



Westbury Crier

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Support the Westbury Constables

Westbury is patrolled by Harris County Precinct 5 Constables. They patrol all of Westbury because the Westbury Civic Club (WCC) has a contract with Harris County Precinct 5. This is the largest and most important expense of the WCC. In today's world with crime increasing, it is extremely important to maintain this vital service. The quick response time of the Constables, the intimate knowledge of our neighborhood and residents, and their special units and programs make this an invaluable asset to our neighborhood and community. Nearby neighborhoods (Maplewood SN, Meyerland, Barkley Square) also contract with Precinct 5 and their deputies are available for calls in Westbury, if our deputies are busy.

Westbury contracts for two deputies and one sergeant to patrol our neighborhood. Sgt. Derkowski attends the monthly WCC board meetings and makes a report about crimes and crime trends in Westbury. He is very responsive to resident concerns and questions. Sgt. Derkowski emails the WCC office about crimes and incidents in Westbury and provides updates to major issues. He has attended all our drive-thru events and even

helped with delivering water after the Winter Storm. Sgt. Derkowski has been in Westbury for 3.5 years. We are very lucky to have Sergeant Derkowski in the Westbury contract.

Westbury relies on voluntary support of residents like you to pay for this much needed service. The requested amount per home is \$300 for the Constable program. If you have not paid yet for 2021, please consider paying today. If you have already paid, consider making an additional donation. Use this handy QR code to access our online payment page or send in the dues form on page 6 with your payment today!



Sgt. Derkowski helping with the WCC water giveaway after the Winter Storm

WOW WORKING ON WESTBURY

Sunday, November 14 2:30-4PM

Join WCC board members at the Willow Waterhole for our monthly clean-up. This month we will host another litter pickup at the Willow Waterhole. Meet in the new parking lot on Dryad near the Gazebo on Sunday, November 14, from 2:30-4PM. The WCC will provide trash bags and grabbers for you to use. This is a great volunteer opportunity for the whole family.



Keep Westbury Beautiful
Great Volunteer
Opportunity for the
Whole Family

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Westbury Holiday Planning

Holiday Decoration Judging—December 18
Yard of the Month judges will select the top 3 homes in each section. For more information, see page 17.

2nd Annual Online Holiday Decoration Contest
Six fun categories! Nominate and vote for your favorite Westbury homes on the Westbury Houston Facebook page from December 20-22. More details on page 17.

Deck the Halls Parade—Cancelled for 2021

HEAVY TRASH

November 2021

Thursday, Nov. 11

TREE WASTE ONLY

December 2021

Thurs., December 9

JUNK WASTE

RECYCLING

November 2021

Thursday, November 4

Thursday, November 18

December 2021

Thursday, December 2

Thursday, December 16

Thursday, December 30



Daylight Savings Ends

2AM November 7

WCC Office OPEN

The Westbury Civic Club office is open Monday thru Thursday from 9:30AM to 1:30PM. You can stop by the office during these hours. WCC Office—713-723-5437

WCC Office Location—
5322 W. Belfort, Ste 100

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

WCC OFFICE

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Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

Westbury Civic Club Office Hours
Mon.-Thurs., 9:30AM-1:30PM
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SECURITY

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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
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Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107
Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955
Houston Help & Information.....311
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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
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Westbury Civic Club , Inc.

A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

November is the season for Thanks, a time for appreciation and gratitude. Congrats to the Houston Astros for winning the American League Championship Series and heading on to the World Series! What an exciting time to be an Astros fan! Go 'Stros! On page 15, you will read about Houston's favorite nuns, the "Rally Nuns," who are based at St. Catherine Convent near the Willow Waterhole on Gasmer.

As we give Thanks this month, there are several opportunities mentioned in this newsletter to support and weave connections to our Westbury community. Thanks to all who participated in Westbury Civic Club activities this month: the Neighborhood Night Out event, Halloween yard decorations competing for Yard of Month, and the White Elephant Sale event. Next month we will be hosting a Working on Westbury event over at Willow Waterhole on the afternoon of Sunday, November 14. In December, the Yard of the Month program will be looking at holiday decorations. I encourage you to find ways to make our community a better place to live. For example, you can: pick up litter, report concerns or problems to 311, participate in

Westbury Civic Club functions, and support local schools and non-profits.

The November WCC board meeting will again be a virtual meeting that will be broadcast live on Facebook; however, we look forward to holding WCC board meetings in person starting in January 2022 and hope to see you there!

I want to THANK those of you who have already sent in your contributions to support the WCC and the Precinct 5 Constable Patrol this year. If you haven't made a contribution yet, I would like to ask that you to send a contribution in November to help us meet our year-end financial goals. And, if you have already contributed, I ask you to please consider sending an additional contribution. There is a QR code on the front page of the Crier to take you directly to the WCC website to make a payment, or you can clip the payment form on page 6 to mail in a contribution. Did you know that we pay \$22,167 every month for the services of our Precinct 5 Constables? The contract with Precinct 5 is our biggest expense every month! In these unusual times, public safety has to remain

a top priority. Please help us continue these vital services provided by the Constables so that Westbury continues to be a desirable and safe community.

Perhaps some of you are cynical about the "ask" for funds from the Westbury Civic Club. The need is very real. As of the October 2021 WCC meeting date, we have only collected about 75% of the funds to pay for the Constables and the WCC operating costs. We still need to raise money to cover the costs to run the WCC office (rent, salary, utilities, etc.) and to pay the Constables. Last year we needed to dip into the Operating Reserves of the WCC (accumulated over many years) to pay our 2020 expenses. The cost of our Constable Patrol increased in March of 2021 and may increase again in 2022. The financial challenges of the WCC are very real. Fortunately, we had money in our reserves to be able to pay our bills, but we cannot continue spending more money than we bring in.

