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THANK YOU WESTBURY CONSTABLES!

In October, the Westbury Civic Club held a Drive-Thru Constable fundraiser event in the WCC office parking lot. The event was very fun and successful. Thanks to all the residents who came by to say thank you and to offer financial support. From a generous \$1,000 donation to \$5 donation, every bit helps. For the WCC board volunteers, it was nice to have an event again and see people in real life! We look forward to holding another drive thru event in the beginning of 2021.

Sgt. Derkowski of the Westbury Area Patrol really enjoyed meeting the Westbury residents who came by the event. He especially loved the creative homemade "Thank You" posters on several cars. There were three fun games to play for prizes in the back of three car trunks: ring toss game, ball toss game, and the most popular game, trying to knock down a

pyramid of Astros cups with a ball. Participants received candy at the games and a **We** our Constables yard sign if they paid their dues in full at the event. The two hour event went by guickly, and we raised \$3,400!

If you haven't paid yet, you can mail a check today or go online and send a contribution! We still need to collect \$50,000 to cover the contract which runs through February. We really want to keep this much-needed, much-loved program. We are in SERIOUS, REAL danger of losing this contract if we do not raise the needed funds for 2021. For more about the WCC finances and the Constable program, see page 9. For more about the new Constable signs and more pictures from the Constable Fundraiser event, see page 9.







Caspar Berry playing games at the event



WCC Board Members Becky Edmondson, Jennifer Edmondson and Cindy Chapman with Westbury Constables, Sqt. Derkowski and Deputy Mendoza.



Westbury family meeting the Constables at the event

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Holiday Yard Decoration Judging—Dec. 12 Yard of the month judges will select top 3 homes in each section. For more information, see page 16.

NEW Online Holiday Decoration Contest with six fun categories. Vote for your favorite homes on Westbury Houston Facebook page from Dec. 12-18. For more details, see page 16.

Deck the Halls Parade—CANCELLED

HEAVY TRASH RECYCLING

November 2020

Thursday, November 12 TREE WASTE ONLY

December 2020

Thursday, December 10 **JUNK WASTE**

November 2020

Thursday, November 5 Thursday, November 19

December 2020

Thursday, December 3 Thursday, December 17 Thursday, December 31

Make Your Voice Count!

2020 ELECTION November 3

Your Decision. Your Vote. Westbury is respected as an area with high voter turnout. *Keep up the Westbury* tradition and VOTE! For more information, see page 15.



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

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NOTARY SERVICES are NOT available at this time.

***The office is CLOSED to the public. NO visitors.

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Make sure to give pole number

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Harris County Tax office	713-368-2000
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Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

November is the season for Thanks and a time for appreciation and gratitude. Houston professional sports teams have been a diversion amid these long days of COVID. Congratulations to the Houston Astros for making it to the American League Championship Series, and for hanging tough to overcome a 3 game deficit to take it all the way to Game 7 in October before the Rays won to advance to the 2020 World Series. Last month the Houston Rockets made it to the Western Conference Semi-Finals before losing the series to the Lakers. My family is full of football fans, so we appreciate the effort by the Texans; alas, the season thus far has been lackluster, so thank heavens for college football!

This year the election season has seemed almost like a sports season with competing teams. Already the Early Voting numbers have broken records day by day, indicating a high level of interest among voters. We are always proud of the high number of voters here in Westbury, so Thank You for voting, no matter which "team" you are supporting. Let us also thank the many election workers who are staffing the voting locations. This year voting in person meant lots of hand sanitizer, using a mask to cover your mouth and nose, and putting a cover on your voting finger similar to a condom, or even the new drive-thru option this year.

As we give Thanks this month, I will mention that there are several opportunities mentioned in this newsletter

to support and weave connections to our Westbury community. You will read about opportunities to plant trees, or to help students at Westbury High with much needed toiletries (page 7), or to help our community partners by donating funds (page 11). These are only a few of the many ways to help make our community a better place to live. Keep Westbury Strong.

Finally, I want to THANK those of you who have sent in your contributions to support the WCC and the Precinct 5 Constable Patrol this year. We held a Drive-Thru event to thank our constables in October, and our constables were deeply appreciative and touched by the kind thanks by those who dropped by. More than \$3,000 was raised in that single day, and more than \$20,000 was raised during the past month after we made an appeal for funds in the October newsletter.

Perhaps some of you are cynical about the "ask" for funds that you see every year from the Westbury Civic Club. The need is very real. We are in real danger of losing the Constable program. We must raise enough funds to cover the cost of the contract. The WCC does NOT have any extra money in the security reserve fund. Why? For 3 years the WCC tried unsuccessfully to raise enough funds to pay for 4 Constables, each year we covered the loss in funds with money from our security reserve account which had accumulated slowly over the years. This security reserve fund is currently at ZERO and the

WCC had no choice but to reduce our Constables from 4 to 3. The goal for 2020 was to raise enough funds for the current three Constables plus start saving extra money so we could hopefully increase back to four and build up our security reserve.

COVID-19 struck hard in the spring of 2020. We delayed our 2020 membership mailouts in a futile hope that the economic situation would improve or the pandemic would go away or have a cure, but that did not happen. As of the October WCC meeting date, we still need to raise about \$50,000. We have already been cutting costs such as cutting number of newsletter pages some months, reducing work hours, and eliminating or delaying certain expenses. We will need to dip into the Operating Reserves of the WCC (accumulated over many years) to pay our 2020 expenses.

