



Westbury Crier

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2022 Fall White Elephant Sale

COME SHOP OVER 40 GARAGE SALES IN ONE LOCATION!

**Sat., November 5
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 10 for more information.

New Library is One Step Closer

Old Post Office Demolished

Exciting News! The site of the new library is finally being cleared. Demolition of the old post office on Belrose started after Labor Day. **To learn more about the exciting new Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library coming to Westbury, see page 16.**



Mayor Turner Coming to Westbury

**October WCC Meeting
Wednesday, October 19, 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church, Game Room
10425 Hillcroft**

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MEETING NOTICE!

**Flooding & Drainage Meeting
Harris County Flood Control
November 10, 7PM
Westbury Baptist
see page 7 for more info**

Support the Westbury Civic Club TODAY!

PAY YOUR 2022 DUES!



PAY ONLINE!

Deed Restriction Revision Update

There is a real need to update the deed restrictions. The Westbury Civic Club is holding meetings for specific section to start the process of updating the restrictions.

Parkwest 3, Westbury 4, Westbury 5

If you are a homeowner in one of these 3 sections, be on the look out for a letter in the mail with important information about a meeting for your section.

**DEED RESTRICTION REVISION SECTION MEETINGS
Westbury 5—Thursday, October 13
Parkwest 3 / Westbury 4—Thursday, October 18**

HEAVY TRASH

**October 2022
Thurs., October 13
JUNK WASTE**

**November 2022
Thursday, Nov. 10
TREE WASTE ONLY**

RECYCLING

**October 2022
Thursday, October 6
Thursday, October 20**

**November 2022
Thursday, November 3
Thursday, November 17**

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035
Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

Westbury Civic Club Office Hours
Mon.-Thurs., 10AM-12PM
WCC Office Closed Friday–Sunday

NOTARY SERVICES— available to paid WCC members

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Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666
Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch
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Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131
Southwest HPD Station832-394-0400

CITY OF HOUSTON

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*

CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222
Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111
Street light repairs.....713-207-2222
Make sure to give pole number

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111
County Commissioner Jack Cagle.....832-927-4444
Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmid.org
Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmid.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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Contact the Westbury Civic Club at 713-723-5437 or
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At-Large 3.....VACANT
At-Large 4.....VACANT

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Westbury 4.....Becky Pate
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Parkwest 1..... VACANT
Parkwest 2.....Bob Droubi
Parkwest 3Alan Hirshman

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

I want to personally invite you to drop by the WCC Office Open House and Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) event on October 11 from 5 to 7 pm. NNO is intended for neighbors to meet neighbors, enjoy some food and fun, and meet guests who drop by. Our Members of the WCC Board will be there to welcome you as you visit the WCC office, so this is a great time to meet the new Board for 2023. The event will be held in both the parking lot and in the WCC office. The address is 5322 West Bellfort, Suite 100. We are located in the 2-story office building across the street from the Chase Bank. We will also be accepting payments for the WCC Security Patrol and WCC Dues during the Open House.

I enjoyed meeting everyone who attended the WCC September Annual meeting. It is so much better to meet in person than meeting on Zoom. I enjoyed mingling before and after the meeting to talk with you. I hope you all found the Annual Meeting to be informative. Our Guest Speaker was District K Councilmember / Vice Mayor Protem Martha Castex-Tatum. We also heard a Public Safety Update from the Precinct 5 Constables, and an update from Westbury High School. The proposed by-law changes were approved by ballot vote. The mood for the evening was positive, except for our financial situation. We are at the point in the year where our expenses have exceeded our income. I encourage you to pay your dues, pay your Westbury Security Patrol fees, and consider sending additional funds if you have already paid for the year.

I want to thank the volunteers who are serving on the Westbury Civic Club Board for the next 12 months. These volunteers care deeply about Westbury and devote their free time to attend meetings, take training classes, write letters, plan activities, and make an organization like the Westbury Civic Club work. Unlike many property owner associations, the WCC is self-managed and operates with one part-time employee and volunteer labor.

I also want to thank the five members of the WCC Board who have stepped down this year: Lauren Figard, Tony Robert, Angela Funari, Donna Strom, and Stephen Deavult. Thank you for your dedication and hard work for Westbury.

Three members of the WCC Board joined me as we attended a training workshop in September about CPTED – Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. Thank you to Maggie Donovan, Becky Edmondson, and Marcia Hartman for attending the workshop which was hosted by the Houston Police Department and the Department of Neighborhoods. The class reinforced our knowledge that small actions can work together to improve safety for all. The Westbury Civic Club has a paid patrol contract with the Precinct 5 Constable program, and this program works best when all of us work together to keep Westbury as safe as possible. Call the Constable dispatcher if you see activity that is unusual or suspicious. Lighting, fencing, landscaping, security cameras are among other features that you can use as tools to help keep your own home safer and help keep our neighbor-

hood safer. Public safety is high on our list of priorities for the coming WCC Board year.

October and November are busy months on the WCC calendar. I encourage you to carefully look at the many activities and meetings that are on the community calendar. Mark them on your calendar so you don't miss out.

