss why we didn't flood in Beta despite heavy rains. Westbury



community leaders feel strongly that homes would have flooded if not for the new weirs in place at the Willow Waterhole detention basins.

Jeff Ehling with ABC 13 was seen at the corner of Briar-bend and Cedarhurst doing a story on high water at that corner.



WHY DID MY STREET FLOOD?

Simple answer is too much rain, way too fast. The rainfall rate is one of the biggest factors contributing to street flooding in Houston. When rain falls rapidly, it can quickly cause street flooding. Westbury received approximately 3.4 inches of rain from 7-9PM. This is what caused the roads to flood.

One inch of rainfall equals 27,154 gallons per acre according to usgs.gov. You can look at this two ways, Westbury as a whole or just your lot. The average lot size in Westbury is 8400SF or roughly .1928 acre. This area will contain 5235 gallons of water per inch of rain. Add in all your neighbors lots, that is a lot of water entering your street. Westbury is approximately 3 square miles, or 1920 acres. This is 52,135,680 gallons of water per one inch of rain. In two hours in Beta, we received 3.4 inches of rain, that is 177,261,312 gallons of water.

One inch of rain in all of Westbury is 52,135,680 gallons!

Weirs Explained

There are two weirs located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou. These weirs allow flood waters to spillover directly into the Willow Waterhole Detention Basins. There is one weir in Scout Lake and one in Dog Lake.

Water only goes over the weirs in high rain events such as TS Beta. Millions of gallons of water flowed over the weirs and likely saved Westbury homes from flooding. You can see the weirs up close and personal by taking a walk around one of the two lakes.

The weirs were NOT in place for Harvey or any of the preceding storms. This was first big test for the weirs, and in this storm, they did well. It is important to not let your guard down though. Every rain event in Houston is different, so it's hard to say what will happen next time.



Scout Lake Weir—Homes behind are located on Gaymoor in Westbury 3. Photo taken September 22 after TS Beta rains



Dog Lake Weir and Control Structure—Homes behind are located in Westbury 1 on Kingfisher. Photo taken September 22 after TS Beta.

IS THE FLOOD GAGE BROKEN? WHY DOES THE GAGE STOP MOVING?

No, the flood gage is not broken. It did not stop working during TS Beta. When the gage appears to stop moving at the top of bank during an active rain event, this typically means that the water is flowing over the weirs downstream. The gage will not show a change while it is holding at a steady level.

Westbury has a flood gage located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne. Residents and community leaders are glued to the website watching the levels during every storm. The gage was placed after the Memorial Day flood so local residents could know the bayou levels during rains since the WWB has low capacity and fills very rapidly.

The gage holding steady, as it did during TS Beta, worries area residents who think the gage is broken and flooding is imminent. It doesn't help that local news channels report that flooding along the Willow Waterhole Bayou is likely at this point, based off the flood gage information online which shows a warning. We need a gage or camera at the weirs and detention basins. The WCC is starting "Eyes on Westbury" to start this initiative. It is vital that residents know what is happening.

Monitor Bayou Levels in Westbury

The Harris County Flood Warning System measures rainfall and monitors water levels in bayous, creeks, and rivers on a real-time basis to inform area residents of potential flooding conditions. This system relies on a network of 250 gage stations that have been strategically placed throughout Harris and surrounding counties. Westbury has one of these gages located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou (#445). This info can be found at www.harriscountyfws.org. You can now sign up for alerts on a specific gages near your home or work. You can receive default rainfall and water level alerts or create custom water alerts.

Willow Waterhole Bayou (WWB) Gages

#445 – WWB at Landsdowne (Westbury)
#435 – WWB at Willowbend

Brays Bayou (BB) Gages

#440 – BB at Rice Ave.
#460 – BB at S. Gessner
#465 – BB at Beltway 8



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- **WESTBURY IS A FLOOD ZONE**
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Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing rules, the WCC Annual Meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed on our Westbury Houston Facebook page. The video is still available on our Facebook page for viewing. The meeting video has been viewed 502 times.

The new 2021 WCC board was announced and two long-time outgoing board members were recognized, Robert Montgomery and Virginia Livingston. Read more about Robert and Virginia to the right. Per the WCC by-laws, for all elections that are uncontested, the nominees shall be considered duly elected on the date of the Annual Meeting. The full list of the new 2020-2021 WCC board is on page 2.

