



Westbury Crier

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New Date for November WCC Meeting

New meeting date will be Wednesday, November 14

Traditionally, the Westbury Civic Club holds its monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of every month, but this year the third Wednesday in November falls on the day before the Thanksgiving holiday and our usual meeting place is closed.

During the October monthly meeting, the WCC Board voted to CHANGE the date of the November meeting by moving it to the second Wednesday, November 14.

The new meeting date will be NOVEMBER 14, at 7PM at Westbury Baptist Church. Our sister organization, Westbury Area Improvement Corp (WAIC), which hosts the morning Westbury Super Neighborhood meeting, has also opted to change its meeting date to November 14. The WAIC meets at 9:30AM at St. John's Presbyterian on W. Bellfort.

New Traffic Light by Parker

The new traffic lights on Willowbend at Atwell next to Parker Elementary have finally been turned on after repeated requests from the Westbury Civic Club. All the equipment and lights have been in place for over 2 years.

To get updates and information about other infrastructure projects in Westbury such as ditch maintenance, clogged drains, and more go to page 6.

Good News! The road work at Chimney Rock and W. Bellfort is complete!



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

Election Day November 6

For more information, see pages 8-9

2018 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 PAGES 8 AND 9.

**There are many hot races this year. There are two bond propositions on the ballot as well as US Senator and more.*



***Pct. 14** will vote at Parker Elementary again now that construction is completed.

***Pct. 281** will vote at Godwin Community Center until Kolter Elementary is rebuilt.

***Pct. 291** will be now be voting at Parker Elementary, 10626 Atwell



**Daylight Savings Time Ends
2AM November 4**

RECYCLING DATES

November 2018

Thursday, November 8
Friday, November 23

December 2018

Thursday, December 6
Thursday, December 20

HEAVY TRASH

November 2018

Thursday, November 8
TREE WASTE ONLY

December 2018

Thursday, December 13
JUNK WASTE

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Congratulations to the Houston Astros for winning the AL West for the 2nd consecutive year. Unfortunately, the team did not make a repeat trip to the World Series, but the Astros still make me Houston Proud. #NeverSettle

Thank you to the many Westbury residents who hosted or attended National Night Out (NNO) block party events in October. Knowing your neighbors is an important aspect to public safety, and NNO block parties are a fun way to get to know each other better. But don't wait for a special NNO event to talk to your neighbor. November weather in Houston tends to be great weather for being outdoors, so take a few moments to say hi as your neighbors are walking, biking, working in the yard, or having fun at one of our local city parks.

We don't have photos in this edition from the October fall WCC "White Elephant" Community Garage Sale, because this article was written before the event. Right now it looks like the weather will be spectacular for our community garage sale. This traditional event has been a fun Westbury activity for decades. For those who don't remember the meaning of "white elephant", it means an unwanted item such as a wedding present by some ancient distant aunt. Our White Elephant Sale is a great place to sell off such items. There will another White Elephant sale in the Spring.

Coming up in November is Election Day on November 6, and hopefully this newsletter has reached you before then. Early Voting started on Monday, October 22. There are several hotly contested elections this year at the local, state, and federal level.

I encourage everyone to VOTE. Westbury has higher voting rates than most of Houston or Texas, because our residents care and are involved in our community. We should be proud of our high rate of

participation in the political process. I want to commend our residents for respecting the opinions of others. As I drive around Westbury, I see many political signs, yet it seems that most signs correctly posted in yards have been respected and not defaced or stolen – unlike what is happening in other areas of Houston and Texas. Westbury can be proud of its civility in the lead up to this raucous election.

Thanksgiving, our national holiday to celebrate families and blessings, is approaching, along with "cooler" temperatures. Happy Thanksgiving to all! This is one of my favorite holidays, not just because it features great food and visiting family (although those are wonderful attractions for Thanksgiving), but because it is a holiday designed for us to reflect and to be grateful for our many blessings.

Thanksgiving is also a period to be especially vigilant, because so many people will be out of town traveling. If you observe or hear unusual or suspicious behavior, please call the dispatcher for the Precinct 5 Constable Westbury Area Patrol (WAP security patrol).

On a serious note, you will read elsewhere on page 12 about financial pressures facing the WCC and our important security patrol, the Westbury Area Patrol, performed under contract with the Precinct 5 Constables Office. Our Precinct 5 constables are licensed law enforcement officers and are able to arrest criminals, not simply hold suspects. Our neighboring subdivisions in Meyerland, Maplewood South/North, Marilyn Estates, and Barkley Square also contracted with Precinct 5 and our security contracts work together to provide back-up manpower to each other. The Constable Sergeants coordinate among each other to distribute security alerts and to warn of neighborhood issues in the Westbury / Meyerland/

Maplewood areas. Our income for WCC operations and for WCC WAP Security Patrol has been adversely affected by multiple flood events over the past three years. The "cushion of savings" which had accumulated over the years for the WAP Security Patrol has now been spent. That means that we do not have a cushion of savings anymore, so we must raise the needed funds entirely (with no savings as backup) for WAP for 2019. We will have to make a decision early in 2019 about whether to sign a contract for 3 or 4 deputies. We have been required in recent years to hire 4 deputies, but we are not the only community facing income issues after Harvey, and it is our understanding that the County Commissioners and the County Constables are temporarily willing to relax the constable staffing requirements.

Our past WCC President, Becky Edmondson, is the WCC Treasurer this year. Becky and I and the WCC Office Manager plan to look carefully at WCC expenses and our service providers to evaluate ways to save funds. I have also had a preliminary discussion about WCC finances with the WCC Board during the October monthly board meeting, so that they understand the financial issues now facing the WCC. I have asked the WCC Board to consider and provide ideas on ways to improve our income received from our residents who pay voluntary payments.

Every edition of the Westbury Crier newsletter has a form to clip for residents to make their voluntary payments (residents who have mandatory assessments receive a bill). The payment form has been updated for 2019.

Returning to the start of the holiday season, Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Cindy Chapman

WCC Board Meeting Notes October 2018

- Speakers were Vince Ryan, Harris County Attorney and HISD Trustee Wanda Adams
- Westbury Community Garden honored by TX Senator Borris Miles
- WCC Board approved motion to transfer money from WAP savings to the WCC General fund.
- The next WCC Board meeting will be November 14 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist. Meet and Greet 6:30PM, Meeting 7PM

WCC Board Meeting Wed., November 14*, 7PM

Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft

*This is a change in date



Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



Are You Interested in a FREE Aerobics Class?

