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2021 Fall White Elephant Sale

COME SHOP OVER 40 GARAGE SALES IN ONE LOCATION!

**Sat., October 23
8AM to Noon**

Westbury United Methodist Church
Parking Lot, 5200 Willowbend



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



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



**OCTOBER 30 | SATURDAY
11AM - 7PM | FREE**

willowwaterhole.org/musicfest

MusicFest 2021 October 30, 11AM-7PM

Bring the entire family out to the MusicFest at the Willow Waterhole This free music festival is fun for everyone! MusicFest takes place at the Schwartz Gazebo off Dryad Drive behind Westbury High School. There are several parking options, see picture on page 19 or go to www.willowwaterhole.org/musicfest-parking.

Some of Houston's finest food trucks will be onsite, along with the traditional Halloween "Trunk or Treat" Cars. The kids will enjoy the Haunted House Maze and MORTALS and DOGS costume contest. Bring chairs and blankets and plan to stay the day. Everyone will find something to enjoy in this naturally beautiful greenspace.

Food trucks include Turkey Leg Hut Express, Cool Runnings Jamaican Grill, and Sizzles. The menus are available on the MusicFest website.

I ❤️ Westbury

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DON'T FORGET TO **FALL BACK**

**Daylight Savings Ends
2AM November 7**

HEAVY TRASH

October 2021
Thurs., October 14
JUNK WASTE

November 2021
Thursday, Nov. 11
TREE WASTE ONLY

RECYCLING

October 2021
Thursday, October 7
Thursday, October 21

November 2021
Thursday, November 4
Thursday, November 18

WCC Office OPEN

The Westbury Civic Club office is open Monday thru Thursday from 9AM to 1PM. You can stop by the office during these hours or call 713-723-5437.

**WCC Office Location—
5322 W. Bellfort, Ste 100**

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

Westbury Civic Club Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs., 9AM-1PM

WCC Office Closed Friday–Sunday

NOTARY SERVICES— available to paid WCC members

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SECURITY

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Houston Help & Information.....311

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violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services*

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Make sure to give pole number

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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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

2021-2022 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Westbury 4.....VACANT

Westbury 5.....VACANT

Westbury 5.....Donna Strom

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Parkwest 2.....VACANT

Parkwest 3VACANT

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

I want to thank the volunteers who are serving on the Westbury Civic Club board for the next twelve months. These volunteers care deeply about Westbury and devote their free time to attend meetings, take training classes, write letters, plan activities, or do the nitty-gritty work of making an organization like the Westbury Civic Club (WCC) work. Unlike many property owner associations, the WCC is self-managed and operates with a part-time employee and volunteer workers. I also want to thank the WCC board members who have decided to step down from the board this year. Thank you for your service on the board! The Westbury Civic Club is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year and it takes all of us working together to keep this neighborhood great.

I hope you found the WCC Annual Meeting, held on September 22, to be informative. A recording of the meeting is available online on the WestburyHouston Facebook page. Sgt. Derkowski gave a Public Safety Update on behalf of the Precinct 5 Constables. Most of the meeting was devoted to a discussion by District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum about issues and city projects related to our Westbury neighborhood, followed by a question and answer session. The incoming WCC Board is listed on page 7.

I had sometimes wondered, in the past, why the Westbury Civic Club starts its new board year in the fall, but it makes more sense to me now. Of course, it helps to get

a new board started before the Thanksgiving and December holidays, but it seems fitting that this time of year feels almost like the beginning of a new year, as weather conditions become more temperate. Perhaps in other parts of the country the best time of year is in the summer, but in Houston the spring and fall months are my favorite months of the year.

As we enter the month of October, this is a time for hikes and bike rides and listening to kids laughing while they play outside. October is a month to enjoy football games and fall baseball and picnics and tailgate parties. October is a fine month to work in the yard and to plant new trees or shrubs so that the plants will have time to get their roots established before the cold of winter or the heat of the summer. It is fun to stroll along our Westbury streets and see how homes and yards are being decorated for the Autumn Harvest or for Halloween.

There are many community activities planned this month. There are more details in this newsletter about these upcoming events, but I want to make sure that you don't miss out.

The first October event will be our National Night Out (NNO) event on Tuesday, October 5, from 5 to 7 PM. This event will be in the parking lot of the Westbury Civic Club office at 5322 West Bellfort. Meet the new 2022 WCC Board and the Westbury Area Patrol Constables. We may also see representatives from the city drop by, too. We will have also some fun freebies and

some surprises, including a sneak preview of a Harvest Trolley, a unique grocery shopping and delivery service. We look forward to meeting you!

Westbury's White Elephant Sale (community garage sale) is on October 23. You won't want to miss this fun event which is a beloved tradition in Westbury! A "white elephant" is an unwanted treasure, but one person's junk might be just what you are looking for. A friend posted on social media that she once purchased a piece of art at the Westbury White Elephant Sale for \$5, and it turned out to be worth more than a thousand dollars. The popular local PUCS food truck will be selling their delicious coffee and other yummy treats during the event. See page 1 and 8 for more information.

