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Exploring Hillcroft —November 2

You are invited to explore Hillcroft on a walking tour on Saturday, November 2. Westbury is fortunate to have an amazingly wide esplanade for the full stretch of Hillcroft in our neighborhood. This esplanade has much potential as a shady and safe TRAIL in the future.

The walk is hosted by local advocacy group, Neighborhood to Trails Southwest. To learn more about this fun event, see page 13.



Railroad Quiet Zone Still Not in Effect

In mid-July, the Federal Railroad Authority suspended the Railroad Quiet zone in Westbury. This was due to work that needed to be completed by the City of Houston at the intersections. The WCC has been working closely with District K trying to get answers and get the work expedited. See page 16 for the complete update and timeline.

TIS' THE SEASON FOR GIVING

Many Westbury residents are generous and are looking for ways to make our community better. Giving Tuesday is a perfect time to give back to some local organizations. What is "Giving Tuesday"? "Giving Tuesday" is a worldwide movement to encourage giving and celebrate generosity. Read more about several local organizations that your support on pages 17 & 23.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The WCC office will be closed from November 25-29. Regular Trash pickup will be on Friday, November 29.

DON'T FORGET TO **FALL BACK**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends
2AM November 3**

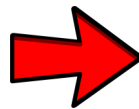


**Make Your Voice Count!
VOTE IN THE 2019
ELECTION**

**Election Day
November 5**

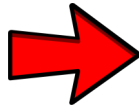
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2019 ELECTION

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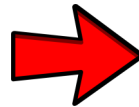


LOCAL POLLING LOCATIONS & WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT, SEE PAGES 8 AND 9.

**There are many hot races this year including City of Houston Mayor and City Council.*



NEW THIS YEAR ON ELECTION DAY, voters can vote at any polling location, either near your home, school, or work.



Mayoral and Candidates Forum updates and pictures, page 8



RECYCLING DATES

November 2019

Thursday, November 7
Thursday, November 21

December 2019

Thursday, December 5
Thursday, December 19

HEAVY TRASH

November 2019

Thursday, November 14*
TREE WASTE ONLY

December 2019

Thursday, December 12*
JUNK WASTE

**These are the published scheduled dates by the City of Houston. We do not know if trash will actually be picked up on the scheduled date.*

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE *NEW ADDRESS

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035

Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

NOTARY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO DUES PAYING

WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appt.

CONTACT US

WCC Office Hours: Monday- Thursday, 9:30AM-1:30PM

Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays

WCC Office Telephone.....713-723-5437

WCC Office Email.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net

WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

Visit our website at www.westburycrier.com

“Like” us on Facebook at Westbury Houston

SECURITY

Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666

Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch

Emergency.....911

Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131

Southwest HPD Station832-394-0400

CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum..... 832-393-3016

District C Council Member, 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

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111

Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmd.org

Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmd.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

2019-20 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact the Westbury Civic Club at 713-723-5437 or westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Westbury 2.....Lauren Figard

Westbury 3.....Jeff Benavides

Westbury 3.....VACANT

Westbury 4.....Eugene Sirls

Westbury 4.....VACANT

Westbury 5.....Virginia Livingston

Westbury 5.....Donna Strom

Westbury South.....Brandon Richard

Parkwest 1..... Angie Furnari

Parkwest 2.....Jeffrey Weiss

Parkwest 3.....Lisa Placke

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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

Congratulations to the Houston Astros for winning the American League Championship! Fall in Houston the past several years has been exciting for local baseball fans. For the 2nd time in three years, the Houston Astros have made the Fall Classic. As of press time the World Series has not begun but I do hope they "Take it Back" and bring the championship home!!

In addition to baseball, this is also the season for elections. Westbury has a reputation for having high civic engagement and high rates of voting. Please take the time to research the candidates and issues and then make sure to vote. See page 9 for more information. Your vote does count and is important.

November is also a month of giving thanks. I am thankful that the Astros have done so well. I am thankful to live in Westbury, and I am thankful that so many wonderful and caring people live in Westbury. As in every neighborhood, there are sometimes challenges to overcome, but I have seen many cases where Westbury neighbors have helped each other with a smile and a willing hand. It was so nice to see so many Westbury residents take part in National Night Out in early October, see pages 10-11 for pictures of these great neighborhood parties.

Many of our residents send in money voluntarily to support the Westbury Civic Club and many residents also support deserving charities. If you are looking for a local charity that works to make our neighborhood better, then I recommend considering a donation to the non-profit Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC), which uses donations received to benefit the Westbury area. Donations to

the WAIC are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. This year I plan to donate to both of the projects that the WAIC is sponsoring in Westbury. Will you join me? Even small donations of 5 or 10 dollars will help. See page 17 about "Giving Tuesday" and how to make donations.

1. The first WAIC project is to improve the library at Anderson Elementary School, located in the middle of Westbury. My grown sons did not attend Anderson Elementary, and perhaps you also have children who are grown or who attend or attended school elsewhere. So why support the Anderson library? I cannot comprehend a school that does not have a functioning library. I hope that you will agree with me that it is important for students at Anderson to be successful, and to be successful, students need to be good readers. Good readers need books to read!

2. The other WAIC project is to help implement the next phase of the master plan of the Westbury Community Garden, which will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary in March and is one of the largest and most successful community gardens in Houston. If you have moved into Westbury recently, then you will not know that originally this land was vacant land which had been leased by the county Housing Authority (HHA) to the city for decades for playing fields. The city mowed the 7 acres, but never used the land for a park. In the interim, garden advocates in Westbury discovered the site and realized it was ideal for a community garden. The (HHA) was reluctant to allow the garden on the land, so it took a huge amount of lobbying and support from Councilwoman Ann Clutterbuck and others for the HHA to agree for the garden to be built. We later

realized WHY the HHA was reluctant to allow the garden; the HHA had plans to build apartments on the land, even though the site was surrounded by a huge apartment complex that already had 300 vacant units. Crazy! Eventually the support of advocates in Westbury convinced the city to swap land with the county so that the city could get the site; however, the county restricted the 7-acre site when it transferred the land to the city. The garden site must be used for either as a greenspace or for housing (apartments)!