This year we had 3 informative presentations at the Annual Meeting. First was our District K City Council Member, Martha Castex-Tatum. She had two exciting flood control updates for Westbury (see box on next page)! CM Castex-Tatum also provided an update on the Westbury library (see box on the next page). She also discussed many of the projects that the District K office has been working on: remove illegal dumping and trash in public places, remove illegal "bandit signs", and create regulations for donation boxes. Westbury residents and volunteers fought for a long time to remove a troublesome donation van parked off Hillcroft that constantly had items dumped on the property. CM Castex-Tatum announced a new city-wide anti-litter campaign as illegal dumping is a huge problem all over Houston. See page 19 for more information about this new initiative. We thank CM Castex-Tatum for attending the Westbury Annual Meeting and for always being a strong advocate for the Westbury community.

Next up was Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap. Westbury has contracted with Precinct 5 Constables for over 35 years. The services provided by this contract help keep Westbury a desirable neighborhood with relatively low crime. The Constable program provides many services and programs other than patrol and service calls. They have a Silver Watch program to check on elderly citizens, Vacation Watch, High Water Rescue Vehicles (coordinated with the city and county), and an animal crime unit. Strategic Response Task Forces are used to mobilize in response to crime trends and the Environmental unit works closely with the city and county on environmental crime. For more information on Constable Heap's message and the services provided by the Constables, see page 14.

The last presentation was the about the Focus Groups that were held in Westbury about civic engagement. Westbury was selected to participate, along with 3 other neighborhoods in Houston, in the study that was a joint project of the University of Houston and Texas Southern University. Jennifer Edmondson and Susan Shafer were the 2 co-researchers for the Westbury area. They were trained in the research process, helped develop the focus group questions, recruited and conducted 5 focus groups in Westbury, helped code the focus group transcripts, interpreted the findings and then identified strategies to address the findings. The last step in the study was to present the findings to the neighborhood. Civic engagement was widely defined in the focus groups. It could be helping your neighbor, attending a meeting, paying your dues, voting, taking care of your property, and so many more. The presentation talked about many strategies that the Westbury Civic Club and other neighborhood groups could use to increase civic engagement. One suggestion was to create small action groups specific to people's interests. We have already started implementing this strategy by creating a Library Action group and Eyes on Westbury, a flood monitoring group. See page 9 for more information of the focus groups including what were the 3 main questions asked, strategies to increase civic engagement, barriers to civic engagement, and more.



Thank You Virginia

We would like to extend a very big thank you to Virginia Livingston for being the Section Director for Westbury 5 for 22 years. Her dedication to the neighborhood is unmatched. Virginia not only volunteers with the WCC but she is also a super Westbury Garden volunteer. She is the current President and has held many roles on their board. Virginia always works the White Elephant Sale and is a joy on those early mornings. We will miss her wealth of historical information about the civic club and neighborhood.

Thank you for being dedicated to Westbury!



Thank You Robert

We would like to thank out-going board member Robert Ellis-Montgomery for his many years volunteering on the WCC Board. Robert first joined the board in 2013 as the Westbury 3 Section Director. He has been the superb Director of Volunteers/Events, running our very great Yard of the Month program. Robert and his husband, Larry, always volunteer at the White Elephant Sale! He designed our logo for the 60th Anniversary. We will miss seeing him at meetings and the White Elephant Sale early mornings!

Thank you for your years of volunteer work!



Thank You

Westbury Library Update

CM Castex-Tatum announced that the architects have started the design plans for the Westbury library. The plans are expected to be completed by November of this year. The library's projected completion is the end of 2022. The new library will be located at the former Post Office building on Belrose in Westbury 3. This library is replacing the Meyer library which has been closed since Harvey.



The WCC has started a Library Action Group, if you are interested in joining, please email westburyc@sbglobal.net.

Flood Control Update

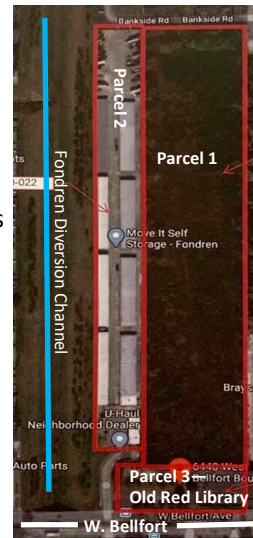
CM Castex-Tatum had two exciting long-awaited flood control news for Westbury.

1. New Detention—

City Council voted to acquire three tracts of land for the Spellman Detention Basin Project. This basin has a proposed maximum volume of 208 acre-feet. This will help mitigate flood risks along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. Any new upstream detention is good for Westbury, especially when located off the Fondren Diversion Channel.

