



# Westbury Crier

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**Make Your Voice Count!  
VOTE IN THE 2017  
ELECTION**

**Election Day  
November 7**

For more information, see page 13

## 2017 ELECTION

*Your Decision. Your Vote. Westbury is respected as an area with high voter turnout. Keep up the Westbury tradition and VOTE!*



**WHERE TO VOTE & WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT, SEE PG 13**

*\*This is a City and State Election. There are several bond propositions on the ballot as well as HISD trustees and more.*



**\*Pct. 14** will be voting at Tinsley Elementary this year due to construction at Parker Elementary.

**\*Pct. 281** will be voting at the Platou Community Center due to Kolter Elementary flooding.

## Meet Your NEW 2018 WCC Board

At the WCC Annual Meeting in September, we welcomed in our new 2018 Board. We are lucky to have several new board members this year. Learn more about them on page 10. We still have several vacancies on the WCC board. If you live in Parkwest 1, Parkwest 3, Westbury 1 or Westbury 3, think about joining this fun group of volunteers! If you have the third Wednesday evening free and wish to help make Westbury the best it can be, why not join us for an upcoming board meeting?

The WCC office was recently doing flood research and found that many of the issues that Westbury faces in 2017, we have dealt with for a long time. This is evident by the past issues of the *Westbury Crier*. The January 1976 issue discusses bayou work on the Willow Waterhole Bayou, Hager Park being completed, and Hillcroft esplanades being worked on. The President's Message said "the effort to initiate, promote, and finish these projects does not just happen automatically. It takes the volunteered efforts and time of a certain few Westbury citizens who care. The Civic Club can only succeed if it has your support." **Please support the Westbury Civic Club. Pay your Dues. Attend a Meeting.**

## FUN EVENTS IN WESTBURY

### Urban Harvest Fall Fest

November 11 at the Westbury Community Garden — See page 23 for more information.

### Deck the Halls Parade

December 16 in Westbury 3 — See page 16 for more information and route.

## IMPORTANT TRASH ALERT

*Until further notice, the City of Houston is **NOT heavy trash or yard waste**. They are **ONLY** picking up the regular black trash cans on Thursdays and flood debris. **RECLCYING WILL START AGAIN FOR WESTBURY ON NOVEMBER 24.** See page 5 for more information.*

**PLEASE REMOVE YOUR GREEN RECYCLING CANS, YARD WASTE, AND HEAVY TRASH FROM THE CURB.**

### ATTENTION FLOODED HOMES

**If you still have flood debris on the curb, please report your address to 311 to ensure pickup. See page 5 for more on flood debris.**

**DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends  
2AM November 5**

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Westbury HPD Storefront.....832-394-7520

## CITY OF HOUSTON

District K Council Member, Larry Green.....832-393-3016

District C Council Member, Ellen Cohen.....832-393-3004

Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333

Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107

Meyer Library.....832-393-1840

Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955

**Houston Help & Information.....311**

For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes  
sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash  
violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222

Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111

Street light repairs.....713-207-2222

Make sure to give pole number

## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Graffiti.....[www.braysoaksmg.org](http://www.braysoaksmg.org)

Shopping Cart Removal.....[www.braysoaksmg.org](http://www.braysoaksmg.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

## 2018 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

November...a time to remember to give thanks. What am I thankful for this year? As I write my president's message, the World Series starts tomorrow and the Houston Astros are in it, to win it! Whether they win or lose I am thankful for an incredible season of baseball. The rest of the country got to see the resiliency of Houston when the Mayor asked the Astros to come home and play just days after Harvey on September 3; they swept that three game series. Houston strong, Astros strong! I know many of you are thankful for the many rescuers and first responders who worked so hard through Harvey to get everyone to safety. You can read on page 8 one resident's story of thanks for her family's rescuers.

In my life as a volunteer for the Westbury Civic Club, I am thankful for all the wonderful people who step up to volunteer their time and talents to make Westbury a better place. You can meet the new board members on page 10. There are still a few spots open and I encourage any of you who have the third Wednesday evening of the month free and want to see Westbury continue as a great neighborhood to join us. For over 60 years, Westbury residents have been stepping up to answer this call to civic duty. Several years ago, a long time realtor I met at a city function credited the Westbury Civic Club's long history of advocacy as the reason that Westbury was still a viable neighborhood through those 60 years.

And as I think about the Civic Club and its members: I am thankful to each one of you who live in Westbury. We are a diverse neighborhood and each of you

adds to the richness that is Westbury. I appreciate each of you who take the time to join the Civic Club by sending in your \$50 dues.

I am thankful that there are so many "social spaces" in the area. The Westbury Community Garden continues to flourish. The Willow Waterhole Greenspace continues to grow into itself as a destination for birders, walkers, cross country events, and social events. Our parks continue to improve, and if the Bonds pass this November, Hager Park will see major improvements that are long overdue.

I am thankful for the police that keep us safe; both the Houston Police Dept and Pct. 5. I get the chance to work closely with these fine men and women and know the effort they put into keeping us safe. We are lucky to have not only the HPD Westbury Storefront but the extra eyes through the Pct. 5 patrol. I am thankful to those who pay the Constable dues and support this very important program.

In this day and age, you may find this surprising, but I am thankful for the people who represent me here in Houston. The level of dedication from everyone during Harvey and its aftermath was incredible to see. From Mayor Turner, to Larry Green on City Council, to Harry Hayes in the Mayor's Office, to Senator Miles and Rep Thierry from the State, and to Wanda Adams at HISD...each one of them stepped up to help and I am forever grateful for their service.

As we gather around our tables in our homes this Thanksgiving to give thanks,

please remember those who are still not in their homes. We wish all of those who flooded a speedy resolution to their claims and some answers to their outstanding questions. We in the WCC will continue to advocate for relief for those whose homes flooded. I will be thankful when Project Brays is complete, when our storm sewers are improved and when there are no more homes in Westbury in the flood plain. I see numbers of Westbury homes already being raised out of the flood plain.

I am ready to enjoy these cooler temperatures. We have three parks and the Willow Waterhole so there is plenty of opportunity nearby to get outside. I attended a conference in October for the Texas Master Naturalists and was reminded again of the importance of being OUTSIDE. Statistics show that children who play outside in nature are smarter, healthier and happier. I think that's true for us grown-ups too!