The MusicFest at Willow Waterhole is BACK! Instead of the usual 2-day event in April, this year the event will be one day, on Saturday, October 30. There will be some of Houston's finest food trucks, Halloween fun, costume contests for people and dogs, plus great music – all in a pleasant outdoor setting. FREE admission. Check the MusicFest website for Information and updates at WillowWaterhole.org/MusicFest. We are so fortunate that Willow Waterhole is located here in Westbury. It keeps getting better year after year. My husband and I plan to attend the MusicFest and we hope to see you there!

Cindy Chapman

WCC Board Notes - September 2021 Annual Meeting

- ➔ The September Westbury Civic Club board meeting was held via Zoom and streamed live on Facebook.
- ➔ Public Safety – Sgt. Derkowski from Precinct 5 Constables gave an update on recent crimes and various programs offered by the Precinct 5 Constables such as Silver Watch and RAD.
- ➔ HISD Trustee Myrna Guidry spoke about our district and gave updates.
- ➔ Main speaker was District K City Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum. See page 9 for more about her updates and announcements.
- ➔ WCC 2022 Election—WCC Director Lauren Figard reviewed the slate of candidates for the WCC Board. All positions were uncontested, therefore, per the by-laws, all candidates are elected as of the date of the Annual Meeting.
- ➔ Trails in Westbury – looking for a volunteer to assist with mowing grass trails.
- ➔ The next WCC Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 20, at 7PM and will be held via Zoom. We will go back to in person meetings in January 2022.

NEXT
WCC Board
Meeting
Wednesday
October 20, 7PM
Zoom Meeting
Livestreamed on
Westbury Houston
Facebook page

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



Temporary Supervisor—Julia Soto

Email—Julia.Soto@houston.tx.gov

Platou Center is OPEN for Adult Classes

Adult Program Schedule
Programs will run from 9:30AM—1PM, Monday—Friday

- Exercise—M/W/F, 9-10AM**
- Quilting— Tuesday, 9AM –1PM**
- Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM**
- Ping Pong—Thursday, 9-10:30AM**

Temperature checks and social distancing will be enforced.
Face coverings are strongly encouraged.
Frequent cleaning and sanitizing will be maintained.
For the full City of Houston policy, please visit—
www.houstontx.gov/adminpolicies

Playground, basketball, and tennis courts are OPEN.

Library News

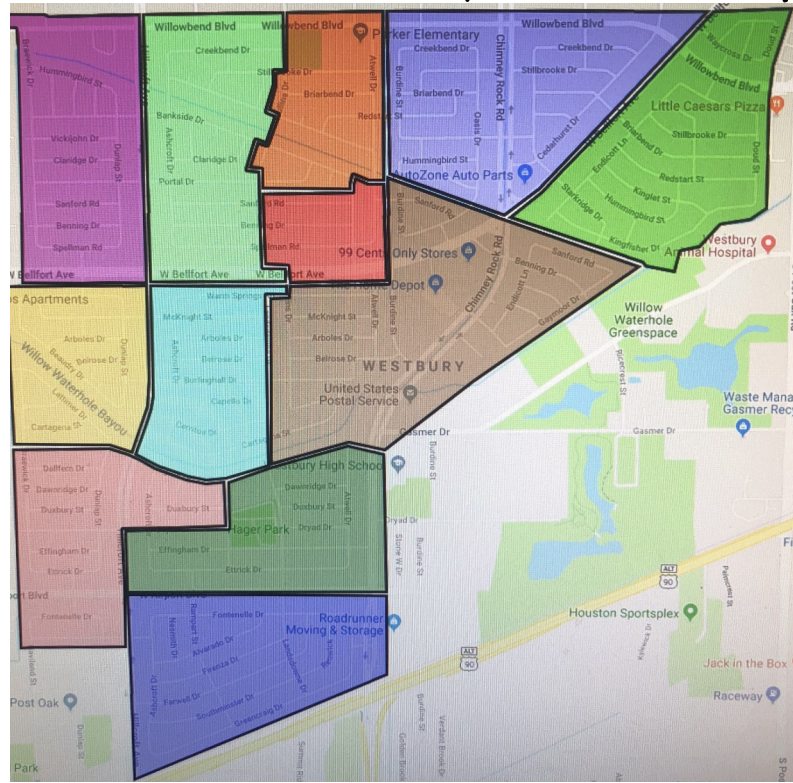
A new library is coming to Westbury! The new library will be located on Belrose at the site of the old post office. The new library will be a large, regional library for District K and Southwest Houston.

Construction of the site is slated to begin in 2022 with completion in 2023. The new name for the library will be the Shannon Walker Regional Library. More about this on page 9.

The Westbury Civic Club started a Library Action Committee that has been meeting every 2 weeks for several months. The committee is made up of Westbury residents. One of the main concerns highlighted by the Committee is cut through traffic in the neighborhood to get to the new library. The library will have access from Belrose and Chimney Rock. The concern is the high amount of traffic down Atwell or other Westbury 3 streets to get to Belrose. Belrose is only accessible from other neighborhood streets, it does not connect to any major street. One possible solution the committee is suggesting is that that official address for the library be Chimney Rock, not Belrose. This will make it easier for Houston residents to find the new library, as Chimney Rock is a major throughfare. We are hopeful this will eliminate some neighborhood cut through traffic. Many people using mapping apps. These apps would direct people to enter from Chimney Rock if that is the address, not Belrose, so most non-Westbury residents will be directed to that entrance when trying to find the new library.