As the season of Thanks rolls on and you count your positives (or blessings) with gratitude, please consider paying it forward by making an additional contribution to Westbury's Constable Security Patrol program. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

-Cindy Chapman



NEXT

WCC Board Meeting

**Wednesday
November 17, 7PM**

**Zoom Meeting
Livestreamed on
Westbury Houston
Facebook page**

WCC Board Notes - October 2021

- ➔ The October Westbury Civic Club board meeting was held via Zoom and streamed live on Facebook.
- ➔ HISD Trustee District 9 Candidates— Myrna Guidry and Joshua Rosales attended the WCC meeting.
- ➔ District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum announced that City Council officially approved the new name for the library in Westbury. It will be named the *Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library*, in honor of the astronaut who grew up in Westbury and attended our local schools. See page 9.
- ➔ Public Safety – Sgt. Derkowski from Precinct 5 Constables gave an update on recent crimes. When calling dispatch, make sure they have your correct address. See page 12 for more public safety info.
- ➔ HISD Trustee Myrna Guidry gave an update on HISD. See page 16
- ➔ Alyce Coffey with City Solid Waste Department encouraged everyone to download the new Houston Solid Waste app to get trash notices.
- ➔ Edidiong Obot from Harris County Precinct One (Commissioner Rodney Ellis) attended her first meeting with the Westbury Civic Club.
- ➔ The WCC board approved filling 2 vacant board positions. Maggie Donovan will serve as the Director of Deed Restrictions. Alan Hirshman will serve as the Parkwest 3 Section Director.
- ➔ 2022 Budget Committee was formed—Directors Marcia Hartman, Tony Robert, and Lindsey Pollock will work with Treasurer Becky Edmondson
- ➔ Discussed commercial property updates—Buzzy Bee and Singh Food Mart— See page 11 for more information.
- ➔ The next WCC Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 17, at 7PM and will be held via Zoom. The WCC Board does not meet in December. We will resume in-person meetings in January 2022.

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



Temporary Supervisor—Julia Soto

Email—Julia.Soto@houston.tx.gov

Platou Center is OPEN for Adult Classes

Adult Program Schedule
Programs will run from 9:30AM—1PM, Monday—Friday

- Exercise—M/W/F, 9-10AM
- Quilting— Tuesday, 9AM –1PM
- Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM
- Ping Pong—Thursday, 9-10:30AM

Temperature checks and social distancing will be enforced.
Face coverings are strongly encouraged.
Frequent cleaning and sanitizing will be maintained.
For the full City of Houston policy, please visit—
www.houston.tx.gov/adminpolicies

Playground, basketball, and tennis courts are OPEN.

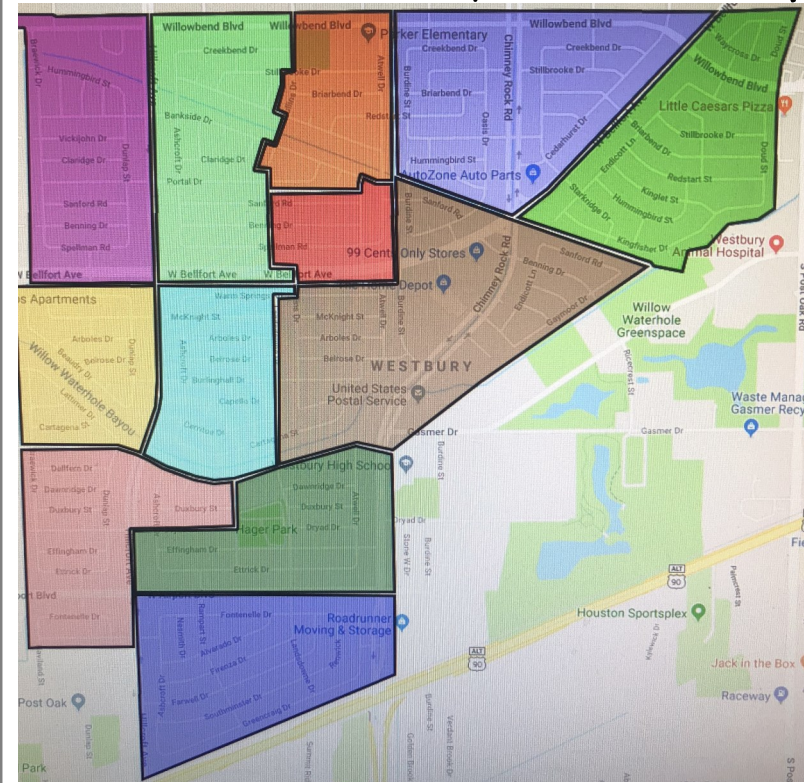
The Library Has a Name! Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library

Our new library that is coming to Westbury officially has a name! The Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library will be located on Belrose at the site of the old post office. More about this name on page 9. The new library will be a large, regional library for District K and Southwest Houston. Construction of the site is slated to begin in 2022 with completion in 2023.

The Westbury Civic Club started a Library Action Committee that has been meeting every 2 weeks for several months. The committee is made up of Westbury residents. One of the main concerns highlighted by the Committee is cut through traffic in the neighborhood to get to the new library. The library will have access from Belrose and Chimney Rock. The concern is the high amount of traffic down Atwell or other Westbury 3 streets to get to Belrose. Belrose is only accessible from other neighborhood streets, it does not connect to any major street. One possible solution the committee is suggesting is that that official address for the library be Chimney Rock, not Belrose. This will make it easier for Houston residents to find the new library, as Chimney Rock is a major throughfare. We are hopeful this will eliminate some neighborhood cut through traffic. Many people use mapping apps. These apps would direct people to enter from Chimney Rock, if that is the address, not Belrose, so most non-Westbury residents will be directed to that entrance when trying to find the new library.

The committee is trying to set a meeting with the City of Houston to discuss traffic concerns.


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

November 2021 Calendar Events/Meetings

Tues 2	Election Day VOTE!
Sun 7	Daylight Savings Ends—Clocks Fall Back 1 Hour at 2AM
Thurs 11	HEAVY TRASH PICK UP—TREE WASTE ONLY
Sun 14	WOW—Working on Westbury Willow Waterhole—Gazebo 2:30PM-4PM See page 1 for more information
Wed 17	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 9:30AM Zoom Meeting—Live Stream on WAIC Houston Facebook
Wed 17	Westbury Civic Club Meeting—via Zoom 7PM Live Stream on Westbury Houston Facebook
Sat 20	Audubon Society Bird Survey 8-10AM 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey
Sat 20	Westbury Community Garden Volunteer Day 8-11AM Westbury Community Garden— 12581 Dunlap More information on page 18
Mon 22-26	WCC Office Closed
Thurs 25	Thanksgiving 

All About Trash

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



Regular 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.

