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COMMUNITY MEETING Flooding & Drainage Harris County Flood Control November 10, 7PM

Westbury Baptist Church, Game Room

You asked and we listened. The Westbury Civic Club is hosting a community meeting on November 10 that will be exclusively devoted to Flooding and Drainage. Our main guest speaker will be Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD). We asked HCFCD bring in speakers working on flooding and drainage projects for the City of Houston that impact the Westbury area. This topic is of high importance for Westbury.

HCFCD has been studying the Fondren Diversion Channel, located upstream of Westbury, to identify potential projects to reduce flood waters overflowing when that channel exceeds capacity. The City has several flood reduction or drainage projects in various stages of progress in the Westbury area and also upstream of Westbury.

HCFCD and the City attended a WCC meeting earlier this year and now the studies are now farther along. Feedback from the previous meeting was to allow more time for explanations and for Q&A, so we have scheduled this community meeting to be entirely devoted to the topic. We hope to see you at this very important community meeting to learn more about flooding and drainage issues in Westbury.



2022 Fall White Elephant Sale

COME SHOP OVER 40 GARAGE SALES IN ONE LOCATION!

**Sat., November 5
8AM to Noon**

Westbury United Methodist Church
Parking Lot, 5200 Willowbend

Parking is available at St. John's Presbyterian or in the surrounding neighborhood.



Come by the PUCS Coffee truck one last time in Westbury!

See page 7 for more info.



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Westbury Holiday Planning

Holiday Decoration Judging—December 17

Yard of the Month judges will select the top 3 homes in each section.

3rd Annual Online Holiday Decoration Contest

Seven fun categories! Nominate and vote for your favorite Westbury homes on the Westbury Houston Facebook page from December 19-21.

See page 17 for more information.



**Daylight Savings Ends
2AM November 6**

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HEAVY TRASH

November 2022

Thursday, Nov. 10
TREE WASTE ONLY

December 2022

Thurs., December 8
JUNK WASTE

RECYCLING

November 2022

Thursday, Nov. 3
Thursday, Nov. 17

December 2022

Thursday, Dec. 1
Thursday, Dec. 15
Thursday, Dec. 29

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Houston Help & Information.....311
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violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services*

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OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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A Message from the Westbury Civic Club President

We have much to be thankful for in this season of appreciation and gratitude. Congratulations to the Houston Astros for winning the American League Pennant and heading on to the World Series for the 4th time in 6 years. What a great time to be in the H! Go 'Stros!

Thank you to all who participated in the many Westbury Civic Club activities this past month: the Neighborhood Night Out event, Deed Restriction revision community meetings, Working on Westbury volunteer workday, October board meeting, and Halloween Yard of the Month. Many of you have already purchased your White Elephant Sale space for the upcoming Westbury giant community garage sale on November 5. In addition to the White Elephant garage sale, the WCC will be hosting a volunteer workday (Working on Westbury) at Westbury Park on Saturday, November 12. In December, the Yard of the Month program will be looking at holiday decorations (see pg. 17).

Flooding is a problem that can affect any place in Houston or Harris County. Anywhere it can rain, it can flood. I encourage you to attend a community meeting on November 10 where Flooding and Drainage will be the sole topic. Both the Harris County Flood Control District and the City of Houston have been invited to discuss projects that these entities are evaluating to reduce risk of Flooding in southwest Houston and in Westbury. See page 1.

MusicFest at the Willow Waterhole gets better every year. I am writing this message before the event is held, but the fall MusicFest event is extra special since it happens just before the fun of Halloween. We are so fortunate that Willow Waterhole is located here in Westbury. As the weather continues to become milder, I encourage you to explore Willow Waterhole. Imagine what it will be like when all the lakes are surrounded by walking trails and more amenities keep getting added. Learn more about the Willow Waterhole on page 19.

There are many ways to be involved in your Westbury community. If you are "Westbury Proud", I encourage you to find ways help make our community better. Volunteer at our Working on Westbury volunteer workdays. Report problems to 311. Attend WCC board meetings and community meetings. Invest in your community by contributing to the Westbury Civic Club and Westbury Security Patrol by the Constables. If you are a homeowner in a section of Westbury (Parkwest 3, Westbury 4, Westbury 5) that will be considering revisions to the deed restrictions, then I urge you to let your opinions and concerns be heard.