We encourage Westbury residents to support the success of the garden. After the flooding, which Houston has endured the past few years, wouldn't YOU rather see the 7-acre site preserved and improved to handle rainwater better? Or, would you rather the land be paved over for a parking lot and an apartment complex? The next phase of the garden master plan includes improvements for how rainwater is handled on the garden site, so that all the rainwater will be held on the site instead of flowing to the street.

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I hope all of you are able to enjoy warm-hearted family gatherings over the long weekend. Seasons Greetings!

-Cindy Chapman



Cindy Chapman accepted a proclamation honoring the 20th anniversary of the Super Neighborhood ordinance.

WCC Board Meeting Notes October 2019

- ◆ Board filled the vacant position of Director of Westbury South by electing Brandon Richard.
- ◆ Board approved requested changes to the bylaws of the Westbury Community Garden (bylaws format change and month of garden elections).
- ◆ The following positions are vacant on the WCC Board. If you are interested, please come to the next board meeting or contact the WCC Office.
2020 WCC Board Vacancies: Director of Communications, Director of Security, and Westbury 4 Section Director.
- ◆ The next WCC board meeting is on Wednesday, November 20 at 7PM at Westbury Baptist Church.

**WCC Board Meeting
Wed., November 20, 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church
10425 Hillcroft**



Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney Rock Rd
713-726-7107
platou@houstontx.gov



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!

Line Dancing

Monday, 1PM
Come for a fun and unique exercise alternative.

Evening Aerobics Exercise Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7PM, Starts September 3
Free Evening Aerobics Class held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6-7PM. Call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107 to register.

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays 5:45PM-7PM
A Weight Loss Support Group. Drop in to preview or call Dorothy -713-723-4441 or Naomi -713-988-2233

Thanksgiving Family Day—Sat., Nov. 23

Family Fun Days are on the 4th Saturday of the month from 10AM—2PM. Bring the kids, play indoors, play board games, and do a fun Thanksgiving themed craft.



FEATURED CLASS OF THE MONTH Table Tennis—Wednesday, 3-7PM

Come join Mr. Nelson at the Platou Center for table tennis from 3 to 7PM on Wednesdays. All ages and abilities welcome. For questions, please call the Platou Center at 713-726-7107.



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 purchased land in Westbury for the new location of the library.

The City purchased land in Westbury for a new Meyer Library. The new location will be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury on Belrose. Stay tuned to future editions of the *Westbury Crier* for more information about the new library. We expect public meetings to be coming soon.



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- ◇ Full Day and Half Day Pre-K Programs
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What's Happening in Westbury

November 2019 Calendar Events/Meetings

Sat 2	Rain Date for White Elephant Sale	
Sun 3	End of Daylight Savings Time Clocks fall back one hour	
Tues 5	Election Day - Go Vote!	
Wed 20	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting St. John's Presbyterian—5020 W Bellfort	9:30AM
Wed 20	WCC Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Church— 10425 Hillcroft	7PM
Sat 16	Audubon Society Bird Survey Gathering Place—5310 S. Willow	8AM
Mon 18	Brays Bayou Association Meeting Willow Meadows Baptist Church, 4300 W Bellfort	7:30PM
Tues 26	SW PIP Meeting SW HPD Station - 13097 Nitida	7PM
Fri 29	Regular Trash Pick-up No trash p	
Nov 25-29	WCC Office Closed for Thanksgiving	

PLANNING CALENDAR

No WCC or WAIC meeting in December
December 14: Deck the Halls Parade
December 23—January 3:
HISD Winter Break

All About Trash

Trash, yard waste, recycling, and heavy trash are picked up by the City of Houston.



Household Trash & Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday*. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.

*Due to Thanksgiving holiday, Trash will be picked up on **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29**



Recycling in Westbury

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

November 2019 **December 2019**

Thursday, November 7 **Thursday, December 5**
Thursday, November 21 **Thursday, December 19**

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.

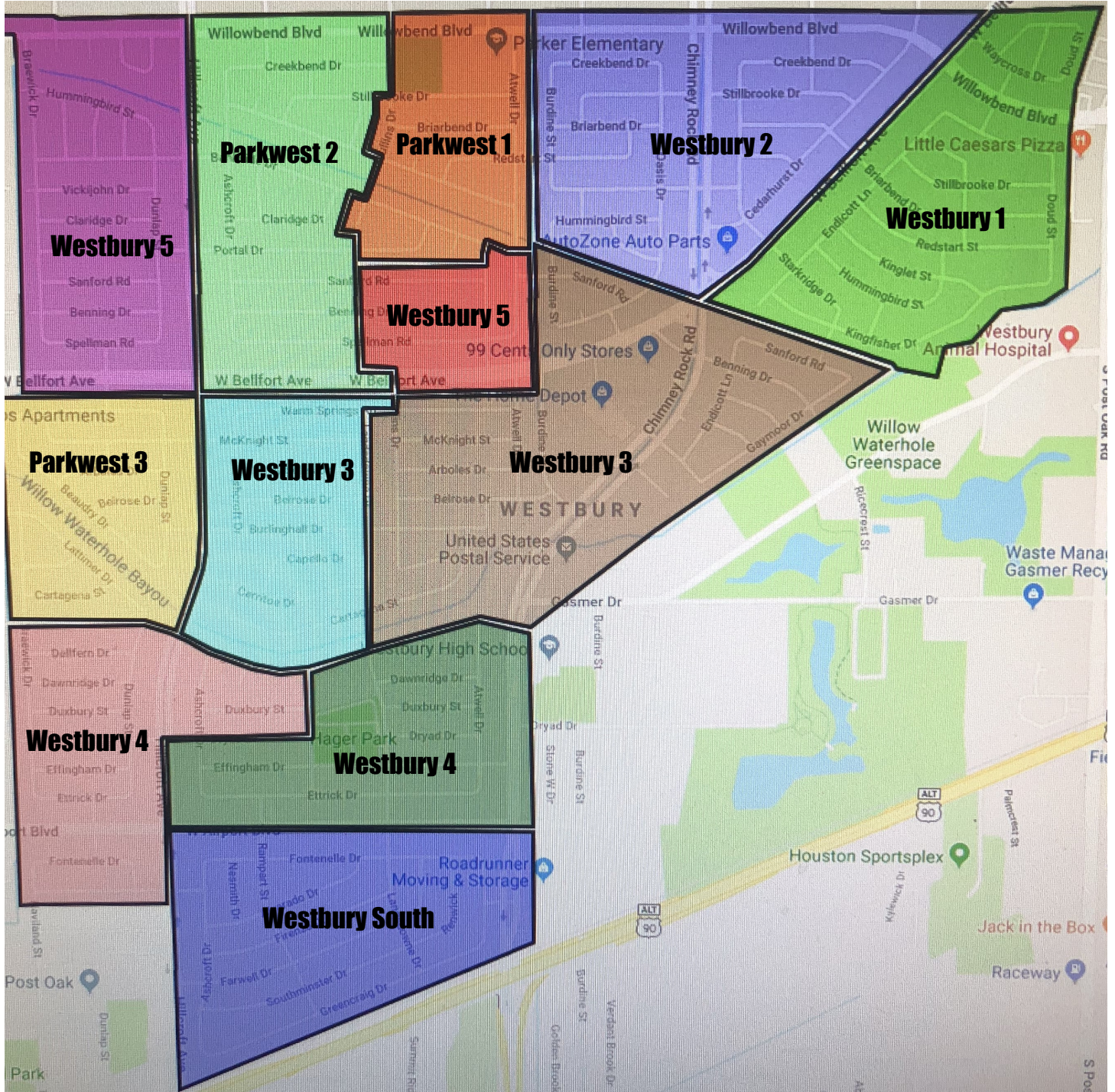
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Important Trash & Recycling Info