November 2021

December 2021

Thursday, November 4

Thursday, December 2

Thursday, November 18

Thursday, December 16

Thursday, December 30

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 2021

December 2021

TREE WASTE ONLY

JUNK WASTE

Thursday, November 11

Thursday, December 9

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- 🗑️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday.
- ♻️ Recycling is every other Thursday.
- 🗑️ Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- 🗑️ Yard waste is picked up on Saturdays.
- ♻️ 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 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

PLAN AHEAD

December 18—Westbury Holiday Yard of the Month Judging

December 20-31—HISD Winter Break



HAPPY
Thanksgiving

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. The past several years' contributions to the Westbury Civic Club and to the Westbury Area Patrol have been down. 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 **2021 Voluntary Dues is \$360**. That is less than a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$300 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month

→ Zoom Meeting

→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

This Month's Meeting

WCC Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 7PM

Zoom Meeting—Livestreamed on Westbury Houston Facebook

In Person Meetings to resume January 2022

Read the Westbury Crier **ONLINE!**

Did you know that you can read the *Westbury Crier* online? Our website, www.westburycrier.com has an archive of past Criers starting with March 2011 all the way to the current issue. We are working on getting all the past issues scanned and online. There is great Westbury history in the old Criers. If you sign up for announcements on the website, you will get an email every month with a link to the Crier.

The WCC tries to get the Crier to residents as close to the 1st of the month as possible. Sometimes this is hard to accomplish as there are printer issues, weather delays, and schedule problems with our delivery team. We apologize for any inconvenience. Subscribe to WCC announcements on our website, and you will receive an email with a link to the online Crier each month.

Pay Your Dues Online

www.westburycrier.com

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

The available payment options one the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$60
- WCC Constables — \$300
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$360
- Custom Amount — You can enter your own amount

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

Why are Westbury Dues Mailed to a Dallas Address?

You are mailing you 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

Please send this form in with your payment

2021 Westbury Civic Club Dues

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Make checks payable to:
Westbury Civic Club, Inc.

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

Online payment:
www.westburycrier.com
www.paypal.com to email
westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Make sure to include your address

Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$60	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$300	\$
Subtotal	\$360	\$
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 \$180 is \$360/yr
 3 payments of \$120 is \$360/yr
 4 payments of \$90 is \$360/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.

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1 & 2

Homes purchased in Parkwest 1 after Jan. 1, 1993 and Parkwest 2 after Jan 1, 1994 have mandatory assessments. These assessments may be adjusted annually by the most recently published annual percentage chage for the US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance with the deed restrictions.

The 2021 Mandatory Assessments of \$250.90 Due Date Extension—4/1/2021 due to mailing issues.

We apologize for any inconvenience. Any questions, email westburycc@sbcglobal.net

National Night Out 2021

National Night Out (NNO) is a nationwide activity intended to link neighbors together and to celebrate connections with law enforcement. NNO is celebrated on the first Tuesday in October in Texas. The Westbury Civic Club has a long tradition of celebrating NNO each year.

This year we decided to organize a drive-thru or drop-in event outside in the parking lot of the Westbury Civic Club office. The 2-hour event held on October 5 was fun and successful. We appreciate everyone who took the time to drop by, and we thank you.

It was so much fun to have a chance to talk and visit with everyone. We think you will enjoy seeing some of the photos taken during the NNO event! Many guests posed with a colorful "I LOVE Westbury" sign. We had candy for the kids and young at heart, plus we had various trinkets to hand out. District K provided trash grabbers to give away, and helped us have a HarvestTrolley truck for our site, which definitely drew inquiring glances from vehicles passing by. If you haven't heard about a HarvesTrolley delivery truck, it is a delivery truck for the Harvest Market grocery stores that looks similar to a trolley vehicle, but, the truck also carries a selection of popular items that can be purchased.

Several special guests dropped by to attend our event. Our Westbury Sergeant, Sgt. Derkowski, attended NNO along with our evening shift deputy. Several other Constables dropped by to visit as well. Houston At-Large Councilmember David Robinson visited us to say hello, and he also brought a Certificate on behalf of District K Martha Castex-Tatum (who was attending an event that evening). Edidiong Obot brought a Certificate on behalf of Commissioner Rodney Ellis of Precinct One.

Many of the Westbury Civic Club board members were able to attend the event, including: Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, Becky Edmondson, Tony Robert and his wife Donna, Jennifer Edmondson, Mat Funk, Lindsey Pollock, Jonathan Hansen, and incoming director Maggie Donovan.



I ❤️ Westbury



Re-Districting Political Boundaries Based on the 2020 Census Data

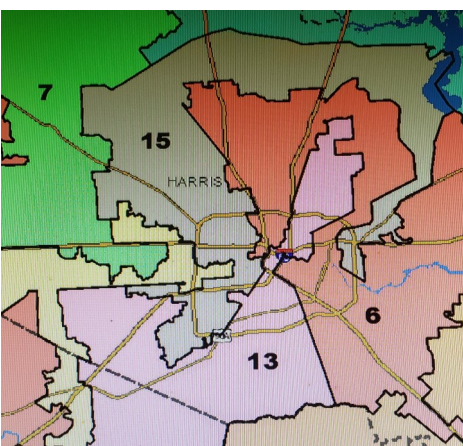
Every decade, political boundaries are adjusted to account for changes in population growth and other factors. Some of the changes will affect which political districts Westbury residents vote in next year. The redistricting maps for US Congress and the Texas state legislature were approved by the Texas legislature and have been signed by Governor Abbott, but litigation is anticipated.

In the Texas legislature, currently Westbury residents are represented in the Texas Senate by Senator Joan Huffman (District 17) or Senator Borris Miles (District 13). The new redistricting map indicates that in the next election, Westbury voters will be voting either in District 13 or in District 15 (incumbent is Senator Whitmire). See map on the top right.

Currently Westbury residents are represented in the Texas House by Representative Ann Johnson (District 134) or Representative Shawn Thierry (District 146). In the future, a small number of Westbury homes on the north side of Willowbend will be in District 134, most homes will be in District 146, and some will be in District 131 (incumbent is Representative Alma Allen). See map on the top right.



