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HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Sunday Music in the Park** Nov. 6, 4-5PM at the Willow Waterhole
- **WCC Board Meeting:** Nov. 16, 7PM Westbury High School
- **MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS STILL IN EFFECT**
- **BURN BAN INCLUDES NO SMOKING IN CITY PARKS**
- **November heavy trash is TREE WASTE ONLY**

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Sunday Music in the Park Featuring the WHS Jazz Band

A new, free music series, hosted by the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, will begin on Sunday, November 6. The featured music group for November will be the Westbury High School Jazz Band. HISD Superintendent Dr. Terry Grier will be honored for his support for Westbury High School and for his vital role in the acquisition of the LaPeak Apartments land for the campus expansion for Westbury High School. The land has already been cleared in preparation for future school sport facilities. Melissa Wilson, KRIV-FOX26 News Anchor, will be the emcee for the event. **Bring your own chair or blanket.** Free cookies.

Date & Time: Sunday, November 6, from 4 - 5 PM

Place: South Gazebo (approx. 5300 Dryad) at Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve

Parking: Available along the Dryad easement next to WHS. A shuttle van will be provided.

Cost: FREE but bring money to purchase beautiful commemorative t-shirts as well as our spectacular 2012 calendar featuring the Birds of the Willow Waterhole. You can start your holiday shopping early!

In case of rain, the event will be moved to Westbury High School.



Westbury Area Patrol is low on funds

We still need to collect \$11,000 to pay our 2011 security contract with the Harris County Precinct 5 Constables. Times are tough and that's when security is even more important.
Any amount helps no matter the size!

Westbury Area Patrol Donation Form

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Daylight Savings Time Ends: Sunday, November 6

At 2AM on Sunday November 6, clocks fall back an hour to 1AM. We will finally get that extra hour of sleep! Daylight savings begins again on March 11, 2012.

Attention Homeowners with Multiple Trashcans

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO PLACE TRASH CANS AT LEAST THREE (3) FEET APART WHEN PLACING THEM ON THE CURB FOR PICK-UP

Vote on Election Day: November 8

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*The office is closed on all major holidays, weekends (follows HISD holidays)

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Why is the WCC office closed

during listed hours?

The office manager only works part-time. She is most likely at the bank, post office or out in the neighborhood checking on reports and houses. Please leave a note!

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President's Message

November - a time to give thanks. I am thankful for the many blessings in my life. I am especially thankful to live in Houston and in Westbury. I love the continuity and the diversity. This past month I rode in the Westbury High School homecoming parade on the back of a beautiful Lexus convertible donated by Sterling McCall Lexus. Forty years after graduating from WHS I finally made the parade! It was fun to see people lining the streets and enjoying the parade. Our wonderful diversity was so apparent as we passed new families holding babies; kids on bikes and scooters; white haired couples sitting in their yards and everyone in a rainbow of colors. Diversity works in Westbury. We truly are a neighborhood.

I hope many of you had a chance to host or visit a National Night Out party. Cindy Chapman and I traveled the neighborhood and visited as many as we could. It was nice to see old friends and make new ones. My daughter hesitantly hosted her first NNO party and now can't wait until next year.

On top of my list of things to be thankful for is volunteers. What an incredible group of volunteers we have working on behalf of Westbury. I'd like to thank all those who serve on the board or on a

committee or participate in events. A special thanks to those who have been watering this summer by hauling jugs of water to thirsty trees and plants. One more big thank you goes out to Westbury United Methodist Church, who host a "More than enough Love" day and send volunteers throughout Westbury. They also have a special volunteer program at Anderson that has been a godsend to the school. In fact I'd like to thank all the churches in Westbury and nearby that host our events, send volunteers and support our community with their programs and prayers. We are blessed to have you all!

I hope you will join us at the Willow Waterhole for the first Sunday Music in the Park on the 6th. Sit back and enjoy the first musical event at the park. Then this is the last time I'll say this for two years...please vote on Tuesday, Nov 8th. After that we move into the holiday season. We put some holiday safety reminders in this month's Crier.

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!
Becky Edmondson

Board Mtg. Notes

- District K Candidates Larry Green & Pat Frazier attended the meeting
- Candidates Chris Oliver , HCC Trustee District IX and Kristi Thibaut, At Large Postion 2 attended the meeting
- 12540 Hillcroft: discussed recent fire at one of the buildings and the existing city violations
- Neighborhood protection officers are now attending monthly meetings in Westbury to discuss various problems in our neighborhood
- Thank you to Jackie Murray of Weichert Realtors for providing cookies and water

WCC Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 16
7PM-9PM
Westbury High School

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Westbury Civic Club		\$
Greenspace Beautification		\$
Westbury Area Patrol		\$
Westbury HPD Storefront		\$
Total		\$

Thank You Westbury!