- ♻️ 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 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



Map of Westbury by Section



Westbury is the 2nd largest neighborhood in the City of Houston with 5,000 homes. One reason Westbury has remained such a viable and desirable neighborhood is because of the very active Westbury Civic Club. The WCC has been advocating and working hard for the neighborhood for over 60 years. We often refer to different sections when talking about current or upcoming city projects, crime, or events. This handy map can also be found on our website, www.westburycrier.com.

	Parkwest 1
	Parkwest 2
	Parkwest 3
	Westbury 1
	Westbury 2
	Westbury 3
	Westbury 4
	Westbury 5
	Westbury 5
	Westbury South

Westbury History

When Westbury was first developed there were NO streetlights. When residents wanted better lighting along our streets, it was up to each individual street to raise the money for the street light poles. Neighbor and board members went door to door collecting money and signatures. So when you drive down your neighborhood streets, thank those original Westbury residents for their hard work.

2019 Westbury Civic Club Dues, Assessments, & Westbury Area Patrol

Please send this form in with your payment **2019 Westbury Civic Club Dues**

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Please support the Westbury Civic Club and our programs by paying your 2019 Dues and WAP. The majority of Westbury homes do not have mandatory assessments so the WCC relies on donations from residents to run the office, pay for the Constable program, and more. Please use the form to the left and send in your payment today! If you have any questions, please call the WCC office at 713-723-5437.

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

Mail to:
P.O. Box 975182
Dallas, TX 75397-5182

Online payment:
paypal.com—Send Money to
westburycc@sbcglobal.net
 Make sure to include your address

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

Want to send your support in multiple payments?
 You may choose any amount to pay in any increment throughout the year.
 Here are a few examples:
 2 payments of \$167.50 is \$335/yr
 3 payments of \$111.67 is \$335/yr
 4 payments of \$83.75 is \$335/yr
 5 payments of \$67 is \$335/yr

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

By filling out this form, you are giving the WCC permission to send you communications. We DO not sell your information or give it out to other entities.

Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?
 Yes, this is correct! Mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas, allows them to be processed immediately.
 You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office.

Mission of the WCC
 The purposes of the Westbury Civic 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

- Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?**
- ➔ Protects your investment in your home by keeping Westbury a strong and vibrant neighborhood.
 - ➔ Keeps the doors of the Civic Club office open and staffed.
 - ➔ Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol, Constable Pct 5.
 - ➔ Improves the looks of our esplanades, parks, and green spaces.
 - ➔ Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
 - ➔ Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year
 - ➔ Organizes community get togethers such as National Night Out and Keep Westbury Beautiful

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2 HOMEOWNERS
 Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. **The 2019 Mandatory Assessments of \$240.75 were due 2/1/2019. Late statements were sent in July.**

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LOCAL CANDIDATE FORUMS NEAR WESTBURY

During the election season, many candidates visit our civic club meetings. The Westbury Civic Club also sends representatives to attend various candidate forums so that candidates know that we care about issues which affect Westbury.

Super Neighborhood Alliance Mayoral Forum

The SNA invited all 12 mayoral candidates to appear at the SNA Mayoral Forum on October 5 at the Holman campus of Houston Community College. Nine of the 12 attended. This forum focused on issues important to neighborhoods. Moderator was Isiah Carey from Fox26 News. A video of this forum is posted on the Facebook page, Houston Super Neighborhoods Alliance.



Meyerland Mayoral Forum

The Brays Bayou Association and Meyerland Civic Club hosted a Mayoral Forum at Lovett Elementary School on October 7. The focus of this forum was flooding and issues impacting the Meyerland area. The top five ranked mayoral candidates were invited to this forum, but at the last minute, 3 of them did not show up. The two candidates who did appear were Bill King and Mayor Sylvester Turner.



Mayor Turner stopped by to say hello to Westbury board members and residents in attendance at the forum

SWHouston2000 At-Large Candidate Breakfast

In September, the candidates running for At-Large positions on city council were invited to participate in a forum at a breakfast at Houston Baptist University, hosted by the local Super Neighborhoods (including Westbury) and SWHouston2000. There are five available At-Large positions on city council that are up for election.



WESTBURY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

HOME OF THE MIGHTY HUSKIES

Come out for **SUNDAY FUNDAY** with family and friends and support our **Huskies** at a great fundraiser!



Texas Leaguer Brewing Company
13503 Pike Rd.
Missouri City, Tx 77489

November 3rd at 11 am

Food



50/50 Raffle (pre-sale available)

Silent Auction

Watch all the football games

All ages are invited to attend!