There are several opportunities to learn more about how the City of Houston is helping Westbury. Mayor Turner will be our speaker at the October WCC Board Meeting on October 19. We hope to see many of you in attendance. The WCC has arranged for a Flood and Drainage meeting with Harris County Flood Control and the City of Houston on November 10. Learn more about this important flood meeting on page 7.

There are many fun fall community events coming to Westbury. The Fall MusicFEST at the Willow Waterhole is on Saturday, October 29. The Fall White Elephant Sale will be on November 5. Learn more about both these events and other activities in this edition of the *Crier*. My husband and I will be in attendance and hope to see you all there!

-Cindy Chapman

WCC Board Notes - September 2022

- ➔ The September 2022 meeting was the Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting. For a full review of the meeting, see page 9.
- ➔ The 2022-2023 board was elected effective 9/21/22, all positions were uncontested.
- ➔ The proposed by-law changes were voted on by ballot. The votes were tallied after the meeting and all the proposed changes were approved.
- ➔ Featured speaker was District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum with community updates. Pct. 5 Constables, Westbury High School, and Harris County Precinct 1 gave updates.
- ➔ The WCC gave presentation of accomplishments in 2022.
- ➔ Thank you to all our door prize donors!
- ➔ Next WCC meeting is Wednesday, October 19, 7PM, at Westbury Baptist.

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October WCC Meeting
October 19
7PM

We hope to see you there

WCC Board

Meeting

Wednesday
October 19
7PM

IN PERSON MEETING
Westbury Baptist Church
10425 Hillcroft, Game Room

HOUSTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



New Supervisor— Dajai Tennard
Email—Dajai.Tennard@houston.tx.gov

Platou Center is open from 9:30AM—6PM, Monday—Friday

Adult Classes @ The Platou Center

- Exercise—M/W/F, 9:30-10:30AM
- Quilting— Tuesday, 9:30AM –2PM
- Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM
- New Members are Needed—Other times can be added if interested.
- Ping Pong—Thursday, 9:30-10:30AM

There is currently plenty of open times on the Platou Center Calendar. If you are interested in something particular, like line dancing, genealogy, crafts and other great get together ideas, call Dajai Tennard at 713-726-7107. There are no bad ideas!

Presents EATING AS LEISURE FOR BETTER HEALTH

Health and Wellness Workshop at the Platou Center
Tuesday, October 25, 6:30PM – 7:45PM

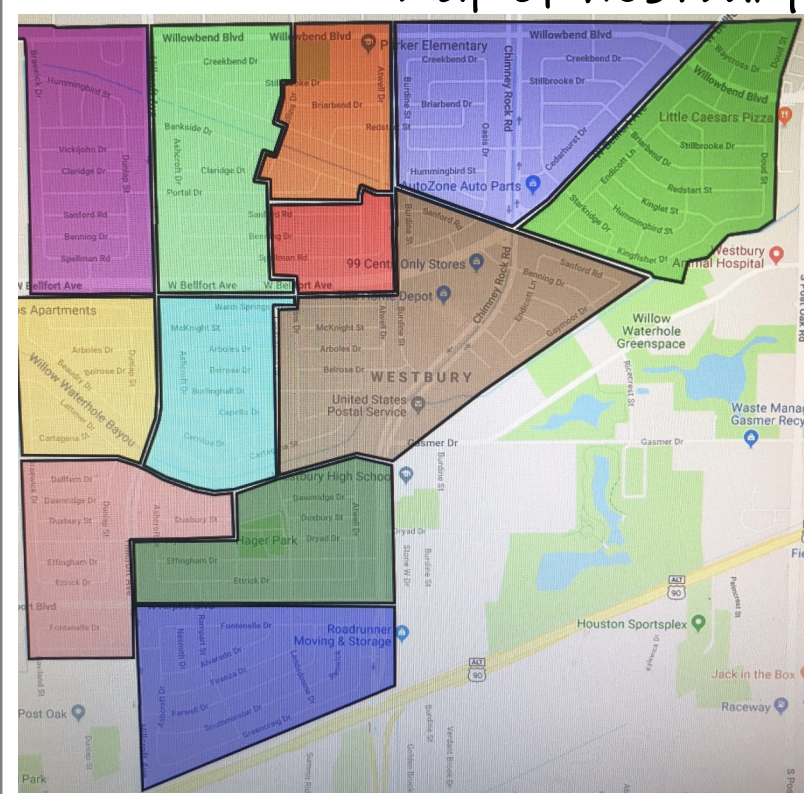
This workshop will review the process of eating as a leisure activity that can significantly influence interpersonal interactions, cultural norms, and the overall quality of life for people. Unfortunately, as a society, we have lost sight on eating as a leisure activity focusing more on industrial development, weight loss, personal or business success, and a hurried lifestyle. This can lead to numerous health problems such as cancer, obesity, diabetes, and depression.

A growing momentum of people having an interest in food preparation, quality ingredients, nutritional value, ambience and environment, and socialization, have made the concept of “eating as leisure” very appealing. It has the chance to change norms, habits, and patterns popularized by American culture toward a healthier population.

The presenter will discuss various ways how to incorporate eating as a leisure activity into your lifestyle and the various opportunities the City offers to help.