The Houston Parks Department has promised to assign a leader for an aerobics class to Platou, if enough individuals express an interest. The class would be FREE and held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. To put your name on a list, call Platou at 713-726-7107.



Weekly Classes/Groups

Stretching Exercise Class

Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 9-9:45AM

Improve flexibility in a non-strenuous exercise class.

Ms. BeeHaven Quilters

Tuesday, 10AM - 2PM

Contact Janie at 713-721-5526

Table Games

Wednesday, 10AM - 12:30PM

Take a chance at Dominoes, Card Games, and more!

Table Tennis

Wednesday, 4-8PM

Open Adult and Teen Ping Pong/Table Tennis will be available with Mr. Nelson

Interested in new classes/groups?

Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 or email platou@houston.tx.gov if you want to form a craft class, play bridge, hold a meeting, etc. New classes are always welcome and needed. All classes are free and led by volunteers. The center will be open until 8PM Monday through Thursday.

Chimney Rock Park Needs Your Help

Chimney Rock Park is a City Park in Westbury. Located near the US Post Office on Chimney Rock, the park features the Platou Community Center, a playground, and tennis and basketball courts. In order to make the playground area more user friendly and comfortable, four benches and a picnic table were recently donated to be installed in the shade near the playground.

The donated benches and picnic table must be installed on concrete pads in the park, per city requirements. Most of the money to install these amenities has already been raised and only \$500 more is needed. The Friends of Chimney Rock Park need to raise about \$2,500 to pay for the installation costs. Park goers are eagerly awaiting these benches and picnic table. We all know how important a comfortable spot in the shade is during our hot Houston summers.

How can YOU help? Send a check with your donation to: *Friends of Chimney Rock Park, c/o Janie Schexnayder, Treasurer, 11518 Endicott, Houston, TX. 77035.*

Friends of Chimney Rock Park is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and your donation is tax deductible.

Meyer Library News

➔ Meyer Library CLOSED Indefinitely

The Meyer Library has long been on the City's replacement list and after minor flooding in Harvey, the decision was made to not re-open Meyer Library. The City recently approved \$1.2 Million to purchase land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. The new location would be at the site of the old post office in Westbury on Belrose.

"Mini" Meyer Library at Godwin Community Center

A "mini" Meyer Library is now open in Meyerland at the Godwin Community Center at 5101 Rutherglenn next to Kolter Elementary. Limited Services.

Staff can be reached at 832-393-1840.

Hours of operation:

Mon-Wed: 1:00PM-6:00PM

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What's Happening in Westbury

Events/Meetings Calendar November 2018

Sat 3	Rain Date for White Elephant Sale	
Sun 4	Daylight Savings Time Ends Clock Fall Back on hour at 2AM	
Tues 6	Election Day	
Wed 14	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St John's Presbyterian - 5020 W Bellfort See page 20 for more information	9:30AM
Wed 14	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist - 10425 Hillcroft Change in Date due to Thanksgiving	7PM
Sat 17	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	8AM
Mon 19	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort	7:30PM
Nov 19-23	WCC Office Closed	
Thurs 22	Happy Thanksgiving	NO TRASH PICKUP
Fri 23	Regular & Recycling Trash pickup	
Tues 28	NO SW PIP Meeting in November	

PLANNING CALENDAR

December 15 – Deck the Halls Parade
HISD Winter Break – Dec. 24– Jan. 4
No WCC or WAIC Meeting in December



TRASH SCHEDULE



Recycling in Westbury

All of Westbury recycles on Schedule A.
Recycling is every other week. Recycling goes into the green trash can.

November 2018 **December 2018**
Thursday, November 8 Thursday, December 6
Friday, November 23* Thursday, December 20

*Trash and recycling will be picked up on Friday, November 23, due to Thanksgiving

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.

November 2018 **December 2018**
TREE WASTE ONLY **JUNK WASTE**
Thursday, November 8 Thursday, December 13

Important Trash & Recycling Info



- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- ♻️ NO Glass in the green recycling bins
- ♻️ 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
- ♻️ 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.
- ♻️ GLASS: May be recycled at Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend, in the orange container near W. Bellfort.
- ♻️ Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

Westbury Infrastructure Report

City of Houston Drain Repairs at Creekbend and Rampart

The WCC office received multiple emails and calls from concerned residents regarding a clogged storm drain at Creekbend and Rampart in Parkwest 2. When residents initially reported the problem to the City, the City closed the case and forwarded to Harris County Flood Control. HCFCD said it was not their issue, it was the City. Residents were very frustrated with no clear answers and with being passed back and forth.

The WCC office manager made many trips to the site to photograph the standing water. The WCC office sent a diagram of the area to the City. We asked for help from our City Council office. Public Works finally went out and properly cleared the whole line, and now the water drains when it rains. The line had been completely clogged with debris and roots.



Ditch Maintenance in Question

In the middle of October, residents on the East side of Chimney Rock and on Stone West Dr (south of the high school) all received yellow violation notices from the City's Department of Neighborhoods. The WCC received many phone calls inquiring and complaining about these violation notices. The violation was for not mowing the drainage easement behind their homes. That easement is a ditch and has been maintained by either the City or the County for 50 years. Some of the residents who called the WCC office are original owners and this was the first they had ever heard of this.

The WCC office immediately made phone calls to Harris County Flood Control as it appeared to be their channel. The office also spoke with the District K office several times regarding this matter. The residents on the other side of the ditch were also complaining about the signs they received. Stone West is in Stone's Throw neighborhood, not Westbury. This area is apparently another "no man's land", no one wanted to claim it, not the City and not the County.



Two days later, all the signs were removed and the City Department of Neighborhoods was out mowing this ditch. The WCC is not sure who is technically supposed to maintain this stretch. If the City or the County is planning on handing this over to the residents, then better communication is needed. Some residents were told by 311 operators that it was a Harvey budget cut.

The WCC is very thankful for the District K City Council office for working so hard on this matter for our residents. We will have an update in the December Crier on this ditch (D139-

01-00).

