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## Support the Westbury Constable Program TODAY!

### Pay your 2023 Voluntary Dues

In today's world, having the Pct. 5 Constable program patrolling our streets is so important. There was a recent article in the Houston Chronicle about response times for the Houston Police Department. For Westbury, which is in HPD beat 15E20, the chart said, "Slowest 25%, regardless of call volume for priority 1 calls." This means that our area has a longer than average response times from HPD. When minutes count, having Pct. 5 patrolling in the neighborhood matters. Pct. 5 response time is much quicker than HPD.

We need to collect \$118,000 before the end of the year. The Westbury Area Constable Patrol costs over \$23,000 a month. Please send your contribution today. You can pay via the online owner portal, paypal, or you can mail a check to our new lockbox: Westbury Civic Club, PO Box 94046 Las Vegas, NV 89193-4046.

See page 6 for more details on how to pay your voluntary dues or make an extra donation for the Constables. See page 12 for a challenge issued by a Westbury resident to raise more funds for additional deputies.

## 2023 Election

Voting is one of the most important things you can do to improve life in Westbury. It really does matter who represents us in the City.



Westbury has several large pending City infrastructure projects including a multi-phase Storm Drain Reconstruction project that will hopefully fix many of the flooding issues in Westbury. The City needs to continue to address flooding concerns in Westbury.

All City Council positions and the Mayor are on the ballot. Almost all of Westbury is located in District K and our current City Council member, Martha Castex-Tatum is running unopposed. All of Westbury votes for the five at-large city council positions as well as the Mayor and City Controller. Get out and vote!!!

See pages 10 and 11 for more information about the election including State and local propositions.

## Westbury Holiday Planning

### Holiday Decoration Judging—December 16

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

### 4th Annual Online Holiday Decoration Contest

Multiple categories and winners! Nominate and vote for your favorite Westbury homes online from December 18-20.

See page 7 for more information.

## Receive the Westbury Crier in Your Email Each Month

The WCC finally has an ONLINE owner portal for each resident! The new portal has many helpful tools, not just the ability to pay your dues. Once you activate your account, you can view invoices, pay directly online, and send requests. You will also receive a monthly email from the WCC with a link to the Crier and event reminders.

Use the handy QR code below and it will take you straight to our Westbury PayHOA portal sign-up page.

**SIGN UP TODAY!**



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## WHS Hygiene Drive Starting November 1

WHS needs your help. The WCC is hosting a hygiene drive for Westbury HS.

Please drop off your items at the WCC office. More details on page 9.



DON'T FORGET TO **FALL BACK**

**Daylight Savings Ends at 2AM November 6**

## HEAVY TRASH

**November 2023**

Thursday, Nov. 9

**TREE WASTE ONLY**

**December 2023**

Thursday, Dec. 14

**JUNK WASTE**

## RECYCLING

**November 2023**

Thursday, Nov. 2

Thursday, Nov. 16

Thursday, Nov. 30

**December 2023**

Thursday, Dec. 14

Thursday, Dec. 28

# IMPORTANT CONTACTS

## WCC OFFICE

5322 W. Bellfort #100, Houston, TX 77035  
Jennifer Edmondson.....WCC Office Manager

**Westbury Civic Club Office**  
**Monday—Thursday—Appointment needed**  
**WCC Office Closed Friday—Sunday**

**NOTARY SERVICES— available to paid WCC members**

## CONTACT US

WCC Office Telephone.....713-723-5437  
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Deed Restrictions.....westburycc@sbcglobal.net  
WCC President.....wccpresident@westburycrier.com

**Visit our website at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com)**  
**“Like” us on Facebook at Westbury Houston**

## SECURITY

**Pct. 5 Constables (WAP).....281-463-6666**  
*Report property crimes, suspicious activity, and vacation watch*  
Emergency.....911  
Houston Police Dept. Non-Emergency..... 713-884-3131  
Southwest HPD Station .....832-394-0400

## CITY OF HOUSTON

District K CM, Martha Castex-Tatum.....832-393-3016  
District C Council Member, Abbie Kamin.....832-393-3004  
Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal).....832-393-6333  
Platou Community Center.....713-726-7107  
Mayor’s Citizen Assistance Office.....832-393-0955  
**Houston Help & Information.....311**  
*For missed garbage pickup, water line breaks, potholes  
sewer repairs, dead animals, traffic signals, heavy trash  
violations, neighborhood nuisances, and other city services*

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY

Electric outage.....713-207-2222  
Suspected natural gas leak.....713-659-2111  
Street light repairs.....713-207-2222  
*Make sure to give pole number*

## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS

County Commissioner Rodney Ellis.....713-755-6111  
County Commissioner Lesley Briones.....832-927-4444  
Graffiti.....www.braysoaksmid.org  
Shopping Cart Removal.....www.braysoaksmid.org  
*Brays Oaks Mgmt. District - Use “report a problem” link*  
Poison Control.....1-800-764-7661  
Harris County Tax office.....713-368-2000  
Harris County Appraisal District.....713-957-7800

## 2023-2024 WCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Contact the Westbury Civic Club at 713-723-5437 or  
[westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

President.....Cindy Chapman  
*wccpresident@westburycrier.com*  
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Treasurer.....Becky Edmondson

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Greenspace Beautification.....Mat Funk  
**Security.....VACANT**  
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**At-Large 2.....VACANT**  
**At-Large 3.....VACANT**  
**At-Large 4.....VACANT**

## SECTION DIRECTORS

**Westbury 1..... VACANT**  
**Westbury 2.....VACANT**  
Westbury 3.....Sylvia Rosales  
Westbury 3.....Jonathan Hansen  
**Westbury 4.....VACANT**  
Westbury 4.....Becky Pate  
Westbury 5.....Andrew Jefferson  
Westbury 5.....Donna Strom  
**Westbury South.....VACANT**  
**Parkwest 1..... VACANT**  
Parkwest 2.....Bob Droubi  
Parkwest 3 .....Alan Hirshman

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ANY REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING.**

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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. The weather is finally cooling down and the Houston Astros are once again playing postseason baseball. It is officially fall!

Election Day is on November 7. This is an important election for Westbury and for the City of Houston. We need thoughtful and hardworking people representing us who will help our city perform its basic duties well (such as public safety, infrastructure, and trash collection), while also striving to keep our city a desirable place to live and work. It is important to remember that there are several projects pending for the Westbury area that we want to see successfully implemented, especially street and drainage improvement projects. Also, Hager Park is scheduled for city improvements. Our Westbury community has a good reputation for having informed voters and for voting in large numbers.

I would like to thank those of you who hosted or participated in a Neighborhood Night Out (NNO) block party this year. NNO block parties have been a Westbury tradition for decades and are a great way to get to know your neighbors better. Due to the uncertainties of gatherings during COVID, the WCC switched to a central NNO event in the parking lot of the Westbury Civic Club office for a few years, and many were pleased to see a return to the traditional NNO block parties.

I would like to thank those of you who enjoy decorating your yards for another fun Westbury tradition - holiday decorations. The Westbury Civic Club has resumed the Yard of the Month program, starting with two popular decoration activities – Halloween decorations in October and the hugely popular December Holiday decorations. Some homes go all out with their decorations with lights, motion, and sound. In the spring, the regular Yard of the Month judging will resume. For more information on the Yard of the Month program, see page 7.

I would like to thank all of you for being “Westbury Proud”. There are many ways to be involved keeping Westbury a community that is attractive, safe, and desirable. I encourage you to find ways to help make our community better and keep our neighborhood welcoming. Get to know your neighbors and be friendly. Explore our neighborhood parks and amenities. Walk or bike here in Westbury and wave to neighbors. Pick up litter. Volunteer at our Working on Westbury volunteer workdays next year in 2024. 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.

I would like 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



*Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman at the new Gandhi Museum*



*Becky Edmondson, Becky Pate and Cindy Chapman at the WCC Open House*

**NEXT**  
**WCC Board Meeting**

**Wednesday  
November 15  
7PM**

Westbury Baptist Church  
10425 Hillcroft, Game Room

**Featured Speaker -  
Harris County District  
Attorney Kim Ogg**

## WCC Board Notes — October 2023

- ➔ The Westbury Crier went to print before the October board meeting. The board notes from October will be in the December Crier.
- ➔ The speaker at the November meeting for the WCC will be Harris County DA Kim Ogg. There will be a gun safe giveaway.
- ➔ If you are interested in joining the WCC board, please come to the next WCC board meeting.
- ➔ There will be NO WCC board meeting in December.



# Platou Community Center at Chimney Rock Park

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



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

**Platou Center is open from 11AM—7PM,  
Monday—Friday**

- Exercise—M/W/F, 9:30-10:30AM**
- Quilting— Tuesday, 9:30AM –2PM**
- Games—Wednesday, 10AM—12PM**
- Line Dancing—Thursdays, 11AM-12PM**
- TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly**
- Weight loss group meets Tuesdays 5-6PM**

There is currently plenty of open times on the Platou Center Calendar. If you are interested in something in particular, like line dancing, genealogy, crafts and other great get together ideas, call Dajai Tennard at 713-726-7107.