I am thankful that the City has announced that curbside recycling will return in November. Westbury pick up will start November 20.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Becky Edmondson



### **WCC Board Meeting Notes—October 2017**

- Richard Nguyen from Solid Waste Management reminded everyone that neighborhood depositories are open 7 days a week and that residents can take their trash there
- Multiple Vacant Board Positions - Section Directors for Parkwest 1, Parkwest 3, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5
- Keep Westbury Beautiful Day was awarded the Proud Partner Award.  
**Motion made for WCC to cover the \$75 expense for Mat Funk to attend the Keep Houston Beautiful Luncheon to receive the award**  
*Motion Passes Unanimously*

**NEXT WCC Board Meeting**  
**Wed., November 15, 7PM**  
**Westbury Baptist 10425 Hillcroft**



**Want to join the board?**  
**Come to our next meeting!!!**

## November 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Platou Community Center  
11655 Chimney Rock Rd  
Houston, TX 77035  
Facility Manager:  
Jorge Sanchez, 713.726.7107  
Jorge.Sanchez@houstontx.gov

MONDAY		
<b>Stretching Exercise Class:</b> Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
<b>Line Dancing:</b> Fun cardio with a beat.	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	All Levels
<b>Table Tennis:</b> Open Adult and Teen ping pong.	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels
TUESDAY		
<b>Quilting:</b> Ms. BeeHaven Quilters Contact: Janie 713.721.5526	10:00 AM -2:00 PM	All Levels
<b>Table Tennis:</b> Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong.	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Ages
<b>TOPS:</b> Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Contact: Dorothy 713.723.4441 or Naomi 713.988.2233	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels
WEDNESDAY		
<b>Stretching Exercise Class:</b> Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels
<b>Table Games:</b> Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and More.	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	All Ages
<b>Table Tennis:</b> Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	All Levels
FRIDAY		
<b>Stretching Exercise Class:</b> Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	All Levels

- All classes/activities are free!!!
- Registration is good for a year.

**Family Fun Day  
at the Platou Center  
November 18, 11AM-1PM**

If you are interested in sponsoring a Family Fun Day, contact Jorge at 713-726-7107

**Meyer Library CLOSED**

The Meyer library suffered damage from Harvey and will be closed until at least January 2018. Look in future *Criers* for more information.

# What's Happening in Westbury

## Events/Meetings Calendar NOVEMBER 2017

Sun 5	Daylight Savings Time Clocks fall back an hour
Tues 7	2017 Election 
Sat 11	Urban Harvest Fall Celebration 10:30AM-1PM Westbury Community Garden—12500 Dunlap See page 23 more for more information
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 8:30AM Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft
Wed 15	WCC Board Meeting 7PM Westbury Baptist Church—10425 Hillcroft
Sat. 18	Audubon Society Bird Survey 8AM Meet at the Gathering Place parking lot 5310 S. Willow—see page 20 for more information
Sat 18	Family Day at Platou Center 11AM-1PM 11655 Chimney Rock
Mon 20	Brays Bayou Association Meeting 7:30PM The Gathering Place—5310 S Willow
Nov 20-24	WCC Office Closed
Thurs 23	Happy Thanksgiving NO TRASH PICKUP
Fri 24	Regular Trash pickup (black trash cans) RECYCLING RESUMES IN WESTBURY
Tues 28	NO SW PIP Meeting in November

## PLANNING CALENDAR

Deck the Halls Parade – December 16  
Westbury Yard of the Month  
Holiday Decoration Judging- Weekend of  
December 16-17  
NO WCC Board Meeting in December

Until further notice, the City of Houston is **NOT** picking up heavy trash or yard waste.



CURBSIDE RECYCLING WILL BEGIN AGAIN WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20. PICKUP IN WESTBURY WILL BE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24.









Westbury is on Recycling Schedule A Thursday

\*Reminder that NO glass is accepted in the green recycling bins

\*Reminder NO plastic grocery bags

\*Glass can be recycled at Westbury United Methodist in the large orange bins.

## Important Trash Information

-  Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
-  NO Recycling Pickup
-  NO Heavy Trash Pickup
-  NO Yard Waste Pickup
-  GLASS can be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend in the orange bin.
-  Trash cans must be stored out of sight.
-  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

\***Westpark Recycling Center**

5900 Westpark / Mon–Sun

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

## HOLIDAY TRASH ALERT

**NO TRASH PICKUP ON  
THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 23.**

Trash will be picked up the following day on Friday, November 24.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## Town Hall Meeting

State Representative Shawn Thierry hosted a Post-Hurricane Harvey Town Hall meeting on October 7, 2017. Over 350 homeowners attended to get the most up to date information on current flood control projects and watersheds. Other topics covered were how to apply for grant programs, how to raise your house, buyout programs, how (or whether) to get an SBA loan, national flood insurance payouts, and more. The forum was hosted at Willow Meadows Baptist Church. Senator Borris L. Miles participated and lent his leadership and strong support. Carl Ahrendt, our Hydrologist, opened the workshop with an excellent power point on stormwater engineering & drainage. Experts & officials from Harris County Flood Control District, City of Houston Housing & Community Development, FEMA, NFIP, and SBA were on hand to answer questions. Each of them answered all of our questions to the very best of their ability. Rep Thierry said "Many families are still trying to find solutions that will work best for them in terms of rebuilding or relocating, however, this week my goal was to assemble all of them in one room to answer questions related solely to housing issues after Harvey and it happened!"



## City Property Tax Rate Lowered

Despite Mayor Turner asking to keep the rate steady, City Council voted in mid-October to reduce our property tax rate. City Council voted to decrease the 2018 tax rate from 58.642 cents to 58.421 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. This means that on a home valued at \$200,000, an owner would pay about \$4 less in taxes on that property.

City Council Member At-Large, Mike Knox, introduced the alternate lower tax rate. City Council voted 15-2 to reduce the City's property tax rate. The only no votes were by Mayor Turner and Mayor Pro-tem Ellen Cohen.

From At-Large Council Member Mike Knox email:

*I was recently reminded by one of my Council colleagues, that among our responsibilities on Council is to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. So often, it seems, government forgets those who pay the bills – the taxpayers.*

*Today was a victory for Houston taxpayers. I am proud of my City Council colleagues for joining me this morning in support of my proposal to reduce the City's property tax rate to \$0.58421 per \$100 valuation, the lowest property tax rate in decades.*

*The voice of Houston taxpayers was heard loud and clear in City Hall this morning. We will not exceed the voter imposed property tax revenue cap.*



## KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAN & CLEAR

**Newspapers** - Please pick these up and recycle them. No, you didn't ask for them, but now they are on your property. Like them or not, they are your problem and require you to dispose of them. They accumulate in people's yards, and in the gutters blocking proper water flow.

**Storm drain inlet** - Remove any debris including newspapers, twigs and leaves from the grates. All these items impede the flow of storm water.

**Leaves** - Please keep the curb line in front of your house free of leaves by raking and bagging them weekly. Leaves are falling!