ELECTION DAY – TUES., NOVEMBER 5

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***

Be Informed. Know the Candidates

The Westbury Civic Club is a non-partisan organization. We do not endorse candidates. We do, however, believe that voting is so important that we are listing several resources to provide you with non-partisan information.

→ The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization which collects information about candidates and issues which will be on the ballot. Here is a link to the Voter's Guide by the Houston branch: www.lwvhouston.org/voters-guide/

→ The Texas branch of the League of Women Voters has a voter's guide for the state ballot initiatives. The "Nov. 5, 2019 statewide Constitutional Amendment Election Voters Guide" explains each amendment, provides pros & cons and a short video for each proposed amendment. You decide which will become part of the Texas Constitution. A PDF is also available in English and Spanish. <https://my.lwv.org/texas/voting-elections/voters-guide>

→ Houston Chronicle newspaper: **Written responses by candidates.** Read unedited responses by candidates to questions from the newspaper. (Search online for Houston Chronicle 2019 Voter Guides)

Recommendations ("Endorsements). The editorial board of the Houston Chronicle newspaper interviews all the candidates running for office and reviews all the issues which will be voted on. As an editorial board, they publish their recommendations (called "endorsements") and explain how they made their decision. Their recommendations are non-partisan in that they will recommend candidates associated with either political party if they believe that is the better candidate. Their recommendations are the majority opinion of the editorial board members. You might weigh your opinions differently than they do.

What is on the Ballot?

City of Houston General Election for Mayor and City Controller
Houston Council Member Districts C or K
ALL five Houston City At-Large Council Members
10 Propositions under State of Texas Constitutional Amendment
1 Proposition for the METRO Bond Election

What is the Deadline to Register to Vote?

Unlike many states, Texas requires voters to be registered to vote at least 30 days BEFORE an election. The last day to register to vote is OCTOBER 7 to be able to vote on the final day of voting on Election Day, November 5.

What is Needed to Vote in Person?

The State of Texas requires voters to have an acceptable form of identification to be able to vote in person. There are 7 acceptable forms of identification, including a Texas Driver's License and a US passport. Go to HarrisVotes.org for more information.

Where Do You Vote on Election Day?

Anywhere! A NEW program initiated by Harris County Clerk, Diane Trautman, will allow any eligible voter in Harris County to vote at ANY county polling place in Harris County, including at your local precincts. The priority is convenience for the voter. This means that on Election Day (Tuesday, November 5), voters can vote near where they work, live, or go to school in Harris County and not just at their local precinct.

Bellow is a list of local Westbury area precincts, subject to change. Visit www.harris.votes.org for up to minute news.

Precinct 14: Parker Elementary, 10626 Atwell
Precinct 22: Foerster Elementary, 14200 Fonmeadow Dr.
Precinct 146: Platou Community Center, 11655 Chimney Rock
Precinct 281: Goodwin Park Community Center, 5101 Rutherglenn
Precinct 291: Parker Elementary, 10626 Atwell
Precinct 293: Andy Anderson Elementary, 5727 Ludington
Precinct 403: Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft
Precinct 453: Westbury High School, 11911 Chimney Rock
Precinct 693: Braeswood Assembly of God, 10611 Fondren

EARLY VOTING UNTIL NOVEMBER 1

Hours of Operation— October 28 - November 1: 7AM — 7PM

For locations, see www.harrisvotes.org

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2019 Westbury National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) is a great 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 nationwide. 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.

WCC President Cindy Chapman and WCC Treasurer Becky Edmondson attended the SW Houston Police Department NNO event starting at 4PM. They met with the police leadership team at the SW HPD station and with District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum, who had dropped by the event. After the HPD event, Cindy and Becky managed to visit all of the registered parties in Westbury. It was great to see so many residents out mingling and meeting one another.

Law enforcement officers from both HPD and the Precinct 5 Constable Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) dropped by to visit many of the NNO parties in Westbury. CM Martha Castex-Tatum and Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis had certificates prepared for all NNO party hosts in Westbury who had registered their events before the deadline.

This year, Cindy and Becky brought the fun "I Love Westbury" frame created for the September Annual Meeting to the NNO parties so that participants could pose with the frame. We hope you enjoy these photos taken at various NNO parties in Westbury! If your block did not have a party, consider hosting one next year. National Night Out 2020 will be on October 6, 2020.



NNO Party on Carlota in Westbury 5



NNO Party on Endicott in Westbury 1



NNO Party on Redstart in Westbury 2



NNO Party on Warm Springs in Westbury 3



Cindy Chapman,, Becky Edmondson, District K CM Martha Catex- Tatum, and HPD Captain Null at HPD NNO Event



WCC President with HPD officers at NNO Event



Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

2019 Westbury National Night Out



NNO Party on Cerritos in Westbury 3



NNO Party on Spellman in Westbury 5



NNO Party on Warm Springs in Westbury 3



NNO Party on Warm Springs in Westbury 3



NNO Party on Portal in Westbury 5



NNO Party on Atwell in Westbury 5



Original Westbury residents at NNO party

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Meyer Grove Apartment Site Purchased for Flood Reduction

At the September meeting of the Brays Bayou Association (BBA), it was mentioned that the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) is considering purchase of the site of the now demolished Meyer Grove Apartments. The apartment complex had been located on the banks of Brays Bayou, just inside Loop 610 at 4605 North Braeswood. The land is about 7.3 acres in size.

The apartments were demolished earlier in 2019 and had flooded several times, including during Harvey in 2017. The notice for the October BBA meeting says that the site of the Meyer Grove Apartments was purchased on October 17, 2019, for flood reduction purposes.

If you are interested in flood management issues, the Brays Bayou Association meets monthly on the 3rd Monday at 7:30PM at Willow Meadows Baptist Church. Follow their Facebook page for info about their events. Contact them at braysbayou@gmail.com if you would like to be added to their email distribution list.

Senator Borris Miles – Get Well Soon

We extend our best wishes to Texas Senator Borris Miles as he recovers from a kidney transplant. Get well soon!