Work Completed at Chimney Rock and W. Bellfort

The Harris County Flood Control District work is now complete and the roadways have been reopened. HCFCD has been installing 2 big culverts along the easement that runs from W. Bellfort to the Willow Waterhole Bayou between Westbury 1 and Westbury 3. These new culverts will redirect the water from the "Hummingbird" Ditch (D139-04) to the Willow Waterhole Bayou instead of Chimney Rock Diversion Channel.

Railroad Crossing repairs at Hillcroft – City of Houston Public Works department reported that TXDOT will be issuing the repair order in 2 weeks for the repairs on Hillcroft at the railroad crossing.

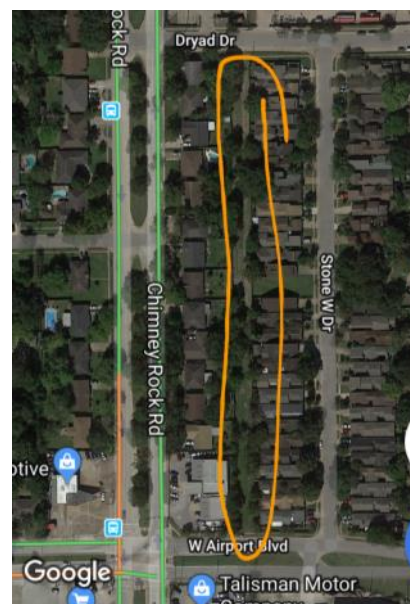
Project Brays Bridge Update

Bridge replacement/elevation on Brays Bayou at S. Rice, Chimney Rock, Hillcroft – is in design and should start next year.

New Traffic Light in Westbury

The light at Willowbend at Atwell was finally activated! The initial installation of new poles and control box was 2 years ago as part of a City CIP project.

The WCC and Parker Elementary have been inquiring about this light for over a year. When you drive on Willowbend, check out the wire free intersection! The City is confident this will fix the flashing red lights when it rains. The new lights also allow for left turn yield onto Atwell which is helpful during non busy times.



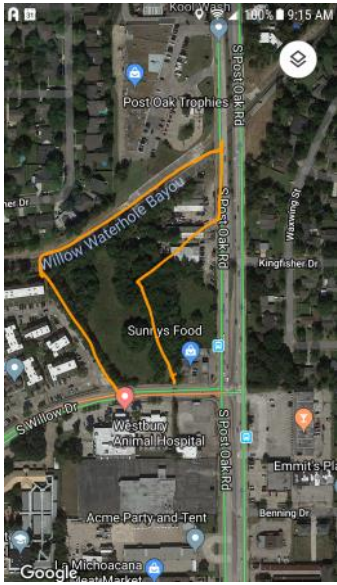
Ditch maintenance area

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New Townhome Development – DENIED

A highly dense, single-family townhome development had been proposed in the Westbury Super Neighborhood, near the corner of S. Willow at South Post Oak. The development was called “Willow Creek Estates” in the application submitted to the Planning Department. It has frontage along the Willow Waterhole Bayou, and is located in the 100 and 500 year floodplains, so that fill dirt was proposed to elevate the homes above the 500 year flood plain. The project raised concerns due to multiple flooding events along Willow Waterhole Bayou on both sides of South Post Oak.

After historic flooding during Hurricane Harvey last year, the City of Houston has been getting much criticism for allowing new housing developments to be built located in the 100 and 500 year floodplains. The undeveloped land for this proposed project is next to the bayou and is in a great location for adding more stormwater detention, perhaps to offset city capital projects to improve street drainage in the Westbury area.



Both Mayor Sylvester Turner and City Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum supported denying the proposed Willow Creek Estates development to allow time to see if the undeveloped site is appropriate for a stormwater project along Willow Waterhole Bayou. As a result, the new development was DENIED by the Planning Commission.

This is apparently the first time that the city Planning Commission has voted to deny approval of a new subdivision meeting the current city requirements. District K Chief of Staff, Janae Whitfield, has told WCC President Cindy Chapman that the developer is anticipated to resubmit plans for the project.

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Know Before You Vote

Westbury residents are proud of our tradition of VOTING during elections. Early voting started on October 22 and Election Day is on Tuesday, November 6. But how can voters find out reputable information about the issues and candidates? Politicians prefer to paint themselves in favorable terms, highlighting their best points while ignoring the not so flattering information. How do you determine what might be partial truths or misrepresentations? Just because you see information on social media or in the news doesn't mean it is “the truth, the full truth, and nothing but the truth”.

The League of Women Voters of Houston (LWVHouston) produces a non-partisan Voter's Guide with information about how to vote. The Voter's Guide also has details provided by the candidates, brief biographies about the candidates, and links to the candidate websites. <http://lwvhouston.org>

Message from the LWV Houston: “TEXAS LAW DOES NOT ALLOW VOTERS TO ACCESS INFORMATION OR PERSONAL NOTES USING ELECTRONIC DEVICES (SUCH AS MOBILE PHONES OR TABLETS) WHILE AT THE POLLING PLACE. HOWEVER, YOU MAY TAKE PRINTED OR HANDWRITTEN NOTES INTO THE VOTING BOOTH, INCLUDING A PRINTED COPY OF THIS VOTERS GUIDE”

Houston Chronicle: The staff of the Houston Chronicle also interview political candidates, i.e. evaluate their positions and qualifications, and then make recommendations. This year the Chronicle staff is providing a “star” rating for each candidate, in addition to their traditional explanation about why they are “endorsing” specific candidates. As the Chronicle explains, “What is an endorsement? An endorsement is the editorial board's informed consensus opinion on the best candidate to represent a district, city, county, the state or the nation.”

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Election Information - Proposition A & B

Questions and Answers by the Westbury Civic Club

Questions and Answers by the WCC about Proposition A

What is the intent of this ballot item? Voters are being asked to restrict the Rebuild Houston fees so that the revenues are DEDICATED for flooding, drainage, and street improvements. A vote YES means that the revenue funds will be restricted to those uses. A vote NO means that the funds will not be restricted. Whether you vote Yes or No, the monthly drainage fees paid by Westbury and Houston residents will still continue to show up on your utility bill.