2. Drainage Project Funded—

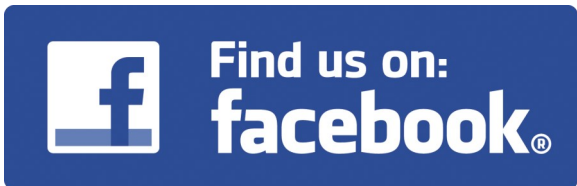
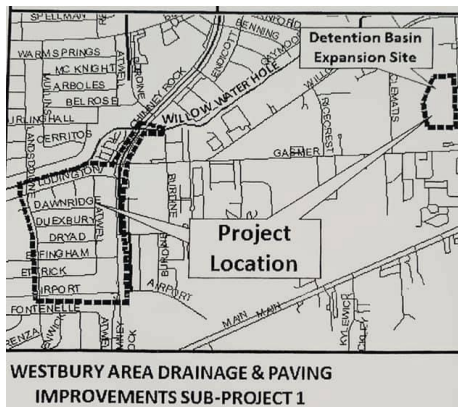
City Council approved \$1.4 million for the Westbury Area Drainage and Paving Improvements Sub-project 1. This project consists of the design of new storm drains, streets, curbs, sidewalks, driveways and underground utilities. The design contractor is currently



waiting on a regional hydraulic study that will reflect the new Atlas 14 rain data before the next step can begin. Sub-project 1 is projected to be complete in 2024. This is our ReBuild Houston project that we have been waiting for!

Possible New Constable Precinct 5 Sub-station Near Westbury

Constable Heap and CM Martha Castex-Tatum announced at the WCC Annual Meeting that Precinct 5 is considering opening a sub-station in the old Meyer library building on W. Bellfort. Pct. 5 would place up to 50 officers in the new sub-station. The location is right on the edge of Westbury so response times should be even faster. The City and County are currently discussing the possibility of using that vacant building. A final decision will be made in November.



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\$75K Still Needed for Constable Program

We get incredible service from our Precinct 5 Constable Patrol. They are amazing! But the patrol service is also very expensive. The security contract for the "Westbury Area Patrol" by Precinct 5 Constables is the biggest expense paid by the WCC, but we think it is also the most popular program offered by the WCC.

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT! We need to raise \$75,000 to pay for the Westbury Area Patrol for the rest of 2020. This is a big amount of money, but fortunately Westbury is a huge neighborhood. Working together, we can all make sure that our Westbury homes continue to have the important services of the "Westbury Area Patrol" by the Precinct 5 Constables.

Don't delay, please PAY today! Any amount, large or small, will help.

If you have not contributed yet, now is the time.

If you have already contributed, thank you, but please consider sending a bit more. You can pay online at www.westburycrier.com or send check to our office.

Drive-by Constable Fundraiser

➔ October 13, 5-7PM

➔ WCC Office Parking Lot
5322 W. Bellfort

Say Thank You to our Great Constables!
Pay your dues as you DRIVE BY!
Games and prizes available for the first 50 people!

On Tuesday, October 13, from 5—7PM the WCC Office will host a DRIVE BY Fundraiser and Thank You event. Wave your thanks to a Precinct 5 Constable officer as you drop off your contribution to help pay for the Westbury Area Patrol by the Precinct 5 Constables. You can feel good by waving your thanks to our neighborhood law enforcement patrol, and helping our Westbury community. This is the first time we have tried a Drive-by event like this. We hope this event will be both fun and convenient for you!

We will have several games and door prizes for the first 50 people to drive by! We love our Constables!!!

Constable Heap Speaks at WCC Annual Meeting

During the WCC Annual Meeting in September, Constable Ted Heap provided an overview of the many programs offered to communities (like Westbury) from the Precinct 5 Constables. As a reminder, ALL Westbury homes are protected under the security patrol contract that the Westbury Civic Club has with the Precinct 5 Constable's Office, regardless of where your home is located with respect to the constable boundaries on the map. ALL Westbury homes are served by Precinct 5 Constables!

The Precinct 5 Constable's Office has had a contract security patrol program in place for about 35 years. The program is a PAID contract to patrol specific areas. The Westbury Civic Club has a service contract, that we pay every month, to provide a security patrol to our Westbury residents, which has been in place since 1984.

The Westbury security patrol contract includes dispatch services, marked vehicles, and 3 licensed law enforcement officers, one of whom is a sergeant, with backup from other Precinct 5 officers, if our officers are unavailable. Response times are fast, much faster than HPD, for concerns such as property crimes or suspicious activity. The services provided by the Precinct 5 Constable's Office far exceed doing security patrols and service calls. In addition to patrolling Westbury streets, Precinct 5 also offers:

🚒 High Water Rescue Vehicles (coordinated with the city and county)

- 🚒 More training than mandated by state law
- 🚒 A property crimes specialty unit
- 🚒 Strategic Response task force units – used to mobilize in response to crime trends
- 🚒 Silver Watch – a program to monitor and periodically contact elder who signs up
- 🚒 Classes for the public
- 🚒 Environmental Unit – works closely with city and county on environmental crimes
- 🚒 Animal Crimes Unit – report issues to 927Paws.org