The committee is trying to set a meeting with the City of Houston to discuss traffic concerns.

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

October 2021 Calendar Events/Meetings

Tues 5	Booths on Sale for White Elephant Sale—EVERYONE	9AM
Tues 5	National Night Out Drive Thru Event WCC parking lot, 5322 W. Bellfort Meet the board and Westbury Constables	5-7PM
Thurs 14	JUNK WASTE HEAVY TRASH PICK UP	
Sat 16	Audubon Society Bird Survey 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey	8-10AM
Wed 20	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Zoom Meeting—Live Stream on WAIC Houston Facebook	9:30AM
Wed 20	Westbury Annual Meeting—via Zoom Live Stream on Westbury Houston Facebook	7PM
Sat 23	Westbury White Elephant Sale Westbury United Methodist—5200 Willowbend See page 1 for more information	8AM-Noon
Sat 30	Willow Waterhole Music Fest Willow Waterhole, 5300 Dryad More information on pages 18 and 19	11AM-7PM
Nov 6	Rain Date for White Elephant Sale	

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 2021

November 2021

Thursday, October 7

Thursday, November 4

Thursday, October 21

Thursday, November 18

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 2021

November 2021

JUNK WASTE

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, October 14

Thursday, November 11

PLAN AHEAD

November 6—Rain Date for White Elephant Sale
November 25—Thanksgiving

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



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. The past several years' contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and to the Westbury Area Patrol have been down. 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 **2021 Voluntary Dues is \$360**. That is less than a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$300 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month

→ Zoom Meeting

→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

This Month's Meeting

WCC Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 7PM

Zoom Meeting—Livestreamed on Westbury Houston Facebook

In Person Meetings to resume January 2022

Pay Your Dues Online www.westburycrier.com

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

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$60
- WCC Constables — \$300
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$360
- Custom Amount — You can enter your own amount

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

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

Read the Westbury Crier ONLINE!

Did you know that you can read the *Westbury Crier* online? Our website, www.westburycrier.com has an archive of past Criers starting with March 2011 all the way to the current issue. We are working on getting all the past issues scanned and online. There is great Westbury history in the old Criers. If you sign up for announcements on the website, you will get an email every month with a link to the Crier.

The WCC tries to get the Crier to residents as close to the 1st of the month as possible. Sometimes this is hard to accomplish as there are printer issues, weather delays, and schedule problems with our delivery team. We apologize for any inconvenience. Subscribe to WCC announcements on our website, and you will receive an email with a link to the online Crier each month.

Please send this form in with your payment

2021 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

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Make sure to include your address

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 \$180 is \$360/yr
3 payments of \$120 is \$360/yr
4 payments of \$90 is \$360/yr

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$60	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$300	\$
Subtotal	\$360	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol		\$
Total		\$

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.

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. These assessments may be adjusted annually by the most recently published annual percentage change for the US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance with the deed restrictions.

The 2021 Mandatory Assessments of \$250.90 Due Date Extension—4/1/2021 due to mailing issues.

We apologize for any inconvenience. Any questions, email westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Congratulations to New 2022 WCC Board

The new 2022 Westbury Civic Club Board was elected during the Annual Meeting on September 22. All races were uncontested so per the by-laws, all candidates are considered elected. Thank you for volunteering to serve your neighborhood! There are several vacant positions on the board. If you are interested, please email wccpresident@westburycrier.com.

Vacant WCC Board Positions—Director of Security, Director of Deed Restrictions, Director of Volunteers/Events, Section Director for Sections Westbury 4, Westbury 5, Westbury South, Parkwest 2, Parkwest 3.

New 2022 Westbury Civic Club Board

Position	Nomination
President	Cindy Chapman
Vice President	Marcia Hartman
Secretary	Katherine Wingfield
Treasurer	Becky Edmondson
Communications	Lauren Figard
Community Relations	Tony Robert
Membership	Susan Brock
Infrastructure	Jennifer Edmondson
Greenspace	Mat Funk
Westbury 1	Santiago Caraballo
Westbury 2	Lindsey Pollock
Westbury 3	Jeff Benavides
Westbury 3	Jonathan Hansen
Westbury 4	Eugene Sirls
Westbury 5	Donna Strom
Parkwest 1	Angela Furnari

WCC Leaders Attend District K Workshop

More than 50 community leaders from across District K attended an informative workshop in September to learn about changes made by the Texas legislature that will affect civic clubs, HOAs, and similar property owner associations. The workshop was organized by District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum. As she noted, "We have to know the law in order to protect and enhance the value of our communities."

The Westbury Civic Club must follow our governing documents (for example – bylaws and deed restrictions), but we must also follow the state laws in the Texas Property Codes. The Texas legislature made several amendments in 2021. Some of the property code amendments only apply if there are mandatory assessments (Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2), and some changes apply to every home in Westbury.