Why are we voting on Proposition A; Didn't voters vote on this same topic years ago? The Houston Chronicle on August 9, 2018 describes this ballot item as, "a 'do-over' of ReBuild Houston, the 2010 charter amendment that created the city's program for repairing streets and drainage pipes and ditches. The Texas Supreme Court voided the original election because the ballot language did not make clear that the program envisioned a new drainage fee residents would pay." Whether you vote Yes or No, the monthly drainage fees paid by Westbury and Houston residents will still continue to show up on your utility bill.

What is the impact of this ballot item on residents of Westbury?

Our subdivision was built more than 60 years ago. The infrastructure in Westbury has not been updated or replaced for most of our streets or street stormwater drainage systems. Westbury has several capital improvement projects waiting to be implemented and funded. These projects are currently under ReBuild Houston.



Questions and Answers by the WCC about Proposition B

Why are we voting on this ballot item? The Firefighters Union did a petition drive to place this item on the ballot to increase fire department salaries and provide certain other benefits. If approved, firefighter pay would be linked to police officer pay.

What are the pros and cons? This is a complicated topic and the WCC encourages residents to do their own research. There seems to be general agreement by both sides that fire department workers deserve a salary increase. There is disagreement about how to implement a salary increase, how much the salary increase should be, and whether the City can afford the proposed salary increases without adverse impacts such as reduction in city services or personnel.

The fire union says that its workers are leaving the City of Houston for higher pay elsewhere and that this will continue if the ballot item is not approved. They say that the City has not followed through on pledges to increase their salaries. The City says that in the first year a 25% increase in salary would be needed at a cost of \$98 million (with up to \$298 million in costs anticipated over 3 years), and that the City may have to lay off employees and reduce city services to implement the proposed salary increase. The City says the Mayor has offered a 9.5% raise over 3 years.

What is the impact of this ballot item on residents of Westbury? This is a city-wide issue and does not seem to have a specific impact on Westbury residents.

Stay connected with what is happening in Westbury RIGHT NOW! "Like" our Facebook page, Westbury Houston, to stay updated on neighborhood issues.

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ELECTION DAY – TUES., NOVEMBER 6

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Voting locations may change up until Election Day.
For sample ballots, locations, go to www.harrisvotes.org

What is on the Ballot?

There are two City Propositions on the ballot. Read more about the propositions below and on page 8. On the Federal level, we will vote for United States Senate and House. In Texas, we are voting for Governor, Lt Governor, Railroad Commission, State Representative and Senator and more; plus two pages of judges; including Harris County Judge.

City of Houston Bond Propositions

Ballot Wording for Proposition A

[Relating to the Creation of a Dedicated Funding Source to Enhance, Improve and Renew Drainage Systems and Streets]

“Shall the Houston City Charter be amended to establish a Dedicated Pay-As-You-Go Fund, to be used for the enhancement, improvement, and ongoing renewal of Houston’s drainage and streets, funded annually from the following sources: (i) developer impact fees; (ii) drainage charges, to property owners or users, to recover costs of providing drainage to benefitting real properties; (iii) a portion of the City’s ad valorem tax levy; and (iv) third-party contracts, grants, or payments earmarked or dedicated to drainage or streets?”

Q & A about Proposition A on page to the left.

Ballot Wording for Proposition B

(Note: This proposition is long, with more than 500 words, so we are printing the first paragraph in our newsletter)

“Shall the City Charter of the City of Houston be amended by adding a separate section that reads as follows: The City of Houston shall compensate City firefighters in a manner and amount that is at least equal and comparable by rank and seniority with the compensation provided City police officers including: a. Persons employed in the following firefighter classifications shall receive the same base pay as persons of like seniority employed in the following, similarly numbered police officer classifications.....”

Q & A about Proposition B on page to the left.

EARLY VOTING THRU NOVEMBER 2

Hours of Operation

October 29 - November 2: 7:00AM - 7:00PM

Nearby Early Voting Locations

SWHouston: Bayland Park Community Center
 6400 Bissonnet, 77074

Downtown: Harris County Law Library—Conf. Center
 1019 Congress Ave, 77002

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

Galleria: Harris County Public Health Environmental Services, 2223 West Loop South, 1st Floor, 77027

Voting locations may change up until Election Day.

Visit www.harrisvotes.org for up to minute news.

November 6 Election Locations Westbury Area Precincts

*New location since the October *Crier* was published
 Locations subject to change, check www.harrisvotes.org

Pct.	Location	Address
14*	Parker Elementary	10626 Atwell
22	Foerster Elementary	14200 Fonmeadow
146	Platou Community Center	11655 Chimney Rock
281	Godwin Community Center	5101 Rutherglenn
291*	Parker Elementary	10626 Atwell
293	Anderson Elementary	5727 Ludington
403	Westbury Baptist	10425 Hillcroft
453	Westbury High School	11911 Chimney Rock
554	Braeswood Assembly of God	10611 Fondren
693	Braeswood Assembly of God	10611 Fondren



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2018 National Night Out in Westbury

If you are new to Westbury, NNO is an event sponsored by law enforcement to encourage neighbors to get to know each other better during social events scheduled on the same night across Westbury and Houston and statewide. Due to the heat, events held in Texas are conducted in October, rather than in August, as is done in other places in the US. Westbury residents were encouraged to host block parties and to meet their neighbors. Those who registered their block parties with the WCC Office by a certain time were eligible for a drawing to receive pizzas for their party and the addresses were forwarded to HPD and the Precinct 5 Constables to be visited by law enforcement. Approximately 15 parties registered with the office. Congratulations Mindy and Heath Campbell of Carlota Court for winning the pizza party!

Past WCC President Becky Edmondson and current WCC President Cindy Chapman met at 3:45 PM to drive over to the SW Houston Police Department station NNO KickOff event starting at 4 PM. They met with the police leadership team at the SW HPD station and also Texas Senator Borris Miles and District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum, who had dropped by the kickoff event. Cindy and Becky managed to visit 11 events of the Neighborhood Night Out events in Westbury, but didn't have enough time to make it to all of the Westbury events before ending 5 hours later at almost 9 PM.

Law enforcement officers from both the Houston Police Department and the Precinct 5 Constable Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) security patrol dropped by to visit many of the NNO parties.

Enjoy these photos taken at various NNO parties in Westbury!
Keep Westbury Safe! Know your Neighbors.