The district offices for Senate District 13 will stay open during his recovery and staff will continue serving constituents.

Senator Miles says: *“Thank you to everyone for your love, support and prayers. Thank you to the doctors and the healthcare professionals who oversaw my transplant. Second, please consider becoming an organ donor and help save lives. You can register to become an organ donor at Donate Life Texas; you never know whose life you are going to save.”*

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Deadline For Actual Harvey Repairs

Houston homeowners have until **Dec. 31, 2019** to make home repairs that could be eligible for reimbursement under the federal Harvey Homeowner Assistance Program (HoAP).

The deadline is set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The deadline is for the actual repairs to be completed; homeowners can still apply for reimbursement after December 31 for work completed before that date. “If you’ve been putting off repairs of damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, now is the time to make them so that you may be eligible to have federal funds cover some of your costs,” said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.

The maximum amount of reimbursement depends on homeowners’ income:

- Below 80% Area Median Income (AMI): 100% of eligible expenses, up to \$80,000
- 81 -120% AMI: 50% of eligible expenses, up to \$40,000
- Above 120% AMI: 25% of eligible expense, up to \$20,000

All homeowners impacted by Hurricane Harvey should take the Harvey Recovery Survey at recovery.houstontx.gov or by phone at 832-393-0550. Almost 20,000 residents have taken the Harvey Recovery Survey. As a result, about 5,000 homeowners have been invited to apply to HoAP and are working on an application or have completed their submission. Almost \$150 million is still available for reimbursements.

Attention Westbury 2 Homeowners City Asphalt Overlay Project Has Begun

The City of Houston is starting an asphalt overlay project in Westbury 2. The project is slated to occur from October 21 through November 15. The streets will be striped of existing asphalt and then new asphalt laid down. The City asks that no cars be parked on the streets Monday through Saturday from 7AM –4:30PM. Please observe all signs and warnings. Do not drive through areas that say FRESH OIL.



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Exploring Hillcroft—A Trail Walk

You are invited to explore Hillcroft on a walking tour on Saturday, November 2. Westbury is fortunate to have an amazingly wide esplanade for the full stretch of Hillcroft in our neighborhood. This esplanade has much potential as a shady and safe TRAIL in the future.

Several years ago, the Westbury Civic Club and allies were able to protect the Hillcroft esplanades from being narrowed (to add more lanes of concrete roadway), thanks to the assistance of the late CM Larry Green, so we know that Hillcroft will remain at 4 lanes within Westbury.

Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest (NTTSW), a local trail advocacy group, invites all who are interested to join them for a walk along Hillcroft on November 2, 2019.



Starting Point → Parking lot of Westbury Church Of Christ, 10424 Hillcroft St.

Walk Route → Hillcroft at Willowbend, head south on Hillcroft to W. Bellfort, and then return to parking lot.

Time → Start at 9AM. End at about 10AM.

Date → November 2

Do you think that a trail on Hillcroft will enhance the livability of our neighborhood? Do you have questions about how a trail like this might work or how it might connect to other trails? During the walk, advocates will address concerns you might have about a future Hillcroft trail and would like to obtain your suggestions and ideas.

Trails in Westbury could reduce the use of automobiles and improve our health by walking and bicycling to destinations along this street. Hillcroft is a neighborhood street that is close to trails which already connect to larger trail systems in



Do I Have to Mow THAT part too?
Did you know that city ordinance requires you to maintain not only your own lot but adjacent property? City of Houston Municipal Code Section 10-451.10 describes yard maintenance responsibilities. In simplified terms, Residents are responsible for maintaining your entire yard within your property boundaries. Residents are also responsible for maintaining your yard out to the curbline of the street adjacent to your yard (for example, if your house is on a corner, then maintain out to the curb for both your front and side streets).

If an adjacent property does not have a curbline (for example, a drainage easement), then residents are responsible for maintaining the adjacent property for 14 feet beyond their property line.

This is why homeowners are responsible for maintaining the area between the sidewalk and the street. A big thank you to all who mow a portion of the easements.



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Westbury Area Improvement Corp.

The Westbury Area Improvement Corporation meets monthly with local leaders, community partners, local schools, City reps, and more. The next WAIC meeting is November 20 at 9:30AM at St. John's Presbyterian.



October Westbury Area Improvement Corporation Meeting

Union Pacific Railroad Quiet Zone NOT in effect— Complaints by residents and Roadrunner Moving & Storage were discussed. Barbara Hite from District K says the city thought all the issues from Federal Railroad Administration have been addressed by the City now, she has asked for another update from Public Works. Cindy Chapman said she had contacted Congressman Al Green's office to ask for help.

Wilowbend Traffic Study – There are many traffic issues on Willowbend between W. Bellfort and Braewick, especially since four different schools receive traffic along this stretch. The WAIC is requesting a traffic study, which involves getting letters of support for a traffic study from the nearby schools.

HPD Off-Duty Initiative – Discussions are underway to hire off-duty HPD "DRT" officers (who are trained to handle a wide variety of city nuisance and specialty problems) to work on issues in the Westbury Super Neighborhood, both residential and commercial. The WAIC is waiting for more details about a contract for these services. Cost would be \$450 to \$500 for two officers for 4 hours in a marked car.

Giving Tuesday – much discussion about a fundraising effort by the WAIC and our partners during the 4th quarter using Facebook fundraising tools. The two projects will be LIBRARY for Anderson Elementary and Westbury Community Garden Master Plan implementation.

Parks and Community Places— The Platou Community Center has a new supervisor Gayle Herbert. The Mayor announced at the WCC September meeting that the City is buying the Shell Research Center on Gasmer for more detention and for the Levitt Pavilion. The Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD) will be placing new markers, including one on South Post Oak. BOMD is also updating its Parks Master Plan from 2012.

Schools— Reports were made by Anderson Elementary, Meyerland Middle, and Westbury High School, see right.

LOCAL SCHOOL UPDATES

Anderson Elementary currently has 759 students. There had been more students at the school, but a fire at an apartment complex meant some students have moved away. Attendance needs to be at least 750 students on the date when official school attendance is measured for school income to meet the current school budget.