If you have a yard crew that does your landscaping and yardwork, please ask them to not blow debris down the street or into the storm drain inlets.



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## Flood Forum hosted by the Brays Bayou Association

Third time was a charm! It was a packed house at Willow Meadows Baptist Church for the long-awaited, twice postponed Brays Bayou Association (BBA) Flood Forum. Charles Goforth, President of the BBA, made opening remarks and gave some interesting statistics about the Brays Bayou watershed. With over 750,000 residents, the Brays Bayou watershed is larger than the cities of Denver or Boston. Within this watershed are all of Houston's major universities, the Houston Medical Center, and the NRG stadium complex. It is important not only to Houston but the Nation.



The first speaker was Executive Director of Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), Russ Poppe. His presentation contained some interesting Harvey facts, as seen in the box below.

### Initial Numbers—Harris County

provided by HCFCD during forum

\*4.7 million people impacted

\*+17,000 persons rescued

\*32,000 sheltered

\*Est. 120,000—140,000 structures flooded (TS Allision 73,000)

\*Est. damages \$80-190 billion in Texas (Katrina \$120 billion)

\*286,000 Individual Assistance registrations

\* Est. 600,000 vehicles flooded

Steve Costello, Chief Resiliency Officer for the City of Houston and often referred to as the "Flood Czar" for the city, talked about the commitment of ALL parties to find and fund flooding solutions; the City, the County, the State, and the Federal government. He said there were three parts to Harvey Recovery by the city: Housing, Recovery, and Resiliency (which is planning for the future and is his area of responsibility).

Gary Zika, Project Manager of Project Brays for HCFCD brought the crowd up to date on the progress of Project Brays. The following information was given by HCFCD regarding work in our area. Also see map below or at [www.projectbrays.com](http://www.projectbrays.com).

→ **Channel Section: Buffalo Speedway to South Rice**— Work started July 24, 2017. Estimated completion—3rd Quarter 2018 Estimated cost—\$11.3 million

→ **Control Structure connecting Willow Waterhole**— Work started June 19, 2017. Estimated Completion—3rd Quarter 2018 Estimated Cost—\$11.7 million

→ **Forest Hill & Buffalo Spwy Bridges**— Estimated Start Date—2nd Quarter 2018 Estimated Completion—2nd Quarter 2019 Estimated Cost—\$7 million

→ **Channel Section— S. Rice to Fondren**— Estimated Start Date—3rd Quarter 2018 Estimated Completion—3rd Quarter 2019 Estimated Cost—\$12 million

### Q & A from Westbury residents

Several Westbury residents asked questions. **A Westbury resident noted that 3 small ditches/bayous all converge behind her home and that she has flooded 4 times in 4 years. When is Westbury going to get some attention?**

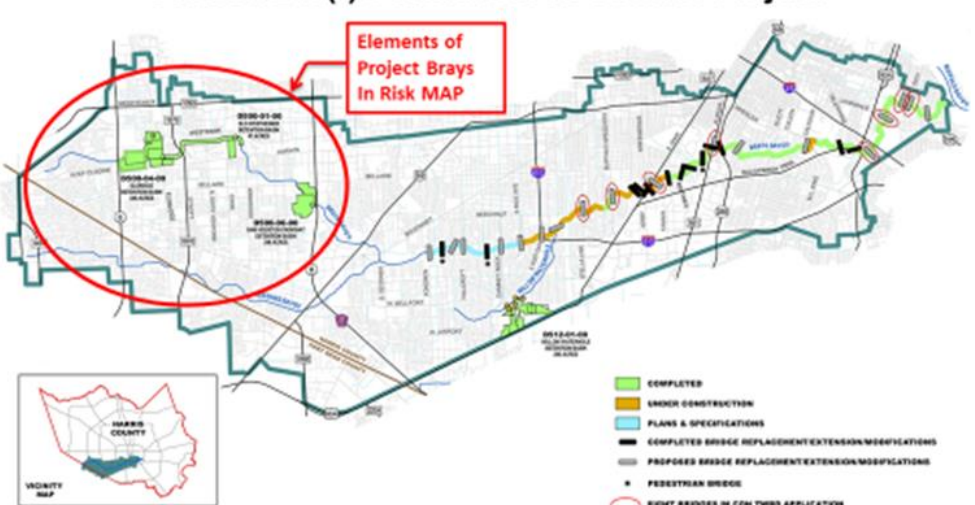
The City of Houston is currently working on several projects in the area including a large storm drain reconstruction project to start in 2021. In addition, the City has just obtained permission to use HUD funds to create a new detention pond near the Fondren Detention Ditch, which will help the Westbury area. Upstream detention is needed.

**Will there be any buyouts in Westbury? If there are buyouts, how long will they take because homeowners can't wait years and years?** – There is a possibility, if additional funding is obtained, that this could happen, but there are no promises. If additional buyouts are funded, the county has formulated a plan to make the process last no more than 12 months. Currently, the county has received interest from over 33K residents who are interested in buyouts. They want to stop the cycle of flooding – but it will take funding. The likelihood of a buyout in Westbury is low.

The Westbury Civic Club would like to thank the Brays Bayou Association for the tireless effort to host this meeting! It is important to get correct information to as many people as we can.



### Brays Bayou Section 211(f) Federal Flood Control Project



# Hurricane Harvey Came to Westbury

*One Westbury Resident's Personal Story*

My husband and I have been Westbury residents since 1977 and have seen lots of Hurricanes and Tropical storms roll in, but Harvey was definitely one for the record books. I have always had my stash of emergency supplies and faithfully go to the Hurricane/Emergency Workshop each June at the GRB. Over the years, I learned about how to make our family safe in the event of all types of emergencies. Once I heard Hurricane Harvey was coming, I assembled all of the emergency supplies and waited.

On Friday, August 25th, we didn't have much rain. The rain started in earnest on Saturday, and continued for days. We stayed in touch with our family members. Water never passed our sidewalk so we knew we were safe. My husband's mother, who has lived in Meyerland for over 44 years, and had NEVER flooded, was not so lucky. In the wee hours of Sunday, August 27th, we got an emergency call that water started entering her house. Our son was with her and kept her calm. He kept calling us giving us updates on the water. Unfortunately, we were flooded in and not able to get out of the driveway. At daylight, our son reported it was about 6-8 inches in the entire house and his grandmother wanted to climb into the attic or walk out..... of course we knew she could do neither with a walker or wheelchair, so told them to call 211, 311, 911, & the coast guard, we did the same.