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




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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

August 28—September 26, 2020
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
11700	Braewick	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	8/31	11PM	Parkwest 3
5700	Cartagena	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/31	11AM	Westbury 3
5000	Creekbend	Simple Assault	9/3	8AM	Westbury 1
5900	Dawnridge	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/3	11AM	Westbury 4
5800	Dryad	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/5	2PM	Westbury 4
12300	Dunlap	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/29	2PM	Westbury 4
5700	Firenza	Counterfeit/Forgery	9/21	1PM	Westbury South
5800	Fontenelle	Theft from Motor Vehicle	8/28	8PM	Westbury South
11400	Hillcroft	Theft form Motor Vehicle	9/8	12PM	Parkwest 3
6000	McKnight	Auto Theft	9/9	12AM	Parkwest 3
12400	Mullins	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/9	9PM	Westbury 4
12400	Renwick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	98	7PM	Westbury South
5700	W. Airport	Auto Theft	9/16	9PM	Westbury 4
5800	W. Airport	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/14	6PM	Westbury 4
5400	Willowbend	Drugs, Narcotics	9/25	12AM	Westbury 2

-  Theft from Motor Vehicle
-  Auto Theft
-  Property Crime
-  Burglary
-  Assault, Simple or aggravated
-  Robbery

The crimes listed took place between August 28– September 26, 2020. 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	6	2	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	9	4	1	0
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	1	7	1	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	1	8	4	0
Shoplifting	0	0	6	0
Drugs, Narcotics	1	2	2	0
Vandalism, Damage	0	11	2	1
Auto Theft	2	0	2	0
Theft from Building	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	3	0	0
Counterfeit, Forgery	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	15	41	20	1

Constables Hard at Work

The Westbury deputies of the Pct 5 Westbury Area Patrol have been working hard. Please continue to lock your vehicles and report suspicious behavior and people to the Constables dispatch at 281-463-6666. If you have not yet sent in your 2020 WAP support, please consider doing so today. We are extremely behind in collections for 2020. We need all the support we can for this amazing, much-needed program. The dues form is on page 6.

For more information on the Constable program and all the services they offer beside patrol and response is on the previous page.



Support the Constable Program

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For sample ballots, locations, go to www.harrisvotes.org

This information is provided to help you be prepared in advance for voting. We encourage all eligible Westbury residents to VOTE. As a reminder, there are many races on the ballot, so it is strongly recommended to review the choices in advance. IMPORTANT: You are NOT allowed to use a wireless device (phone) while in the voting booth, so bring your voting choices with you on paper. Also, please be aware that "electioneering" is not allowed within 100 feet of a polling location door; this means that you should not wear clothing or bring items with you which visibly support or are against candidates on the ballot (you are allowed to cover or hide the items while voting).

What is on the Ballot?

National and State Elections: President & Vice President, US Senator, US Representative, Railroad Commissioner, Texas Justices of the Supreme Court, Texas Justices for Appeals Courts, District Judges,

Harris County Elections: District Attorney, County Criminal Judges, County Attorney, Sheriff, County Tax Assessor-Collector, County Clerk, County School Trustee, Justice of the Peace, County Constable

What is Deadline to Register to Vote?

Texas requires voters to be registered to vote at least 30 days before an election. The last day to register to vote is October 5 to be able to vote in person on Election Day, November 3.

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.

When is Early Voting?

Early Voting starts October 13 and runs through October 30. Times and several local locations are in the box to the right. It is recommended to vote early to avoid lines on Election Day.

Where Do You Vote on Election Day?

Anywhere! A NEW program initiated last election 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 on convenience for the voter. This means that on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3), 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 voting locations, subject to change. Visit www.harris.votes.org for changes.

Parker Elementary, 10626 Atwell
Foerster Elementary, 14200 Fonmeadow Dr.
Platou Community Center, 11655 Chimney Rock
Godwin Park, 5101 Rutherglenn
Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft
Andy Anderson Elementary, 5727 Ludington
Braeswood Assembly of God, 10611 Fondren
Westbury High School, 11911 Chimney Rock

EARLY VOTING OCTOBER 13– OCTOBER 30 NEW in 2020—Drive Thru Locations and 24-hr polls

Hours of Operation

October 13 - October 17: 7AM – 7PM

October 18: 12PM – 7PM

October 19 - October 24: 7AM – 7PM

October 25: 12PM – 7PM

October 26: 7AM – 7PM

October 27-29: 7AM – 10PM*

*Seven 24 hr. locations roll into Friday morning.