Register online, www.apm.activecommunities.com

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 2022 Calendar Events/Meetings

Sat 8	Working on Westbury See page 17	8-9:30AM
Tues 11	National Night Out WCC Office—5322 W Bellfort Ste 100 See page 8	5-7PM
Thurs 13	HEAVY TRASH PICK UP—JUNK WASTE	
Tues 13	Deed Restriction Revision Meeting Westbury 5 Westbury Baptist—Game Room, 10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Fri 14	Westbury Revitalization Committee Meeting WCC Office—5322 W Bellfort, Ste 100	11AM
Sat 15	Audubon Society Bird Survey 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey	8-10AM
Tues 18	Deed Restriction Revision Meeting Parkwest 3 and Westbury 4 Westbury Baptist—Game Room, 10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Wed 19	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Held via Zoom	9:30AM
Wed 19	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Game Room, 10425 Hillcroft	7 PM
Tues 25	Health and Wellness Workshop Platou Community Center, 11655 Chimney Rock See page 4	6:30-7:45PM
Sat 29	MusicFEST Willow Waterhole See page 18 and 19 for more information	11AM-7PM

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 2022

November 2022

Thursday, October 6
Thursday, October 20

Thursday, November 3
Thursday, November 17

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 2022

November 2022

JUNK WASTE

TREE WASTE ONLY

Thursday, October 13

Thursday, November 10

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.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

PLAN AHEAD

November 5— White Elephant Sale
Nov. 10—Flood & Drainage Meeting
November 19—Rain Date for Sale



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 **2022 Voluntary Dues is \$365**. That is well worth a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$305 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month at 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft
→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston-

Next WCC Board Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 7PM IN PERSON MEETING Westbury Baptist

Speaker— Mayor Sylvester Turner
Topics— Update on City projects, Deed restriction revision, Committee reports

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.

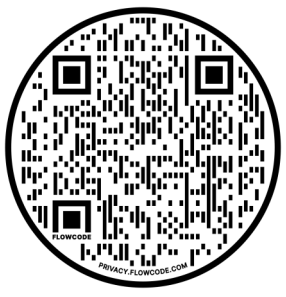
Pay Your Dues Online www.westburycrier.com

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 — \$305
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$365
- Mandatory Assessments 2022 — \$253.90
- 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.



Please send this form in with your payment

2022 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$60	\$	
Westbury Area Patrol	\$305	\$	
Subtotal	\$365	\$	
Additional Contributions:			
Westbury Civic Club		\$	
Westbury Area Patrol		\$	
Total		\$	

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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 2022 Mandatory Assessments of \$253.90. Due Date is February 1, 2022.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN INVOICE, PLEASE EMAIL THE WCC OFFICE AT WEST-BURYCC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

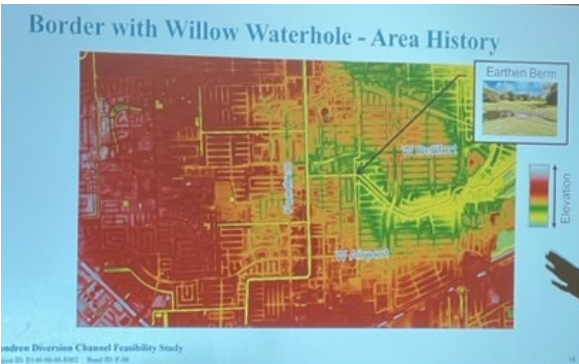
COMMUNITY MEETING Flood and Drainage November 10, 7PM

You asked and we listened. The Westbury Civic Club will be hosting a community meeting in November exclusively devoted to Flooding and Drainage issues. Our guest speakers will be the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFC), and we have asked them to bring in speakers working on flooding or drainage projects for the City of Houston that impact the Westbury area. This topic is of high importance in a city like Houston that is relatively flat and can experience high rates of rainfall.

**Flood & Drainage Community Meeting
Westbury Baptist Church, Game Room
Thursday, November 10, 7 PM**

HCFC has been studying the Fondren Diversion Channel, located upstream of Westbury, to identify potential projects to reduce flood waters overflowing when that channel exceeds capacity. The city has several flood reduction or drainage projects in various stages of progress in the Westbury area and also upstream of Westbury.

Speakers from the city and HCFC were guest speakers at a WCC board meeting earlier this year; this meeting has been scheduled because the studies are now farther along. After that meeting, feedback from the attendees was to allow more time for explanations and for Q&A, so we have scheduled this community meeting to be entirely devoted to the topic.



Deed Restriction FAQ

ALL sections of Westbury have active deed restrictions that are enforced. The deed restrictions can be enforced by any resident that lives in that section, by the Civic Club or by the City.

Can I convert my detached garage into living space?

No. No section in Westbury allows for garage apartments. The deed restrictions allow for ONE single family dwelling and a detached garage for either 2 or 3 cars depending on your section.

My neighbor has a garage apartment, why can't I?

First, some additions may appear to be apartments but aren't actually built that way nor do they function that way. Second, one property's violation of the rules does not give you the right to violate them. This is NOT a valid argument. There is no mechanism in the current deed restrictions to allow for any variances to the deed restrictions. The Westbury Civic Club does NOT approve any construction that has a separate living space.

My neighbor is converting their detached garage into living space. What do I do?