The cost of our Constable Patrol contract will increase in March of 2021. The financial challenges of the WCC are very real. Fortunately, we have money in our reserves to be able to pay our bills in 2020, but we cannot continue spending more money than we bring in. The 2020 cost for the Constables was \$259,000 and it will be higher in 2021. If we do not improve our financial situation for the remainder of this year and next year in 2021, then we will have to eliminate our popular Constable Security Patrol program in 2022.

WCC Board Notes - October 2020

- → Guests TX Rep. Shawn Thierry; Didi Chavis- Chief of Staff for District K; Richard Nguyen from COH Solid Waste; Jeri Brown from Westbury HS.
- → Budget committee created
- → APPROVED 4 Letters of Support for Community Partners
 - 1. Fondren Road WCC supports the Letter of Opposition from the Brays Oaks Management District regarding this project.
 - 2. Renovation of Willow Park in Super Neighborhood #38 (on other side of Post Oak) for their grant application
 - 3. Repairs to Irrigation System on S. Braeswood at Braesridge in Maplewood West in Super Neighborhood #36 for their grant application
 - 4. Beautification efforts for Westbury High School campus, in a joint project by WHS and the Westbury Area Improvement Corp (WAIC), in Westbury Super Neighborhood #37 for their grant application
- → Civic Engagement Efforts Started new action groups. (page 8)
- → We Love Our Constable Event Successful drive-thru fundraiser event (page 1)
- → Discussion about SPO Toll Road (page 10) and impacts of flooding in Westbury. WCC needs to continue flood advocacy to both city and county to take action on flooding problems. Re-activated the Westbury Flood Action Group (page 8)
- → Vacant board positions—Section Director for Westbury 1 and Westbury 4, Director of Volunteers/Events



Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

11655 Chimney \bar{R} ock Rd 713-726-7107 * platou@houstontx.gov



- → Supervisor: Ilea Balderston
- → Assistant: Justin Thomas
- → Weekly Classes/Groups CANCELLED
- → Playground, Swings & **Basketball courts CLOSED**

The Platou Center is a polling location on Election Day on November 3. All activities, groups, and classes are cancelled at the Platou Center. The playground and basketballs courts are CLOSED in accordance to the Stay Home, Work Safe order. Please do not use the equipment.

Supervisor Balderston took a Zoom training about teaching soccer skills to children starting at age three. It is called "Soccer Starts at Home" emphasizing footwork and ball handling on the floor, in a hallway or in an appropriate outdoor space. This training was sponsored by Houston's soccer team, the Dynamo.

Meyer Library News

→ NEW Library Update

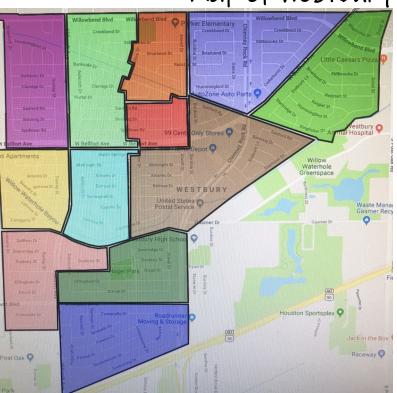
BRAVE Architecture Inc. is currently working on a design for the new library that will be located in Westbury. The plans are expected to be completed in November 2020. The new library should be completed by the end of 2022. The new location will be at the site of the old Post Office in Westbury. Stay tuned to future editions of the Westbury Crier for more information about the new library. We expect public meetings to be part of the process.

Library Action Committee:

Thank you for your interest in this committee. It is full at this time The committee will hopefully have their first meeting this month. Look for an update in the December Crier.



Map of Westbury by Section



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

Parkwest 1	198 homes
Parkwest 2	443 homes
Parkwest 3	311 homes
Westbury 1	543 homes
Westbury 2	530 homes
Westbury 3	853 homes
Westbury 4	834 homes
Westbury 5	501 homes
Westbury 5	150 homes
Westbury South	563 homes

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What's Happening in Westbury

November 2020 Calendar Events/Meetings

Sun 1	Daylight Savings Ends—Clocks Fall Back 1 Hour at 2AM
Tues 3	See page 15 for more information vote
Tues 3	HISD Schools Closed
Wed 18	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 9:30AM Zoom Meeting
Wed 18	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting 7PM Zoom Meeting Live Stream on Westbury Houston Facebook
Sat 21	Audubon Society Bird Survey To Be Determined
Mon 23-27	WCC Office Closed
Mon 23	Brays Bayou Association Meeting To Be Determined
Tues 24	SW PIP Meeting To Be Determined
Thurs 26	Thanksgiving

PLANNING CALENDAR

NO WAIC or WCC Meetings in December No Deck the Halls Parade—Cancelled **December 12 — Holiday Decoration Judging** December 12-December 18 — Online Voting **Holiday Decoration Contest**

Monday, December 21 - Friday, January 1— **HISD Holiday Break**



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



Requiar Household Trash

Pick-up is EVERY Thursday. Regular household trash goes into the black trash can.