October 30: 7AM – 7PM

Drive Thru Voting Locations Near Westbury

NRG Arena—Hall D , 1 NRG Parkway

HCC West Loop South—5601 West Loop South

Toyota Center –VIP A and B, 1510 Polk

Nearby Early Voting Locations

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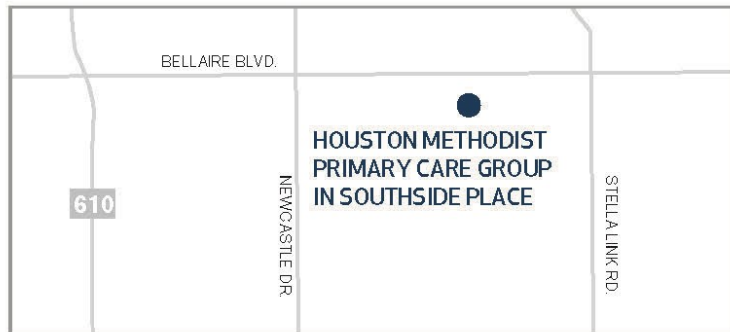
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Solid Waste Management Long-Range Plan

We are excited to share the proposed Solid Waste Management Long Range Plan with Westbury residents for your feedback and comments. As the City of Houston grows, so does its need to address important issues regarding solid waste collection, recycling, and waste disposal. Currently, the City of Houston generates approximately 4.2 million tons of waste per year. Identifying ways to reduce this waste and assuring disposal capacity are critical to Houston's long-term environment.

Becky Edmondson, current president of the WAIC and past-president of the WCC, was a member of this task force that tackled these issues. The WCC knows that timely trash pickup is a big topic in the neighborhood. Now the City is asking for your input as part of its long-range solid waste management planning process. The input you can provide is important, valuable and will help the City create a plan that will improve the solid waste services provided, that protects Houston's environment, and contributes to making our community stronger. This survey is a way to help the City understand your priorities and concerns.

There will be two virtual public meetings, the first on Wednesday October 7 from 6pm – 8pm, and the second on Tuesday October 13 from 2pm – 4pm. All the meetings will be held via Microsoft TEAMS. There is also a call-in number for those that may not have access to a computer or smart phone.

A website has been created for the project with all the documents and details, including a link to the resident survey. The website for the project with all the documents and details is here: <http://houstontx.gov/solidwaste/longrange/index.html>

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(data from publichealthharriscountytexas.gov)

	77035	77096	Houston
4/23/20	54	59	2,975
5/21/20	108	85	6,188
6/24/20	334	183	16,253
7/27/20	748	492	45,145
8/26/20	1,102	700	62,097
9/26/20	1,255	817	72,684



Houston ISD News and Updates HISD Starts In-Person Learning on October 19

All Houston ISD students started the school year virtually on September 9. HISD is giving parents the choice of sending their children back to campus for face to face learning or to remain virtual. Parents can change every six week learning period.

School Zones & Traffic Will be Back: Slow Down

It has been a long time since our Houston roadways have seen HISD school traffic. While traffic could vary depending on the number of students still learning at home, it is expected that traffic around the schools will increase and morning/afternoon traffic will be heavier. School zones will be enforced. Pay attention to children walking to and around school.



Kolter Elementary Moves into NEW Building

Kolter Elementary is starting the 2020-2021 school year in its NEW building at its home site! The school flooded in Harvey and the students have been at an alternate HISD site in Bellaire for past 3 years. This is an exciting time for them to be back to their school! We will do a full feature on the new school in a future *Crier*.

WHS has a New Principal—Jerri Nixon

Jerri Nixon was selected as the new principal of Westbury High School this summer. Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson from the Westbury community participated in the interview process. We are pleased to say that the candidates who were interviewed for the WHS position were either principals or in leadership positions at their schools who had excellent resumes.

WHS has made tremendous progress since Principal Susan Monaghan arrived at the school. Ms. Monaghan asked Jerri Nixon to leave a job in the private sector to work again as an educator and to follow her to WHS. As a result, for the past five years Jerri Nixon has worked as an Assistant Principal at WHS.

During this period of immense challenges due to COVID-19 and the resulting uncertainties related to education, we think that HISD made a wise decision to select someone who already is familiar with Westbury High School and who could step into the job on Day One. Just like Ms. Monaghan, Ms. Nixon plans to be highly visible on campus and at campus activities. During a video-conference after her selection, she noted that WHS has gone from “surviving to thriving” and that she plans for WHS to continue to thrive. She noted that the school is finishing its renovations and new spaces for the Fine Arts and she thanks parents for choosing WHS.