Report to the WCC office immediately or directly to the City of Houston legal department at drcomplaints@houstontx.gov

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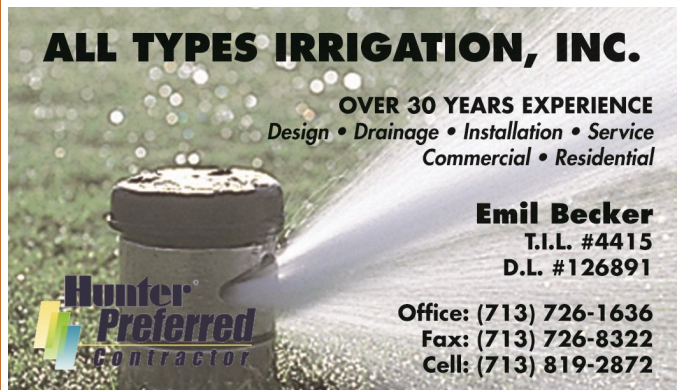


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National Night Out 2022

October 11, 5-7PM
Westbury Civic Club Office
5322 W. Belfort, Ste. 100

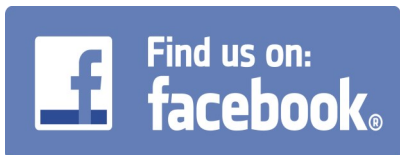
Come to the Westbury Civic Club office on October 11 to meet the new 2023 WCC Board and our Constables. National Night Out is a great time to meet your neighbors. Consider having your own block party and getting to know your immediate neighbors. It is important to know your neighbors and know who belongs on your street.

National Night Out at the WCC Office will include an Open House of the Office and free giveaways. We will have a drawing for a Home Depot gift card for those that attend. We hope to see you there!



STAY INFORMED

Like and follow the **Westbury Houston** Facebook page for updates on events, trash, commercial properties, road construction, weather, meetings and more.



Congratulations to New 2023 WCC Board

The new 2023 Westbury Civic Club Board was elected during the Annual Meeting on September 21. 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, At-Large Director 2, At-Large Director 3, At-Large Director 4, Section Director for Sections Westbury 5, Westbury South, and Parkwest 1.

WCC 2023 Board Nominations

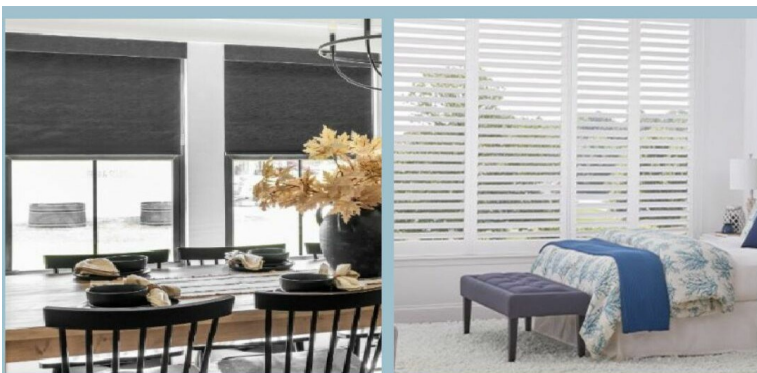
Position	Nomination
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By-Law Changes Approved

The following by-law changes were presented to the membership for a vote at the September Annual Meeting. All by-law changes were approved by a majority of the membership. Thank you to Westbury residents, Priscilla Bloomquist and Pat Metcalfe, for tallying the votes at the end of the evening. Pat and Priscilla are both election judges, so you might see them at the polls.

Summary of Changes—

- ➔ Section 5: Add a requirement that candidates for Vice President shall have a minimum of 12 months experience on the board and candidates for President shall have a minimum of 24 months.
- ➔ Section 6: Continue to keep 8 At Large Director Positions, but restructure to have 4 specific positions and 4 general At-Large. The intent is to provide more flexibility for the talents or interests of candidates who wish to serve in an At-Large position.
- ➔ Eliminate provisions for Proxy Voting in Section 9.



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WCC Annual Meeting 2022



A special thank you to our door prize donors! The door prizes at the end of the meeting are always a big hit! THANK YOU!

**Los Tios
Budget Blinds
Brock & Foster
Tomfoolery Toys & Books
Cindy Chapman
Marcia Hartman**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Westbury Civic Club Annual Meeting and Elections on September 21. We hope that you found the presentations informative. We appreciate the effort you made to attend the meeting and thank you for staying involved and engaged in our neighborhood.

We thank our meeting host, Westbury Baptist Church. WBC has been a great community partner willing to share its facilities to host our regular monthly meetings, special meetings, and our annual meeting. We also thank Senior Pastor Brandon Webb for leading us in prayer at the beginning of the annual meeting.

This was the first in person Annual Meeting since 2019. It was nice to see so many residents in attendance. Our District K Councilmember, Martha Castex-Tatum, gave an update on the many City projects happening in or near Westbury. Residents were allowed to ask questions and several good conversations were started. Our Precinct 5 Constables gave a security update. They reminded residents to report suspicious activity and were pleased to announce that crime was down by 60 crimes compared to last year.