We greatly appreciate the residents who used the past *CRIER* issues to submit their 2011 dues. Here's another chance to submit your dues and help us get another deputy added to our patrol!

The Faces of the Westbury

Westbury Resident Receives National Medal of Science

Dr. Richard Tapia, a resident of Westbury and mathematics professor at Rice University, was honored in October with a National Medal of Science from President Obama during a White House ceremony. The medal is the highest national honor for a U.S. scientist, but it is not the first White House honor for Tapia. He received the inaugural Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring in 1996, the same year he earned a presidential appointment to the National Science Board, the nation's highest scientific governing body. Established in 1959, the National Medal of Science is awarded by the president in recognition of outstanding contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, engineering, behavioral and social sciences. Recipients are selected by a 12-member committee of scientists and engineers that is appointed by the president and administered by the NSF.

Rice President David Leebron said, "Richard is an extraordinary scientist and a great mathematician, but he's also had a much bigger impact on the world. He's helped make Rice a more diverse university, and he is recognized across the country as the person who has helped countless students, particularly Hispanic and African-American students, overcome obstacles and succeed in graduate studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Many of these students now carry on his legacy at some of our great universities."

Tapia joined Rice's faculty in 1970. He is a University Professor -- Rice's highest rank -- and the Maxfield-Oshman Professor in Engineering and a professor of computational and applied mathematics. He is also director of Rice's Center for Excellence and Equity in Education.



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What's Happening in Westbury

November 2011 Events & Meetings Calendar

Sat 5	WHS Baseball Team Test Drive a Ford Fundraiser 9AM-5PM Westbury High School— 10911 Chimney Rock FREE test drives of 3 different Ford vehicles
Sun 6	Sunday Music in the Park 4PM-5PM Willow Waterhole— see page 1 for more details Featuring WHS Jazz Band
Mon 14	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:15-7:45PM Platou Center—11655 Chimney Rock Open to the public
Wed 16	WCC Board Meeting 7PM– 9PM Westbury High School - 10911 Chimney Rock
Sat 19	Willow Waterhole Monthly Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot at 5310 S. Willow
Mon 21	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow
Tues 22	SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting 7PM Aramco Building—9009 W. Loop South
Dec 10	Holiday Lights/Decorations- Yard Judging 6PM-9PM Each section will be judged by the Yard of the Month judge for that particular section. Nominees call 713-723-5437

Important Trash & Recycling Information

- 🗑️ Trash cans need to be out on curb by 7AM Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be removed by 10PM Thursday
- 🗑️ Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
- 🗑️ No heavy trash out before 6PM the Friday before pick-up date
- 🗑️ YARD WASTE is not considered tree waste and will not be collected with heavy trash. It is collected on Westbury's regular Thursday trash day as long as it is in the correct recyclable bags
- 🗑️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- 🗑️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:
 - SW Trash Depository/Recycling Center 10785 Southwest Frwy**
Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste and Recyclables.
 - Environmental Service Center 11500 South Post Oak**
Hours: Tues. & Wed. 9AM-3PM; 2nd Saturday 9AM-1PM
Accepts Hazardous Household Waste & Electronic Waste
- 🗑️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com for more trash and recycling information

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Saturday Dec. 10
Holiday Lights Yard Judging

November 2011 Heavy Trash & Recycling Calendar

Thurs 3	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Tues 15	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY (South of W. Bellfort)
Wed 16	Heavy Trash—TREE WASTE ONLY (North of W. Bellfort)
Thurs 17	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 24	THANKSGIVING— NO TRASH PICK UP
Fri 25	Regular Trash Pick-up (from missed Thursday) - All of Westbury
DEC.	Heavy Trash—JUNK WASTE

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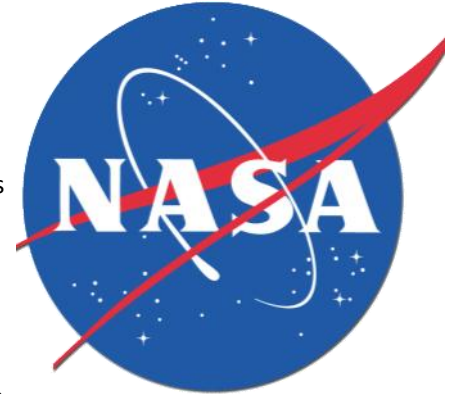
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Johnston Middle School = NASA Explorer School!