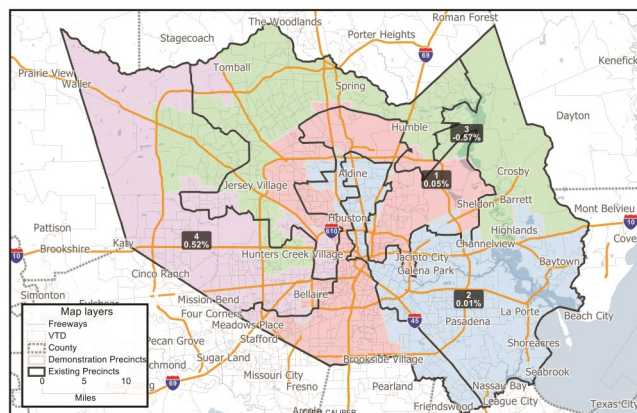
At this time Westbury residents are represented in US Congress by either US Representative Lizzie Fletcher (District 7) or US Representative Al Green (District 9). The new redistricting map indicates that ALL Westbury residents would vote in US House District 9 in the next Congressional election.



Proposed Texas Legislature District Map

Redistricting is still in progress at the County level at press time. Currently Westbury residents are represented by Commissioner Rodney Ellis for Precinct One on Harris County Commissioners Court. In some proposed map versions, Westbury will be moved and in others Westbury will remain in Precinct One. There are 4 Precincts total. See map to right for one of the versions.

Harris County Commissioners Court Ellis 3 Demonstration Map with Existing Precincts



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Solid Waste Department Answers Westbury Questions

During the October Westbury Civic Club monthly meeting, Alyce Coffey from the COH Solid Waste Department answered several questions from Westbury board members.

What is the correct way to handle the caps on plastic bottles being recycled?

The tops should be removed before putting the plastic bottles in the recycle bin.

Is there a limit on how much heavy trash (Junk Waste or Tree Waste) can be placed out for monthly heavy trash collection?

Yes, there is a maximum limit. No more than 8 cubic yards (about the size of a minivan) of Junk Waste or Tree Waste may be placed at the curb for collection. The city might not remove the heavy trash if there is too much placed at the curb. Additionally, if authorized items placed for collection are mixed with unauthorized items, department personnel are not obligated to sort the materials and may refuse the entire load.

Does the Solid Waste Department notify you if there is a problem with your heavy trash that causes the load to be ineligible to be collected?

No, the Solid Waste Dept. does NOT notify you if you have too much volume or the wrong type of material placed for collection or any other issue that causes the load to be rejected by the city for collection.



New Westbury Library Name Announced Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library

The Houston City Council has approved naming the new library in Westbury, "Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library." The new library is named after NASA Astronaut, Dr. Shannon Walker, who grew up in the Westbury area and attended Westbury schools.



"Naming the library after Dr. Walker is fitting for a number of reasons. Her roots run deep in the District K Westbury community. The naming of a library is important to defining its personality and character," said District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum. Dr. Walker is a native Houstonian who attended District K's Parker Elementary, Johnston Middle School (now known as Meyerland Middle School) and Westbury High School. Dr. Walker earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physics, a Master of Science, and Doctorate of Philosophy in Space Physics from Rice University.

This accomplishment could not have been achieved without the help of the Library Naming Committee (LNC) and Houston Public Library Executive Director, Dr. Rhea Lawson. There was a high level of community interest and engagement. The process began in February 2021, when an 8-member Library Naming Committee (LNC) reviewed more than 300 name submissions from District K residents. The LNC narrowed the list down to the top five name submissions. In June 2021, polls were open for a city-wide vote from the top 5 submissions. Naming the library after Dr. Shannon Walker was the most popular choice. Per the protocol to name a library building, the Houston Public Library staff and the Houston Public Library Foundation (HPLF) unanimously passed a resolution to name the new library the Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library. Then the vote by Houston City Council was the final step to approve the name.

The new library in Westbury will start construction in 2022 with completion in 2023. Look for more updates in future *Criers*.



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Fall White Elephant Sale 2021

The popular Westbury White Elephant Sale (our community garage sale) has successfully returned! After a gap of 2 years due to COVID concerns, it was fantastic to be able to host one of our most popular and most historic activities, our White Elephant Sale event. A “white elephant” is a term for an unwanted treasure, and sales were brisk as buyers were eager to take home their new finds from the approximately 40 booths selling items. New this year was a fun White Elephant Sale yard sign set up by Maggie Donovan with Card My Yard. Thanks Maggie!

Selling items at the White Elephant Sale is a fun and safe way to sell your unwanted items. The Westbury Civic Club hires off-duty deputies from the Precinct 5 Constable department to provide security, provides signage and advertising, and organizes the event. People were waiting in line for our event to start at 8 AM, and visitor traffic was steady all morning until the event closed at noon on October 23.

It is always fun to see what people are selling at their booths. Clothes, shoes, kitchen items, and toys are always popular sales items. Several booths were selling plants or decorative items. One booth was selling old radios and electronic parts. Another booth was selling “Man Cave” items.

The PUCS local food truck is a crowd favorite and we thank Jim and Leslee Cross for bringing their popular coffee truck to sell food and drinks at the White Elephant Sale event. Westbury loves PUCS!

We deeply appreciate our hosts at Westbury United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their parking lot for our community garage sales. After the port-a-potty delivery for our October event never showed up, we are even more grateful that the church opened up its restrooms for those who were working at booths or running the event. Thank you!

If you missed out attending our October event, our next event will be held in the Spring of 2022. We will have more details about how to get a booth space next year.

We thank all of you who brought your items to sell at the White Elephant Sale. We also want to thank the Westbury Civic Club volunteers and family members, and even a few former WCC board members, who helped make this event a success. Thank you to: Tony and Donna Robert, Santiago and Amy Caraballo, Lindsey Pollock, Maggie Donovan, Alan Hirshman, Donna Strom, Becky and Bill Edmondson, Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, and Robert and Larry Montgomery-Ellis.

A special thanks goes to Jennifer Edmondson, who does an amazing job organizing the event. She makes it better every time.

See you at the next White Elephant Sale in Spring 2022!