I want to thank those of you who have already sent your contributions to support the WCC and the Precinct 5 Constable Patrol this year. If you have not yet made a contribution yet this year, I would like to ask you to send a

contribution in November to help us meet our year-end financial goals. If you have already contributed, I ask you to please consider sending an additional contribution. Did you know that we pay approximately \$22,000 every month for the security patrol services by the Precinct 5 Constables? The security patrol contract with Precinct 5 Constables is the biggest expense every month/year. 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. The financial challenges of the WCC are very real, and we cannot continue to spend our savings accumulated over many years to pay our bills. For the many of you who have voluntary dues, it is much better to send at least some contribution rather than paying nothing at all.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Cindy Chapman



WCC Board Notes - October 2022

- ➔ Mayor Sylvester Turner was the featured guest speaker. Mayor Turner spoke for an hour and held a Q&A session. Other City speakers included: Solid Waste Department Director Wilfalk and CM Martha Castex-Tatum.
- ➔ Public Safety – HPD and the Constables representatives spoke about crime and crime trends.
- ➔ The Budget Committee will meet and prepare a draft 2023 Budget for Board to Consider. The WCC needs to raise more funds to pay for the Constable services and WCC operations.
- ➔ Next WCC meeting is Wednesday, November 16, 7PM, at Westbury Baptist.

WCC Board

Meeting

**Wednesday
November 16
7PM**

IN PERSON MEETING
Westbury Baptist Church
10425 Hillcroft, Game Room

Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



New Supervisor— Dajai Tennard
Email—Dajai.Tennard@houstontx.gov

Platou Center is open from 9:30AM—6PM, Monday—Friday

Adult Classes @ The Platou Center

- Exercise—M/W/F, 9:30-10:30AM
- Quilting— Tuesday, 9:30AM –2PM
- Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM
- New Members are Needed—Other times can be added if interested.
- Ping Pong—Thursday, 9:30-10:30AM

There is currently plenty of open times on the Platou Center Calendar. If you are interested in something particular, like line dancing, genealogy, crafts and other great get together ideas, call Dajai Tennard at 713-726-7107. There are no bad ideas!

Westbury Alphabet Soup

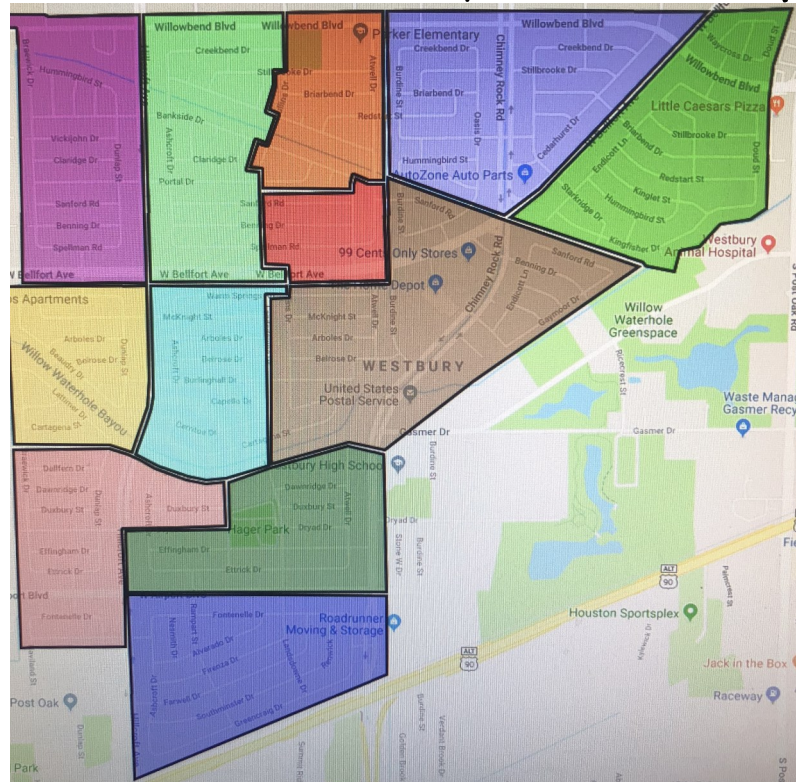
There are many groups that advocate on quality of life issues for us here in Westbury. Most of the groups have regular meetings that you will find listed on our calendar page to the right. We tend to speak of these groups by their acronyms.

- WCC** Westbury Civic Club
- WAIC** Westbury Area Improvement Corporation
- WWGC** Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy
- WCG** Westbury Community Garden
- WAP** Westbury Area Patrol (Constables)
- SWH2000** Southwest Houston 2000
- BOMD** Brays Oaks Management District
- PIP** Positive Interaction Program
- FOLPH** Friends of Levitt Pavilion Houston
- NTTSW** Neighborhoods to Trails Southwest

Other common acronyms:

- COH** City of Houston
- DON** Department of Neighborhoods (City of Houston)
- PWE** Public Works & Engineering (City of Houston)
- HPARD** Houston Parks and Recreation Department
- HCFC** Harris County Flood Control District
- HCTRA** Harris County Toll Road Authority
- HISD** Houston Independent School District
- HCC** Houston Community College

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 2022 Calendar Events/Meetings