Yard Waste

Pick-up is EVERY week either on Thursday or Saturday or any day the City decides to come by. Yard Waste MUST be placed in the correct City bio-degradable bags.



Recycling in Westbury

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

December 2020 November 2020

Thursday, November 5 Thursday, November 19 Thursday, December 17

Thursday, December 5

Thursday, December 31

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 2020 TREE WASTE ONLY

December 2020 JUNK WASTE

Thursday, November 12 Thursday, December 10

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- Recycling is every other Thursday.
- Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- Tard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- Westbury is on Recycle Schedule A
- MO 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.
- Tard waste MUST be in correct biodegradable bags with City logo
- Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers: SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr - 10785 SW Frwy Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM;
- Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- Environmental Service Center 11500 S. Post Oak Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM. Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- Refer to www.westburycrier.com or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

Why Support the WCC?

Westbury is a unique neighborhood. While all 5,000 homes in our Westbury neighborhood have active deed restrictions, only 463 have mandatory assessments. This means the Westbury Civic Club heavily relies on voluntary financial contributions from residents.

Westbury has historically had strong voluntary support because residents understood the great benefits of the WCC and our programs. However, contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and to the Westbury Area Patrol are down in 2020. By working together, we can meet the challenges head on and keep our neighborhood the jewel that it is. We all want a safe, flood free neighborhood with great schools and nice neighbors!

The total amount for the **2020 Voluntary Dues** is \$335. That is less than a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$50 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$285 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

SUPPORT THE WCC TODAY!!

Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing your payments directly to our bank's processing center in Dallas. This allows your payments to be processed immediately. You may also drop off the payment directly to the WCC Office or pay online at www.westburycrier.com

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

NEW Pay your 2020 dues ONLINE at westburycrier.com

The WCC website has been improved so that you can now pay either by PayPal or by credit card directly from our website. If you have already paid, please consider sending an additional contribution for the WAP Constable Patrol. If you have been intending to pay, now is the perfect time to make a payment. The full recommended payment for the Constable Patrol program is \$285.

Go to westburycrier.com then to the Dues and Assessments page.

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- → WCC Dues \$50
- → WCC Constable \$285
- → WCC Dues + Constable \$50 + \$285 = \$335
- → Additional Donation of \$100 or more

Once you get to the payment page you can opt to pay with your PayPal account, or pay directly by credit card.

If you want to pay an amount different than the options in the Shopping Cart on the WCC website, you can send a check to the address indicated on the Dues form below or you can use your PayPal account to send the amount you want by sending the money to our email address of westburycc@sbcglobal.net. The WCC board continues to look at other ways to make paying the dues easier and more convenient.

During this challenging period, we know that some will not be able to contribute the amount you would like to pay for the Westbury Constable program. If you have the ability to send an extra payment, please help your friends and neighbors who may not be able to pay, so that the important service provided by the Westbury Constable program is able to continue. We would not ask unless it was important.

Please help us keep our Westbury Constable Program patrolling on our streets. Pay your 2020 dues online TODAY!

Please send this form in with your payment	2020 Westbury Civ		Dues	}	
Name(s)					
Address					
Home Phone	Work	Cell			
E-mail					
Make checks payable to: Westbury Civic Club, Inc.	Westbury Civic Club Dues		\$50	\$	
Mail to:	Westbury Area Patrol		\$285	\$	
P.O. Box 975182 Dallas, TX 75397-5182		Subtotal	\$335	\$	
Online payment: www.westburycrier.com	Additional Contributions:				
www.paypal.com to email	Westbury Civic Club			\$	
westburycc@sbcglobal.net Make sure to include your address	Westbury Area Patrol			\$	
Want to send your support in			Total	\$	
multiple payments?	Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club				

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

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

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments.

The 2020 Mandatory Assessments of \$246.75 were due 2/1/2020. Invoices have been mailed out.

Payment plans can be set up for homes that have a past due balance. Please contact the WCC Office at 713-723-5437.

The WCC does NOT receive payments from escrow accounts or any other source. If you receive a Mandatory Assessment bill, it was due by 2-1-2020.

An attorney will be contacted for accounts past due.

HISD Started In-Person Learning on October 19

After 220 days of physical school closure, Houston ISD welcomed students back on campus if their families chose that option. Many Westbury children are happy to be back in the classroom with their friends and teachers. Please obey school zones and be aware of kids walking to and from school.





Left: Westbury resident Ashley Hope, sends her two sons off to in -person learning at Parker Elementary for first time in 220 days. Right: Westbury resident Jonathan Collins starts his first day of 6th grade at Meyerland Middle School.

Anderson Elementary Update

Anderson Elementary has been assigned a "Wrap Around" Specialist for the first time. (Wrap Around services are non-academic supports that address critical issues such as mental health and physical health needs, food insecurity, lack of stable housing, violence, incarceration of a parent, and many other challenges. The biggest non-academic issues at the school are rental assistance, food, and clothing.

Westbury HS Students in Need—YOU can HELP!Hygiene & Toiletry Collection Drive — Nov. 6-13
WCC Office — 5322 W. Bellfort #100

Westbury HS Liaison, Jeri Brown, relayed a plea to the Westbury community at the monthly WAIC meeting. WHS is in desperate need of hygiene and toiletries. The WAIC and WCC are teaming up to help collect items. We will have a collection box outside the WCC office at 5322 W. Bellfort Ste. 100 from November 6 to November 13. All items must be unopened and unused. The following are examples are items that are needed:

Items Needed

☑ Feminine hygiene products (high need)

- **☑** Deodorant
- **☑** Toothpaste & toothbrush
- ☑ Shampoo
- **☑** Bath soap
- ☑ Laundry detergent (WHS has onsite laundry machines for student use.)