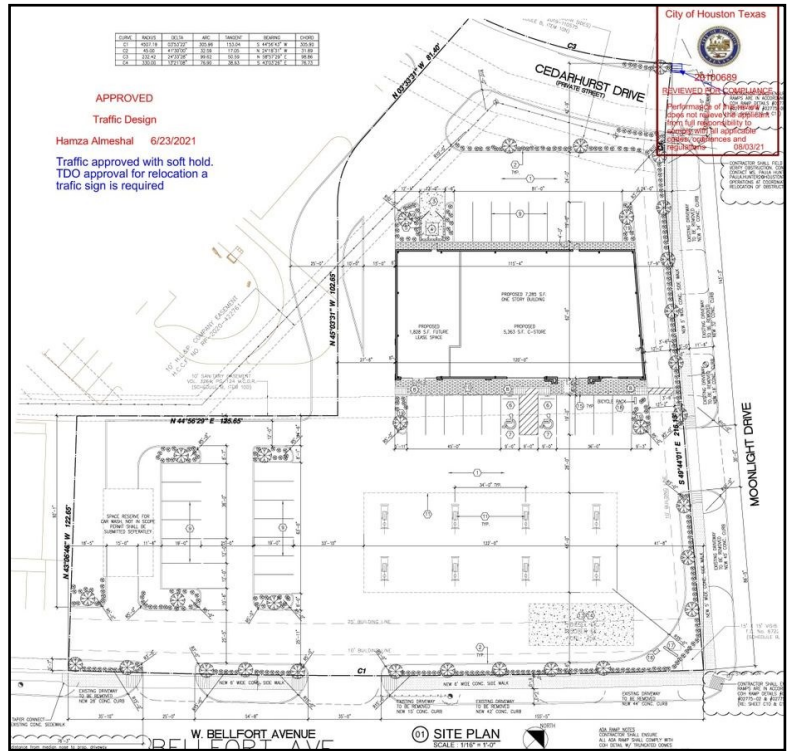
Buzzy Bee Convenience Store and Gas Station 5310 W Belfort

Mr. Nick Momin, from the Buzzy Bee Convenience store, which is currently under construction at the corner of Moonlight and West Belfort (located at 5310 W. Belfort), spoke at the October board meeting of the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation (WAIC). He said the complex will have a 7,200 SF building consisting of a convenience store with a deli plus a 1,800 SF Sonic with a drive-thru window. On the west side of the property, closest to Auto Zone, there will be a drive-thru automated car wash. In front the convenience store will be eight gasoline pumps with Shell gas.

The stormwater detention implemented for this site is an underground vault connected to the storm sewer on West Belfort. The property has been elevated, causing flooding concerns from nearby residents, but the property meets the city guidelines for detention, according to the engineering plans submitted.

Buzzy Bee also owns the convenience store on the corner of Chimney Rock and West Airport. It is a large investment to build one of these stores, and we appreciate their willingness to work with us to make this a good experience for everyone in Westbury. They will be planting 200 shrubs and 40 trees to enhance the property. We will be working with them on having good lighting, as we did at the community garden when a convenience store was built nearby.

Increased traffic on the adjacent residential streets is a concern, and we will be watching this and reaching out to the City's traffic management department.



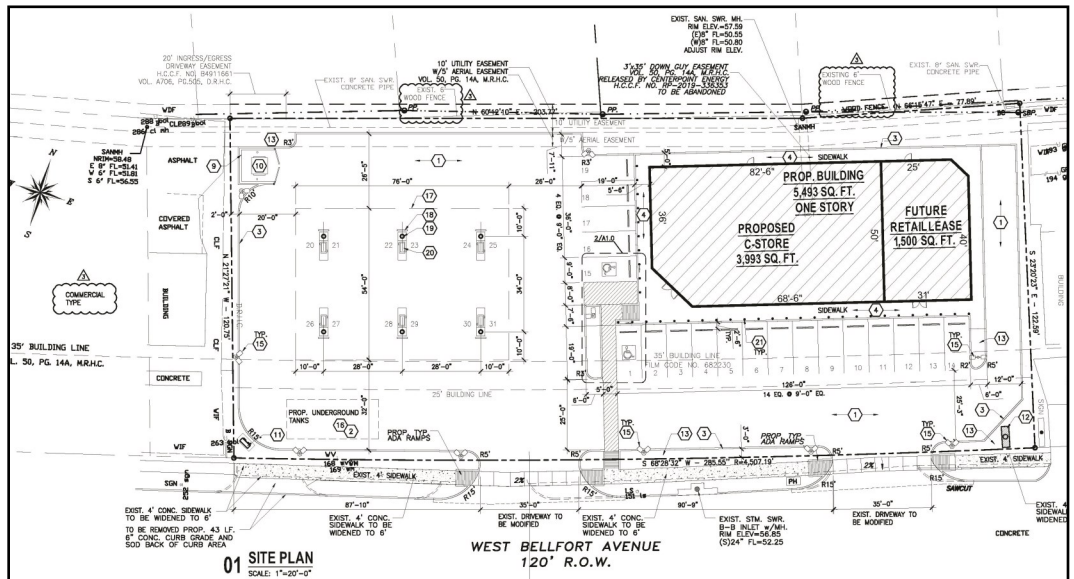
Singh Mart #4 Convenience Store and Gas Station 5410 W. Belfort

A Singh Mart convenience store with 6 gasoline pumps is in the initial phase of construction at 5410 W Belfort, across the road from the entrance to the Home Depot. Permits for this project were pulled at the end of May. **This is unrestricted commercial property that does not have any deed restrictions. The WCC cannot control or dictate what is done with this property.**

In mid-October the grassy lot of 5410 West Belfort was fenced in and construction equipment appeared. The Westbury Civic Club Manager noticed that fill dirt was being brought onto the property and site elevation was occurring.

Photos were sent to the District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum to ask about the fill dirt and plans for the site. Here is the response that Public Works sent to CM Martha Castex-Tatum. *“Our Flood Management Office (FMO) conducted an onsite field investigation and have determined that the customer has violated the FMO permit by introducing filled material/dirt on site without first performing mitigation cut per City of Houston Flood Plain permit requirements. FMO has red tagged the site and have placed hard holds in the system. The customer has a pre-construction meeting scheduled for 10/25/2021 and FMO will be reaching out to the inspector assigned to the area and informing him on the situation and letting them know that FMO attendance will be required at pre-construction meeting.”*

The Westbury Civic Club greatly appreciates the prompt response and action by District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum and the Public Works Department when the WCC asked about the Fill Dirt being brought onto the property. The WCC and the Westbury Area Improvement Association are reaching out to the site developer. There are several Singh Marts which have been built in the Houston area and we want to work with them to make this a nice addition to the neighborhood.