Sat 5	White Elephant Sale Westbury United Methodist, 5200 Willowbend See page 10 for more information	8AM-Noon
Thurs 10	Flood & Drainage Community Meeting Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft See page 1 and 8 for more information	7PM
Thurs 10	HEAVY TRASH PICK UP—TREE WASTE ONLY	
Fri 11	Westbury Revitalization Committee Meeting WCC Office—5322 W Bellfort, Ste 100	11AM
Sat 12	Working on Westbury Westbury Park, 5600 Stillbrooke See page 17 for more information	9-10:30AM
Wed 16	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting Held via Zoom	9:30AM
Wed 16	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting Westbury Baptist Game Room, 10425 Hillcroft	7 PM
Sat 19	Audubon Society Bird Survey 5310 South Willow Monthly bird survey	8AM
Sat 19	Rain Date for White Elephant Sale	
Nov 21-25	WCC Office Closed	
Thurs 24	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 2022	December 2022
Thursday, November 3	Thursday, December 1
Thursday, November 17	Thursday, December 15
	Thursday, December 29

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 2022	December 2022
TREE WASTE ONLY	JUNK WASTE
Thursday, November 10	Thursday, December 8

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.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

PLAN AHEAD

No WCC Meeting in December
WCC Office Closed—Dec. 19 - Jan. 5



H A P P Y
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 **2022 Voluntary Dues is \$365**. That is well worth a dollar a day! The Westbury Civic Club dues are \$60 for the year. The WCC suggests a contribution of \$305 for the Westbury Area Patrol (a paid contract with Precinct 5 Constables).

Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday Each Month at 7PM
Westbury Baptist Church, 10425 Hillcroft
→ Live streamed on Facebook, Westbury Houston

Next WCC Board Meeting Wednesday, November 16, 7PM IN PERSON MEETING Westbury Baptist

Topics– Update on City projects, Deed restriction revision, Committee reports

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.

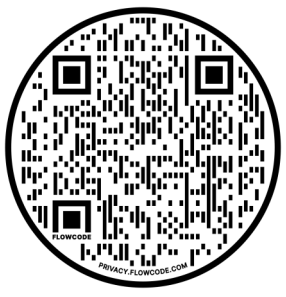
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Go to westburycrier.com then to the **Dues and Assessments page**.

The available payment options on the selection menu are:

- WCC Dues — \$60
- WCC Constables — \$305
- WCC Dues + Constables — \$365
- Mandatory Assessments 2022 — \$253.90
- 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.



Please send this form in with your payment

2022 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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Westbury Civic Club Dues	\$60	\$
Westbury Area Patrol	\$305	\$
Subtotal	\$365	\$
Additional Contributions:		
Westbury Civic Club		\$
Westbury Area Patrol		\$
Total		\$

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 change for the US Urban Wage Earners, US City Average, in accordance with the deed restrictions.

The 2022 Mandatory Assessments of \$253.90. Due Date is February 1, 2022.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN INVOICE, PLEASE EMAIL THE WCC OFFICE AT WEST-BURYCC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

2022 Westbury Fall White Elephant Sale

November 5, 8AM – Noon

Come out to the **Fall White Elephant Sale on Saturday, November 5, from 8AM to Noon at Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend.** The rain date is November 19. Parking is available at St. John’s Presbyterian or in the surrounding neighborhood.

The Westbury Civic Club (WCC) provides fall and spring community garage sale events for the community. The Westbury White Elephant Sale allows residents the opportunity to sell unwanted household items at a highly visible central location with security provided. **The WCC provides location, security, bathrooms and publicity for the sale. The Civic Club does NOT provide tables, chairs, or shade.** Garage, estate, yard, moving sales, etc. are not permitted at Westbury residences.

The local Westbury favorite, PUCS coffee truck will be making one last appearance in Westbury during the White Elephant Sale. PUCS has been beloved by many for years and this is your last chance to get a yummy drink from them! We will miss the PUCS truck and are so appreciative of their many years supporting Westbury and the White Elephant Sale.



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National Night Out 2022

National Night Out (NNO) is a national activity to get to know your neighbors and to meet law enforcement officers. The 11600 block of Ashcroft and the 10600 block of Carlotta hosted NNO block parties to celebrate the event. The WCC welcomed guests and residents to an Open House of the WCC Office and a drop by event in the WCC parking lot as part of the National Night Out event for Westbury. Due to a conflict with Yom Kippur, the board of the Westbury Civic Club opted to move our NNO event later by a week to October 11. Several neighborhoods nearby also opted to also hold activities on October 11.

Visitors from Westbury were happy to select giveaway items and candy during the WCC Open House event and to ask questions. We thank all our residents who dropped by!

We also had a large contingent of official visitors who dropped by our NNO event. First to arrive were several officers with the Precinct 5 Constables. Our event started the earliest, so they stopped by to visit us before visiting other NNO activities being held nearby. Our evening patrol Deputy Rodriguez and our night patrol Deputy Ropka both attended our NNO Open House to meet Westbury residents.