The business side of the meeting included the WCC Board elections and a by-law vote. The board vote was uncontested and the by-law vote was approved. See the boxes on the previous page for more information. WCC Treasurer Becky Edmondson gave an update on the finances of the WCC noting the WCC's desperate need to raise more money to cover its expenses for the rest of the year.

The WCC gave a brief presentation outlining our successes over the last year, which included 8 WOW events, 2 White Elephant Sales, an open house, new committees and action groups, and much more. The WCC is lucky to have so many dedicated volunteers that care about our neighborhood and its well-being.

Won't you consider being part of this awesome group?!?! There are currently several vacant board positions. Come to the next WCC meeting to find out more on how you can get involved! The next WCC meeting is Wednesday, October 19, at 7PM at Westbury Baptist in the Game Room. We hope to see you there!



2022 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale

November 5, 8AM – Noon

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides fall and spring community garage sale events for the community. **The Fall White Elephant Sale will be on Saturday, November 5, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend.** The rain date is November 19. Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian or in the surrounding neighborhood.

Booths are \$10 and consist of 2 parking spaces total, one for selling and one for parking your vehicle. You can purchase up to 4 booths. In order to make the White Elephant Sale more accessible, you no longer have to be a paid member of the Westbury Civic Club to participate. Westbury residents have first priority to purchase booths.

Booths are on sale in the WCC Office for Westbury residents ONLY until October 12. Payment is cash or check.

Booths will go on sale to non-residents, groups, and non-profit organizations on **October 12**, if space permits, on a first come, first serve basis.

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.

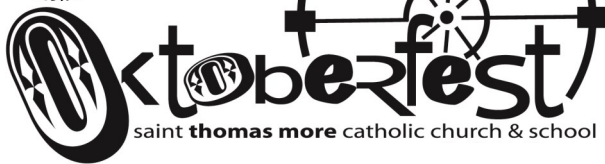
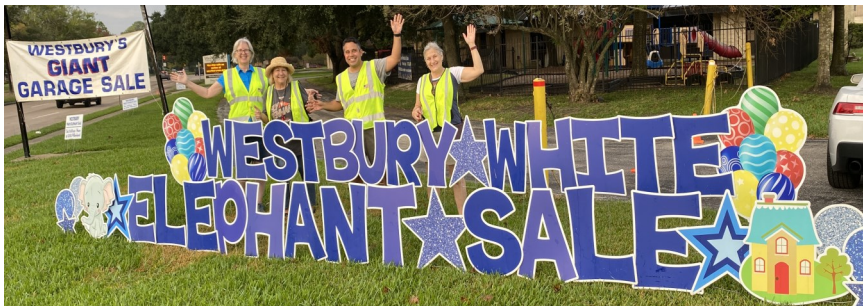


IMPORTANT DATES

October 12 → Booths on sale to non-residents and groups.

November 5 → Fall 2022 White Elephant Sale

November 19 → Rain Date



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Election 2022 Your Voice Matters

Early Voting starts in October, and the General Election is on November 8. In this election, voters will be selecting candidates for Federal,

State, and some County positions. Both the City of Houston and Harris County have announced that they will have bond propositions on the ballot. We encourage Westbury residents to express your opinions by voting! Westbury is well-known as an area that has high numbers of voters, so let's keep that tradition going. Voting shows that our residents are informed and engaged with issues.

Please note that voting boundaries in the Westbury area were modified earlier this year as a result of redistricting after the 2020 federal census.

For questions about voting or to see a sample ballot for YOUR specific address, go to www.harrisvotes.com

Early Voting October 24—November 4

October 24—October 29 -- 7AM - 7PM

October 30- 12PM - 7PM

October 31—November 2 -- 7AM - 7PM

November 3-- 7AM - 10PM

November 4 -- 7AM - 7PM

You can vote at any location. There are 99 Locations throughout the County. Go to www.harrisvotes.com for a full list.

Closest location to Westbury is Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, 77074.



VOTING FAQs

* **Identification**— Voters must bring approved forms of identification to vote. (For example: Texas driver's license, Texas personal ID, passport, military ID.) If you do not have an acceptable form of photo ID, then you can vote with a provisional ballot, BUT you must provide appropriate ID or other allowable supporting documents within 6 days after the election.

* **What is prohibited?** No wireless devices. No photographs. No electioneering within 100 feet of the doors (for example, you should not wear campaign materials inside the polling place)

* **Where can you vote?** At any designated polling location anywhere in Harris County, during early voting and during the general election. This means you can vote near your home, your work, or at any location convenient to you in Harris County.

* **Deadline to Register to Vote?** October 11

What is on the Ballot?

Federal — US Representative

State — Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, General Land Office, Agriculture Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner, Judges for many state courts, State Representative, State Senator.

Harris County — County Judge (the executive of Commissioners Court), Judges for many county courts (such as Criminal, Civic, Probate), County school trustee, 3 County bond propositions (see below), County Commissioner (Westbury voters will vote in either Precinct 1 or Precinct 4)

City of Houston— 7 bond propositions (See below)

City of Houston Bond Propositions

There are 7 bond propositions on the ballot for a total of \$478 million. The City says that property taxes will NOT increase if the propositions are approved. Of this total, \$156 million is for deferred maintenance and \$60 million is for inflationary costs.