This is when the real stress set in. We needed help for two of our family members immediately, 211 did not answer at all. 311 said they were busy and to leave a call back number and they would return our call within 45 minutes. I did get through to 911 and asked them to rescue my 86-year-old mother-in-law, but they said they did not know when they could, but would add her to the list. Then the phone rings.....it's 311. I explained they needed to rescue my mother-in-law. They asked what her zip code was. I told them 77096. Her reply, "Oh, she's not in an evacuation zone" What?!?! She is 86, and needs assistance and has 8" of water in her home. "I'll transfer you to my supervisor"... click... she hung up and the line went dead. I tried calling back to 311 but could not get it to pick up. Next, I called the Coast Guard. Talked to a wonderful man who took the information, address, name of my mother-in-law and said they would try to send help via helicopter

rescue. We waited... we didn't feel help would get to her anytime soon. There were just too many people needing help, and not enough resources.

We live approximately 1 mile from my mother-in-law. My husband did attempt to drive down to our family, but water was over the hood of our car. I then told my husband the neighbor across the street had a pickup truck. Maybe we could get close enough to our family members to where he could walk down to them with our air mattress, putting mom on the air mattress, and keeping her out of the water. My husband agreed and we walked over to our wonderful neighbor, Lou, and he said, "Let's go get her". He never even hesitated. My husband and Lou attempted to drive down in his pickup truck, but again, water was over the hood of his truck. They returned and my husband was blowing up the air mattress, so Lou decided to go scout out the road first by bicycle... good idea Lou! Lou came back and said, "There are some guys down at Parker (ES) with boats helping flooded out neighbors and they are waiting for us." My husband and Lou loaded the air mattress into the back of the pickup and off they went.

When Lou and my husband got to Parker Elementary, Bentley Goodman had a boat in his vehicle. Another neighbor, Travis Baker was there also. The three of them walked the boat to my mother-in-law's house. As they approached my mother-in-law's house, the water was chest deep. When they arrived at her house, her next-door neighbor was out with his canoe, trying to help. Bentley worked with my mother-in-law to get her into his boat. My husband, Travis, Bentley and our son, walked my mother-in-law (who was in the boat) to Westbury United Methodist Church. There, the water had started to recede, and another Good Samaritan drove her and my son to our house. Bentley, Travis, and my husband walked the empty boat back to Bentley's truck. Another Good Samaritan was driving my husband home, when they encountered a woman and two small children who were trying to walk to her mother's home about two blocks away. They stopped and gave them a lift. My mother-in-law and son arrived at our house safely about 1:45pm on Sunday.

We discovered that we had several guardian angels that day looking over my son and mother-in-law, namely, Bentley Goodman, Lou Guerrero, and Travis Baker. I wish we knew the names of the other Good Samaritans who helped, all Westbury residents. I am

not sure if they realized how important they will be for the rest of our lives, but God brought them into our lives at the perfect time. Before this disaster, we had only known one of these angels. These guys deserve a medal, but they will always have our family's appreciation for all that they had done. They were there and willing to help their neighbors, whom they had never met.

We kept close track of the rain, and we had a total of 32 inches at our house. During Tropical Storm Allison, we only had 22" of rain.

**Moral of this story... do not look for the city, county, or state to help in times of need. It is important that we look toward our friends, family, and neighbors, even if we have never met them before.** We learned you have to help one another, be prepared, have a plan, go to the free Hurricane/Emergency Workshop each year to know what to do in an emergency. I have learned so much every year I go. Most importantly, MAKE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT.

PS— BUY A BOAT!

Thank you,

Jean and Lloyd McCluskey





## Unusual High Water Bills Reported After Harvey

The City of Houston and Houston Public Works take seriously the fact that some properties affected by flooding have received unusually high water bills. There are approximately 5,000 customer accounts that have water bills that are twice as much (or more) as the previous billing cycle. The Mayor is working with City Council and Houston Public Works to better understand how this happened and how to correct it. For updates, and steps you can take if you have experienced a high water bill related to Harvey, visit [houstonrecovers.org/highbills](http://houstonrecovers.org/highbills) or call 832-394-2455.

## FEMA Deadline Extended

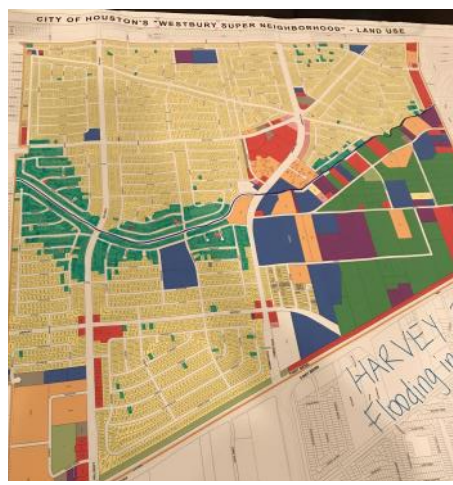
The deadline to apply for federal disaster assistance after Hurricane Harvey has been extended until November 24 for residents of 41 counties in Texas, including Harris.

People can apply in a variety of ways. The FEMA mobile app, online at [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov), phone 800-621-3362 between 6AM-10PM or in person at the nearest Disaster Recovery Center.

The extension also applies to small business owners who can apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Call 800-659-2955 for more information about that process.

## Map of Westbury Flooding

Yellow squares are all 5,000 single family homes in Westbury. The blue-green shaded homes flooded during Harvey. If you would like to see this map in person, please come by the WCC office.



## Harvey High Waters

Flooding on Cartagena in Westbury 3 during Harvey. We would like to thank Glen Robichau thank for sending these striking photos that really show the water levels and what residents were dealing with. Many were rescued from their flooded homes including Glen. He is very thankful to those who rescued him.



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# Getting to Know Your NEW 2018 WCC Board Members



**Brandon Richard**

*Westbury South Section Director*

Brandon Richard was born and raised in Houston. He is a graduate of Bellaire High School, class of 2005. He is a former University of Houston football player and an all-round sports enthusiast. Richard has lived in Westbury since January of 2013. His favorite activities are spending time with family and friends and watching football. He works for Jostens, a supplier of cap and gowns and class rings, and is a home remodeler.



**Susan Brock**

*Westbury 2 Section Director*

Susan Brock has lived in Westbury since 2003. She has lived in Houston most of her life and is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas in Houston. She has been a real estate broker since 2001 when she founded her company, Brock and Foster Real Estate. You have probably run into her at one of her open houses. In her spare time she enjoys volunteering in the community, great coffee, watching the Texans and Rockets play and spending time exploring Houston with her son. Susan looks forward to serving on the WCC Board!