NNO Party on Checkerboard in Westbury 2



NNO Party on Carlotta Court in Westbury 5



NNO Party on Hummingbird in Parkwest 2



NNO Party on Cerritos in Westbury 3



NNO Party on Endicott in Westbury 1



NNO Party on Spellman in Westbury 5

2018 National Night Out in Westbury



HPD NNO Party with Borris Miles



NNO Party with HPD



HPD NNO Party with District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum



HPD NNO Party with District K's Barbara Hite, HPD Captain Null, and Lt. Manfre



NNO Party on Arboles in Parkwest 3



NNO Party on Cartagena in Westbury 3



Party on Ashcroft in Westbury 3



NNO Party on Atwell in Westbury 3



NNO Party on Cartagena in Westbury 3



NNO Party on Gaymoor in Westbury 3



NNO Party on Spellman in Westbury 5



NNO Party on Redstart in Westbury 2

WCC Finances and Constable Program

Over the past several years, you have read many pleas for money for the Constable Program that we call the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). The WCC has written many times about needing additional funding for the program or we would be forced to make some hard decisions. As of the end of September 2018, we still need money for the Constable program, approximately \$96,000. The Constable contract period is through February 2019.

The Westbury Civic Club has contracted with Precinct 5 since 1984. Over the years we have had 3 or 4 deputies. Most recently when we had 3 deputies in the WAP, the WCC collected more than was needed for those 3 deputies. The additional WAP income was saved in a dedicated account for security as residents donate the money with the expectation that it is going to security. Over those years, the WAP savings account grew.

In 2015, after neighboring communities complained that their Constable deputies were being called over to Westbury too often; the WCC was required to add

another deputy. The recommended number of deputies for a community the size of Westbury is 6 to 8. In the past 3 years since the WCC has had 4 deputies, we have not generated sufficient income to pay the expense and have had to use the funds from the WAP savings account.

During the October WCC Board meeting, the board voted to approve a recommendation from WCC Treasurer, Becky Edmondson, to reimburse the WCC General checking account for payments made for the 2016 and 2017 Constable patrol. The board agreed to reimburse the WCC of approximately \$90,000 in funds from the WAP savings. All bills are paid through the general account.

What is the impact on the Westbury Area Patrol Constable program? The savings cushion for the Precinct 5 Constable Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) which had accumulated over many years has been depleted. This means that in 2019, we will need to raise ALL the funds needed for the WAP program. There is no longer a savings account to be able to make up the difference if there are slight variations from year to year in WAP income. Additionally, a decision will need to be made in late 2018 / early 2019 to decide

whether we think we will be able to afford paying a 4th deputy or whether we will need to drop down to a 3rd deputy. Other neighborhoods in Houston have also had income issues related to flooding, and we have been told that there will be a temporary window to allow decreasing the number of constables, but we will have to make that decision before we sign a new contract. Once we sign a contract for 3 or 4 constable patrol officers in early 2019, we will be obligated to pay that bill.

These problems were discussed at length with the new WCC board at the October 2018 board meeting. The board has been asked to provide suggestions about how to improve our messaging and our outreach for our residents who do not have mandatory assessments and thus make voluntary payments to both the security patrol and to WCC operations.

We are asking residents to make payments for 2019 as early as possible, starting in November of 2018. Improving our income for programs vital to the Westbury neighborhood will be a challenge, but it must be accomplished. We will get it done by facing our challenges in an open and transparent manner and working together to meet our goals.

Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

The Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) and the Westbury Super Neighborhood meeting was held on October 17. Mary Seymore presented a Resolution from Texas Senator Borris Miles to honor outgoing WAIC President Cindy Chapman. Reports were provided from Friends of Chimney Rock Park, Westbury Community Garden, Westbury High School, Public Safety topics, and the status of the proposed townhouse development near South Post Oak. There was much discussion about robberies of WHS students walking to class earlier that very morning. Near the end of the WAIC meeting, President Cindy Chapman resigned as WAIC President since she was elected last month as President of the Westbury Civic Club.

The WAIC board APPROVED motions to:

- ⇒ Move the November meeting date to November 14 to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday
- ⇒ Close a CD with savings for public safety when it matures in November
- ⇒ Elect Becky Edmondson to serve as Interim WAIC President (and Westbury Co-President) until the WAIC elections.



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Opportunity Insights

Opportunity Insights is an organization whose mission is to develop scalable policy solutions that empower families to ease out of poverty and achieve better outcomes. They have published "The Opportunity Atlas: Mapping the Childhood Roots of Social Mobility".

In a series of studies beginning in 2014, they have shown how the neighborhoods in which children grow up shape children's outcomes in adulthood. Most recently, in collaboration with researchers at the U.S. Census Bureau, they constructed the Opportunity Atlas. This new interactive mapping tool presents estimates of children's chances of climbing the income ladder for every 70,000 neighborhoods across America. A trove of information is available for each census tract.

Social mobility varies widely both across cities and across neighborhoods within cities in the U.S. On average, a child from a low-income family raised in San Jose or Salt Lake City has a much greater chance of reaching the top than a low-income child raised in Baltimore or Charlotte. However, the Opportunity Atlas shows that there are neighborhoods within Baltimore and Charlotte that have higher rates of upward mobility than the average neighborhood in San Jose or Salt Lake City.

How does this relate to Westbury? Westbury has a wide range of opportunity for our students, as shown by the different colors on this map. The maps contain detailed information, which can be used by our schools, our Westbury community, and our city to find new ways to help our children succeed in life.

For more details and information, visit the website www.OpportunityAtlas.org

Westbury High School News

Congratulations to WHS Student Jhenifer Valdes Reyes for being named Exceptional Student of the Month by Telemundo and Wingstop. Jhenifer received a check for \$1,000 for her efforts to encourage all students to excel academically.

WHS held a successful Parent University event on campus in October which was attended by more than 300 parents and had more than 50 vendors.

WHS Students Organize Food Pantry

The students of Westbury High School have started a new community service project, a mobile food pantry called the "Husky Food Market", in association with the Houston Food Bank. The mobile food pantry will be staffed by WHS student volunteers, organized and led by the WHS Junior ROTC students. The first visit of the mobile food pantry to the WHS campus was on October 18, 2018. More than 140 families were served by 18 JROTC students. This food pantry will include FRESH produce, in addition to the typical shelf-stable dry foods, and is intended to serve the local community. The next dates for the mobile food pantry at WHS are Nov 1 and Nov 15, from 9 AM to Noon (must be in line no later than 11:30 AM).