Proposition A— Public Safety (Police and Fire) \$277 million

Proposition B— Parks \$60 million

Proposition C— Animal Care- BARC \$47 million
(new animal care building)

Proposition D— Public Health \$33 million

Proposition E— General Permanent Improvements \$29 million

Proposition F— Library \$26 million

Proposition G— Solid Waste \$6 million

"I thank members of the City Council for approving the November 8, 2022, bond election. I am asking voters to support it because it will allow us to meet critical needs within the City of Houston without raising property taxes. Specifically, the bond allocation will fully fund projects currently included in the 2023 – 2027 Capital Improvement Plan," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "These are critical projects located in every council district throughout the city. The bond allocation will also allow us to fund other priority projects, such as public safety, representing 60 percent of the total request. Additional priorities include deferred maintenance, parks, libraries, solid waste, and BARC. The Nov. 2022 bond election is a pragmatic, forward-looking proposal that focuses on responsible investment for the long-term benefit of all Houstonians."

Harris County Bond Propositions

There are three Harris County bond propositions to vote on for a total of \$1.2 billion. Each of the 4 County precincts will receive a minimum of \$220 million, \$100 million will be reserved for public safety facilities regardless of location in the County, and \$220 million will be distributed based on need.

The County estimates that for the owner of a \$300,000 home, taxes will cost an extra \$32/year over the 25 year bond period. (If the appraised value for a home increases, then taxes may increase due to the higher appraisal value)

Roads, Drainage, Transportation - \$900 million

Parks- \$200 million

Public Safety - \$100 million

Let's Talk Parking

We regularly get complaints from residents about parking issues in the neighborhood. What should you do? Call 311, then ParkHouston will schedule a parking inspector to review the situation and issue a ticket to the violator. (Please note that ParkHouston may survey the surrounding area and issue tickets for other parking violations that they happen to observe while they are in the general area.)

Our most common parking complaints are: vehicles blocking a public sidewalk, vehicles parked too close to an intersection or a driveway, vehicles parking in the front yard on an unimproved surface, and vehicles parking on city esplanades. Yard parking is prohibited in Westbury. It is against City Ordinance to park on the City esplanades (medians).

Here is a list of some of the parking code violations we see in Westbury. Call 311 to report these violations:

- ➔ Parked on street more than 24 hours. Parking in the same space on the public street is limited to 24 hours.
- ➔ Parked blocking a private driveway. A car parked curbside may not block any portion of a driveway.
- ➔ Parked within 15 feet of fire hydrant.
- ➔ Blocking or parking on sidewalk. Sidewalks must remain clear for pedestrian safety.
- ➔ Parked within 20 feet of a crosswalk or intersection.
- ➔ Violations of posted No Parking signs.
- ➔ Vehicles parked on the street facing the wrong direction.
- ➔ Commercial vehicle parked between 2am and 6am. Commercial vehicles cannot park on the public street from 2am-6am.
- ➔ Large Vehicles can only park on residential streets while loading and unloading, or for 72 hours (if leased for moving).
- ➔ A trailer/semi-trailer parked on public street over 2 hours. Trailers and semi-trailers are limited to two hours on the public street.

OTHER Parking Violations: Yard Parking and Esplanade Parking complaints are handled by the Houston Police Department, not by ParkHouston or 311. Contact the Southwest HPD station to report violations of Yard Parking and Esplanade Parking. Photos, license plate info, and vehicle descriptions are helpful information, as well as the specific street address / location of the problem.

Large Commercial Vehicle Parking Violations



Large vehicles may not park on any street in a residential district except for loading and unloading.



Parking in excess of 24 hours on a public street is not permitted.

The time limit for parking a trailer on a public street is 2 hours.



Parking commercial vehicles on a public street is prohibited between 2 AM - 6 AM.

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Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

August 24– September 24, 2022
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5700	Alvarado	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/7	10pm	Westbury South
5500	Arboles	Simple Assault	9/23	5pm	Westbury 3
12500	Ashcroft	Damage, Destruction, Vandalism	9/9	5pm	Westbury South
10900	Atwell	Theft of Vehicle Parts	8/26	12pm	Parkwest 2
5300	Briarbend	Burglary	9/1	6pm	Westbury 2
5600	Cartagena	Driving Under the Influence	9/15	10pm	Westbury 3
5900	Dellfern	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/21	12pm	Westbury 4
6000	Dryad	Theft of Vehicle Parts	9/21	4am	Westbury 4
5800	Duxbury	Simple Assault	9/3	2am	Westbury 4
5900	Effingham	Theft of Vehicle Parts	9/20	6pm	Westbury 4
5800	Ettrick	Theft of Vehicle Parts	9/18	10am	Westbury 4
5600	Greencraig	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/8	4am	Westbury South
5700	Greencraig	Damage, Destruction, Vandalism	9/8	4am	Westbury South
5700	Greencraig	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/6	5pm	Westbury South
5800	Greencraig	Damage, Destruction, Vandalism	9/8	4am	Westbury South
10900	Hillcroft	Robbery	9/3	5am	Parkwest 2
12400	Landsdowne	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/8	4am	Westbury South
10800	McClearen	Burglary	9/2	9am	Parkwest 2
5900	Sanford	Damage, Destruction, Vandalism	8/29	8pm	Westbury 5
5800	Southminster	Damage, Destruction, Vandalism	9/14	7am	Westbury South
5500	Warm Springs	Burglary	8/24	5pm	Westbury 3
5600	W. Airport	Simple Assault	9/4	10pm	Westbury 4
5100	W. Belfort	Theft—Other	9/10	12pm	Westbury 1
5800	W. Belfort	Burglary	9/3	5pm	Parkwest 2

	Theft from Motor Vehicle
	Robbery
	Theft
	Burglary
	Vandalism
	Simple Assault
	Drugs, Narcotics

The crimes listed took place between August 23 and September 24, 2022. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key to the right.