Johnston Middle School is one of over a thousand NASA Explorer Schools nation-wide. Last year, JMS was honored to participate in a downlink with astronauts Shannon Walker (who attended JMS and graduated from Westbury High School) and Doug Wheelock aboard Expedition 24 of the International Space Station. As a follow-up to that experience, Shannon Walker came to JMS in May to talk to students about her experience. To have an astronaut who sat in the same classes, ate in the same cafeteria, and walked the same halls as the students, tell them that the sky is the limit was a special learning moment, one which JMS is taking to a new level.



This year, three members of the Johnston Middle School staff have been chosen to participate in the Reduced Gravity Education Flight Program during the week of February 5-11, 2012. Among the NES schools, Johnston is one of the few nation-wide, and the only one from Texas, chosen for this honor. The teachers will do science experiments in the weightless environment created by a series of parabolas aboard NASA's Vomit Comet. Students will participate by re-creating, testing, and monitoring the experiments in the classroom on the ground. "Through this experience, kids will learn real science and test their hypotheses on the ground while we, the teachers flying aboard the plane, just hope to come home alive," explained Ms. Berry, AVID teacher at Johnston. Staff members who will brave this challenge include Lanena Berry, AVID teacher; Amber Pinchback, Dean of Students and Science Coordinator; and Cynthia Dinneen, librarian and science mentor.

To watch the video in which the announcement of Johnston's selection in this elite list of schools was made and to learn more about the NGO experience sponsored by NASA, visit their website at <http://explorerschools.nasa.gov>.

Parker Elementary School Magnet Tours

Parker Elementary, an HISD music magnet, will be hosting tours of the magnet school during and after Magnet Awareness Week 2011. The magnet has instruction in Suzuki strings, piano, band, chorus, guitar, and music enrichment. Parker's Suzuki strings and choral programs have national reputations for excellence and its band program has been recognized throughout the state. Parker performing groups have performed at prestigious events around Houston, the State of Texas, and across the country. This school year, the Parker Performing Strings, comprised of student violinists and cellists, will be performing with the Houston Symphony in December. The Performing strings have also been invited to perform at the Suzuki Association of the Americas Conference in Minneapolis in May 2012. The Parker Chorus will be performing at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in February 2012.

Tour dates for November and December are:

- November 7 at 9 AM and 1 PM
- November 8 at 1 PM and 6:30 PM
- November 9, 10, and 15 at 1 PM
- November 29 at 9:15 AM
- December 1 at 9:15 AM

Parker Elementary is located at 10626 Atwell in SW Houston. For questions about Parker Magnet tours, please contact Magnet Coordinator Carol Kehlenbrink at 713-726-2122 or ckehlenb@houstonisd.org. The principal at Parker is Andrew G. Houlihan, Ed.D.

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- Watch purchases while eating in mall food courts
- Educate your children about what to do if they are lost

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- Before shopping, lock all your valuables in the trunk prior to parking in the parking lot.
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	Single-Family Residential	Apartment/ Condominium	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	11	4	3	0	18
Theft	13	7	5	5	30
Auto Theft	1	2	1	0	4
Robbery	0	2	0	0	2
Assault	1	2	0	1	4
Rape	0	1	0	0	1
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	26	18	9	6	59

*Area bounded by: S. Post Oak, US 90/S. Main, utility easement north of Willowbend and drainage bayou west of Braewick

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National Night Out in Westbury

National Night Out in Westbury

NNO is a national event designed to encourage people to get outside and meet neighbors, with a goal that neighborhoods are safer when we know our neighbors from strangers. It is also a great excuse to have an outdoor party in October when the weather in Houston tends to be fantastic.

President Becky Edmondson and Director Cindy Chapman tried to visit as many parties as they could, but there were too many parties and too little time. Here is a partial list, based on people who notified us plus a few we happened to see. Thanks for the wonderful turnout! It is part of what makes Westbury so special.