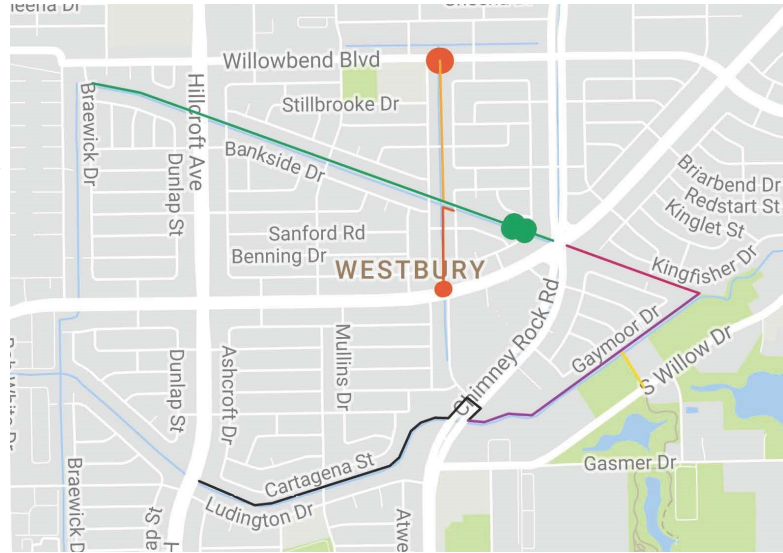
We welcome Jerri Nixon as the new principal of WHS and look forward to working with her. The success of WHS is important to our Westbury community since the school is located in our community and we share the Westbury name.

Jerri Nixon lives nearby in southwest Houston and has 3 children of high school and college age. Nixon began her career at Hogg Middle School as a Language Arts teacher. She then served as the assistant principal at Black Middle School and Bellaire High School before becoming the principal of Herod Elementary. She has also supported HISD in the Human Resources Department. Most recently, Nixon served as an Assistant Principal at Westbury High School for the last 5 years. She earned her educational degree from Texas A&M University and obtained a master's degree in educational leadership from University of Houston and in construction management from Texas A&M.



2020 Westbury Trails News

This map shows the current status of the trail system in the Westbury neighborhood. The informal development of these trails was spurred by a former mayor's initiative to make safer and more scenic ways for Houstonians to navigate our City by foot and by bicycle. Many of the trails on the map are referred to by the name of the adjacent street that parallels that trail. Note the indicated blockages at the top and bottom of the Burdine trail segments and at the East end of the Hummingbird trail. These obstructions arose long before trails became a more desirable feature for walkers and riders in our neighborhood.



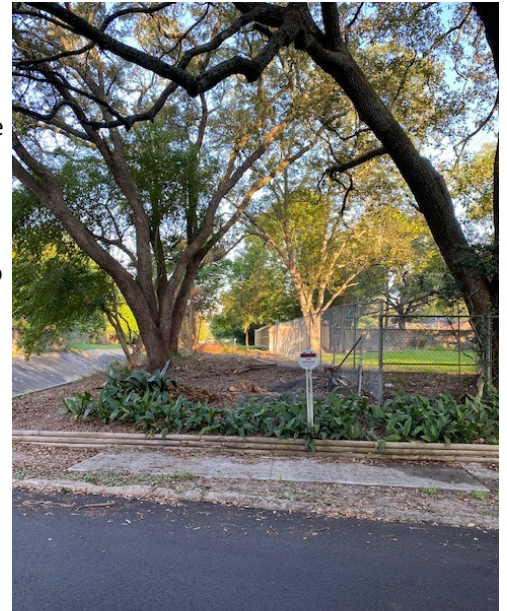
Trail Overlay

-  Hummingbird Trail
-  Private Fence 1
-  Private Fence 2
-  Kingfisher Trail
-  Burdine Trail North
-  Burdine Trail South
-  Stone Wall
-  Chain Link Fence
-  Gaymoor Trail
-  Ludington Trail
-  Boy Scout Trail

This article has some good news concerning the blockage of the Hummingbird trail.

Recently the former Robinson home at 5415 Kingfisher was sold to Whitaker Interests for development as a lease or sale property. This provided an opportunity to approach Whitaker with a request to move the long-standing fence that extended all the way across the Kinder-Morgan pipeline easement to the edge of the concrete drainage ditch. The fence completely blocked the passage. Whitaker agreed to move the fence halfway back on the 50-foot pipeline easement. This left the adjacent fence at 5419 Kingfisher as the only remaining blockage along that entire easement. We approached the home owner (Peggy Boorse) and her family requesting a similar move to match that of Whitaker Interests, and they also agreed, provided that a fence similar to their current board one would be reconstructed to provide appropriate privacy. The non-profit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) arranged for Whitaker to perform that reconstruction in conjunction with the move of the 5415 fence. On behalf of our Westbury neighbors, the WAIC extends our heartfelt gratitude for finally opening this trail to allow complete walking access to the Willow Waterhole Greenway.