The school has sent a letter to apply to get their old SPARK playground replaced; \$50,000 will be donated by SPARK after the community/school raises at least \$5,000. The school is selling popcorn to raise its portion. (WAIC has vowed to help the school raise funds to improve its library, which is another school need). The school has restarted its PTO program and had 30 parents attend the first meeting. If you are interested in joining the school PTO, contact assistant principal, Mr. Juan Batrez, at jbatrez@houstonisd.org or call the school at (713) 726-3600.

To improve academics, the school has started an academic afterschool program twice a week called Panther Academy for students who are in grades 3-5. Students practice reading comprehension and develop vocabulary. Dinner is served at 4:30PM for students who participate in the Panther Academy.

The school has started clubs for students. A new "M&M Club" rewards students who have "Met or Mastered" specific academic skills. After the first assessment, 405 students were rewarded with ice cream and M&Ms as members of the "M&M Club". The school has also started a Fun Day Friday (every other Friday) for students in grades 1-5 to select a fun club to engage in. Some of the clubs include: Math Club, Robotics/Lego, chess, STEM club, arts and crafts, guitar, and yoga.

Meyerland Middle School has volunteers helping with school traffic and has a new mentoring program for high risk students

Westbury High School has seniors taking the SAT test on campus for free this year. On November 4, the school will host a ribbon-cutting for its new "Wrap Around Services" center, which will assist providing food, laundry, and other services needed by students. The school is hosting a community mobile food pantry twice monthly called the Husky Market. Two freshmen were involved in a shooting incident and both have been removed from the WHS campus. Both were freshman playing with a gun in a WHS gym locker room, when one was struck near the groin by a bullet. The student is recovering from the injury.



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Spotlight on Community Partner: St John's Presbyterian

This month we will spotlight St John's Presbyterian, a community partner which provides the meeting space for the monthly meetings of the Westbury Super Neighborhood and our 501c3 non-profit partner, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC). We appreciate the use of the conference room to hold the monthly WAIC and Super Neighborhood meeting.

Celebrating their 60th anniversary in 2016, St John's Presbyterian has provided a spiritual home for thousands of Westbury residents. They are an "inclusive, diverse, outwardly focused community of believers who come and share real life together". The congregation at St John's is a part of Braes Interfaith Ministries (a collaboration of 12 Judeo-Christian congregations which provide assistance to persons in need who live in specific zip codes). Additionally, the church has several outreach programs, such as the Wonder Team sandwich makers who make sandwiches for more than 300 disadvantaged kids twice per month as part of the Kid's Meals program.

Looking toward the next 60 years, St John's partnered with the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) to provide land on the church property to build four high-quality duplexes that house their Single Parent Family ministry. These attractive buildings are home to 7 single-parent families and 1 full time social worker. See photo to right.

Pastor John Burnham invites you to stop by to visit. The church is located at 5020 West Bellfort, between Willowbend and South Post Oak. Hours are Sunday from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Services on Sunday mornings are at 10:30 am. Sunday School for all ages starts at 9:00 am. To learn more about St Johns Presbyterian church visit their website: www.stjohnspresby.org



HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S

(from the book REMEMBRANCES OF ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN, U.S.A. 1956-1996)

As homes in Westbury and the surrounding suburban neighborhoods began to be built, those new residents began to look for places to practice their faith.

On Sunday, November 6, 1955, 25 persons gathered together, with one desire in their hearts, to form a Presbyterian Church. It was formally organized by the Presbytery of Houston on Sunday, April 8, 1956. After moving from the Bellaire Community Building, to the Water District Building, and then to Bellaire High, a 3.75acre site was reserved at the corner of Balmforth and West Bellfort; with an adjacent 2.46 added a year later.

On Sunday, October 5, 1958, the ground-breaking ceremony for the Fellowship Hall and Educational Building I was held. On April 15, 1959 St. John's became a self-supporting Church with a communicant membership of 355 and a Church School enrollment of 500.

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Railroad Quiet Zone Update

For more than 3 months, since July 11, residents and businesses in Westbury have been disturbed by frequent and LOUD train horns. Why? Every year, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inspects every railroad "Quiet Zone" crossing in the nation to ensure that the crossing meets safety requirements. On July 11, the FRA inspector decided that the railroad crossings near Westbury along US90A (for example, at Chimney Rock and at Hillcroft) did not meet current safety requirements. As a result, the train crews were immediately instructed to start sounding their horns every time they passed through these crossings, which is often, because about 40 trains per day use these tracks. These tracks connect the West Coast (California) to Houston and this is one of the busiest sections of railroad in the nation.

July 11 → FRA inspection

September 20 → City Public Works receives letter from Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) authorizing work to be done by city in the UPRR right of way. Flagging services must be done by the one contractor approved by UPRR.

September 25 → City issues purchase order for the approved flagging company, which must be scheduled

October 3 → City Public Works crew on site to modify the crossings

October 4 → Union Pacific inspects work and mandates another 25 feet of curbing to be added

October 9 → City Public Works Dept adds more curbing and then requests an inspection to be scheduled by FRA

October 15 → Train horns are still sounding. District K continues to push for status and how to get the Quiet Zone re-implemented. Westbury Civic Club contacts Congressman Al Green's office to see if they can help with the Federal Railroad Administration. It is unclear to us whether it is the City of Houston, the FRA or Union Pacific Railroad Company which is holding up restoration of our Quiet Zone.

We will continue to watch this situation and to work for the return of the Quiet Zones. Ideally the next update will be positive and the last update.

WCC Finances & Constable Program

Over the past several years, you have read many pleas for money for the Precinct 5 Constable Patrol Program in our Westbury neighborhood that we call the "Westbury Area Patrol" (WAP). The WCC has written many times about needing additional funding for the WAP program or we would be forced to make some hard decisions

The Westbury Civic Club has contracted with Precinct 5 since 1984. Over the years we have had 3 or 4 deputies. Most recently we have had 3 deputies in the WAP. For 2020 the cost of the WAP program will increase by 4.9%. The WAP program is the most costly program provided by the Westbury Civic Club, but we believe that this program is highly valued by our residents. Our peer communities provide security patrols, so providing a security patrol in Westbury is needed for our neighborhood to be competitive with our peers.