The Commander of the Southwest Houston Police Department station, Christopher Hassig, visited and answered questions. Our District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum dropped by to chat and to bring a certificate of recognition. Several members of the District K team also attended. HISD Trustee Myrna Guidry visited the event. Other certificates of recognition for the Westbury NNO event were delivered by delegates of Precinct One Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, and US Representative Al Green. Delegates from Texas Representative Shawn Thierry and from Precinct Four Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle visited us. Westbury High School sent a delegation and the Solid Waste Department hosted a table in the parking lot.

We thank these many community partners for visiting and supporting our NNO event. We especially thank the Westbury residents who dropped by to visit – particularly since the Astros hometown favorites were in a long, tense game that they needed to win that night. NNO is an event held every year in October and we look forward to seeing our residents again next year during NNO!



Support the Westbury Civic Club and the Westbury Constable Program TODAY!

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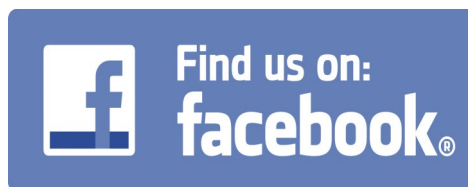
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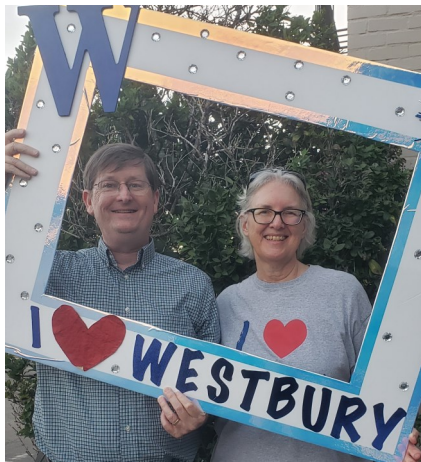
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Exciting News for Anderson Elementary New SPARK park, school library, and more!

More great news from Anderson Elementary. A few months ago, the school announced that it had dramatically improved its school score up to an "A", according to the annual evaluation by the state of Texas. The school and HISD have been working together to create a comfortable and inviting school library for the students to use this academic year. The school now has a media specialist working in the library.



The new SPARK park is under construction and should be ready for use by the time the Crier is delivered. The SPARK park at Anderson Elementary is a school park but it is available to the local community on weekends and when school is not in session. Also, the asphalt area under the Anderson Elementary shade pavilion has been re-surfaced. HISD installed a fence around the school SPARK play area several a few months ago. Please follow the posted SPARK park rules.



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Calling Westbury Golfers

Westbury High School is hosting its 1st golf tournament on November 21. Proceeds will be for the benefit of the Senior Class of 2023 and the WHS Athletic department. WHS Alumni and former NFL player Charles Sims will be a part of this tournament.

Sims attended Westbury High School, class of 2008, where he played football and ran track. He was named District 21-4A MVP and first-team All-District as a junior. He attended the University of Houston and the University of West Virginia, and was drafted in the 2014 NFL draft after graduation as one of the top running back prospects. He played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 2014 through 2017 before a knee injury ended his playing career. Sims is back in Houston and looking for ways to give back to his community. You can meet him at the Golf tournament! During Homecoming week festivities in October, Sims donated \$10,000 to the WHS Athletic Dept.

To register or learn more about this fun new event benefitting Westbury high school, see below.

REGISTER NOW

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Election 2022 Your Voice Matters

Early Voting starts in October, and the General Election is on November 8. In this election, voters will be selecting candidates for Federal,

State, and some County positions. Both the City of Houston and Harris County have announced that they will have bond propositions on the ballot. We encourage Westbury residents to express your opinions by voting! Westbury is well-known as an area that has high numbers of voters, so let's keep that tradition going. Voting shows that our residents are informed and engaged with issues.

Please note that voting boundaries in the Westbury area were modified earlier this year as a result of redistricting after the 2020 federal census.

For questions about voting or to see a sample ballot for YOUR specific address, go to www.harrisvotes.com

Early Voting October 24—November 4

October 24—October 29 -- 7AM - 7PM

October 30- 12PM - 7PM

October 31—November 2 -- 7AM - 7PM

November 3-- 7AM - 10PM

November 4 -- 7AM - 7PM

You can vote at any location. There are 99 Locations throughout the County. Go to www.harrisvotes.com for a full list.

Closest location to Westbury is Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, 77074.



VOTING FAQs

* **Identification**— Voters must bring approved forms of identification to vote. (For example: Texas driver's license, Texas personal ID, passport, military ID.) If you do not have an acceptable form of photo ID, then you can vote with a provisional ballot, BUT you must provide appropriate ID or other allowable supporting documents within 6 days after the election.

* **What is prohibited?** No wireless devices. No photographs. No electioneering within 100 feet of the doors (for example, you should not wear campaign materials inside the polling place)

* **Where can you vote?** At any designated polling location anywhere in Harris County, during early voting and during the general election. This means you can vote near your home, your work, or at any location convenient to you in Harris County.