Donate Hygiene and Toiletry Items

Drop-off at the WCC Office 5322 W. Bellfort, Ste. 100

November 6-13

WHS Needs YOU!

New Mini Mural at WHS

The traffic signal box near WHS at Dryad and Chimney Rock has been re-painted. The old mural was damaged and in desperate need of being fixed. The new mural highlights WHS fine arts magnet programs such as music and painting plus their Husky mascot. Go check it out! You can view the locations of all the mini murals in Houston at www.minimurals.org.

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Eyes on Westbury

Do you wish you could see the detention basins and weirs at the Willow Waterhole? Do you want another way to monitor flooding? Let's get cameras!!!

Join this new group to help get Join uns new group." This group "Eyes on Westbury." will research camera options, contact HCFCD for access questions, fundraise if needed, look into other options with cameras and lights.

If you are interested in joining the "Eyes on Westbury" group, please email Jennifer at CAMERAS TO MONITOR WEIRS AND BAYOU

"Attend" a WCC Board Meeting! Next Meeting is November 18

All WCC meetings are being held via Zoom and are live streamed on our Facebook page, Westbury Houston. You can post questions in the comment section and board members monitor the feed to relay questions/comments to the Zoom meeting. Get involved today! WCC Board meetings are held every third Wednesday each month at 7PM.

Live Streamed on Facebook. Westbury Houston

WESTBURY ACTION COMMITTEES

Westbury Flood Action Group

Westbury needs new infrastructure (storm drains) and better flood control along our bayous and ditches. Recent work at the Willow Waterhole basins and weirs helps with some rain events but Westbury needs real answers to the repetitive flooding. In the 1980s, Westbury had a very active Flood Action Group that was instrumental in getting changes and action. The WCC board reactivated this group at the October WCC board meeting. Parkwest 3 Section Director, Lisa Placke, will head this group along with Jennifer Edmondson, Director of Flood Control/Infrastructure. If you are interested, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Deed Restriction Revision Action Committee

Westbury's deed restrictions are outdated and need to be revised. This group will start meeting in January 2021. *If you have already emailed regarding this group, please email us again, we have lost some data with a computer change over. If you are interested in joining, please email westburvcc@sbcglobal.net.

Library Action Committee

Westbury is getting a new library. The WCC started a Library Action Committee. This committee will focus on getting up to date information, meeting with the City, and more. This group is currently full. Thank you to all the residents that emailed the WCC office! Look in future Criers for committee announcements.

JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY! **GET INVOLVED!**



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WCC Finances and Constable Program

Does your personal safety have a price tag? \$25 a month; less than a dollar a day. Aren't you and your family worth that?

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. In the early years we collected enough to cover the patrol and put a bit aside. We bumped up to 4 deputies for several years but were never able to collect enough to cover that additional deputy, and in 2018 we depleted the savings that we had in Patrol fund and went back to three deputies. We still have full coverage.

The floods of the past few years have strained the finances of Westbury residents and this year COVID-19 has added an additional strain. As we go to press, we still need to collect about \$50,000 more to cover the 2020 contract. We are asking residents to make payments for 2020 if they haven't already done so.

For 2021, the cost of the WAP program will increase by 2.5%. 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 neighboring communities provide security patrols, so providing a security patrol in Westbury is needed for our neighborhood to be competitive and for safety and peace of mind.

Look for your 2021 billing to be in your mailbox the first week of January. The dues form is located on page 6 for 2020 payments. You can also pay online at www.westburycrier.com.

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Constable Drive-thru Fundraiser Event

















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South Post Oak Toll Road Update

On September 29, Harris County Commissioners Court considered whether to proceed with funding a future elevated toll road along South Post Oak (SPO). After due consideration, the Commissioners voted to stop funding current or future work on the project, unless authorized specifically by Commissioners Court. The proposed route would have traveled north from the Ft Bend County toll road, tunneled under S Main/ US90A near Chimney Rock, traveled eastward as an elevated road across the southern section of the Willow Waterhole Greenway, and then connected as an elevated toll road along SPO until connecting via SPO to the West Loop.

Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman from the WCC, and Howard Sacks from the Willow Waterhole Conservancy participated in the virtual Commissioners Court hearing by phone and spoke AGAINST the proposed SPO toll road. Sacks discussed the problems such a route would have on the Willow Waterhole Greenspace. Edmondson and Chapman discussed the problems an elevated toll road would have on people who live near SPO, based on observations about nuisances associated with other elevated roadways in Houston. Edmondson noted, "This toll road extension will negatively impact residents who live along the SPO corridor from West Bellfort all the way to Beltway 8. Air quality will decline, noise pollution will go up, blight, litter, prostitution, vagrancy and more will plague our neighborhoods".

We thank Commissioner Rodney Ellis for letting us know that this topic was on the agenda, and we thank the Commissioners for unanimously agreeing that this project is a bad idea and to stop county funding for engineering and design work on the project.