Thanks from WHS Baseball Team

The Westbury Huskies Baseball Team would like to extend our gratitude to Don Sanders for his generous donation! Mr. Sanders donated enough money for our team to buy a piece of equipment that the coaches have been dreaming of for years. While the coaches, the players, and the booster club continued to think of this as only a dream, Don stepped in and made our dream a reality. Thank you so much, for purchasing such an important and valuable piece of equipment for us!

Although words cannot express our gratitude, we are using them here to acknowledge and appreciate your generosity. Thank you so much!

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30 Day Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

September 26 - October 22, 2018

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5600	Belrose	Theft - Other	10/3	11am	Westbury 3
12300	Braewick	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	10/5	11pm	Westbury 4
10700	Carlota Ct	Theft - Other	10/5	11pm	Westbury 5
6000	Densmore	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	10/5	10pm	Westbury 4
5900	Dryad	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	10/14	12pm	Westbury 4
5500	Duxbury	Theft - other	9/27	10am	Westbury 4
5900	Duxbury	Burglary of Motor Vehicle (License Plate)	10/16	10am	Westbury 4
6000	Duxbury	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	10/6	7am	Westbury 4
5700	Effingham	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	10/4	11am	Westbury 4
5900	Ettrick	Theft - Other	10/11	5pm	Westbury 4
5700	Farwell	Auto Theft (Car)	9/29	8pm	Westbury South
5800	Firenza	Theft - Other	10/1	1pm	Westbury South
10700	Hillcroft	Theft - Other	10/5	11am	Westbury 5
11000	Hillcroft	Auto Theft (Truck/Van)	10/22	12pm	Westbury 5
11700	Hillcroft	Burglary Habitation	10/14	7am	Parkwest 3
12400	Hillcroft	Robbery	10/4	12pm	Westbury 4
5700	W Airport	Burglary Habitation	10/4	9am	Westbury 4
5200	W Bellfort	Auto Theft (Car)	10/8	4pm	Westbury 1
6000	W Bellfort	Burglary Habitation	10/5	12pm	Parkwest 3
6000	W Bellfort	Agg. Robbery	10/2	2pm	Parkwest 3

KEY

- Burglary from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Theft
- Burglary
- Aggravated Assault with Weapon
- Aggravated robbery with weapon

The Westbury Civic Club strives to provide accurate information. Due to the printing date of the *Crier*, crime statistics are always delayed.

Crime in Commercial, Public Spaces, and Apartments

The chart below breaks out the type of crimes and how many at each type of location. The apartments at 12500 and 12600 Dunlap accounted for 11 of 27 crimes at apartments. The WCC tries to publicize an accurate update list of crime in the area. If you have an idea of format, please call the office.

Crime Type	Westbury Homes	Apts./Townhomes	Commercial/Business	Public Space (Willow WH)
Homicide	0	1	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	4	1	0
Aggravated Robbery	1	9	0	1
Robbery	1	2	0	0
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	6	3	1	0
Burglary of Building	0	0	1	0
Burglary of Habitation	3	2	0	0
Theft - other	5	2	3	1
Theft - Shoplifting	0	0	1	0
Theft - License Plate	1	0	0	0
Theft - From Building	0	0	2	0
Auto Theft	3	4	0	0
TOTAL	20	27	9	2

The crimes listed below took place between September 27 and October 22. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

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WHS Students Robbed on Ludington

During the monthly WAIC/Westbury Super Neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, Westbury High School Principal Susan Monaghan announced that two students walking to WHS had been robbed at gunpoint that morning and that the students had reported the two incidents to HISD police. Later in the meeting, she received a text that there had been a third robbery of a WHS student that same morning and in the same general area, which had been reported to HPD. (Perhaps you may wonder why students would be robbed, but every high school student has a school laptop computer and many students have cell phones).

Sgt. Nick Derkowski from the Precinct 5 Constable WAP patrol was at the WAIC meeting and immediately contacted Precinct 5 patrol units in the southwest area near Westbury to be on the lookout for the safety of students walking to and from local schools. WCC President Cindy Chapman contacted Captain Brenda Null at the Southwest HPD station, who took action and said by email, "I have assigned a unit to monitor the area regularly for the next week and will continue to have units in the area during their uncommitted time. I cannot stress enough how important it is for any victim of crime to report the incident to police." WCC President Cindy Chapman also contacted HISD Trustee Wanda Adams, who contacted interim HISD Superintendent Grenita Lathan and HISD Police. Trustee Adams dropped by the WCC October meeting that evening to say that HISD police would be patrolling the area.

Here is the report by HISD Police about two of the three incidents.

"On 10/17/2018 at about 8:00am, two students were robbed at gun point by 2 unknown Hispanic males about 2 blocks away from campus near the 5700 block of Ludington Dr. Both robberies happened about 10 minutes apart from each other. The suspects are believed to be 2 Hispanic males, who were wearing black/blue bandanas on their faces, driving a tan 4-door small sedan vehicle. HPD has been made aware, so that they can stay vigilant in the area. HISD PD will also be performing close patrols in the area for the next few days."

Support our Westbury Area Patrol TODAY

A large part of the funds paid to Precinct 5 for our WAP Security Patrol (Harris County Precinct 5 Constables) is paid VOLUNTARILY by our residents who do not have mandatory assessments. If you appreciate this vital service, please consider showing your appreciation by sending a contribution TODAY for the WAP security patrol. See page 17 with information about how to send an online payment by PayPal or where to send your checks to our bank deposit lockbox in Dallas. Thank you for supporting WAP security patrol and for supporting our Westbury neighborhood!

Constables Seek to Develop List of Residents with Security Cameras

Sgt Derkowski of the Constables Precinct 5 Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) notes that some homes have security camera video systems with a view of public streets. These camera / videos can be very helpful to get photos of criminal suspects or to figure out which direction a criminal suspect has fled. Sgt. Derkowski is interested in developing a list of Westbury residents, in advance, who are willing to share photo or video information from their home security systems with the constables to help solve crimes.

If interested in participating in this program, please contact Sgt. Derkowski directly. He will need your NAME, House ADDRESS, and CONTACT INFORMATION (phone and email).