* **Deadline to Register to Vote?** October 11

What is on the Ballot?

Federal — US Representative

State — Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, General Land Office, Agriculture Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner, Judges for many state courts, State Representative, State Senator.

Harris County — County Judge (the executive of Commissioners Court), Judges for many county courts (such as Criminal, Civic, Probate), County school trustee, 3 County bond propositions (see below), County Commissioner (Westbury voters will vote in either Precinct 1 or Precinct 4)

City of Houston— 7 bond propositions (See below)

City of Houston Bond Propositions

There are 7 bond propositions on the ballot for a total of \$478 million. The City says that property taxes will NOT increase if the propositions are approved. Of this total, \$156 million is for deferred maintenance and \$60 million is for inflationary costs.

Proposition A— Public Safety (Police and Fire) \$277 million

Proposition B— Parks \$60 million

Proposition C— Animal Care- BARC \$47 million
(new animal care building)

Proposition D— Public Health \$33 million

Proposition E— General Permanent Improvements \$29 million

Proposition F— Library \$26 million

Proposition G— Solid Waste \$6 million

"I thank members of the City Council for approving the November 8, 2022, bond election. I am asking voters to support it because it will allow us to meet critical needs within the City of Houston without raising property taxes. Specifically, the bond allocation will fully fund projects currently included in the 2023 – 2027 Capital Improvement Plan," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "These are critical projects located in every council district throughout the city. The bond allocation will also allow us to fund other priority projects, such as public safety, representing 60 percent of the total request. Additional priorities include deferred maintenance, parks, libraries, solid waste, and BARC. The Nov. 2022 bond election is a pragmatic, forward-looking proposal that focuses on responsible investment for the long-term benefit of all Houstonians."

Harris County Bond Propositions

There are three Harris County bond propositions to vote on for a total of \$1.2 billion. Each of the 4 County precincts will receive a minimum of \$220 million, \$100 million will be reserved for public safety facilities regardless of location in the County, and \$220 million will be distributed based on need.

The County estimates that for the owner of a \$300,000 home, taxes will cost an extra \$32/year over the 25 year bond period. (If the appraised value for a home increases, then taxes may increase due to the higher appraisal value)

Roads, Drainage, Transportation - \$900 million

Parks- \$200 million

Public Safety - \$100 million

Support the Westbury Constables

Public Safety is always a hot topic. We are thankful that 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. Nearby neighborhoods (Maplewood SN, Meyerland, Barkley Square) also have contracts with Precinct 5, which gives our corner of Southwest Houston great coverage and quick response time.

This is the largest and most important expense of the WCC. We need to collect another \$130,000 by the end of the year. 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. At the October WCC board meeting, Sgt. Derkowski reported that their average response time is right under 5 minutes, for ALL calls.

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 emails the WCC office about crimes and incidents in Westbury and provides updates to major issues. Sgt. Derkowski has been patrolling Westbury for almost 5 years and has a wealth of knowledge. This is hands on policing at its best. He knows where the hot spots are, and if there spikes in crime, then he works with Pct 5 to bring extra resources to our neighborhood.

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 2022, 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! Any amount is welcome. Please help us collect this \$130,000 and keep this vital service.



Multiple Shootings on Hillcroft

The Friendly Mart convenience store at 12511 Hillcroft has been the scene of multiple drive by shootings in the last 60 days. On August 23, at 9:55PM, a 49 year-old man was shot and killed. According to the investigation, a crowd of people were in the parking lot when a white Nissan Altima approached and fired multiple shots. Gang activity is suspected. Due to the new convenience store ordinance passed as part of the City's One Safe Houston program, cameras were required to be placed outside of the store. Surveillance photos of the person and vehicle of interest were obtained from the security cameras.

On October 12, at 1 AM, a group of people were loitering in the convenience store parking lot when a vehicle drove by and opened fire. Three men were shot.

Back in July of 2022, another man with a lengthy criminal history was shot and killed by another man out on bond in this same parking lot.

The WCC and WAIC are working closely with law enforcement, our City Council office, and the Mayor to get this very troubling situation under control. HPD met with the owner of the store and he agreed to close his store at midnight rather than have it continue to be a 24-hour store. The U-Haul rental business at the site has promised to modify its fencing so the vehicles can be moved away from the corner and inside the fenced area. The area is now under close watch by both HPD and the Pct 5 Constables, but we want to warn residents to travel through this area carefully.

This property has been a long-standing nuisance to nearby Westbury homes.


Welcome New Westbury Deputy

The Westbury Civic Club would like to introduce our new deputy with the WAP Constable program, Deputy Ropka. Deputy Ropka grew up in nearby Katy, TX. He graduated from the University of Houston Downtown's Basic Peace Officers Course in May of 2022. Deputy Ropka is new to law enforcement but happy to be serving the Westbury community. If you see him in the neighborhood, wave and say hello.