Harris County Judge, Lina Hidalgo, at the Commissioners Court Zoom Meeting on September 29

District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum Elected President-Elect of Texas Municipal League

Congratulations to our District K City Councilmember, Martha Castex-Tatum! CM Castex-Tatum was elected as President-Elect of the Texas Municipal League (TML). The TML is a voluntary association established in 1913 with 13 Texas cities, which came together to share ideas. Today, 1,160 cities are members of the TML. Guided by its purpose statement—"Empowering Texas cities to serve their cities"—the League provides legislative, legal, and training services to city governments.

CM Castex-Tatum has served on the TML Board of Directors since winning the special election for District K in May of 2018. She will be the first TML President-Elect that has served on the city council of two Texas cities. CM Castex-Tatum served on the San Marcos City Council from 2000-2003.

"I wholeheartedly believe in serving where I live, and I'm honored to join the leadership team of TML. I look forward to using my experience in a small city and large city this next legislative session as we work alongside state lawmakers to ensure the best public policy for all Texans", said CM Martha Castex-Tatum.

CM Castex-Tatum will serve as president-elect for one year and become president during the League's annual conference in Houston on October 6-8, 2021. CM Castex-Tatum is the eighth official from the City of Houston to be elected TML president-elect. Most recently, Senator Carol Alvarado led the organization when she was on the Houston City Council in 2006-2007.

Sign up for the District K Newsletter

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Westbury Area Improvement Corporation October Meeting Notes

Motion APPROVED to spend up to \$600 to remove tree stumps to make a Westbury trail more passable, as part of an on-going trail effort by Trails volunteer, Al Potvin.

Motion APPROVED to spend up to \$1,000 on a joint project with Westbury High School on a beautification project for areas visible from neighborhood streets. This project is a potential candidate for a Matching Grant with the City.

Motion APPROVED to support a Letter of Opposition from the Brays Oaks Management District regarding a Fondren Paving and Drainage project (ie: WAIC agrees and supports that the issues identified in the Letter of Opposition are a problem).

Motion APPROVED to write a letter of support for a proposed project to improve Willow Park in neighboring Super Neighborhood Council (SNC) #38

Public Safety – Precinct 5 Constables are considering building a station at the former Meyer Library on West Bellfort; if so, the palm trees will remain. Discussion of nuisances associated with two bars on South Post Oak.

Transportation – Last Day of public comments for "Project Zero" (to eliminate pedestrian and bike fatalities by road design). Problem locations can still be reported on the website. Potential toll road for South Post Oak (SPO) has had funding cut by Commissioner's Court, see previous page.

Commercial – The owner of the Buzzy Bee convenience /gas station at West Airport and Chimney Rock has purchased vacant land near West Bellfort and Chimney Rock - a delegation will reach out to him to discuss issues at the new location.

Willow Waterhole – recent article about WWH in the Houston Chronicle. Scout and school projects are again underway, in small groups due to COVID-19.

Neighborhoods to Trails SW (NTTSW) – discussion about condition of trails at Willow Waterhole and along Fondren Diversion Channel and possible trail along Hillcroft.

Giving Tuesday — Donate to Community Partner Non-Profits

Have you heard about Giving Tuesday? Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity that will take place on December 1, 2020. Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. People can show their generosity in a variety of ways during Giving Tuesday—whether it's helping a neighbor, advocating for an issue, sharing a skill, or giving to causes, everyone has something to give and every act of generosity counts.

There are many excellent non-profits, but if you are looking for a local non-profit, then the Westbury Civic Club works closely with two non-profits which are hyper-local and work directly here in the Westbury Community.

Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC) – The WAIC is a non-profit which works to improve the quality of life here in the Westbury Super Neighborhood. The Westbury Community Garden is a project of the WAIC, and you can read more about its "SeedMoney" fundraising project on Page 17 to help the garden get a matching grant!

Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (WWGC)- The WWGC is a non-profit which works to improve the greenway and to implement items from its master plan. Members organize tree plantings, Scout projects, trash cleanups, and conservation improvements. Members monitor the site and clean up damage, trash, and graffiti, or ensure that the problems are handled. Go to the WWGC webpage to donate, to become a member, or to learn more about volunteer opportunities on page 19. Check out www.willowwaterhole.org for more info.

At a time when we are all experiencing the pandemic, generosity is what brings people of all races, faiths, and political views together across the globe. Generosity gives everyone the power to make a positive change in the lives of others and is a fundamental value anyone can act on. Giving Tuesday emphasizes opportunities to give back to communities and causes in safe ways that allow for social connection and kindness even while practicing physical distancing.

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ALERT! ALERT! We need to raise \$50,000 to pay for the Westbury Area Patrol for the rest of 2020. This is a big amount of money, but fortunately Westbury is a huge neighborhood. Working together, we can all make sure that our Westbury homes continue to have the important services of the "Westbury Area Patrol" by the Precinct 5 Constables.

Don't delay, please PAY today! Any amount, large or small, will help.

If you have not contributed yet, now is the time.

If you have already contributed, thank you, but please consider sending a bit more. You can pay online at www.westbvurycrier.com or send check to our office.

Support the Constable Program
Pay your 2020 Dues!