To contact Sgt Derkowski, you can call the constable dispatcher at 281-463-6666 and ask that Sgt. Derkowski contact you, or you can email him at: Nicholas.Derkowski@cn5.hctx.net

Vacation Watch If you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables. This is a great service that is included in our contract. You can register for a vacation watch online at <https://constablepct5.com/index.php/vacation-watch/> or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

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Westbury Area News

Feeding Stray Cats

Westbury is known as an animal loving neighborhood. BUT for some residents too much love is not a good thing. The Civic Club has received numerous complaints about neighbors feeding stray cats. It is against City ordinance to feed stray cats unless you trap them and have them neutered.

Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook

Westbury CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury.



Parker PTO Announcements

-The Parker PTO will host "A Night of Magic" at our annual Auction, Friday, November 30 at Braeburn Country Club. Tickets are open to the public and include dinner and a magic show!
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[https:// www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/](https://www.houstonemergency.org/alerts/)



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., Nov. 1, 6PM

December Meet & Eat: Thurs., Dec. 6, 6PM

Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Christmas Carol November 30 – December 22, 2018

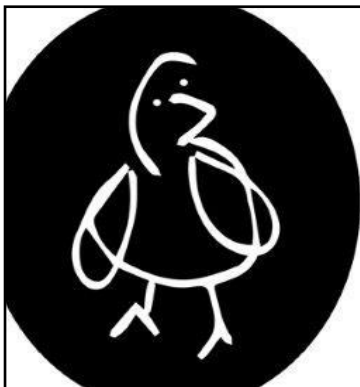
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Mission of the WCC

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

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

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Memorial Tree Dedication for Donald Perkins

Community members honored the late Donald R. Perkins with a Memorial Tree Dedication the morning of October 18 at Town-wood Park. Donald was the chief of staff for District K Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum when he passed. He had also served as the chief of staff for the late District K Council Member, Larry Green. Donald was a much-loved colleague who served the City of Houston for over 20 years. Donald loved trees and organized many tree planting events over his many years working at the city. The large live oak tree (a type of oak which keeps its leaves for most of the year) planted at the park will honor the memory of Donald for many decades.

The Westbury community was represented at the memorial event by WCC President Cindy Chapman, WCC Director Virginia Livingston, and past WCC President Dabney Kennedy with his wife Peggy.



Janae Winfield - New District K Chief of Staff

District K has announced that Janae Winfield has joined their team as new Chief of Staff, following the untimely death of previous Chief of Staff, Donald Perkins, from cancer. Most recently, Janae has served as senior policy advisor to Mayor Pro Tem - Ellen Cohen of District C. While working at District C, Janae led constituent services, which included: citizen education, case management, community initiative coordination, stakeholder engagement, and oversight of street and drainage capital improvement projects.

Born and raised in the Acres Homes community in Houston, Janae obtained a Masters of Business Administration from Texas Woman's University and a Bachelor's in Political Science and Health Communications from the University of Houston.

The Westbury Civic Club has already had discussions with Janae, while seeking assistance with certain issues here in Westbury, and we are pleased that District K has been able to recruit such an experienced person as new Chief of Staff. Welcome to District K, Janae!



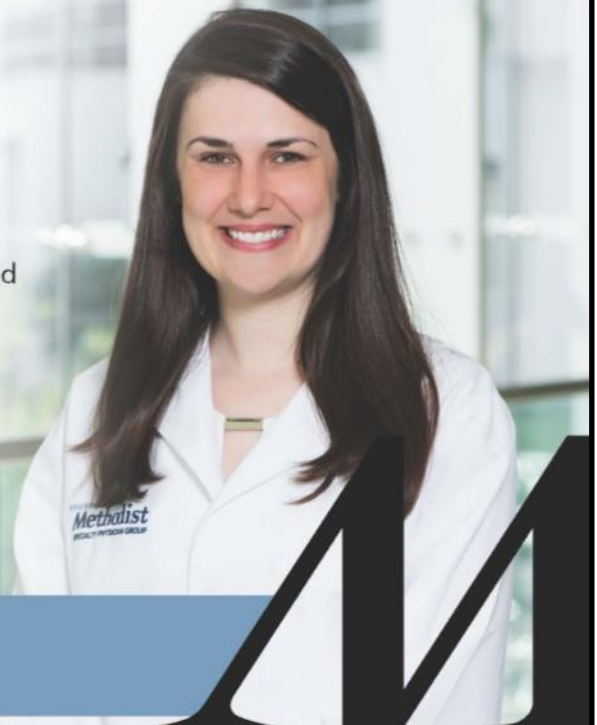
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“ Deck the Halls” Parade on Dec 15

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the “Deck the Halls” Parade and Toy Drive. This parade is not organized by the Westbury Civic Club, but the parade information is printed in the WCC newsletter as it has become a Westbury neighborhood tradition.

The parade theme this year is “Celebrating Life’s Magical Moments”. All of the participants will be real people sharing their real moments, like a birthday, baby shower, quinceañera, bar mitzvah, graduation, engagement, wedding, promotion, pet adoption, retirement, and more. Watch a REAL WEDDING as Risa and Rudy say their vows on the route! Be a guest at all kinds of parties, like pizza, skating, pajama, Halloween, solar eclipse, costume, dinner, beach, and many others!

The Houston Pride Band will lead the parade, and will be joined by *community* organizations, local businesses, churches, schools, scouts, sports teams, and neighborhood favorites. Wave to District K Council Member Martha Castex-Tatum, Westbury Civic Club President Cindy Chapman, and past President Becky Edmondson! The parade will be followed by an art car procession made up of cars from the Houston Art Car Klub.

The parade organizers encourage neighbors on the route to throw holiday parties the night of the parade. They will be looking for the biggest and most original themes in yards on the route and will award prizes. If you would like to participate in the parade, please let them know as soon as possible.

The parade will roll on Saturday, December 15th, at 5pm. The parade will take its traditional route through Westbury, beginning on Belrose by the old post office then turning onto Burlinghall all the way to Ashcroft, going right on Ashcroft, around to and down Warm Springs. Parking is available at Home Depot at 11500 Chimney Rock and on side streets.

The parade organizers collect toys for children, who would otherwise receive no gifts, and donations can be picked up if requested, or collected on the route. For more information, please contact parade organizer Ember Mandell at 713-367-3787 or visit

www.deckthehallsparade.com

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YOGA AT WILLOW WATERHOLE

Saturday, November 10, 10AM to Noon

Join your neighbors for yoga hosted by Willowbend Yoga Connect. The site will be at the Schwartz Gazebo circle at 5300 Dryad 77035. Enjoy cool weather and great views while you assume the many sublime stretching and cleansing positions of yoga.