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- ◆ **Maintain a mowed and edged yard.**
- ◆ **Now is a perfect time to tackle those big projects!**
- ◆ **Do NOT put out Heavy Trash before the acceptable date. The next JUNK WASTE heavy trash is December 8. Junk Waste may be put on the curb starting December 3.**

Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

August 23– September 24, 2022
Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W	
5800	Alvarado	Theft—Other	9/30	10am	Westbury South	Theft from Motor Vehicle
5500	Bankside	Aggravated Assault	9/29	9pm	Parkwest 2	Auto Theft
12000	Braewick	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	10/2	2pm	Westbury 4	Theft
5600	Briarbend	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	10/19	12pm	Parkwest 1	Robbery
10700	Dunlap	Simple Assault	10/22	8am	Westbury 5	Aggravated Assault
5800	Greenraig	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	10/10	10am	Westbury South	Simple Assault
10800	Hillcroft	Simple Assault	10/8	3pm	Westbury 5	Disordering Conduct
5200	Hummingbird	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	10/4	11am	Westbury 1	
6000	McKnight	Disorderly Conduct	10/11	10pm	Parkwest 3	
5500	Spellman	Robbery	10/16	10pm	Westbury 5	
5900	Warm Springs	Theft from a Motor Vehicle	10/17	7pm	Parkwest 3	
5100	Willowbend	Simple Assault	9/26	6pm	Westbury 1	

The crimes listed took place between August 23 and September 24, 2022. They are in alphabetical order by street. The crimes are highlighted by type. Please see key to the right.

Crime by the Numbers

Crime Type	Homes	Apts./ TH	Comm./ Business	Park/ Public
Aggravated Assault	1	6	3	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	5	2	4	4
Burglary	0	3	0	0
Robbery	1	0	2	0
Simple Assault	3	20	5	1
Shoplifting	0	0	2	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	1	2	0
Vandalism, Damage	0	5	4	1
Auto Theft	0	1	2	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	0	0	0
Theft—Other	1	5	3	0
Theft—From Building	0	0	0	0
DUI	0	0	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	1	0	0
Arson	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	12	45	28	8

Pct. 5 Constable Dispatch
Westbury Area Patrol
281-463-6666
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832-394-0400
HPD Non-Emergency
713-884-3131

VACATION WATCH

Are you going on a summer vacation? If you pay your Westbury Area Patrol dues, make sure you request a vacation watch by the Constables.

Vacation Watch 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.

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Facebook page

Contact the WCC President

wccpresident@westburycrier.com

Follow the Westbury Houston Facebook page for the most up to date information.

www.westburycrier.com

Hygiene Drive for Westbury High School

A few years ago, the wonderful residents of Westbury responded generously to assist Westbury High School students with hygiene products. There is once again a need to assist students at WHS with items for hygiene and cleanliness. The school has a storage area where students can obtain hygiene products, but it is running low.

The school has a washing machine and dryer so that students can wash their clothing, but they need laundry detergent. If you have ever had a teenager, you will know why deodorant is their requested highest need, men's and women's.

Let's help our WHS students! If you want to donate items, there will be a box outside the WCC office to collect items.

Westbury Civic Club, 5322 W Bellfort, Suite 100.

Here is a list of needed items from the WHS—

Shampoo
Conditioner
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste.
**Deodorant (HIGHEST need)
Face Towels
Laundry Detergent
Feminine products—pads and tampons



Mayor Turner Came to Westbury

Mayor Turner was the special guest speaker at the October Westbury Civic Club meeting. He spent an hour at the meeting where he spoke on several important subjects and then took questions from the floor. He talked about the importance of the City bond referendum on the ballot. He talked about the improvements done in the City with the One Safe Houston program. He talked about HPD's response to the crime problems at 12511 Hillcroft at the Friendly Store. He said he was having research done on what had happened to the CIP money allocated to Hager Park back when Larry Green was in office. He voiced his support of the Willow Waterhole. It was a wonderful opportunity for residents to hear directly from the mayor and ask him questions.



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Deed Restriction Revisions

The WCC held several community meetings in September and October for residents of Westbury 4, Westbury 5, and Parkwest 3 to discuss deed restrictions and the need for a revision. There is a serious need to revise the Deed Restrictions for Westbury 4 and Parkwest 3 due to issues associated with homes being rebuilt by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) after flooding in 2017 during Hurricane Harvey. Some residents in Westbury 5 have also expressed an interest in revising their Deed Restrictions. The WCC held 2 meetings for Westbury 4 and Parkwest 3 residents and then 2 additional meetings solely for Westbury 5 residents.