Dues form is on page 6
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Confirmed LOCAL Cases of COVID-19

(data from publichealthharriscountytx.gov)

	77035	77096	Houston
4/23/20	54	59	2,975
5/21/20	108	85	6,188
6/24/20	334	183	16,253
7/27/20	748	492	45,145
8/26/20	1,102	700	62,097
9/26/20	1,255	817	72,684
10/26/20	1,360	894	82,999

Flu Shots & COVID-19

If you have not been able to get your flu vaccine yet, please try to get the flu shot in November. If you are a senior citizen, the vaccine is specially formulated stronger for better protection. Some providers offer free shots. Being vaccinated is important for your health.

CDC recommends getting a flu vaccination in September or October, but getting vaccinated anytime during the flu season can help protect you. It takes about two weeks for the antibodies to develop to help protect against the flu. Vaccination of people at high risk is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness. Many people at higher risk from flu also seem to be at higher risk from COVID-19. If you are at high risk, it is especially important for you to get a flu vaccine this year. Here are some Questions and Answers from the CDC about the flu and COVID-19.

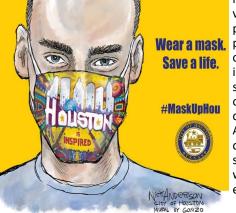
Will a flu vaccine protect me against COVID-19?

Getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, however flu vaccination has many other important benefits. Flu vaccines have been shown to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization and death. Getting a flu vaccine this fall will be more important than ever, not only to reduce your risk from flu, but also to help conserve potentially scarce health care resources.

If COVID-19 is spreading in my community, should I still go out to get a flu vaccine? Yes. Getting a flu vaccine is an essential part of protecting your health and your family's health this season. To protect your health when getting a flu vaccine, follow CDC's recommendations for running essential errands and doctor visits. Continue to take everyday preventive actions.

How can I safely get a flu vaccine if COVID-19 is spreading in my community? When going to get a flu vaccine, practice everyday preventive actions and follow CDC recommendations for running essential errands. Ask your doctor, pharmacist, or health department if they are following CDC's vaccination pandemic guidance. Any vaccination location following CDC's guidance should be a safe place for you to get a flu vaccine.

Should a flu vaccine be given to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19? No. Vaccination should be deferred (postponed) for people with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, regardless of whether they have symptoms, until they have met the criteria to discontinue their isolation. While mild illness



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When scheduling or confirming appointments for vaccination, patients should be instructed to notify the provider's office or clinic in advance if they currently have or develop any symptoms of COVID-19. Additionally, a prior infection with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 or flu does not protect someone from future flu infections. The best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated every year.



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Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

September 27—October 26, 2020 **Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes**

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W	Theft from Motor Vehicle
12100	Chimney Rock	Drugs	10/13	5PM	Westbury 4	Auto Theft
11900	Dunlap	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/4	9AM	Westbury 4	
5700	Greencraig	Destruction, damage, vandalism	10/1	12AM	Westbury South	Property Crime
12100	Hillcroft	Destruction, damage, vandalism	9/28	9PM	Westbury 4	Burglary
11900	Landsdowne	Simple assault	9/30	1PM	Westbury 3	Assault, Simple or aggravated
11500	Renwick	Destruction, damage, vandalism	9/29	7AM	Westbury 3	Robbery
11500	Renwick	Destruction, damage, vandalism	9/30	1PM	Westbury 3	

The crimes listed took place between September 27 and October 26. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key above.

Vacation Watch **Vacation Watch**

Leaving town for Thanksgiving or Christmas? Visiting family? 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.



A deputy will check out your property at least once a day to make sure it is secured and nothing suspicious going on.

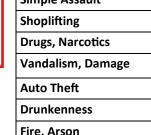
You can register for a vacation watch online at https://constablepct5.com or by calling 281-463-6666 and requesting a deputy come by your house.

Constables Seize Contraband

After a traffic stop near Westbury High School, our Precinct 5 Constables discovered several types of drugs, a gun, and more than \$6,000 in cash bundled into batches of \$400 to \$1,000. The driver was charged with Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon, Possession of a Dangerous Drug, and the \$6,265 in cash was

From September 16 to October 15, our Constables recorded 380 activities in their Beat Activity Report.

seized.



Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./ TH	Comm./ Business	Park/ School
Aggravated Assault	0	2	1	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	1	0	0
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	1	1	1	0
Shoplifting	0	0	5	0
Drugs, Narcotics	1	0	0	0
Vandalism, Damage	4	1	0	0
Auto Theft	0	0	0	0
Drunkenness	0	0	0	1
Fire, Arson	0	1	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	2	3	0
Counterfeit, Forgery	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	7	9	10	1

DO YOU HEAR SIRENS?

Go to http://cohweb.houstontx.gov/ ActiveIncidents/search.aspx to check current incidents listed by Police and Fire. The listed is updated frequently.

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

This information is provided to help you be prepared in advance for voting. We encourage all eligible Westbury residents to VOTE. As a reminder, there are many races on the ballot, so it is strongly recommended to review the choices in advance. IMPORTANT: You are NOT allowed to use a wireless device (phone) while in the voting booth, so bring your voting choices with you on paper. Also, please be aware that "electioneering" is not allowed within 100 feet of a polling location door; this means that you should not wear clothing or bring items with you which visibly support or are against candidates on the ballot (you are allowed to cover or hide the items while voting).