Five people associated with the Westbury Civic Club attended the workshop. CM Martha Castex-Tatum noted that "it's my goal to bring quality programming to our community so our leaders are successful and our communities continue to thrive."



Becky Edmondson, Lindsey Pollock, CM Martha Castex-Tatum, Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, and Maggie Donovan at the District K Workshop

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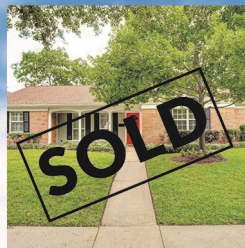
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2021 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale

October 23, 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 23, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend.** The rain date is November 6. 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 2021 WCC membership dues of \$60. 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 5**, if space permits, on a first

come, first serve basis. The booth price for non-residents and groups is \$80-85.

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 23, 8AM to Noon

**Due to limited space and increased interest by homeowners, only individual homeowners may purchase booth space before October 5. Non-residents and ALL non-profit organizations and groups (including Westbury resident run) must wait until October 5. 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.*



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District K Martha Castex Tatum Featured at Annual Meeting

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) was honored to have Martha Castex-Tatum as our Guest Speaker for the September WCC Annual Meeting. She represents District K on Houston City Council, so she is the elected official for most residents of Westbury. She is also the Vice-Mayor Pro Tem (VMPT) for the City of Houston, which is an important position meaning she can preside at meetings on behalf of the Mayor when he is not available to attend. The September WCC meeting was held via Zoom video and was broadcast live on the WCC Facebook page. A video of the meeting is currently available on the WCC Facebook page. Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum started by congratulating the Westbury Civic Club for its 65th Anniversary this year. She then provided updates on a variety of topics.

New Library

CM Castex-Tatum thanked everyone who served on the library naming committee, and noted that the committee helped narrow the names from about 300 suggestions down to 5 finalists, which were then voted on by the public. The future library to be built in Westbury will be named after astronaut Dr. Shannon Walker, who grew up in Westbury and attended Westbury area schools. There will be an outdoor reading area named in memory of Donald Perkins, the first chief of staff for District K. The start date for the library construction has been pushed back to 2022, with completion anticipated in 2023.

Gateways at Highway 90A (South Main)

Five intersections along South Main have been painted bright colors and will have special lighting.

Railroad crossing at Hillcroft

The concrete has been replaced at the railroad tracks where they cross Hillcroft at S. Main.

Willow Waterhole

District K has committed \$150,000 to pave the Dryad driveway with asphalt, in association with the Brays Oaks Management District. Completion is anticipated by the end of October, depending on the cooperation of the weather.

Swales in Westbury

Harris County Flood Control District has purchased 7 lots located along the Willow Waterhole Bayou in Westbury to be greenspace and used for drainage projects. The lots currently have swales on them to help water drain during high rain events. Eventually these lots will be used for the City drainage projects coming to Westbury. However, HCFCF is currently responsible for maintenance of the lots, so contact HCFCF for maintenance issues.

ReBuild Houston

see BuildHoustonForward.org

* The Westbury area drainage subproject is in design phase.

- * Concrete panels have been replaced in the 11000 area of Hillcroft for \$126,000. More concrete panel replacements are coming in future, including on W. Bellfort.
- * City has purchased the Spring Village Apartments (at Ludington and Chimney Rock) for future park/detention, but residents are still being relocated.
- * Sidewalks are responsibility of homeowner, but there is a bit of money available for sidewalk improvements for accessibility reasons.

Hager Park

Funds were approved in the 2017 Parks Bond for Hager Park at \$493,000, but it is in the 2026 budget. There was discussion about how to move up this project.

Trash

Solid Waste has a new app to help people know when they should put out trash. There is a lot of trash throughout the District and CM Castex-Tatum has her awesome HOT Team, which cleans up problem areas and reports problems. She encourages everyone to pick up 185 pieces of litter to help celebrate the 185th birthday of Houston. There has been less dumping around donation boxes since she helped spearhead an ordinance regulating donation boxes.

Communication

CM Martha Castex-Tatum encouraged everyone to sign up to receive the District K newsletter. To sign up, send email to DistrictK@houston.tx.gov and request to be added to the mailing list.

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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. One good piece of advice is to look for warnings and alerts from the actual source, for example the National Hurricane Center. 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

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. Another tool available on the website is a Flood Inundation real time map that can help residents make critical decisions regarding life and property during events. If you are ever curious about the rainfall amounts and rate, you can also look up historical data.

National Hurricane Center

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

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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.

Be Alert. Be Weather Smart.

Sign Up for Alerts from the City

Sometimes it is easy to become complacent with weather alerts, but emails, texts, and phone calls from the City Alert System can be extremely helpful. Timely information during emergencies is important. AlertHouston delivers critical information to Houston residents regarding current conditions, expected impacts, and protective actions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe.

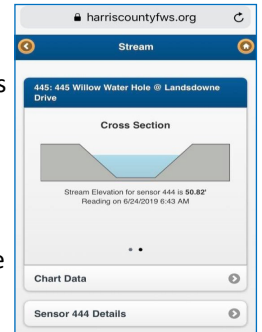
More information is available at
www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/

Flood Gage Warning Alerts

The regional 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 a Harris and surrounding counties. Westbury has one of these gages located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou (#445). This information is available 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.

The Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne rises quickly and it's imperative to surrounding homeowners to know what is happening. It is important to remember that this gage will likely stay at a certain level (approximately 51-52ft) when flood waters are going over the weirs downstream into the Willow Waterhole detention basins.



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



Westbury Flood Gage Explained

Westbury has a flood gage located on the Willow Waterhole Bayou at Landsdowne (gage 445). Once the Willow Waterhole Bayou reaches a certain level, the water will overflow the weirs into the basins at the Willow Waterhole complex. The Westbury flood gage (which is upstream of the basins) will read steady at this point, typically around 51.2-51.5 ft. It is also at this same level, that the flood control system will show that flooding is possible in Westbury and the news will start reporting it as such. While this is technically true and flooding can happen anywhere, it is important to remember that we have the basins downstream. Watch the gage levels to really know. If the gage holds steady, it is likely water is flowing into the basins, not homes. If the gage were to start rising again, flooding would be very likely in Westbury homes. The unknown factor is how full the basins are or will get once it starts raining. There is no gage or camera at the basins.

The gage in Westbury is set to only update when there is a change in water level. If we are in the middle of a rain event and the gage stops updating, while at the level of 51.2-51.5 ft, it is likely that the water is overflowing the weirs downstream.

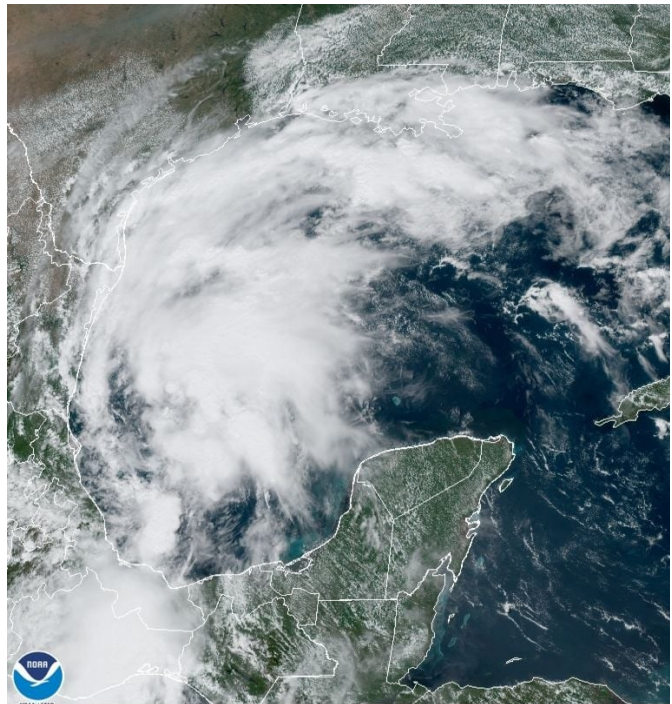
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Hurricane Nicholas Hits Texas

Hurricane Nicholas made landfall as a Category 1 hurricane on the Texas mid-coast on September 14 and blew through Houston as a Tropical Storm. Fortunately, our side of town received much less rainfall than some weather forecasts had anticipated. The biggest issue in Westbury was the wind. Wind gusts caused tree limbs to fall and many power outages occurred in the Westbury area. Most of the Westbury power outages lasted less than a day but some homeowners were out for over 40 hours. The heaviest rainfalls happened closer to the coast and east of the Houston area. There was no reports of home flooding in Westbury. While the Atlantic hurricane season isn't over until November, typically in Texas, we do not see major storms after September.

However, always keep an eye on the tropics and listen to trusted weather sources (see column to the left).



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Storm Debris from Hurricane Nicholas

In the past, when storm debris is extensive across the City, the Solid Waste Department has had special collection for the storm debris. However, in September, storm damage from Hurricane Nicholas varied widely across the city. The city only collected storm debris for homeowners who CALLED 311 to report that they had storm debris at the curb to be collected. For those who did not see the alert to call 311, storm debris will be collected on the usual Heavy Trash day which is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday, on October 14. You can put your tree and junk waste at the curb on the weekend before Thursday, October 14.



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Commercial Property Updates

Buzzy Bee Gas Station/Car Wash/Convenience Store at West Bellfort/Chimney Rock - If you have been driving on W. Bellfort near the intersection of Chimney Rock, you have probably noticed that earth moving equipment has been very busy this past month. Many years ago, this vacant lot had housed an Exxon gas station, a laundry mat, plus several small retail centers. The buildings had become dilapidated and were eventually demolished. There had been interest a few years ago in placing a fitness center on the site, and then there had been some discussion of a small grocery store. Neither of those concepts or other ideas were ever implemented, and now the usage of the site is coming full circle with a gas station being built again. This new commercial development is a land lease, and the owner of the land still owns the part of the site that faces Chimney Rock. We have heard that the restaurant associated with the gas station will be a Sonic.