Part of the agreement with Whitaker was for us to take charge of cutting and removing the considerable accumulation of underbrush and (mostly) invasive trees that had invaded the 5415 backyard over the years. We have now achieved about 70% of that removal process, thanks to the help of the Brays Oaks District in contracting SMC to bring their wood chipper to the trail site in late August, followed by a second haul off by the city on tree waste pickup day (9/10). While there is still some additional cleanup work to be done on the site (e.g. stump grinding to remove potential tripping hazards), we are able to announce the availability of a clean-but-restricted narrow trail segment (see photo) for those wishing to try out the new passageway. Note that we have preserved several large oak trees near Oasis. We hope to eventually provide one or more benches in the shade of those trees as a rest and conversation spot for our trail users.



Al Potvin clearing along the Hummingbird trail

None of this would have happened without the help of a number of people:

Greg Whitaker and Peggy Boorse for agreeing to move the fences move to open the trail

Al & Hazel Potvin, Noreen Hoard, Mason Brown, and Paul Shaw for cutting and clearing the 5415 Kingfisher vegetation

Brays Oaks District/SMC and city Solid Waste Department for removing the considerable piles of tree waste stacked along Oasis

We hope that Westbury walkers will begin to take advantage of this new amenity for our neighborhood. We believe that the remaining cleanup activities will be completed well before year end to allow for fully opening the trail. If you'd like to help with the mowing and/or cleanup of any of these trails or a segment thereof, please call Al Potvin at 713-292-3223 and leave your name, contact information and the name of the trail or trails that you'd prefer to help with. We're particularly in need of people

Keep Storm Drains Clear of Debris & Trash Cans

The heavy rainfalls we had in September are a good reminder to keep storm drains clear for water to be able to drain without obstruction. It is unwise to leave your trash bins in the street when heavy rainfall is possible. A rush of water in the street could cause a trash bin to tip over to dump its trash into the street. Or, the water could push a trash bin over to where it obstructs a storm drain.

Furthermore, this photo shows boxes full of trash next to the trash bins. The city does NOT collect trash next to the trash bin; all trash must be IN the BIN!

Don't Block the Drains!



Citywide Anti-Litter Campaign Launched

On Wednesday, September 16, Mayor Turner announced the citywide anti-litter campaign, *Don't Let Houston Go To Waste* because *Litter is Trashy*. Our District K Councilperson Martha Castex-Tatum is leading the city in this on-going cleanup endeavor. She said, "We have to sound the alarm and encourage Houstonians to join us. We have all noticed the significant increase in litter around our city. We must address the uptick in illegal dumping in our parks and streets because COVID waste is being washed into our storm drains and waterways."

She is a staunch believer in clean neighborhoods and pays for a HOT (fast response) team to be available in District K to pick up illegal dumping almost immediately. They also try to track down the offenders. In Westbury, we have had some issues with illegal dumping and the District K HOT team has cleaned it up quickly. Westbury residents may not realize how much effort and money is being spent to remove litter from our streets and parks. If there were less trash tossed to the ground, then all this money and effort could be devoted to other problems that need to be worked on.

The District K HOT team removes illegal dumping and bandit signs. City mowing crews remove trash and signs. WCC volunteers remove bandit signs and report trash problems. The Brays Oaks District pays a crew to pick up litter along major roads in the district. The Brays Oaks District crew works every day Monday through Friday and on some Saturdays. They pick up about 8,000 to 10,000 pounds of trash every month! In our Westbury community, this trash collection by the Brays Oaks District includes: Chimney Rock, Hillcroft, West Airport, West Bellfort, South Post Oak, Gasmer, and South Willow.



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 WCC Pavilion is readily visible. Street parking.