Willow Waterhole WorkDays

Thanks to Salem Lutheran Evangelical Church volunteers who joined Conservancy members on October 6, 2018, to make several improvements to the Willow Waterhole Greenway. The Salem volunteers having been coming out to the Greenway for several years to do conservation work for their annual “Day of Giving”.

This year they planted star jasmine vine and wax myrtle shrubs along a boundary with the AT&T maintenance facility adjacent to the Greenway. These new plants will naturally screen from view the maintenance trailers, parking lot, and industrial equipment storage. Also volunteer Ray Runge pruned the trees in front of the Willow Waterhole sign at the point of Triangle Lake where Gasmer and South Willow meet. You can see the sign so much better now!

Also a team of volunteers from Westbury Baptist Church spent Sunday, October 14, 2018, at the Willow Waterhole Greenway as part of a “Faith in Action Day”.



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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Paper Recycle Bins Removed from Westbury United Methodist Lot

Due to frequent problems of misuse and illegal dumping, the recycle bins for paper and cardboard have had to be removed from the parking lot of Westbury United Methodist Church (WUMC), effective on October 23, 2018. For years, WUMC had allowed recycle bins for cardboard and paper to be sited in the church parking lot, even though WUMC did not receive any money from these bins. The bins were allowed to be on the church property as a community service and were heavily used. The number of paper recycle bins had grown to 7, serviced weekly by the paper and cardboard recycle company.




One problem was that the collection trucks had damaged the parking lot, and the recycle company would not pay to repair the damage. But the bigger problem was misuse and illegal dumping. If the bins were full, people would often leave their debris OUTSIDE of the bins and create a huge mess (because the truck drivers do not collect paper or cardboard placed outside of the bins). Volunteers from the church or community would have to clean up the mess. Other churches and organizations have also had to remove the recycle bins in their parking lots for the same reason of misuse and illegal dumping, so the paper recycle bins at WUMC had been the last available in the area.

Misuse of this convenient amenity means that now none of us will be able to use these paper recycle bins. Even though Westbury single-family homes have bi-weekly paper recycle collection, sometimes boxes are too bulky or there are too many boxes for the residential recycle bins. Other options for recycle of cardboard or paper include: the city Westpark Recycle Center, the city S. Post Oak Environmental Service Center, or the city trash depository at 10785 SW Freeway.

Broken Recycling Cans

If the City trucks break your trash cans, please report it to 311. In October, 5 recycling cans in a row were broken on Creekbend. The WCC Office manager was on the street at the time and took pictures and reported it to Solid Waste. All broken or missing cans should be reported to 311. After you get your service number, call the WCC office to let us know the SR number so we can help expedite the call.





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October Yard of the Month

October Yard of the Month was Best Halloween Decorations! Yard of the Month will take a break in November but will be back for Holiday Light Winners in December!

Westbury 1—5010 Briarbend — Herlitz Family

Westbury 2— 5250 Stillbrooke — John O’Hagan & Gilbert Sanchez

Westbury 3— 11607 Landsdowne

Westbury 4— 5618 Duxbury — Blair & Kim Brown

Westbury South — Are you interested in volunteering to judge these sections? Contact the WCC office at westburycc@sbcglobal.net or 713-723-5437.

Garden Recognition by Senator Miles

Mary Seymore, community liaison for Texas Senator Borris Miles, presented an honor from Senator Miles to the Westbury Community Garden regarding the recent “Texan by Nature” recognition received by the garden. Past garden president Virginia Livingston accepted the honor on behalf of the garden during the October Westbury Civic Club meeting.



“This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.”
-Anonymous



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Westbury Community Garden News

The Westbury Community Garden (WCG), the largest and one of the most successful community gardens in Houston, has received the prestigious "Texan By Nature" (TxN) certification for its sustainability and conservation efforts. Texan by Nature, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded by former First Lady Laura Bush, believes that taking care of wildlife, native habitat, and natural resources helps our economy thrive and helps define our identity as Texans.

"This award is such an honor," said Becky Edmondson, WCG Co-Founder. "The garden is truly a grass roots organization built by Texans who saw a seven-acre weedy unused lot and turned into an oasis of organic gardening, organic farming, prairie conservation, pollinator gardening and more. To be recognized for our conservation efforts as we move forward with our master plan is validation of what we've done and where we are heading."



Master Plan Future Projects

As much as the Westbury neighborhood celebrates the garden's success in its first 9 years, in order to maintain the pace of growth and increase the garden's capacity, WCG has developed a master plan for new developments on the property. Phase 1 of the master plan implementation includes: adding new parking areas to accommodate more visitors, adding a new driveway and entrance, and improving site drainage. These site improvements will be done in an environmentally friendly way to: conserve water on the property; lessen the impact of heavy rains on street flooding; allow rainwater to soak into the ground and recharge the water table; support the WCG's orchards, gardens and prairies; and, increase biodiversity on the site.

Donations Needed

The award winning Westbury Community Garden is a valuable asset to the Westbury Community. Please contribute to its continuing success.

To learn more about WCG or to make a donation by credit card or PayPal, visit the WCG website, www.westburycommunitygarden.org/ donate. Or mail your donation by check to: Westbury Area Improvement Corp. (WAIC) at 5322 W. Bellfort, Suite 100, Houston, TX, 77035. Make checks payable to the WAIC with a memo line "Westbury Community Garden".

WCG 2018 Fundraising Drive

Westbury Community Garden's fund-raising drive has begun. Watch the video presentation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpAgCkOLsY8>

It's super easy to make a donation by credit card or PayPal at www.westburycommunitygarden.org/donate.



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

Contact us today at
membership@westburycommunitygarden.org



Plant It Forward Farm Shares

The Plant-It-Forward Farm Share program now delivers Farm Shares at Westbury Community Garden every Wednesday, with items available for pick-up between the hours of 3:30-7:30PM.

Not a Farm Share member yet? You can read more about it here: <http://plant-it-forward.org/our-produce/farm-share/>

And here's the link to sign-up online: <https://csa.farmigo.com/join/plantitforwardfarms>

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