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/Public
Aggravated Assault	0	6	2	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	4	4	0
Burglary	4	5	1	0
Robbery	1	1	1	0
Simple Assault	3	24	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0	3	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	1	1	2
Vandalism, Damage	5	4	2	0
Auto Theft	0	7	3	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	4	2	0	0
Theft—Other	1	0	2	0
Theft—From Building	0	0	1	0
DUI	1	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	0
Arson	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	24	56	20	3

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281-463-6666
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Contact the WCC Office

westburycc@sbcglobal.net

713-723-5437

Message Westbury Houston

Facebook page

Contact the WCC President

wccpresident@westburycrier.com

Follow the Westbury Houston Facebook page for the most up to date information.

www.westburycrier.com

Hygiene Drive for Westbury High School

A few years ago, the wonderful residents of Westbury responded generously to assist Westbury High School students with hygiene products. There is once again a need to assist students at WHS with items for hygiene and cleanliness. The school has a storage area where students can obtain hygiene products, but it is running low.

The school has a washing machine and dryer so that students can wash their clothing, but they need laundry detergent. If you have ever had a teenager, you will know why deodorant is their requested highest need, men's and women's.

Let's help our WHS students! If you want to donate items, there will be a box outside the WCC office to collect items, starting on Monday, October 10. Westbury Civic Club, 5322 W Belfort, Suite 100.

Here is a list of needed items from the WHS—

Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste.
**Deodorant (HIGHEST need)
Face Towels
Laundry Detergent
Feminine products—pads and tampons



Engage in Capital Improvement Projects

District K residents are encouraged to get engaged in capital improvement projects. Visit the Houston Public Works web page, www.EngageHouston.com.

Enter your email, create a user name and password, enter your zip code, and then choose Council District K.

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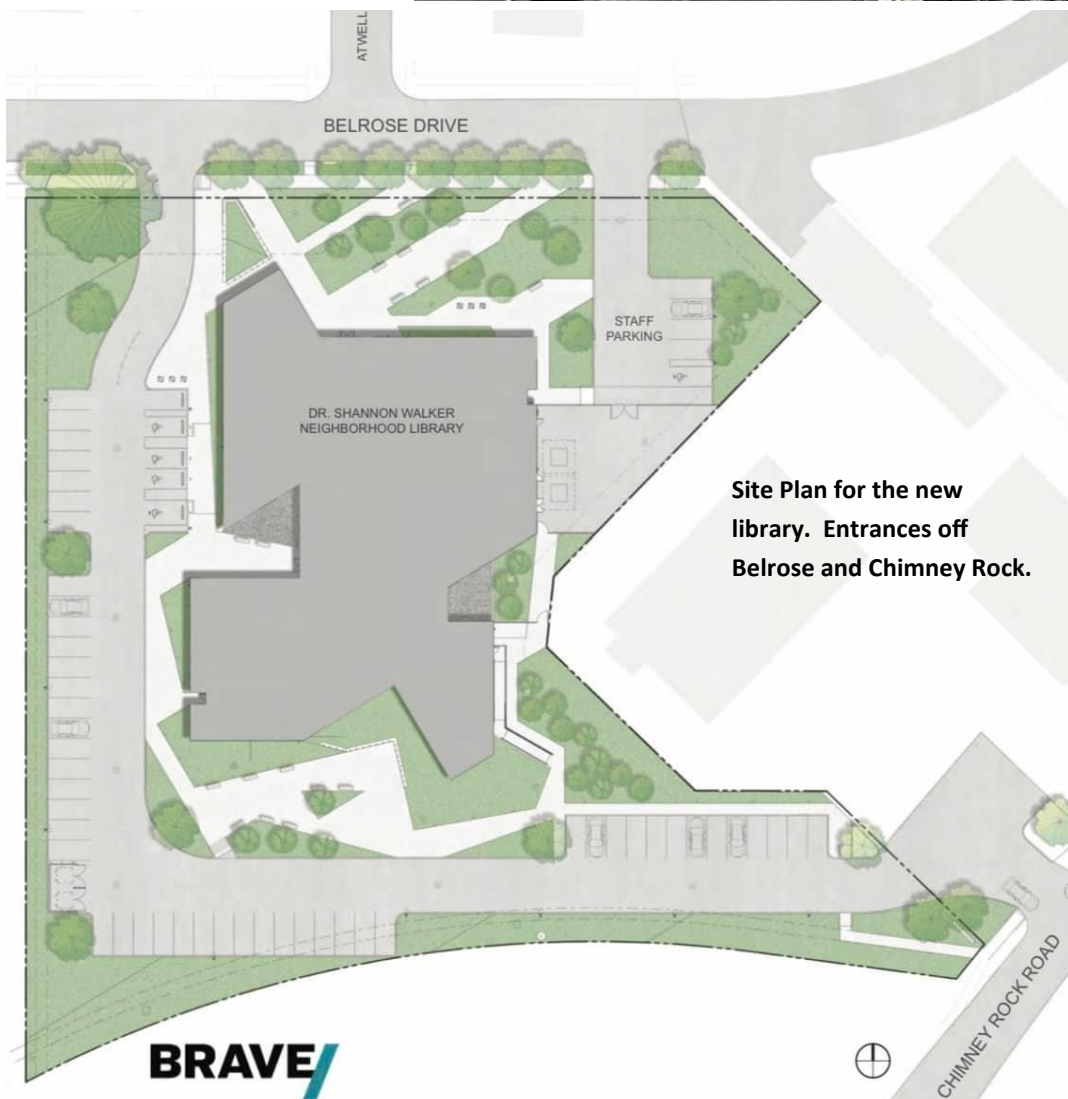
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NEW Library Coming Soon to Westbury