Road Rage Incident on West Belfort

A shooting incident caused traffic on West Belfort to be shut down for several hours, near Westbury United Methodist Church on October 13, to allow police to investigate. The vehicle that was shot at ended up parked in the median on West Belfort in front of the church.

News reports indicate that a driver in a white Ford Transit van was driving erratically on West Belfort. After the victim honked his horn, the suspect fired off 16 rounds and injured a passenger in the victim's pickup truck. Multiple bullets struck the victim's vehicle. The victims were lawncare workers.

We have heard from our Constables that the shooting happened closer to South Post Oak and did not happen in front of the church. Although the Houston Police Department were primary responders to this incident, the Constables provided some assistance with translation.



Request a Vacation Watch

Going on a vacation? Well, 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 is going on.

You can register for a vacation watch online at <https://constablepct5.com> or by calling 281-463-6666

FAQs for Westbury Area Patrol Constables

Who do you call when you discover a break in or property damage?

Sometimes there is confusion about when to call HPD and when to call the Precinct 5 Constables (Westbury Area Patrol). In case of emergency, always call 911.

For crimes or problems involving property, we suggest calling the **Precinct 5 Constables at 281.463.6666**, as there typically will be a better response time. The Precinct 5 Constables patrol in Westbury and also in the nearby neighborhoods of Maplewood South/North, Meyerland, Marilyn Estates, and Barkley Square. For example, if you discover your car, garage, or house has been broken into, then the Constables can do the report for you and they will also create a report number for HPD. This means that you only need to contact the Constables, not both HPD and the Constables. Additionally, the nearby neighborhoods to our north all have Precinct 5 patrol contracts, so crime information is shared among the local Constable contracts. Be sure and report crimes, even minor property crimes, as Precinct 5 Constables can allocate additional resources when hot spots pop up in the crime statistics.

How do I contact the Constables?

Call the Precinct 5 Constables Dispatcher at **281.463.6666**. When you call dispatch, be sure they get the correct name and spelling of your street. Have them repeat it back to you. Many streets have similar sounding names. Be sure and tell them you are in the Westbury contract.



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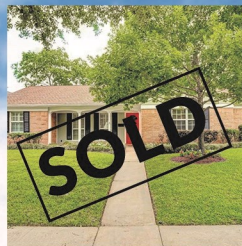
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

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Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood

September 27—October 26, 2021
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5500	Arboles	Theft from Building	10/25	3pm	Westbury 3
5500	Bankside	Robbery	10/25	4pm	Parkwest 2
11900	Braewick	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/19	8am	Westbury 4
5600	Cartagena	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/14	8pm	Westbury 3
5700	Cartagena	Simple Assault	10/22	5pm	Westbury 3
11200	Cedarhurst	Driving Under the Influence	10/3	7pm	Westbury 2
5700	Cerritos	Simple Assault	10/25	2pm	Westbury 3
5800	Dryad	Theft—other	10/2	3pm	Westbury 4
5900	Ettrick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/12	3am	Westbury 4
5900	Ettrick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/24	8pm	Westbury 4
5200	Kinglet	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/14	6pm	Westbury 1
11500	Landsdowne	Auto Theft	10/12	6pm	Westbury 3
6000	Lattimer	Simple Assault	10/2	9am	Parkwest 3
6000	Ludington	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/13	2am	Westbury 4
11900	Renwick	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/7	1am	Westbury 4
12400	Renwick	Disorderly Conduct	10/13	11am	Westbury South
5600	Sanford	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	10/16	8pm	Westbury 5
5700	Spellman	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/18	2pm	Parkwest 2
5100	Torchlight	Theft—other	10/24	8am	Westbury 1
5100	W. Belfort	Destruction, Damage, Vandalism	10/11	11am	Westbury 1
5000	Willowbend	Theft from Motor Vehicle	10/25	3pm	Westbury 1

	Theft from Motor Vehicle
	Auto Theft
	Theft—other
	Burglary
	Robbery
	Assault
	Property Damage

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.

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./TH	Comm./Business	Park/Public
Aggravated Assault	0	5	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	2	1	1
Burglary	4	4	4	0
Robbery	1	4	3	1
Simple Assault	3	19	4	1
Shoplifting	0	0	4	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	0	0	1
Vandalism, Damage	2	11	1	0
Auto Theft	1	2	0	2
Theft from Building	1	0	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	4	1	2
Theft—Other	2	1	1	0
Murder	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0
DUI	1	0	0	4
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	21	52	19	12

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Westbury Little Leaguer Wins Astros Competition

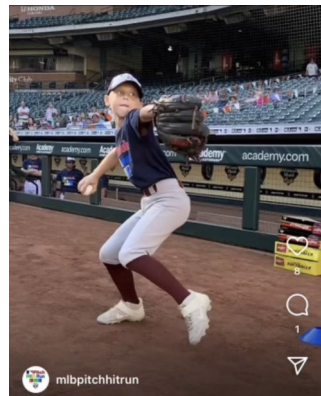
Local Westbury resident and Westbury Little Leaguer Liam Sprinkle recently earned the title of the 2021 Astros Team Champion (7/8-year-old division) in the Major League Baseball Pitch Hit & Run Competition.

The Major League Baseball Pitch Hit & Run Competition is a national grassroots program that tests three of the most fundamental aspects of baseball: pitching, hitting and running. Participants compete in each of the three components and a total score is accumulated based on his/her performance.

The PITCH: Participant is tested throwing strikes to a designated Strike Zone target.

The HIT: Participant hits a ball off a stationary tee for distance and accuracy.

The RUN: Participant is timed, starting from second base, touching third then touching home plate.



Everyone must participate in a local competition to advance to the higher levels. The top three All-Around Champions advance to the Team Championships, which are held in all 30 Major League Baseball markets nationwide. The culmination occurs at the National Finals, which, this year, will be held at the 2021 World Series.