**Gail Reaben**

*Westbury 4 Section Director*

“A long time Houstonian, I grew up in Bellaire but Westbury has been my home for at least 30 years. Briefly, my background and education is a B.A. in Art from the University of St. Thomas and former president of an audio and video company. Currently, I am a documentary filmmaker. I also write for a magazine out of Los Angeles. My interests for WWC are beautification, environmental and nature projects, care of animals and for senior needs. It’s a great neighborhood to live in and I’d love to add my expertise to the Board’s vision and projects. Thank you!”



**Mat Funk**

*Director of Greenspace*

“I have been a Westbury resident for the past 12 years, and am a registered Landscape Architect for a design firm here in Houston. When I threw my name in the hat for the position of the Beautification Director, I was unaware of the amount of Greenspaces which Westbury has within its borders. It is nice knowing that we, as a community, have access to the open greenspaces and, for some, it is right outside our front doors. I look forward to maintaining all the greenspace we have here in Westbury, as well as the possibility of enhancements for everyone to enjoy.”

**Katherine Wingfield**

*Director of Communications*



Katherine Wingfield was born in Magnolia, TX and has lived most of her adult life in Houston. She spends her days raising two little ones here in Westbury. Fun facts: She used to sing for the New Orleans Symphony Chorus; she has a joint JD/MPH from the University of Houston and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; she married her next door neighbor; and she considers herself a connoisseur of both cheese enchiladas and coffee.



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## WCC Proposed 2018 Budget

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) Budget Committee is working on the 2018 budget. The budget will be published in the Crier newsletter once it is approved at the upcoming November 2017 board meeting. This year's proposed budget will be similar to last year's budget.

The WCC operates on a calendar year budget. We estimate our income for the coming year (based on prior history), and then we budget proposed expenditures based on the predicted income.

Our biggest expense is the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) security control contract with the Precinct 5 constable office. The WAP Patrol cost will increase 3% next year to \$316,925 for 4 patrol officers who are assigned specifically for Westbury at various times of day and night. For the past two years, we have been required to have a minimum of 4 patrol officers in our contract with Precinct 5. We have 3 deputies plus 1 sergeant who patrols and oversees.

The Greenspace Committee is evaluating its service contract with our landscape company. At this time, the proposed 2018 budget for our Greenspaces is \$42,600, but this may change as more information is obtained. The remaining proposed General Expense budget for the Westbury Civic Club is anticipated to be \$142,500. The General Expense category includes all the items that go into operating the Civic Club: printing and distribution of the *Crier*, operating an office and staffing it, insurance, professional fees (financial reviews, legal expenses), doing projects and programs, and deed restriction enforcement. Advertising in the monthly news-letter offsets the printing costs.

## Thank You Joe Niles

It is with great sadness that we say good-bye to Joe Niles and his family. After flooding for the 2nd time in less than 27 months, they have decided to move. Joe joined the WCC Board in October 2011 and has hardly ever missed a meeting. He has been instrumental in getting attention to his section and the flooding concerns that he and his neighbors have. He was a great voice for Parkwest 3. We will all miss Joe! Thank you for all your hard work and many hours volunteering with the Civic Club.



*In October 2015, Joe (2nd from right) walked the Willow Waterhole and Braewick bayous with the WCC and HCFCD and City Council office to discuss work being performed and the Memorial Day flood*

## Purple Heart Truck is Gone

Have you noticed that the Purple Heart donation truck at the corner of Hillcroft and Farwell is gone? This trashy eyesore has been a blight on Westbury South for several years now. The Westbury Civic Club enlisted help from the Harris County Attorney's office and the Houston Police Department. The owner tried cleaning up the area and added fencing, but the dumping of trash and other unsavory activities continued. Many thanks go to the long suffering nearby residents who submitted pictures of the problems, to the Westbury HPD Storefront team for their recurring inspections when complaints were made, and to the County Attorney's office for demanding better results.

**If you have a long standing problem in your area of Westbury, send the information to the Westbury Civic Club. Pictures and a specific address of the problem are important. You would be amazed how long some problems continue without ever being reported. People always think someone else is going to report a problem, and often no one does.**

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# ELECTION DAY – TUES., NOVEMBER 7

Your Decision. Your Vote. Westbury is respected as an area with high voter turnout. Keep up the Westbury tradition and VOTE!

***Voting locations may change up until Election Day.  
For sample ballots, locations, go to [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org)***

## What is on the Ballot?

This is a State and City Election. The ballot includes seven propositions for the State of Texas for amendments to the State Constitution, five City of Houston Bond Propositions, Houston Community College Trustees, and HISD Trustees.

## City of Houston Bond Propositions

**PROPOSITION A** The issuance of \$1,010,000,000 pension obligation bonds for the purpose of funding a portion of the unfunded liability of the City with respect to the Houston Police Officers' Pension System and the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System as contemplated by the pension reform plan contained in Senate Bill 2190 (adopted in the 85th (2017) Texas Legislature, Regular Session), and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.

**PROPOSITION B** The issuance of \$159,000,000 public safety improvement bonds for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and equipment of public safety permanent improvements for the police and fire departments and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.

**PROPOSITION C** The issuance of \$104,000,000 park improvement bonds for the conservation, improvement, acquisition, construction and equipment of neighborhood parks, recreational facilities and bayous, including such green spaces along all bayous to create an integrated system of bayou walking, running and bicycle trails to enhance, preserve and protect the health of citizens, water quality, natural habitat and native wildlife and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.

**PROPOSITION D** The issuance of \$109,000,000 public facility improvement bonds for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, remediation and equipment of permanent improvements that support public health and wellness, sanitation and other essential governmental and general services of the City and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.

**PROPOSITION E** The issuance of \$123,000,000 library improvement bonds for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and equipment of the public library system and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.

## EARLY VOTING STARTS OCTOBER 23

### Hours of Operation

October 30 - November 3: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

### Nearby Early Voting Locations

**SWHouston:** Bayland Park Community Center  
6400 Bissonnet, 77074

**Main Office:** Harris County Administration Bldg.  
1001 Preston, 1st Floor, 77002

**Astrodome Area:** Fiesta Mart, Inc., 8130 Kirby Drive

**Galleria:** Harris County Public Health Environmental Services at 2223 West Loop South, 77027

**Voting locations may change up until Election Day.**

**Visit [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org) for up to minute news.**

## VOTING LOCATION CHANGES

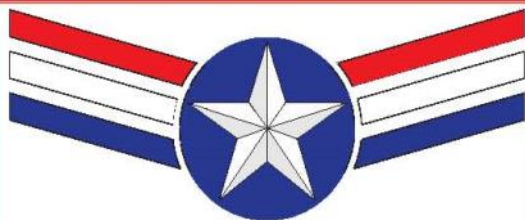
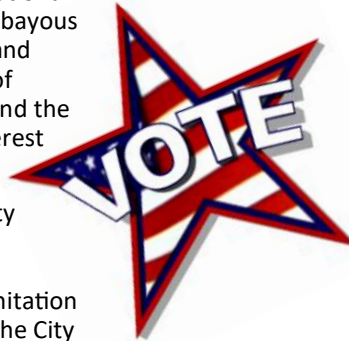
### Precinct 14