5100 block Sanford - Ron

5400 block Creekbend - Jennifer

5400 block Hummingbird - Ron

5400 block Stillbrooke

5600 block Belrose - Angel

5600 block Portal - Ray

5700 block Benning - Krissy

5700 block Cartegena - Eva

5900 block Cartegena - Dawn & Ross

5900 block Beaudry - Dawn

5900 block Warm Springs - Joe

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Pictures of National Night Out parties throughout Westbury



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National Night Out in Westbury



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Games

Wednesday, 10 AM to 12 noon

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Portable Projects

Thursday, 9:30- 11:30 AM

Contact Hazel at 713-729-4568

Early Afternoon Classes

Westbury Quilting Bee

Tuesday, 12PM - 3PM

Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

Late Afternoon Classes

After School Enrichment—

Grades 1 to 8 (Ages 6 to 13)

Daily, 3 to 6 PM

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Evening Classes/Events

TOPS:Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Tuesdays, 5:45 to 7PM

Weight loss support group

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Naomi at 713-988-2233

Aerobics Boot Camp

Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30-7:30PM

Contact Chris Allen to register or

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Free Ballroom Dance Lessons

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30PM

Call Marilyn at 713-729-9425

A beginner class may form soon

Monthly Meetings

Westbury Community Garden

Meeting

2nd Monday 6:15-7:45PM

NEW GROUP FORMING:

Daytime Bridge Group

Contact Dita Greary at 713-726-1868

Recycle Paper at Chimney Rock Park

Please use the paper recycling bins at Chimney Rock Park, 11655 Chimney Rock. Your newspapers, catalogues, magazine, and cardboard help to bring in money to benefit programs for children and adults at the Platou Community Center in the park.

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Westbury News

Westbury Community Garden Volunteer Days *by Becky Edmondson*

The garden has recently had 2 busy and successful workdays thanks to volunteers. On October 15th, the Mayor's Anti Gang Task Force brought a group of teenagers out to work in the garden. This is the third time we have worked with this group and it a rewarding experience for us as volunteers and hopefully for these young adults to learn a bit about community service.

On behalf of myself & all of the gardeners, I want to thank our fantastic gardener volunteers for their hard work alongside the Westbury United Methodist Church on the "More than Enough Love" workday on October 22nd. Work was done on the compost bins, on the driveway, on mowing and weed eating. The WUMC volunteers helped with the above tasks and tackled the mowing/ weedeating (along the trees to the south along Dunlap). What a wonderful group of folks including their Team Leader, Mike Rocha, who actually returned to help us out (and might become a new gardener with us!)

Now that the weather is cooler, come on out for a visit @ 12500 Dunlap.



Rainwater Harvesting

With all the focus on water shortages, now is a good time to consider adding rain barrels to your property. Did you know your air conditioner produces about 5 gallons of water a day? It can't be used for drinking water, but collected in a rain barrel with a drip irrigation system, it can supply much needed water somewhere in your yard. You can use something as simple as a converted 32 gallon trash can. However one of our talented Westbury gardeners has ordered a 300 gallon, food grade safe, potable water tank for her backyard. If enough residents are interested the vendor has offered a discounted price for both orders of 25 and 50. Please email your interest or questions to westburygreen@gmail.com. In the meantime a larger storage tank will be installed at the community garden if you want to see how they work.



Above: WUMC volunteers at the Westbury Community Garden

Left: WCC President, Becky Edmondson, on the WCC car in the WHS Homecoming parade. Our car won the Spirit Award. Go Westbury!

WESTBURY & PARKWEST and surrounding area

JACKIE ZEHL & TERESA LEWIS



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Appl+ScreenedPatio+UpdtdWdwds



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WetBar+Bltins+FP+PellaWindows



WESTBURY \$227,500
11110 Atwell 3/2/2+HrdwdsThruout
+SSGasCktop+DiagnllySetTile+Finch
Drs+UpdtdMstrShowr+NewWdwds



PARKWEST \$227,500
5538 Bankside 3/2/2+Spacious
Formals+TileFlrs++SSCooktop+SS
Sink+Walk-inClosets+GatedDrive



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+Hrdwds+Tile+GraniteThruout+SS
Appl+CustomCabinetry+FrenchDrs



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Thruout+Granite+SSAppl+TileFlrs+
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Houston Announces City-Wide ParkMobile Pay by Phone Parking Program

October 20, 2011 -- Houston announces a partnership with T2 and Parkmobile that will allow residents, workers and visitors to pay for parking at all of the approximately 7,000 on-street metered spaces with their mobile phones. "Through the use of this innovation, motorists will be able to conduct their parking transactions from the convenience of their car. They will receive alerts before their time expires; helping them to avoid parking citations," said Mayor Annise D. Parker.