After competing in a local competition this summer, Liam advanced to the Astros Team Championship, which was held at Minute Maid Park on September 26th. Liam came in 1st place becoming one of only 30 children aged 7/8, across the nation to become eligible for the National Finals.

Liam plays locally for Westbury Little League and for the Westbury Young Guns, a 9U select baseball team.

Congratulations and Great Job Liam!

Astros "Rally Nuns" Live in Westbury

Perhaps you saw them on the news or at the Astros playoff games - the Rally Nuns. Did you know they live right here in the Westbury Super Neighborhood?

The Saint Catherine Convent, also known as the Provincial House, sits on ten acres of land at the corner of Ricecrest and Gasmer, that was once a baseball field. Today it is surrounded by the beautiful Willow Waterhole Greenspace. Visitors to the park can hear the church bells ringing. Built in 1987, with further additions over the years, Saint Catherine is the home of a hundred sisters who are still in formation, who serve as educators at the parochial schools or nurses with home health care agencies, and our retired sisters.

Their journey began after the fall of Saigon in 1975 when a group of Sisters were sent across the Pacific. They were welcomed into the then Diocese of Galveston-Houston and later formed the Dominican Sisters of Mary Immaculate Province. Here the Sisters flourished; they served the growing community of Vietnamese immigrants as catechists and their presence and witness soon attracted young vocations. With a steady growth, the community has been recognized as a province of the Motherhouse, Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine, in Vietnam.

And, thanks to Mattress Mack, they were able to enjoy the Astros 2021 postseason. After attending the ALCS Game 1 with an Astros win, the Sisters become very popular and quickly gained the nickname, Rally Nuns. Mattress Mack brought them back from the ALCS Game 6 with Sister Mary Catherine throwing out the ceremonial first pitch before the game.



Westbury MailBag

The Westbury Civic Club gets hundreds of emails and calls a month and many people have the same questions. This new monthly feature will contain current hot topic and questions!



Q: Can I build another structure for living on my property?

A. NO. ALL sections of Westbury prohibit living in a detached structure such as garage, tiny home, shed, etc. This means no "mother-in-law" suites, no tiny homes, no garage apartments, etc. The deed restrictions are very clear on this aspect. All sections of Westbury allow for a single family home and a detached garage. The size of garage differs from section to section.

Q: Why can't the Meyer library on West Bellfort be rebuilt or refurbished on the current site?

A: The Meyer Library needed to be rebuilt due to age and water damage. When looking at the current site, it was determined that the property on W. Bellfort is too small for the size library that needed to be built. It took many years to find a good property for the new library. The property on Belrose is centrally located in Westbury and will be easily accessible by more of Westbury residents.

If you have any questions you would like featured in the Crier, please email westburycc@sbcglobal.net



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Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com

Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook

Houston Cares - Contact at <https://houstoncaresrescue.org/>



Beautification Day at Meyerland Middle School

On Saturday, October 9, the Meyerland Performing & Visual Arts Middle School (MPVA) community showed up in force on campus for a Beautification Day to tackle the overgrowth and neglected plants on their grounds. MPVA parents, students, PTO leaders, community members, teachers, National Junior Honors Society members and MPVA principal Auden Sarabia were in attendance.



Budget cuts at the district level have left many local PTOs needing to organize volunteers for their own beautification projects, as HISD maintenance is often stretched too thin to provide grounds maintenance work on all the campuses in the district. The MPVA volunteer group of over 30 people trimmed, weeded, replanted, sawed, and even power-washed for over three hours to transform the front of the school and two courtyards.

Various tools were provided by the Houston Tool Bank, morning snacks and coffee from Shipley Do-Nuts on S. Post Oak, and local landscaping and pruning company, Tree Arts, agreed to haul away all of the accumulated debris. "After 18+ months of not feeling like we could "do" much for our school and community, this was huge for my family. It was so therapeutic to rip out those weeds and spruce up our amazing school! We were able to meet new families and reconnect with old ones. Today was what community and neighborhoods are all about," stated MPVA PTO President, Mary Pina. Principal Sarabia also went to work sharing that the morning felt like, "chicken soup for the principal's soul." PTO Board organizers of the event also received unsolicited messages from families who live near MPVA praising their efforts and commenting on how much more inviting the entrance will be for students and staff. The MPVA PTO plans to continue these volunteer Beautification Days on a twice-yearly basis and is currently soliciting sponsors for future project efforts. You can reach out to the PTO at ptompvams@gmail.com.



Houston ISD at WCC Meeting

HISD District IX Trustee Myrna Guidry gave an update on HISD during the October WCC Board meeting. The new HISD Superintendent has been on a "Listen and Learn" tour through the district and is in the process of meeting every school principal. Attendance in HISD is 2,000 fewer students than last year and they are still knocking on doors to find students. At the "Listen and Learn" event, held at Westbury High School, Trustee Guidry noted several speakers mentioned a need for librarians and nurses in HISD schools. There was a discussion during the WCC board meeting that Anderson Elementary in Westbury should be placed on the list for a new school at the next HISD bond election.



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
11/23/20	1,504	1,026	93,988
12/20/20	1,779	1,240	110,445
1/26/21	2,238	1,659	150,091
2/23/21	2,613	1,943	170,667
3/29/21	2,752	2,069	182,440
4/25/21	2,837	2,126	189,585
5/19/21	2,863	2,152	192,238
6/28/21	2,842	2,153	192,674
7/28/21	2,920	2,216	197,088
8/24/21	3,409	2,675	233,287
9/28/21	3,927	3,139	271,395
10/25/21	4,053	3,252	281,913

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Halloween 2021 Westbury Yard of the Month Winners

Parkwest 1 — 5639 Portal — Keith & Felicia Kendall

Parkwest 1 — 5526 Hummingbird — Joe & Melody Presswood

Parkwest 3 — 11502 Hillcroft — S. & D. Burnash

Westbury 1 — 5034 Redstart — Landon Family

Westbury 2 — 10918 Checkerboard — Dan & Katherine Morgan

Westbury 3 — 5223 Benning — Jim & Amy Fox



Holidays in Westbury

The holidays are always a special time in Westbury. We have always had great holiday decorations and lights, and we hope this year will be another wonderful year! We hope all residents can put their lights and decorations out in their yards. Last year we started a new online holiday decoration contest that was very popular so we are bringing it back this year plus our long time favorite "top three" in each section and best blocks.