Will vote at Tinsley Elementary located at 11035 Bob White. This precinct normally votes at Parker Elementary

### Precinct 281 & 146

Will vote together at Platou Community Center  
11655 Chimney Rock Rd. Pct 281 normally votes at Kolter Elementary

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# Crime & Security

## Westbury Constable Calls September 2017

Type	Count
Accidents	5
Alarm local	6
Animal	3
Arson fire	0
Assault	1
Burglary/Habitat	3
Burglary/Motor Vehicle	3
Contract Check	287
Criminal Mischief	1
Discharge firearm	6
Disturbance/Loud noise	2
Dist./other	2
Follow Up	3
Information call	14
Meet the Citizen	17
Open Door/Window	1
Special Assignment	0
Stranded motor vehicle	1
Suspicious person	16
Terrorist Threat	0
Theft/Other	1
Theft/Residence	0
Traffic hazard	4
Traffic stop	9
Vacation watch	13
Vehicle abandoned	5
Vehicle suspicious	31
Warrant Service	0
Welfare check	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>437</b>

## 30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood Sept. 15, 2017—October 15, 2017

	Commercial Property	Apartments	Public Areas	Westbury Homes	TOTAL
<b>Theft</b> <i>(Misc., Other, US Mail)</i>	1	0	2	2	5
<b>Theft—BMV</b> <i>(Burglary of items in Motor vehicle BMV)</i>	0	1	2	0	3
<b>Auto Theft</b>	0	3	0	0	3
<b>Breaking &amp; Entering</b> <i>(Burglary of Habitation or Building)</i>	0	3	0	4	7
<b>Robbery</b>	0	1	1	1	3
<b>Aggravated Assault w/ Deadly Weapon</b>	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	0	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	1	9	5	8	23

Data from [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com). This pulls crimes reported to HPD. Searched 30 Day period in Westbury neighborhoods. The WCC office is still working on getting complete up to date crime statistics for Westbury.

### Crimes at Westbury Homes by Block Number

September 15, 2017—October 15, 2017

Block #	Street	Crime
5900	Arboles	Breaking & Entering
5900	Beaudry	Breaking & Entering
10900	Hillcroft	Agg. Assault with Weapon
11800	Hillcroft	Breaking & Entering
5900	Lattimer	Theft—Misc items
10600	Moonlight	Theft—Bicycle
5700	Stillbrooke	Robbery
6000	Willowbend	Breaking & Entering



## Be Aware in Westbury

See something, call it in! You and your neighbors contribute funds towards the Pct. 5 Constable patrol program, the Westbury Area Patrol, to the tune of over \$300,000 a year. This puts a patrol car on our Westbury streets EVERY DAY. We are a big neighborhood and it is important that you call in anything you see that is suspicious to 281-463-6666.

The areas that saw houses flood are being targeted by burglars who believe these homes are empty. If you are on one of these streets, keep your eyes open for suspicious people and suspicious vehicles. Watch for kids walking down Ludington and other nearby streets who think a vacant home might make a great place to sneak into for some fun or mischief.

The area around Anderson Elementary and Hager Park has seen increased criminal activity. A Westbury High School student was robbed by gunpoint of his laptop in broad daylight as he walked to school. Thankfully, the culprit was caught and arrested as he walked down West Airport with the stolen goods. Three teenaged thugs stole a cell phone, it was recovered and they, too, were arrested. Be sure your electronic items can be pinged for location and that you have the serial number of your laptop.

If you live near Hager Park and see a gathering of kids after school, why not just call Pct. 5 and ask for a car to be dispatched? If they are up to no good, they will disperse. Students know fighting on campus will get them suspended, so they might meet at Hager or other nearby parks for activities not allowed on campus.

There were close to 15 kids standing around Hager Park before the cell phone theft. Help keep Westbury safe by reporting ANYTHING you see that seems concerning. You are not interrupting anything or keeping the Pct. 5 Constables from doing something "more" important. Rates for the program are increasing for 2018 and we need everyone to pay their fair share.

**Westbury Area Patrol 281-463-6666 \* Westbury HPD Storefront 832-394-7520**

# National Night Out in Westbury

National Night Out (NNO) was a great success as parties took place all over Westbury. Hundreds of neighbors came together to meet one another and to renew friendships. The Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) officers, HPD officers, elected officials, and WCC board members visited as many of the parties as possible. The winners of the pizza party provided by the WCC went to two parties this year: the party on Cartagena hosted by the Ashers and the Ellis-Montgomerys, and the party on Duxbury hosted by Martha Kinn. Both of these streets did not let the flooding of Harvey ruin their neighborliness!

Remember, you don't have to wait for NNO to host a block party or a neighborhood get together. The best way to combat crime is when we all are looking out for one another. Know your neighbors. Know their cars and schedules. Exchange contact information. If you think to yourself that something seems odd or unusual, then act on that intuition and CALL the constables.



## FREE Home Safety Inspections

Burglars like to hit homes when no one is home. The homes that flooded during Harvey have seen break-ins as burglars suspect they are vacant. If your house is vacant, consider an alarm. Take advantage of the home safety inspection program offered by Precinct 5 and your Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). Information and awareness are two of the most reliable tools available in protecting your home, your family and yourself. Harris County Constable Precinct 5 offers programs designed to enhance your security. To schedule an inspection at your home, please contact Deputy Faith Martinez at 832-927-6795.



## Don't forget Vacation Watch!

For residents who pay the WAP patrol dues, a special Vacation Watch may be requested from Pct 5. The form is available online. [www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/](http://www.constablepct5.com/vacation-watch/) If you do not have access to a computer or internet, please call 281-463-6666 for assistance.

# Happy Halloween Westbury Style



*Skeleton horse with midnight rider in Parkwest 2*



*Attack of the giant spiders in Westbury 2*



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# Westbury Area News

## 19th Annual Deck the Halls Parade! Saturday, December 16, 5PM

The 19th Annual "Deck the Halls" Parade will roll on Saturday, December 16th at 5:00 pm! Be prepared to be amazed! The theme is SPACE...a tribute to our beloved Houston, Space City.