We appreciate so many Westbury homeowners taking time out of their busy schedules to attend these important meetings about deed restriction revision. It is incredibly important to get resident feedback. In a City like Houston, which has no zoning rules, Deed Restrictions are one of the few tools available to protect home values and to restrict home sites from being used as a commercial business. If you have ever wondered why the church site at the corner of Hillcroft and West Bellfort has not been turned into a pharmacy or convenience store or other commercial use, the answer is that the site is protected by deed restrictions which do not allow certain uses. Every home in Westbury has active Deed Restrictions.

The WCC plans to continue to reach out to residents of Westbury 4, Westbury 5, and Parkwest 3. The meetings are a starting point to explain what deed restrictions, why deed restrictions are important, and to answer questions. Improving the wording in the deed restrictions will help protect and defend property values. Adding definitions and clarification will help insure that your deed restrictions mean what you, the owners want, not what some current legal definition is by the City or State. Committees for each section are being formed by residents that selected to be on the committee. This process is open to any homeowner that lives in that particular section. Each committee will now meet at the WCC office and start a survey that will go out to all residents of that section.

Please register your email address with the WCC office at westburyc@sbccglobal.net for future email communications. Fill out surveys, attend meetings, and follow in the Crier to find out what you and your neighbors can continue do to protect and defend your property values.

Exciting Westbury Library Update Address Changed to Chimney Rock

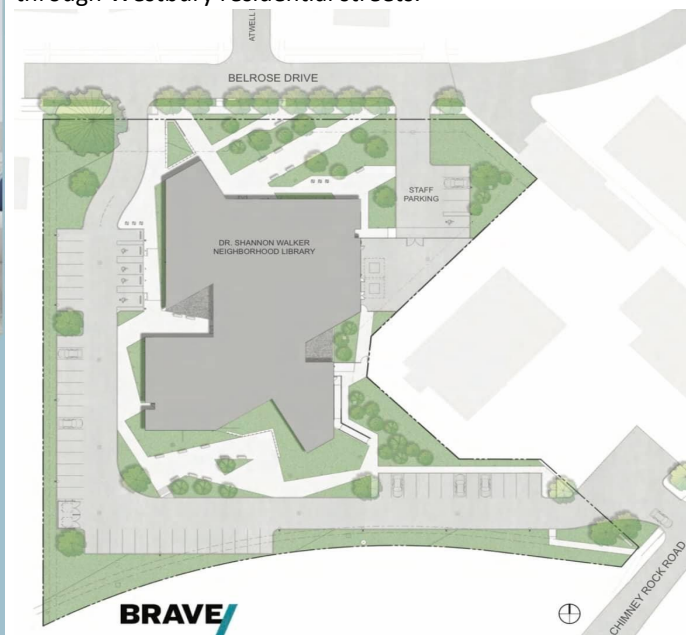
The WCC is very pleased to announce that the City of Houston has listened to local concerns and is changing the official library address from Belrose to Chimney Rock. The Westbury Civic Club, the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, and local residents have all reached out to the City regarding the new address for the Dr. Shannon Walker Library that is being built in Westbury.

The new library building is being built on the site of a former post office which had an official address on Belrose. Belrose is a Westbury residential street and its location is not well-known since it does not directly connect to any major thoroughfare. There was concern about traffic cutting through Westbury residential streets to reach the future library. It was pointed out to the City that the future library site has a direct driveway off Chimney Rock, and Chimney Rock is a well-known major thoroughfare.

The main recommendation to come out of the Westbury Library Action Committee was to have the address changed to Chimney Rock. The committee felt the address change was very important to help maintain the residential character of the surrounding neighborhood on Atwell and Belrose. Mapping apps would have directed people to the Belrose entrance through our quiet residential streets but with a Chimney Rock address, most people would be directed to take the Chimney Rock entrance down major streets not our residential streets.

After consideration, the City has agreed to change the official address of the new library from Belrose to Chimney Rock. The front door will continue to face Belrose and the visitor parking lot will continue to be on that side of the building with access from Chimney Rock. The only change is the official address.

It is very satisfying when a government agency listens to public comment to improve a project. We thank District K CM Martha Castex-Tatum, the Library project team, and the Houston Public Library Director Rhea Lawson for listening and taking action to improve the address of the library so that it can be more easily found and to reduce traffic through Westbury residential streets.



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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. This is our 3rd year to host our very popular online holiday decoration contest.

Holiday Yard of the Month—Top 3 & Best Blocks

The yard of the month judges will be driving the neighborhood on Saturday, December 17, 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 16, 11:59pm. Online voting on Westbury Houston Facebook page will start Monday, December 19, 10am and end Wednesday, December 21, 10am. Winners will be announced by Wednesday, December 21, 6pm.

Westbury Award (Best in 2022)

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.

Links for Lost & Found Pets

- Nextdoor Westbury - www.nextdoor.com
- Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
- Houston Cares - Contact at houstoncaresrescue.org/



Looking for an easy way to give back to the neighborhood? Come out to the next WOW—Working on Westbury—Workday. Each month the WCC hosts work days in the neighborhood. We pick up litter, clean up the sign markers, pull weeds, and more. It is a good family volunteer event and perfect for students needing service hours. . The next WOW event is on Saturday, November 12, 9-10:30am. We will meet at Westbury Park along Stillbrooke The workday will be a litter pick-up and cleaning up some of the landscaping. The WCC will provide trash bags and trash grabbers.