Drivers can sign up at www.parkmobile.com. Once registered, customers can use the mobile app, the internet, or a mobile phone (1.877.727.5758) to pay for parking. The parking transactions are transmitted real-time to the handheld devices used by the Parking Enforcement Officers. When customers are ready to park, they will need to enter their zone number and the amount of time they wish to purchase either via mobile app or a phone call. A digital receipt is then sent to their mobile device. The zone number is displayed on the meter.

There is a .35 cents fee per transaction and the customer will receive a reminder text 15 minutes prior to the expiration of their time. Parking time limits will apply and customers must move their vehicles from the specific zone (each blockface is a zone) once they have exhausted their maximum time.

Drought Updates

Despite recent fall rains, Houston and Texas have received only a fraction of its usual annual rainfall while enduring record heat. Dead or dying trees and shrubbery are fire hazards. Until further notice:

* Smoking is forbidden in city or county parks while a burn ban is in effect.

* Use of BBQ pits is forbidden in city or county parks while a burn ban is in effect.

* Stage II Water Conservation measures remain in effect. Sprinklers can only be operated before 10 AM or after 8 PM and each house is assigned two days per week for watering:

Even number Houses: Water on Thursday and Sunday

Odd number Houses: Water on Wednesday and Saturday

High Weeds on Esplanades

The WCC has been working with HPARD to have them mow the esplanades. Hopefully by the time the *Crier* is printed, the esplanades will be mowed and cleaned!

62nd Annual Holiday Parade

November 24 at 9AM, downtown Houston

This is a long-time Houston tradition! Presented by H-E-B. The parade is free to the general public. For more information, check out www.holidayparadehoustn.org

Dangerous Tree near Power Lines?

Contact Centerpoint Energy at 713-207-2222 if you have a dead or dying tree on your property which may be a danger to electricity lines. Centerpoint may remove the tree for safety reasons or for electrical reliability.

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Neighborhood and Section News

Westbury RR Quiet Zone Getting Closer

More than 30 trains each day traverse the US90A rail corridor and Westbury residents have long requested a Railroad Quiet Zone due to the noise from train whistles as trains cross Chimney Rock and Hillcroft. A major milestone toward implementation of a Quiet Zone was recently achieved and we are slowly edging closer to getting a Quiet Zone implemented.

More than a year ago during the September 2010 annual civic club meeting, the city project manager in charge of RR Quiet Zones announced that the city had started the application process for a US90A Rail Quiet Zone. By February 2011 comments from the Union Pacific Railroad and other affected railroads had been received and the city sent its proposed design to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a 60 day review period. The FRA had some additional questions, but in October 2011 the FRA contacted the city stating that the application was being routed for signature. The WCC will keep you updated on the project status.

After School Care Transportation to the Platou Center

Brays Oaks Management District says it will provide afterschool transportation from area schools to the Platou Community Center. Contact Chris Allen at 713-726-7107 at Platou, if you are interested in signing up for this service.

Holiday Gift Market

St. John's Presbyterian Church (5020 W. Belfort) will once again present its annual Holiday Gift Market on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 12 Noon. The Market represents a chance to purchase gifts that keep on giving, but also to the less fortunate. Various booths will be available benefiting a variety of important organizations.

YARD PARKING Violations:

It is a violation of a city ordinance to park any vehicle in an unpaved area of your front or side yard of your Westbury residence. In other words, it is a parking violation to park on the lawn of your front or side yard. YOU CAN BE FINED. To report a violation: have the make, model and license plate and report the violating address to the Westbury HPD Storefront at 713-726-7126.

New Traffic Signals and Supports

Installation has been completed at the intersection of W. Airport and Hillcroft.

lifeline, mom's group

lifeline, a newly formed group for moms of preschoolers, invites Westbury moms to join the fun on Tuesday, November 8th, from 9-11AM at Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 West Belfort. The meetings are for all preschool and expecting moms, whether married or single, working in or out of the home. Our moms live in Westbury, Meyerland, Willow Meadows, Willowbend and Westwood.

The group provides an outlet for moms to make friendships, enjoy some much needed grown-up time, get support, connect with their faith and have fun, all while their children enjoy a fun morning playing in the church childcare. *lifeline* moms group is a ministry of Willow Meadows Baptist Church, and is open to all moms in the community, regardless of religious or church affiliation. *lifeline* meets the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11AM, September through May. For more information or to RSVP call the church office at (713) 723-2870 or visit www.facebook.com/lifelinemom.

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