See Star Wars, Star Trek, the planets, the zodiac, constellations, astronauts, and tons of characters from favorites like Jetsons, Lost in Space, Teletubbies, Planet of the Apes, Flash Gordon, Battlestar Galactica, and many more! Traditional favorites will march alongside art cars, local businesses, civic organizations, bands, school, cultural and community groups, and more. Look for the Nativity characters, Santa, Hanukkah Harry, Pancho Claus, Kwanzaa King, Dun Che Lao Ren, and more.

Westbury residents along the route often host parties to coincide with this event. For more information or if you would like to participate please check their Facebook page, Deck the Halls Parade 2017. Thank you to the Mandel family for hosting this fun popular neighborhood event.



The parade starts at the old post office on Belrose. The route continues down Burlinghall, to Ashcroft, Warm Springs, and Atwell in Westbury 3.

**Remodeling your home? Adding On? Do you know your deed restrictions? Did you know that the Westbury Civic Club can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction?** We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5 have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know that there is a minimum percentage of brick that must be on your home? Did you know that you can't build in front of your building line? We want to help you! We want you to find out about possible violations before it costs you money and time. Several homeowners in the past couple years have had to tear down and/or modify their construction due to deed restriction violations. **The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits.** They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. All deed restrictions are available online at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com). If you have any questions, contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437 or [westburyccl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburyccl@sbcglobal.net).

### Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury -

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

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook

Westbury CARE- Contact at [westburycare@gmail.com](mailto:westburycare@gmail.com) or at [www.westburycare.com](http://www.westburycare.com), Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



### Westbury Meet & Eat

Come out to Teotihuacan Mexican Restaurant at 6579 W. Bellfort every 1st Thursday of the month to meet Westbury residents. This event is open to anyone who lives in Westbury.

**November Meet & Eat: Thurs., November 2, 6PM**

**December Meet & Eat: Thurs., December 7, 6PM**

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# 2017 Dues/Assessments

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**The amount of the 2017 Mandatory Assessments is \$233.50. The 2017 Assessments are due by February 1, 2017.**

If you have any questions or did not get your invoice, please contact the WCC office at 713-723-5437 or email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

## Mission of the WCC

*The purposes of the Westbury Civic Club, Inc. (the "Club") are to improve the appearance of the Westbury area and promote the civic, cultural educational, health, and general welfare of the residents of the Westbury and Parkwest subdivisions in Harris County, Texas (collectively, the "Community").*

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## Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?

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- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
- Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
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- Organizes community get togethers such as Coffee with Constables and National Night Out

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

\*The Westbury Civic Club Dues encompasses all operations, programs, and services including greenspace, of the Westbury Civic Club, except patrol services.

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

## “Al Campbell Day”

Al Campbell, local educator and musician, has been recognized at City Hall, and October 17 was proclaimed as “Al Campbell Day” for the City of Houston.

Campbell currently works as a professional bassist, lecturer at HISD, director of the Summer Jazz Workshop, entertainment director at the Willow Waterhole Music Festival, assistant director at the Houston Jazz Festival and more. Campbell is well known to hundreds of Westbury residents whose children have attended the music programs at Parker Elementary and Westbury High School. Campbell said, “I’m humbled and truly grateful for this prestigious honor, Al Campbell Day! I love you all and continued blessings!” Congratulations!



## New Parker ES on track to open in January

Parker Elementary School will have a new look for 2018, as construction on the new building inches closer to its scheduled December completion.

Exterior brick and roof installations are nearly complete, and steel framing is underway, as is the installation of insulation and dry wall. In addition, building heating and cooling systems are being tested and crews are painting the cafeteria’s exterior.



“I’m extremely anxious, but very excited,” Parker Principal Lori Frodine said. “We’ve been planning for our new school for several years, so it’s wonderful to see it come together. We can’t wait to move in.”

Parker Elementary is being rebuilt as part of HISD’s voter approved 2012 Bond Program. The \$33 million project calls for a new fine arts magnet school that will accommodate about 850 students.

Plans call for a 500-seat auditorium with collapsible bleacher-style seating, band, orchestra, vocal, and multipurpose rooms, and flexible learning spaces. The two-story, 113,000 square foot building will house pre-k thru 2nd grades on the ground level and third through fifth grades on the 2nd floor. The new cafeteria also includes a separate seating area for parents visiting their children for lunch.

Parker staff members are scheduled to begin moving into the new building over winter break in advance of the school’s January opening. The contractor has increased the number of crews working at the site to ensure the school is completed on time by the end of the year.



*New AC Units being installed at the NEW Parker Elementary*

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## BOMD Given Award from WHS

Last month's Crier talked about the importance of community outreach and partnerships. Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) Executive Director Richard Rodriguez was surprised and honored to receive an award from the Westbury High School Marching Band. The award commemorates the partnership between the Brays Oaks Management District and the Westbury High School Marching Band program. BOMD has been proud to sponsor the band by providing transportation to some competitions, thus helping support the Fine Arts magnet program at Westbury High School.



## Westbury Principal Susan Monaghan Receives HISD Resolution to Honor Award

Westbury High School principal, Susan Monaghan, was presented with the prestigious HISD Resolution to Honor award during halftime of the October 13 Westbury Homecoming football game. HISD School Board President and Trustee for District IX, Wanda Adams, presented the award to Ms. Monaghan to honor and recognize her thirty-six years of commitment to education and her service to Westbury High School.

As principal of Westbury High School, her dedication and commitment to ensuring the success of Westbury students has raised the State academic standards from Improvement Required to Met State Standards in two short years. Now in her third year at Westbury, she remains dedicated to the goal of raising student achievement and providing students with options in the arts and in future careers.



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## Prime Location for Eagle Scout Projects

### WHS Student Completes Eagle Scout Project

Charles Pittman (second from left), a senior at Westbury High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 500, associated with Brentwood Church, completed his Eagle project at the Willow Waterhole on

October 15. Charles, his friends from WHS and the troop built a crushed granite trail near the Rafferty Memorial. Special thanks to Charles' mother, Hattie, far right, whose enthusiasm kept everyone going until the end.



## Westbury Methodist Work Day

Great folks from Westbury United Methodist came out to the Willow Waterhole on October 21. They spread 10 cubic yards of mulch in the tree groves near the Rafferty Memorial. This will improve the health of the trees in the area; providing nutrients and conserving water. Thanks to Roger, Mike, John, Mike, Evonne, Moira, and Danny. Conservancy members also working were Brett Byers, Val and Ray Runge, Russell Schexnayder, Howard Sacks, and Bill Burhans. Also from The Gathering Place - Paul Shaw and Ace Carpenter.



## Salem Lutheran Church Work Day

Ten Salem Lutheran Church members came out to the Willow Waterhole on October 14 for their Annual Community Day of Giving.