If you know of a youth group or other volunteer groups who are looking for volunteer clean-up projects, have them contact the WCC office. If one of our scheduled volunteer work days is not convenient, we may be able to arrange a special clean up activity.

October WOW Event

Thanks to the Westbury neighbors (Marcia, Becky, Cindy, TJ, Marilda and friend) who participated in the October Working on Westbury volunteer workday at Hager Park. We picked up litter and gave away litter grabbers to people who were interested in picking up litter at Hager Park in the future. We also enjoyed watching the workers who were busy installing the playground equipment at the new playground over at the adjoining Anderson Elementary School.



Martha's President Advisory Council

District K Councilmember Martha Castex-Tatum hosted her inaugural Martha's President Advisory Council (MPAC) on the morning of Saturday, October 15. Attending were Presidents of Civic Clubs, HOAs, POAs, and other civic organizations located in District K, including Cindy Chapman of the Westbury Civic Club and Becky Edmondson of the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation.

The featured guest speaker was Mayor Sylvester Turner. Executive Assistant Police Chief Larry Satterwhite discussed crime statistics for District K. Alyce Coffey answered questions about Solid Waste issues.

Mayor Turner said that Public Safety is the number 1 priority and he reviews crime statistics every morning. CM Martha Castex-Tatum noted that District K has one of the best safety records in Houston, behind only the Kingwood and Memorial areas. Assistant Chief Satterwhite reviewed the initiatives which were implemented as part of the One Safe Houston initiative to reduce crime. Crime was higher in January and February. Programs implemented include: overtime for 125 HPD officers/day, mental health crisis team, ordinance implemented to make it harder to resell stolen catalytic converters in the city, ordinance to require security cameras outside certain businesses, more urban park rangers, more funds to reduce domestic violence, etc.



Trash—What is Wrong with this Picture?

During a recent walk on trash day, some bins clearly contained items that were not acceptable for recycle collection. These problems were readily observable by anyone passing by along the street. The green bins are intended ONLY for items that are accepted by the City of Houston for recycling, not what you think the City should accept or what you hope the City might accept. If you are not sure, then visit the website for the City of Houston Solid Waste Dept or consult the "Waste Wizard" on the official City of Houston phone app called "HTX Collects".



What is wrong with the photos shown here that were taken of local Westbury recycling bins? Plastic bags. Never put your recycle materials inside a plastic bag before you place it in the recycle bin. Plastic bags, or anything that is inside a plastic bag, will not be recycled. Placing recyclable materials inside a plastic bag means that the sorting equipment at the recycle center won't be able to separate the items. Plastic bags, especially those that are empty or loosely filled, can also end up getting tangled in the sorting machinery, which can place workers at risk. Plastic bags are FORBIDDEN in recycle bins. NO Plastic bags of any kind— No trash bags and no grocery plastic bags.



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New Donations Raise Total to 10 Million Dollars

The Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy received a \$500,000 grant from Wortham Foundation in August and the Fondren Foundation awarded the Conservancy a \$350,000 grant in September. As part of a \$12 million capital campaign to improve the 291-acre greenway, the Conservancy has now raised \$10 million from public and private funders.

The capital campaign will fund construction of eight miles of trails around the six Willow Waterhole lakes, additional parking, construction of a fishing pier, purchasing additional acreage, and developing a 15-acre native coastal prairie preserve where endangered plants have been identified. Neighborhood connections will also be added to the Greenway hike and bike system via easements.

“We are incredibly grateful to Wortham Foundation and Fondren Foundation trustees for these monumental gifts. The Greenway is a refuge for all Houstonians and their support will help transform the greenspace,” said Bill Burhans, the Conservancy’s president.

It is exciting to envision the improvements that these major donations will implement over at Willow Waterhole. As residents of Westbury, we are fortunate that this is located so close to us and available to enjoy just a few minutes away. We congratulate the board of the WWGC for their ongoing efforts to transform it into an amazing place.

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WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main.

Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Greencraig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible.

Street parking.



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Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

What: Audubon Society Bird Survey

When: Saturday, November 19, 7-9AM

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

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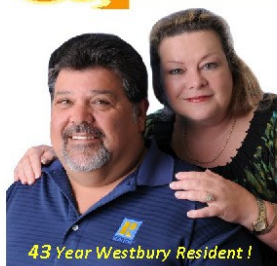
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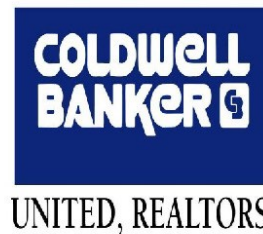


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