What is on the Ballot?

National and State Elections: President & Vice President, US Senator, US Representative, Railroad Commissioner, Texas Justices of the Supreme Court, Texas Justices for Appeals Courts, District Judges,

Harris County Elections: District Attorney, County Criminal Judges, County Attorney, Sheriff, County Tax Assessor-Collector, County Clerk, County School Trustee, Justice of the Peace, County Constable

*THERE IS NO STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING OPTION.

What is Deadline to Register to Vote?

Texas requires voters to be registered to vote at least 30 days before an election. The last day to register to vote is October 5 to be able to vote in person on Election Day, November 3.

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 last election will allow any eligible voter in Harris County to vote at ANY county polling place in Harris County, including at your local precincts. This means that on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3), voters can vote near where they work, live, or go to school in Harris County and not just at their local precinct.

Below is a list of local Westbury area voting locations, subject to change. Visit www.harris.votes.org for current information. Parker Elementary, 10626 Atwell

Foerster Elementary, 14200 Fonmeadow Dr.
Platou Community Center, 11655 Chimney Rock
Godwin Park, 5101 Rutherglenn
Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft
Andy Anderson Elementary, 5727 Ludington
Braeswood Assembly of God, 10611 Fondren
Westbury High School, 11911 Chimney Rock







Halloween 2020 Westbury Yard of the Month Winners

Parkwest 1 — 5639 Portal Dr — Keith Kendall

Parkwest 2 — 5723 Portal — Richard & Jean Tapia

Parkwest 3— 5955 Beaudry — Lance, Sarah & Viviana York

Westbury 1 — 5222 Briarbend — John & Peggy Dybala

Westbury 2—10802 Cedarhurst— Rebecca Mansfield & Bruce Ralston

Westbury 3— 11407 Landsdowne— Kim Stevenson & Audrey Yust

Westbury 4— 5618 Duxbury — Mr A. Watkin







Are you Ready for the Holidays?

2020 has been a rough year, why not start the holidays early. At a time when nothing seems "normal" anymore, holiday decorations can really boost the spirits. Westbury always has great holiday decorations and lights, and we hope this year will be extra special! We hope all residents can go out early to put their lights and decorations out in their yards. We have some exciting new contests and categories plus our long time favorite "top three" in each section and best streets.

Holiday Yard of the Month — Top 3 & Best Blocks

The yard of the month judges will be driving the neighborhood on Saturday, December 12, to pick the top three winners in each section along with the best blocks. If you would like to nominate your house or a neighbor's home, email Robert at robertsmontgomery@icloud.com.

NEW Online Decoration Contest — 6 Categories

New this year is an online contest with 6 fun categories! The online winners will have special signs placed in their yards and receive a prize. All entries must be submitted online via Facebook messenger or email westburycc@sbcglobal.net. Entries must be submitted electronically by Friday, December 11, 11:59pm. Online voting on Westbury Houston Facebook page will start December 14, 10am and end December 18, 10am. Winners will be announced by Friday, December 18, 6pm.

2020 Theme Winner (Best of 2020)

This has been a rough year! What better way to celebrate the end than to encapsulate the highs and lows in decorations! The best 2020 themed home will win a fun pandemic basket along with sign! Let us know!

The Shining (Most lights/Brightest)

Is your house lit? Do you have the brightest lights? Do you have the most lights in the neighborhood? Let us know.

Overly Inflated (Most or Unique Inflatables)
Love inflatables? Is your entire yard covered in them? Do you have a super cool special inflatable? Send us your address.

All Decked Out (over the top winner)

Do you love everything holidays? Is your yard over the top? Does your yard scream holiday season? Is your home the best decorated house in all of Westbury? Send us your address.

Best Hannukah Decorations (Religious Decorations)
Do you have Hannukah yard art? Is your house glowing blue? Do you have the best Hannukah decorated house? Let us know your address!

Best Christmas Decorations (Religious Decorations)
Do you have the best nativity scene? Are you celebrating Christ, not
Santa? Do you have the best religious Christmas decorations?





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Matching Grant for Donations November 15 - December 15

The Westbury Community Garden (WCG) – YOUR neighborhood community garden – needs your help! The WCG is enrolled in the "Seed Money Matching Grant" program for community gardens that runs for 30 days, from November 15 to December 15, 2020. You must use the SeedMoney website for donations to count towards the matching grant. https://donate.seedmoney.org/4560/westbury-community-garden

Our Goal

Last year, our goal was modest – only \$500 – and we made it handily and earned a small match. Most gardens set goals of \$200 to \$800. This year our goal is \$2,500. If we make our goal and stay in one of the top percentiles of all competing community gardens, we'll earn generous matching funds from SeedMoney. We know we can do it with your help! Whether the goal is reached or not, WCG will receive all pledged donations. SeedMoney does not keep any part of the money raised.

Our Next Big Project

Funds raised in this drive will be used towards the implementation of our Master Plan. Engineering drawings and city permits are needed to kick off the project. In 2021, WCG will continue to raise funds for big ticket items -- driveway and parking construction.

Set A Reminder On Your Calendar

Please set a reminder to make a donation to your community garden during the week of November 15. WCG will earn extra money? if we qualify for the "Strong Start" award during that first week. You must use the SeedMoney website for donations to count towards the matching grant.