We are asking residents to make payments for 2020 as early as possible, starting in November of 2019. Improving our income for programs vital to the Westbury neighborhood will be a challenge in 2020, but it must be accomplished. For our residents who have mandatory assessments, please pay your bill promptly.

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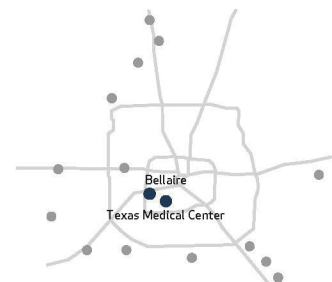
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“Giving Tuesday” December 3

What is “Giving Tuesday”? “Giving Tuesday” is a worldwide movement to encourage giving and celebrate generosity. The goal of this initiative is to transform how people think about, talk about, and participate in giving all year round -- especially during the holidays. In 2019, Giving Tuesday is on December 3, the Tuesday immediately after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Many Westbury residents are generous and are looking for ways to make our community better. There are many fine non-profit organizations in our area, but we would like to point out two specific projects that we believe are worthwhile. These projects are both sponsored by our community partner, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC), a local 501C3 nonprofit having a purpose to improve the quality of life in the Westbury Super Neighborhood. Donations to the WAIC are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

If you are on Facebook, it will be very easy to make a donation on the “WAIC Houston” page. Please consider making a donation, no matter how small, and please help us share information about the WAIC Houston fundraiser to your Facebook friends.

If you are not on Facebook and would like to donate by check, you can mail your donation to the WAIC at this address (same street address as the Westbury Civic Club). Checks are payable to the WAIC. Please note which project you are donating to. Donations to the WAIC are tax-deductible.

Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC)
5322 West Bellfort, Suite 100
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Anderson Elementary Library project: Anderson Elementary, located in the heart of Westbury, is in the process of restoring its school library. If you are passionate about reading and its importance in educating young children, won't you consider a donation to Anderson? The school has a new principal this year and in our discussions with Dr. Everett, assisting the school to restore its library is a great community project. Let's help show some love for our young scholars at Anderson Elementary! Westbury resident Serena Perrilloux emailed us to say, *“I read the article in the October Westbury Crier about the state of the library at Anderson Elementary, and it broke my heart. As someone who learned to read at age 3, thanks to Sesame Street and a devoted mother who loved to read to me, I think it's just sad that children at Anderson Elementary don't have access to a fully functioning library at their school. I remember that going to the library in school was one of my favorite things!”*

Westbury Community Garden Master Plan: The Westbury Community Garden will celebrate its 10-year anniversary in March of 2020. As a community, we have saved this 7-acre site from being developed into housing (as long as the garden continues). Now it has garden beds, an orchard, a farm training refugees how to earn a living in agriculture, a prairie filled with grasses and native plants, and habitat for pollinators. The garden has a Master Plan created by Asakura-Robinson architects. A next step is to improve site drainage to hold more rainwater, while improving the driveway for bulk deliveries, among other improvements. If you are passionate about gardening, healthy food and living, or improving resilience to flooding, won't you consider a donation to the WCG? If you want to donate specifically to the Westbury Community Garden, they have a donation page on their website at <https://westburycommunitygarden.org/donate/>

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Westbury 3 Yard of the Month



Westbury 1 Yard of the Month

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

5219 W Belfort — Annamarie Edstrom

Westbury 3

11610 Rampart — Westbury residents

Westbury 4

5606 Effingham — Donna Kaminski

Parkwest 1

10903 Atwell—Homeowners

Parkwest 3

5955 Beaudry—Lance, Sarah & Viviana York

Deck the Halls Parade in Westbury

Yeeeeehaw! It's that time of year again. On December 14, join the 21st Annual Deck the Halls Parade and Toy Drive! This is a locally organized parade which winds its way through Westbury residential streets. The parade theme this year is: Texas! They will be celebrating all things Texan in this year's shindig.

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 neighborhood dignitaries, holiday favorites, and impersonators of famous Texans! The parade will be followed by an art car procession made up of cars from the Houston Art Car Klub.

As always, the parade organizers encourage neighbors on the route to hold holiday parties on the night of the parade! If you would like to participate in the parade, please let them know as soon as possible.

The parade will roll on Saturday, December 14, at 5:00 pm along the traditional route through Westbury. The parade begins in the cul-de-sac of Burlinghall, heads west on Burlinghall, takes a right on Ashcroft, another right onto Warm Springs, and then a right onto Atwell. The parade is scheduled from 5 to 7PM. 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. 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 or www.facebook.com/DecktheHallsParade/

Westbury Meet & Eat

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

**Meet & Eat:
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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.



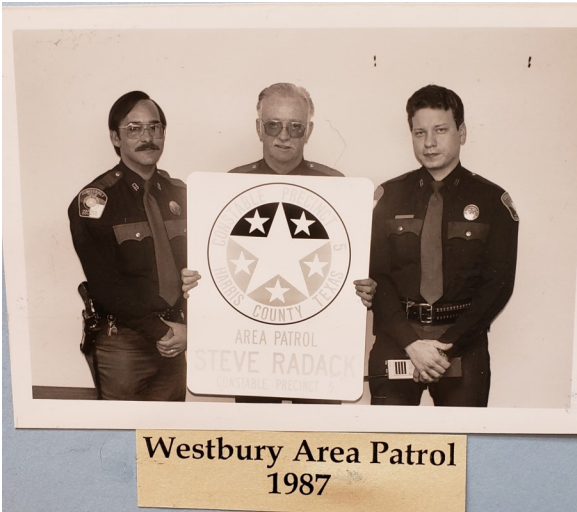
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NEW Program for Senior Citizens by Pct. 5 - "Silver Watch"

Constable Ted Heap is pleased to announce the launch of Silver Watch, a program designed to better serve and protect senior citizens served by Precinct 5. This program is available to all Westbury residents.

Under this new program, senior citizens can sign up or be signed up by concerned family members for regular personal welfare checks. Once they fill out a short form on the Pct. 5 website and provide their consent, a Precinct 5 deputy will stop by on a weekly basis to make sure the registered senior citizen is safe and well.