Dick's Sporting Goods - After months of speculation, a sign has been recently posted that Dick's Sporting Goods is remodeling the former Bed Bath and Beyond space at Meyerland Plaza on Beechnut. There is not a sporting goods store in our area, so many families are very happy that this sporting goods store will be opening nearby to Westbury.

Bucky's (Not the well-known Texas Buccee's!) - A Bucky's sign has been posted for a while at a vacant lot located on the corner of South Post Oak at South Willow. We have heard the project is delayed and perhaps is being re-evaluated because convenience store chain, Casey's General Stores, purchased Buchanan Energy, the owner of Bucky's Convenience Stores, in May 2021. Bucky's had operated convenience stores in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas.

Spark Gas Station at West Airport/Hillcroft - the existing gas station at this corner has been in the process of being remodeled for a while. The convenience store is being expanded, and a new canopy and gas pumps have been built. New landscaping has been planted recently, so the store looks like it will be opening soon.

Harvest Trolley – if you drop by the Neighborhood Night Out event on October 5 at the Westbury Civic Club office Parking lot, the Harvest Market grocery store will offer a preview of their “Harvest Trolley”. This is a convenience store on wheels – you can order groceries to be delivered to your door from the main grocery store, with an option to be able to purchase items from the delivery trolley if you forgot to order a commonly purchased item.



Request a Vacation Watch



Going on a vacation? Leaving for a weekend getaway? 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> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

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



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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

August 28—September 27, 2021
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5600	Arboles	Simple Assault	9/5	6pm	Westbury 3
12300	Atwell	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	9/25	1pm	Westbury South
5700	Bankside	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	9/9	12am	Parkwest 2
11100	Burdine	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	9/14	10am	Westbury 3
11100	Cedarhurst	Simple Assault	9/6	12pm	Westbury 2
5800	Dryad	Theft—other	9/13	3pm	Westbury 4
5800	Effingham	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/21	12pm	Westbury 4
6000	Ettrick	Theft—other	9/16	2pm	Westbury 4
10900	Hillcroft	Simple Assault	9/5	1am	Parkwest 2
12300	Hillcroft	Homicide, Murder	8/29	2am	Westbury 4
12300	Landsdowne	Theft—other	9/22	10am	Westbury South
6000	Lattimer	Simple Assault	9/18	6pm	Parkwest 3
10800	Moonlight	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	9/24	7pm	Westbury 2
12300	Mullins	Simple Assault	9/3	8am	Westbury South
5000	Redstart	Sexual Offense—Statutory rape	9/23	8am	Westbury 1
5200	Sanford	Theft—other	9/21	2am	Westbury 3
6000	W. Airport	Sexual Assault—Forcible Rape	9/24	9pm	Westbury 4

	Theft from Motor Vehicle
	Auto Theft
	Theft—other
	Burglary
	Assault, Simple or aggravated
	Murder

The crimes listed took place between August 28 and September 27. 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/Public
Aggravated Assault	0	5	0	3
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	1	2	0
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	4	3	5	0
Robbery	0	0	4	0
Simple Assault	5	16	1	0
Shoplifting	0	0	5	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	3	0	2
Vandalism, Damage	0	0	0	0
Auto Theft	0	3	1	0
Theft from Building	0	1	1	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	1	2	0
Theft—Other	4	3	0	0
Murder	1	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	2	1	0	0
DUI	0	0	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	1
Arson	0	1	0	0
Intimidation	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	17	39	21	8



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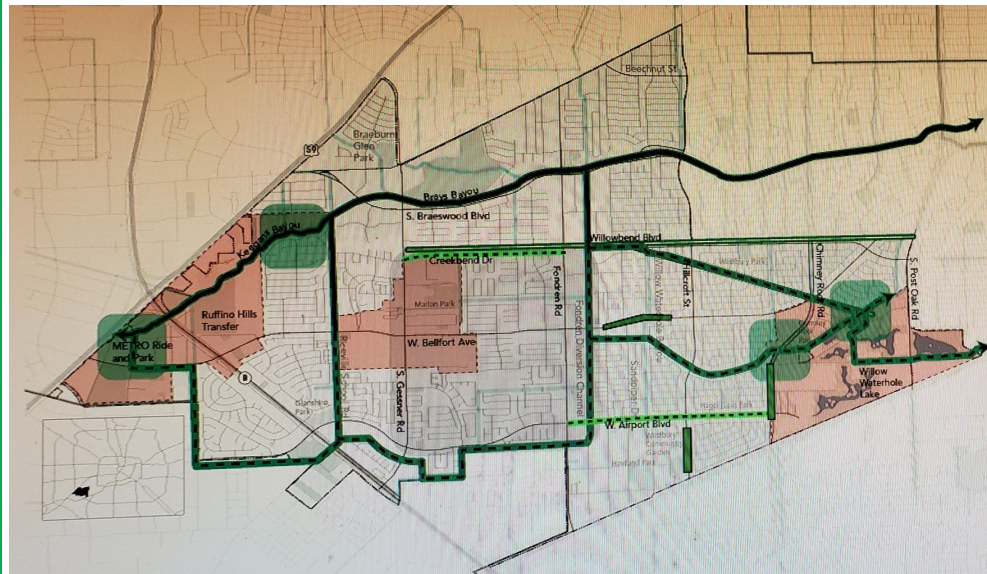
Brays Oaks Livable Center Study Public Comments Welcome

The Brays Oaks Livable Centers' second public workshop was conducted "virtually" on Thursday, Sept. 23. The second Public Workshop included a presentation of the Study's draft recommendations for housing, economic development, and transportation to help the community reach the goals of the Livable Centers program. If you were unable to participate in the public workshop, public comments will be accepted through October 11.