Holiday Yard of the Month—Top 3 & Best Blocks

The yard of the month judges will be driving the neighborhood on Saturday, December 18, 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 westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Online Decoration Contest—7 Fun Categories

Back this year, is our online contest with 7 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 westburyholidaylights@gmail.com. Entries must be submitted electronically by Friday, December 17, 11:59pm. Online voting on Westbury Houston Facebook page will start Monday, December 20, 10am and end Wednesday, December 22, 10am. Winners will be announced by Wednesday, December 22, 6pm.

Westbury Award (Best in 2021)

Do you think your house is the best in Westbury? Are you ready to compete with the best of the best? Does your house have everything...lights, inflatables, themes, music, and more? Nominate your house today for this top award!

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 (Unique/Best 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? Let us know!

Best Hannukah Decorations (Religious)

Do you have Hannukah yard art? Is your house glowing in beautiful blue? Do you have the best Hannukah decorated house? Let us know your address!

Best Christmas Decorations (Religious)

Do you have the best nativity scene? Are you celebrating Christ, not Santa? If you have the great religious Christmas decorations, make sure to nominate your house!

Interactive Wonderland (Music/Animation)

NEW category this year! Do your lights move to music? Do you have special effects in your yard? We want to see and hear! Send us your videos to westburyholidaylights@gmail.com.

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Family Volunteer Day—November 20

The Westbury Community Garden invites you and your family to participate in its Community Service Day on Saturday, November 20, from 8AM – 11AM. What a great way to start the season of giving! Activities may include butterfly garden maintenance, preparing for orchard planting, aisle and walkway maintenance, and turning compost.

Parents must attend with their minor children. No drop-offs, please. The volunteer activities are perfect for high school students that need service hours. Attendance certificates are available.

Please bring your favorite garden gloves and a refillable water bottle. Close-toed shoes are required.

Please RSVP for this event by signing up at VolunteerHouston.org or send an email to volunteers@westburycommunitygarden.org.

Year-End Fundraising Campaign

Once again Westbury Community Garden will participate in the SeedMoney Challenge Grant from November 15 through December 15. SeedMoney helps non-profit food production organizations of all types raise money for operations or special projects. Participating gardens and farms come from all around the world.

All donations to WCG's SeedMoney campaign go directly to the community garden. The SeedMoney organization does not take an administration fee. Additionally, each donation to WCG through the SeedMoney website helps the garden raise matching funds. There is a "Strong Start Bonus" for participants who rank high in earnings the first week of the campaign and other incentives in each of the next three weeks. (WCG earned two bonuses last year!)

Simply go to <https://donate.seedmoney.org/5783/westbury-community-garden-accessibility-improvements> to read about our project and make your donation. This year the goal is \$4,000 and the funds will be used to increase the number of sitting/standing height garden plots for members with accessibility issues. WCG has only one such garden plot at this time.



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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Willow Waterhole News

MusicFest – It is exciting that the MusicFest event was able to resume this Fall. We will have photos of the October 30 event in the December *Crier*. Normally held in the spring time, MusicFest event organizers worked hard to bring together an abbreviated event this fall for 2021. The next MusicFest event is scheduled for April 2022 on its regular schedule.

Cross Country Events – Willow Waterhole has become one of the premier cross country track courses in the Houston area. In October, two cross country events were held – the YES Prep Regional Cross Country meet and the Texas Association of Private Schools (TAPS) Regional meet.

Recent Conservation Events – In October, Scouts from St. Mark's Episcopal cleaned up the Bayou Trail, trimmed trees near the Arboretum Trail, and picked up litter along Ricecrest. They removed 3 truckloads of tree trimmings. Additionally, a senior management team from Waste Management (pictured below) spent a morning to improve the area around the Arboretum: moved 20 cubic yards of mulch, pulled weeds, applied a water sealant to the trail footbridge and dug out the channel under the footbridge, cleared brush and plants damaged from the February freeze, and collected trash along Ricecrest.



Support Willow Waterhole – We are so fortunate that the amazing 300-acre amenity of Willow Waterhole is situated right here in Westbury, literally at the backyard of some of our Westbury residents. If you would like to help make Willow Waterhole even better, find out how to become a Conservancy member or how to donate to the Conservancy on their website:

<https://www.willowwaterhole.org/support>

Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

What: Audubon Society Bird Survey

When: Saturday, November 20, 7-9AM

Where: Meet at the Gathering Place, 5310 S. Willow

For more information, visit the Houston Audubon website, <https://houstonaudubon.org/>

New Paved Driveway and Parking Lot

The long wait is finally over! After years of anticipation, the Dryad driveway entrance to Willow Waterhole has been paved with an asphalt overlay. The timing was expedited to be ready in time for the October MusicFest event. The former rutted and pothole-ridden gravel driveway is no more. This improvement makes the Dryad entrance to Willow Waterhole much easier to access and a thousand times more inviting. The work included a newly paved parking lot at the end by the gazebo.

The project was funded by District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum and the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD), with project management overseen by BOMD.



New paved parking lot

CM Martha Castex-Tatum commented during mid-construction: "Today on my Sunday ride through the district I stopped by to see the construction progress on Dryad Dr., leading into the Willow Waterhole Greenway. If you have ever visited the WWG you know how rough the drive in and parking was with pot holes and dust flying everywhere. When I was elected 4 years ago, I committed to seeing the projects CM Green had on the books through. This is one of the final commitments he made to the district and I'm so happy to see our council district service dollars at work. We won't stop improving mobility in District K!"

The Willow Waterhole Conservancy asks for assistance from the public so that the new asphalt driveway will last longer and stay in good condition.

- ➔ Speed bumps have been added to keep speeds low. Please stay on the road and do not drive around the speed bumps.
- ➔ No parking on the roadside shoulders.
- ➔ No Class 8 Trucks or Off-Road Vehicles.



DRIVEWAY BEFORE

DRIVEWAY AFTER



Sunday, November 14, 2:30-4PM
@ Willow Waterhole
Litter Clean-Up
Great Volunteer Opportunity
See page 1 for more information



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