The Precinct 5 deputies will also be able to educate registered seniors on common scams that target senior citizens over the phone and internet. They will be happy to answer any questions regarding local crime trends, and can offer suggestions to seniors on protecting themselves, their home and property.

For issues not falling under the umbrella of law enforcement, the deputies can provide senior citizens with a list of local agencies which may be of assistance to aid in meeting any specific needs.

Register today at www.constablepct5.com at the tab for Silver Watch. When filling out the registration form, the "Neighborhood Contract Area" is Westbury.

Please note, this program is not intended to replace full-time care, physical security, or any other medical or emergency service. If an emergency condition exists, please call 9-1-1 for immediate help.

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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

September 29 - October 22, 2019

Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5500	Belrose	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/10	4PM	Westbury 3
11100	Burdine	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/18	7PM	Westbury 3
5800	Creekbend	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/2	4PM	Parkwest 2
6000	Dellfern	Simple Assault	10/7	6AM	Westbury 4
5900	Densmore	Vandalism, Destruction, Damage	10/3	8PM	Westbury 4
5600	Effingham	Simple Assault	9/29	10PM	Westbury 4
10800	Endicott	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/4	1PM	Westbury 1
5700	Greenraig	Simple Assault	10/5	8PM	Westbury South
11000	Hillcroft	Vandalism, Destruction, Damage	10/6	12AM	Westbury 5
5900	Lattimer	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/5	2PM	Parkwest 3
11900	McClearn	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/8	5PM	Westbury 4
5100	Sanford	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	9/28	9PM	Westbury 3
5800	W. Airport	Robbery	10/14	1PM	Westbury 4
5800	Willowbend	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/15	7PM	Parkwest 2

KEY

- Theft from Motor Vehicle
- Auto Theft
- Property Crime
- Burglary
- Simple Assault
- Robbery

The crimes listed took place between September 29 thru October 22.

They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.



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Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/School
Aggravated Assault	0	0	3	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2	1	1	1
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	6	0	3	0
Robbery	1	0	1	0
Simple Assault	3	1	0	0
Shoplifting	0	0	4	0
Theft of Car Parts	0	0	2	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	0	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	2	1	2
Vandalism, Damage	2	7	2	0
Auto Theft	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	14	13	18	3

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“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

See Something. Say Something.
Report Suspicious Behavior to the Constables 281-463-6666



Another Great Eagle Scout Project

Andy Lopez (blue shirt), from Troop 99 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, completed his Eagle Project at the Willow Waterhole in October. Andy and his friends planted five new pine trees at the Dabney Kennedy Scout Pavilion. Andy has previously installed 60 recognition plaques and a picnic table in the Pavilion. A job well done over several months! Many thanks to Andy and his family and friend for their hard work at the Pavilion.

Soon there will be an event to officially celebrate the Dabney Kennedy Scout Pavilion. The pavilion is located on S. Willow, across the street from the "Gathering Place" building. Honoree Dabney Kennedy sometimes drops by to visit the pavilion, so say hello if you meet him. The pavilion is a peasant place to sit, talk, and enjoy nature. Donations in honor of Dabney Kennedy can be mailed to: Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, 11415 Chimney Rock, Houston TX 77035. Put a note that the donation is in honor of Dabney Kennedy. Or go to the website to make a donation at www.willowwaterhole.org.



Fish Released at the Willow Waterhole

In October, the Inland Fisheries Division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, stocked about 3,500 catfish into the Willow Waterhole detention ponds. The fish were fingerlings, which are about 9 inches long. The fish were added to the four larger detention ponds (the ones which are south of S. Willow), after the lakes had been checked earlier in the month to confirm that the water quality was good. The number of fish were apportioned by amount of water available, so the larger ponds received more fish.



This is not the first time that TPWD has stocked these ponds with fish. In 2016, Inland Fisheries stocked the 4 detention ponds with catfish, bluegill, and largemouth bass. More catfish were added in 2017 and again this year in 2019.

Thank you, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department!

Birding at the Willow Waterhole

Have you ever seen a hummingbird nest? The creativity of hummingbirds is shown by their nest building, the picture below was captured by a visitor at the Willow Waterhole Greenway who followed the flight of a hummingbird. Notice the small nest built in the underside of this leaf.

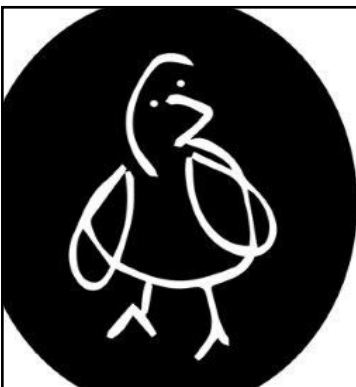


Hummingbird nest at the Willow Waterhole

Willow Waterhole Monthly Bird Surveys

The next bird survey will be held on **November 16 at 8 AM.**

Meet in the parking lot of The Gathering Place at 5310 S. Willow.



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Westbury Community Garden News



Garden Bylaws Update

The garden bylaws were modified recently to improve the formatting and to change the elections from February to November. Per the garden bylaws, these changes also had to be approved by the boards of the Westbury Civic Club and the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, which has been completed (WAIC in September and WCC in October). The garden elections were moved from February to November to allow new board officers time to make preparations before the start of the busy spring garden season.

Master Plan Future Projects

As much as the Westbury neighborhood celebrates the garden's success in its first 10 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 2019 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.

Gardener Toto Alimasi

Alimasi is originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where he was a high school French teacher and a human rights activist. He and his family (to include his wife, PIFF Apprentice Farmer Fatuma) spent many years in Uganda after being forced to flee the DRC, and it was there where they learned market farming techniques. They were granted resettlement in the U.S. and arrived here in 2011. Alimasi speaks English, Swahili, French, Lingala, and Fuliiru. What he most loves about Houston is "the welcoming people and the community around my children's school." His favorite thing about farming is to see the culmination of his hard work through harvesting and sharing a meal of food he grew himself with his family. His favorite crop to grow is okra!

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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.

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