The workshop presentation and materials are available online at the website for the Brays Oaks Management District www.braysoaksmd.org

If you would prefer to look at large informational boards in person, they are posted for view by the public in the lobby atrium behind the building elevators at 10103 Fondren. This is the building where the Brays Oaks Management District office is located. These boards will be provided for public viewing from September 27 to October 11. Written copies of a survey will be provided in the same area where the informational boards are posted. An online survey will also be available on www.braysoaksmd.org.

The Livable Centers program is managed by the Houston-Galveston Area Council and is funded by the Texas Department of Transportation. The purpose of the program is to support communities in developing plans to create walkable, mixed-use communities that provide multi-modal transportation options, improve environmental quality, and promote economic development.



Westbury MailBag

The Westbury Civic Club gets hundreds of emails and calls a month and many people have the same questions. This new monthly feature will contain last month's hot topics!



Q: We are looking to buy a home in Westbury, but want to make sure it has deed restrictions and we are confused about the information.

A. EVERY home in EVERY section of Westbury is protected by actively enforced Deed Restrictions. Some homes have voluntary dues and some have mandatory assessments. The Deed Restrictions are always active, whether or not dues or assessments have been paid. If you purchase a home in the Parkwest 1 or Parkwest 2 sections of Westbury, then you would have mandatory assessments to pay every year. All other homes in Westbury have voluntary dues. There is NO such thing as "grandfathered" in any section other than Parkwest 1 and 2. ALL homes have ACTIVE deed restrictions, despite your support of the Westbury Civic Club and whether or not you pay the WCC Dues.

Q: I am trying to refinance my home. Can you provide a statement of account?

A: Yes! Just email the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net. We can easily provide this documentation.

If you have any questions you would like featured in the Crier, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net



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- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
- Houston Cares - Contact at <https://houstoncaresrescue.org/>

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HISD “Listen and Learn” Event at WHS

New HISD Superintendent Millard House II was in Westbury in September as part of his “Listen and Learn” tour throughout the nine Trustee districts of the Houston Independent School District. Those in the audience in the Westbury High School (WHS) auditorium included parents, teachers, and concerned members of the public, including 3 members of the WCC Board, Cindy Chapman, Becky Edmondson, and Marcia Hartman.



CM Martha Castex-Tatum, Cindy Chapman, HISD Trustee Guidry, HISD Superintendent House, Becky Edmondson

Supt. House briefly spoke about his history as an educator. As a dyslexic, he mentioned he is a living witness that children with learning disabilities can succeed when they get the help that they need in school. He said that he has 3 initial critical priorities for HISD, and the audience was invited to vote by texting from their phone with their preferred ways to implement these 3 priorities.

- * We will provide an exceptional classroom education in every neighborhood.
- * We will meet unique learning needs through quality special education services.
- * We will lead with accountability, energy, and integrity at every level of the district.

After his initial comments, HISD Supt. House invited those in the audience to make comments. On behalf of the Westbury Civic Club and the Westbury community, Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman both spoke, noting that there is a disparity in our community between the education experience in the two elementary schools located in our community - Parker Elementary and Anderson Elementary. They mentioned concerns about the lack of a functioning library at Anderson Elementary and requested that the school to be included in the next HISD bond program to get a new school building. Bill Burhans, a Westbury resident and President of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, expressed concern about crime in the area of Willow Waterhole and Westbury High School and brought crime statistics data. He reminded Supt. House that HISD had promised in the previous bond to purchase the apartments located between the WHS baseball complex and WHS, but HISD then breached that promise.

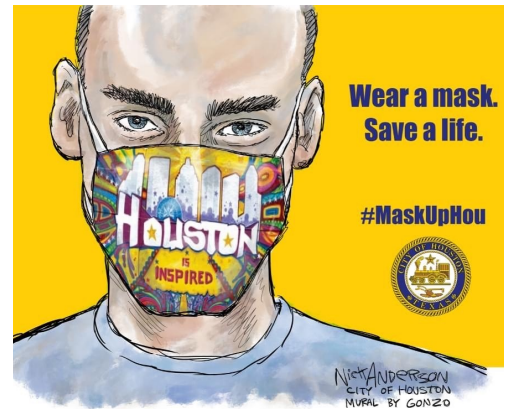
After the end of the meeting, Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson talked with Supt. House, District IX Trustee Myrna Guidry, and the principals of the 3 schools located in Westbury: Deshonta Everett from Anderson Elementary, Chavis Mitchell from Parker Elementary, and Jerri Nixon from Westbury High School. They thanked Supt. House for holding the “Listen and Learn” event; it was quite informative.