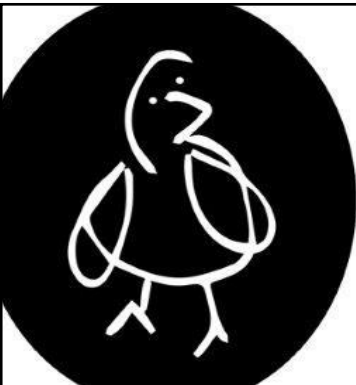
Combining their efforts with four Conservancy members, 8 cubic yards of mulch were spread under the large oak at the Rafferty Memorial and 29 blue flag iris were planted in a wetlands near the same area. It was another hot and humid day in mid-October; they cheerfully worked for 2.5 hours in the heat to accomplish the tasks. What a great group of people! Thanks for spending your time each year at the Willow Waterhole, making it better for all.



## Audubon Society Bird Survey

**Saturday, November 18, 8AM**

**Meet at the Gathering Place** The Willow Waterhole Bird Survey was started in June 2007 and is held on the third Saturday of each month (no survey in December).



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# Trunk or Treat at the Willow Waterhole

For several years, the Willow Waterhole Greenspace (WWGC) has hosted a Halloween event. After Hurricane Harvey the WWGC decided that due to the destruction in Southwest Houston a different type of Halloween event should be held. Working with the Brays Oaks Management District, UpArt Studio proposed a Trunk or Treat event.

This fun, creative event held on October 21 was well attended by young families. Close to 300 participants enjoyed games, bounce houses, candy from the trunks of cars and a costume contest.



## Sod Webworm Control

Are sod webworms devouring your grass? Sod webworms are small caterpillars that eat grasses. The University of Florida notes that "Excessive fertilizing is a leading cause" of outbreaks and advises that keeping your grass healthy with proper fertilization, watering, and mowing can decrease problems with sod webworms.

Native Nurseries in Florida notes that if you over-fertilize, then you might as well post a sign on your yard that says "Sod Webworm Buffet". They mention that mowing grass too short can cause problems with webworms. They advise using Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), which kills caterpillars but not other insects, and to spray at night if using a liquid.

The Texas A&M Extension Office makes the following recommendations:

The need for sod webworm control can be determined by close examination of the grass. If three to four sod webworm larvae are found within a 6-inch-square section of dying sod, then chemical treatment is recommended. Larvae are most active on cloudy days or at night.

Insecticides can be applied in either spray or granular form. Spray solutions can be applied with a garden hose sprayer or compressed air sprayer. Watering the lawn before application will aid penetration into the turf.

Granular insecticides are easier to use and generally provide more thorough coverage. This type of insecticide can be applied with a fertilizer spreader. Following application, the lawn should be watered for about an hour to wash the granules into the matted turf. Use insecticides containing acephate (*Orthene*®), bendiocarb (*Dycarb*® or *Turcam*®), carbaryl (*Sevin*®), or the microbial insecticides *Bacillus thuringiensis* ssp. *Kurstake* (B.t.k.) and ssp. *Aizawai* (B.t.a).

Children and pets should be kept off treated turf until insecticide has been watered and turf has dried. Follow directions on insecticide labels and observe all safety precautions. Pesticides should be stored out of reach of children and pets.

## Fall Yard Care Tips

- Reduce the amount you water the lawn significantly in the Fall. As a general rule, your lawn only needs water every 5-7 days. Overwatering in the Fall can lead to plant disease.
- Mulch your garden, it reduces loss from evaporation and protects the soil and roots.
- Avoid over-fertilizing the lawn.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently for leaks.
- Plant a Fall garden.
- Plant lettuces as a border in your existing beds and enjoy fresh salads all season.
- Fall is the best time to plant!

## 1st Annual Winter Day Camp Westbury Baptist Church

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# Keep Westbury Beautiful

The Westbury Civic Club Green Team of volunteers has won a Mayor's Proud Partner award for our "Keep Westbury Beautiful Day" 2017. The WCC "Keep Westbury Beautiful Day" is held in conjunction with the Keep District K Beautiful and the Keep Houston Beautiful Day events in the springtime. Volunteers worked at Westbury Park, Chimney Rock Park, and on our public esplanades in Westbury.

## Westbury Park

The trash can holders at the Westbury Park were painted an attractive green color. This is the third year that the WCC has focused on the landscaped butterfly beds which welcome visitors to Westbury Park. Three years ago, it was barren with only weeds and trees. Today, it is a beautiful and inviting butterfly habitat. See all the pictures to the right from 2015 to today! It is quite beautiful.



Butterfly garden in October 2017



Butterfly Garden in April 2017

## Chimney Rock Park and Esplanades

Volunteers removed litter and trimmed the trees along the West Airport esplanades, while other volunteers cleaned up and improved Chimney Rock Park. Chimney Rock Park is the site of the Platou Community Center.



Garden area in 2015 before WCC work!

The Westbury Civic Club Green Team shares this award with not only all the volunteers, but also with Westbury residents who pay their dues that help fund the incidental expenses of these work days. Thanks to all the volunteers from around the neighborhood and our youth volunteers from Sharpstown HS, Westbury HS, Bellaire HS, and Meyerland PVA Middle School! Special thanks to the Westbury Civic Club "Green Team" for organizing and coordinating this event!



Butterfly garden in October 2017—flourishing!



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## Westbury Community Garden News

Urban Harvest Celebration – November 11  
10:30AM-1:00PM

See below for more information.



## WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main. Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Greencraig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible. Street parking.

**JOIN the garden TODAY at**  
[www.westburycommunitygarden.org](http://www.westburycommunitygarden.org)



## Thank You Trafton Academy

We had a great group of 7<sup>th</sup> grade science students from Trafton Academy and their instructor, Ms. Holmes, out to the Westbury Community Garden to help us weed, mulch the aisles, and maintain our butterfly gardens and orchards. Together, we got so many tasks accomplished! Thanks to each and every one for your awesome teamwork and community spirit.



## Urban Harvest Fall Celebration November 11, 10:30am-1PM

Each year Urban Harvest hosts a fall harvest celebration at one of its affiliate community gardens. This year the Westbury Community Garden is the host. Founded in 1994, Urban Harvest has garnered a well-deserved reputation as a leader in the local food movement. Urban Harvest encourages community, good nutrition and sustainability through the teaching and support of organic gardening.

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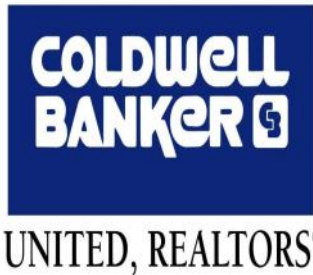


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