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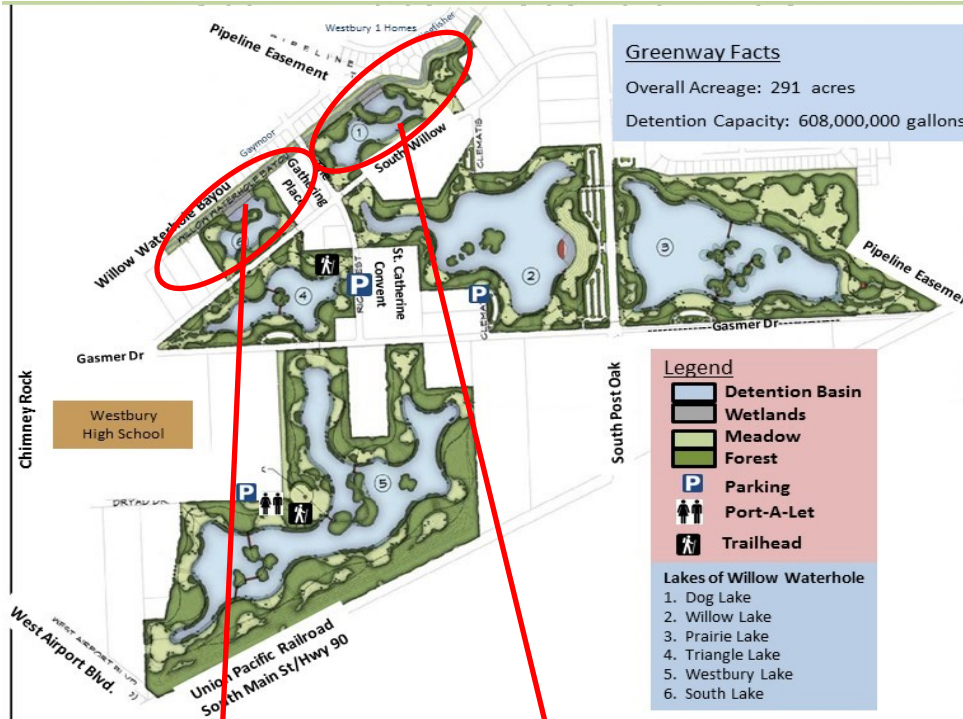
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Explore the Willow Waterhole

Map of Entire Willow Waterhole Greenway

Destination:
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A. Parking

Street parking is available at 11350 Ricecrest. There is handicap parking with ramp access to wide sidewalks. You can walk from Triangle Lake to Scout and Dog Lakes. You can also access the lakes from the neighborhood trail that is along the pipeline easement.

B. Bayou Trail

A shady 500-foot crushed granite trail containing several benches with views of Scout Lake and winds through a densely wooded area to reach Willow Waterhole Bayou. This trail offers the close-up opportunity to see how a concrete weir drains stormwater from the Bayou into the detention basins.

C. Future Dog Park site

A much requested feature at the Willow Waterhole is a dog park. This 1.5-acre lakeside area will contain a one acre fenced for large dogs and ½ fenced acre for small dogs. Trails, night lighting, trees, canopies, a showering area, and parking will also be included in the project construction. Volunteers are needed for this exciting addition.

D. Birding

The Willow Waterhole detention basins are a great place for bird watching. Specifically the Scout Lake area is popular to see many different species of birds. Make sure to bring your binoculars.



E. Primitive Trails

The green lines on the map to the right are primitive trails. These trails are fun to walk or ride bikes along. Both trails take you along the weir structure and give you a close up of the flood control structures.

F. Flood Control

The biggest flood control features of the Willow Waterhole Bayou are located at these two lakes. The overflow weirs allow flood water to flow into basins instead of flood Westbury and Willow Meadows. These two basins are connected to the other basins to allow for more capacity. You can walk the basins and see the weirs up close and really get an idea for how this area functions. See page 13 for more information and pictures of this area.

Scout and Dog Lake at the Willow Waterhole

The Willow Waterhole has 6 “lakes”. Two of the lakes have overflow weirs that directly take water from the Willow Waterhole Bayou during high rain events. “Scout Lake” is located South of Westbury Homes in Westbury 3 on Gaymoor. The “Dog Lake” is located just to the East of Scout Lake. Dog Lake is located South of Westbury Homes located in Westbury 1 on Kingfisher. The map below is labeled with current and future amenities/highlights found at these lakes. Read all about these great amenities to the right. The green lines on the map indicate a primitive trail around the basins. You can easily get to Scout and Dog Lakes from Ricecrest street parking or walking from the neighborhood trail down the pipeline. *Go Explore the Willow Waterhole!!!*



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thousands of hours of hard work by so many volunteers has really transformed the area into the wonderful, pleasant, peaceful park/natural habitat.

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy invites individuals, families, and small businesses to support them in their effort to maintain and rejuvenate our 290+ acre park through free recreational events and environment improvement projects. Membership donations provide general operations funding to help

maintain the park and programming. When you join, you become a partner in keeping the Willow Waterhole a beautiful urban green space. Consider joining as a member of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. More information can be found at www.willowwaterhole.org/membership.

“Please join me in becoming a member of the WWGC, a jewel in our neighborhood. Let’s make it even better!”

-Cindy Chapman, WCC President

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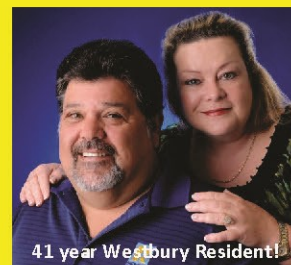
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