Cindy Chapman, Jerri Nixon, Trustee Guidry, Becky Edmondson, Deshonta Everett, and Chavis Mitchell



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Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19

(data from publichealthharriscountytx.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
10/26/20	1,360	894	82,999
11/23/20	1,504	1,026	93,988
12/20/20	1,779	1,240	110,445
1/26/21	2,238	1,659	150,091
2/23/21	2,613	1,943	170,667
3/29/21	2,752	2,069	182,440
4/25/21	2,837	2,126	189,585
5/19/21	2,863	2,152	192,238
6/28/21	2,842	2,153	192,674
7/28/21	2,920	2,216	197,088
8/24/21	3,409	2,675	233,287
9/28/21	3,927	3,139	271,395

Sunflower Maze Cancelled

We are sorry to report that the Magical Sunflower Maze and related activities at the Westbury Community Garden have all been cancelled due to storm damage from Hurricane Nicholas.

The Magical Sunflower Maze at the Westbury Community Garden, which had been shaping up to be a truly magical maze adventure, ended up a flattened sunflower field thanks to the fierce winds and rains of Hurricane Nicholas. The sale of sunflower bouquets was also cancelled.

Let's hope the weather cooperates better next year.

The Westbury Community Garden is already planning improvements for the sunflower field and will bring the maze back again next year.

Fall Seed Packs For Sale

Each spring and fall, the WCG curates a special seed collection of vegetables, herbs, and sometimes flowers. This year the Fall Seed Pack contains 29 varieties for only \$12. Seed sales begin mid-September. To reserve your seed packet today, email seeds@westburycommunitygarden.org

Farm Stand at the Garden

Plant It Forward Farms is operating a weekly farm stand in Westbury! Take advantage of the opportunity to purchase fresh grown produce from your local neighborhood farmer, Farmer Sarment.

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WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

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Visitors are welcome to drop by the Westbury Community Garden, BUT please remember to only LOOK. Do NOT pick fruits, vegetables, herbs or flowers that are being grown at the garden.

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Paving of Dryad Drive

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum is keeping the commitment of the late CM Larry Green and has allocated \$150K for the paving of Dryad Drive at the Willow Waterhole. It is one of two major projects coming to fruition this year. Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis is also funding 2.5 miles of new trails around Westbury Lake.

Construction on the trails is expected to start at the end of the year and the Dryad paving project is expected to be completed right before the October 30th MusicFest. There may be closures of Dryad in September and October during construction; alternative parking is available at 11350 Ricecrest. We are looking forward to these improvements!

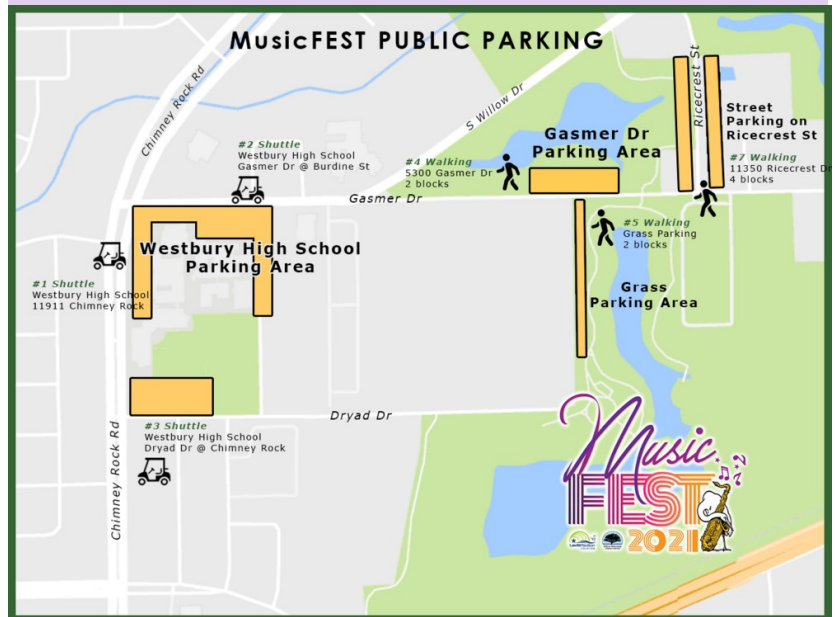


MusicFest 2021 October 30, 11AM-7PM

Bring the entire family out to the MusicFest at the Willow Waterhole This free music festival is fun for everyone! MusicFest takes place at the Schwartz Gazebo off Dryad Drive behind Westbury High School. There are several parking options, see picture below or go to www.willowwaterhole.org/musicfest-parking.

Some of Houston's finest food trucks will be onsite, along with the traditional Halloween "Trunk or Treat" Cars. The kids will enjoy the Haunted House Maze and Mortals and Dogs costume contest. Bring chairs and blankets and plan to stay the day. Everyone will find something to enjoy in this naturally beautiful greenspace.

Food trucks include Turkey Leg Hut Express, Cool Runnings Jamaican Grill and Sizzles. The menus are available on the MusicFest website.



Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

What: Audubon Society Bird Survey

When: Saturday, October 16, 7-9AM

Where: Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow



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Westbury White Elephant Sale is BACK!!! Saturday, October 23, 8AM-Noon

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