Exciting news! Demolition has finally started on the old post office on Belrose. This site will be the location of the NEW Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library. Plans and talk of this library have been happening for years with construction being delayed due to supply chain issues and rising cost of materials. Design for the library started in 2020. We are excited that things have finally started happening on the ground! Construction was begun with the demolition of the old buildings. The library is projected completion is mid-year 2023. Look for updates in future *Criers*.

Members of the City of Houston Library naming committee and the Westbury Civic Club Library action committee along with WCC board members, HISD Trustee Myrna Guidry and District K City councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum came together to celebrate the first step in the creation of the new Westbury library, the demolition of the old post office on Belrose. Many thanks to Westbury resident, Margaret Greene for hosting the demo party! Thank you to everyone who has advocated and worked hard to get this library built in Westbury.



Site Plan for the new library. Entrances off Belrose and Chimney Rock.



CHIMNEY ROCK ROAD

Westbury Yard of the Month August 2022 Winners

Westbury 1

11114 Endicott— Keith & Stephanie Jackson

Westbury 3

11510 Gaymoor— Westbury resident

Westbury South

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Parkwest 1

5511 Briarbend— Jason & Jennifer Schwartz

Parkwest 3

5903 Belrose— Will & Courtney Brown



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Looking for an easy way to give back to the neighborhood? Come out to the next WOW—Working on Westbury—Workday. Each month the WCC hosts work days in the neighborhood. We pick up litter, clean up the sign markers, pull weeds, and more. It is a good family volunteer event and perfect for students needing service hours. The next WOW event is on Saturday, October 8, 8-9:30AM. We will meet at Hager Park along Effingham. The workday will be a litter pick-up and cleaning up some of the landscaping. The WCC will provide trash bags and trash grabbers.

If you know of a youth group or other volunteer groups who are looking for volunteer clean-up projects, have them contact the WCC office, westburycc@sbcglobal.net. If one of our scheduled volunteer work days is not convenient, we may be able to arrange a special clean up activity.

➔ **October 8, 8 - 9:30AM**

Hager Park Clean-up

➔ **November 12, 9 - 10:30AM**

Westbury Park Clean-up



September WOW Event

The September WOW volunteer event was held on Hillcroft at W. Bellfort. Thank you to Victor, Angela, Shawna, Walter, Jennifer, and Cindy for volunteering on such a hot and muggy morning. We picked up litter and bandit signs along the sidewalks and the esplanades, cleaned litter near the METRO bus stops, removed debris left behind from car accidents, pulled large debris out of the storm drains, removed 3 small trees on the esplanade which had died, cleaned up suckers and weedy shrubs at the base of trees, and cleaned up low-lying limbs. It was a successful event.

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Fall MusicFEST October 29, 11AM– 7PM

The Fall MusicFEST will be held on October 29 from 11AM—7PM. Music fans will be treated to eight bands representing a variety of music styles headlined by the electrifying Houston funk/jazz act Keith Vivens & TKOH, along with a haunted house, costume parade, trunk or treat, games and more.

In addition to great musical performances, there will be four of Houston's best food trucks— Soul Cat Cuisine (Cajun), Lindiana's (Southern Vegan), Cool Runnings (Jamaican), Sizzles (Gourmet Burgers).

This great, FREE event is fun for the whole family. Plan to come for part of the day or stay all day and enjoy all that the Willow Waterhole has to offer. There are several parking options, see picture below or go to www.willowwaterhole.org/musicfest-parking. We hope to see you there!



WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN 12581 DUNLAP



WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main.

Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Greencraig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible.

Street parking.



Like “Westbury Community Garden Houston” on Facebook

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Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

What: Audubon Society Bird Survey

When: Saturday, October 15, 7-9AM

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

For more information, visit the Houston Audubon website, <https://houstonaudubon.org/>



Fall White Elephant Sale

November 5, 8AM—Noon

Westbury United Methodist 5200 Willowbend

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