Giving Tuesday happens during Week Three of this fundraiser. If your donation slips your mind when the fundraiser opens, please remember Westbury Community Garden on Giving Tuesday or during the first half of December.

Thank you!

Westbury Community Garden thanks you for your tax-deductible support!







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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Explore the Willow Waterhole

Map of Entire Willow Waterhole Greenway

Destination: WESTBURY LAKE

A. Parking

Parking is available onsite off Dryad near the pavilion. There is handicap parking with ramp access to wide sidewalks. Head down Dryad towards Westbury Little League. Enter the park at the end of the paved road. Continue down the gravel road until you get to the parking area near the gazebo.

B. Schwartz Gazebo

The focal point of the Willow Waterhole Greenway park, the gazebo area has the highest number of visitors of anywhere in the park. There is a scenic overlook, picnic tables in the surrounding trees, and a huge lawn area to run and play. Site of the popular Annual MusicFest and other community events.

C. Westbury Lake Trail

This popular paved and crushed granite trail starts at the Schwartz gazebo and heads down to lake level, across two bridges and an island then back up and around to the Schwartz gazebo. It is perfect for families and dog-walking.

D. Cross Country Trailhead

Near the Schwartz Gazebo, runners embark on a 2.5-mile trail around Westbury Lake. Five major high school cross country running events are held here in the Fall. The trail goes over two bridges, across an island, atop a berm paralleling Highway 90, and around the perimeter of Westbury Little League. The elevation change is over 150ft from lake level to top of the berm.

E. Primitive Trails

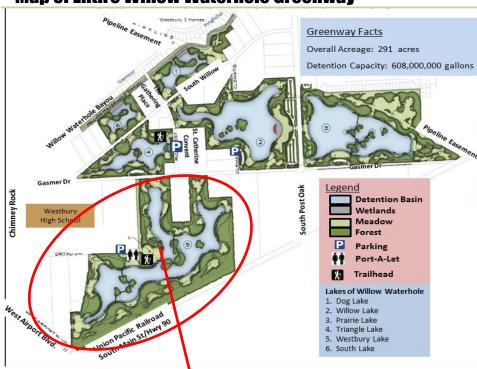
The green lines on the map to the left are primitive trails. These trails are fun to walk or ride bikes along. These trails are part of the Cross Country trail.

F. Future Fishing, Canoe Launch, and Environmental Pier

The planned site for a concrete pier going forty feet out into the water and allowing visitors to fish and launch canoes. It will also be used by Westbury High School science classes to conduct environmental sampling of the water and view aquatic life. A new ADA compliant trail will be built from the top of bank to water level to provide easy access to the pier.

G. Future Levitt Pavilion Site

The former 28-acre Shell E&P Technology Center was purchased by the City of Houston in October 2019. It is the future site of the Levitt Music Pavilion Houston and an additional detention basin. The 5000 seat Pavilion will provide professional and student performances, free to the public, for the cultural enrichment of Houston's diverse communities and visitors.



Westbury Lake at the Willow Waterhole

The Willow Waterhole has 6 "lakes". The main lake is Westbury lake, which is the most visited lake of the park and is home to great events such as the Annual MusicFest. The map below is labeled with amenities and trails at Westbury Lake. Read all about these great amenities to the right.

Go Explore the Willow Waterhole!!!





Support the Willow Waterhole Today!

The Willow Waterhole park is a popular spot in Westbury. It is a flood detention project combined with a neighborhood commitment to conserving the greenspace and making the Willow Waterhole into a true destination. The Willow Waterhole has miles of walking trails, amazing birding, cross country events, a popular annual MusicFest, and much, much more. The

thousands of hours of hard work by so many volunteers has really transformed the area into the wonderful, pleasant, peaceful park/natural habitat.

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy invites individuals, families, and small businesses to support them in their effort to maintain and rejuvenate our 290+ acre park through free recreational events and environment improvement projects. Membership donations provide general operations funding to help maintain the park and programming. When you join, you become a partner in keeping the Willow Waterhole a beautiful urban green space. Consider joining as a member of the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy. More information can be found at www.willowaterhole.org/membership.

"Please join me in becoming a member of the WWGC, a jewel in our neighborhood. Let's make it even better!"

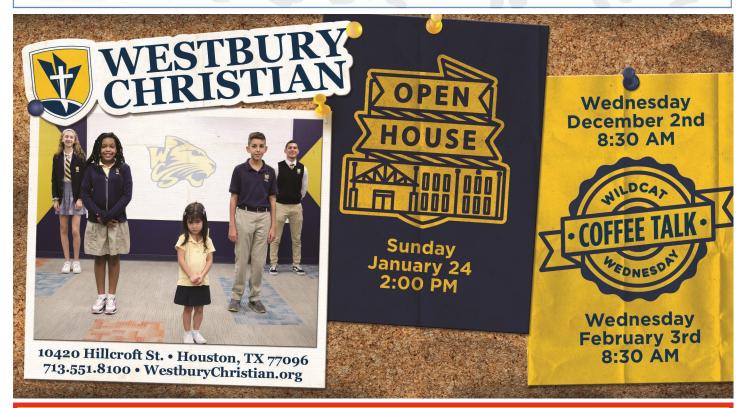
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