## Plan Ahead— Platou Holiday Social on Dec. 13

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Social & Potluck on Wednesday, December 13. 11AM to 1PM. Potluck, Toys for Tots and a White Elephant Gift exchange. More information in the December Westbury Crier

## Friends of Chimney Rock Park

In 2017, the Friends of Chimney Rock Park, a non-profit 501(c)(3), was formed to meet the needs of the Platou Community Center and adjacent Chimney Rock Park. The building was originally a City Water building. When it was no longer used for that purpose, Leiv Platou, then president of the WCC, lobbied for the building to become the Westbury Community Center. It was named in honor of Leiv and his wife Betty for their many years of civic service: The Leiv and Betty Platou Community Center.

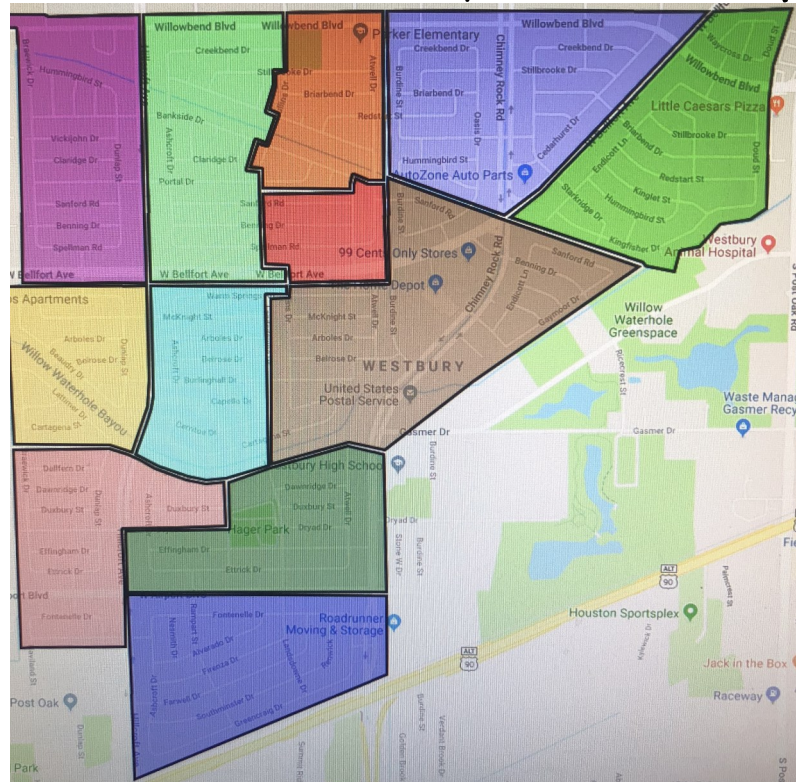
The “Friends” have been able to help financially around the Platou Center with numerous needs and projects. One thing they also do is help finance some activities and supplies for the kids summer program. They also buy office supplies, refreshments, or try to fulfill special requests. The “Friends” group purchased new office furniture for the new supervisor last year, a vacuum cleaner, and a custodian’s cart to help assist in maintaining the building.

This is a City of Houston facility, so big items, such as a complete renovation of the building or new tables and chairs, would be paid for by the City. The “Friends” non-profit has made a difference with their small treasury, which was started by Betty Platou many years ago. You can make a tax-deductible donation to their mailing address at: Friends of Chimney Rock Park, 11518 Endicott, Houston, TX. 77035.

## Friends of Chimney Rock Park Board

President: Hazel Potvin, Vice President: Diana Lovelady, Secretary: Beth White, and Treasurer: Janie Schexnayder. Members of the Board are: Priscilla Bloomquist, Cindy Davis, Pat Metcalfe, Karen Schubert, and Carolyn Woodard. The board members either are founding members or are involved in leading Stretching, Quilting, or the Line Dance class.

## 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.

	Parkwest 1	198 homes
	Parkwest 2	445 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



# What's Happening in Westbury

## November 2023 Events & Meetings

Nov 4-5	Westbury Baptist Church 60th Anniversary Celebration More information, see page 13
Tues 7	Election Day
Thurs 9	Heavy Trash - TREE WASTE ONLY
Sat 11	Edible Flowers Demonstration and Fundraiser 10AM Westbury Community Garden See page 14 for more information
Wed 15	WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting 9:30AM Zoom Meeting
Wed 15	Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting 7PM Westbury Baptist, 10425 Hillcroft, Game Room Speaker—Harris County DA Kim Ogg, gun safe giveaway
Thurs 23	Thanksgiving
Nov 20-24	WCC Office Closed

## 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.

<b>November 2023</b>	<b>December 2023</b>
Thursday, November 2	Thursday, December 14
Thursday, November 16	Thursday, December 28
Thursday, November 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.

<b>November 2023</b>	<b>December 2023</b>
TREE WASTE ONLY	JUNK WASTE
Thursday, November 9	Thursday, December 14

## 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](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more trash and recycling information



## December 2023 Events & Meetings

Wed 13	Platou Holiday Social and Potluck 11AM—1PM See page 4 for more information
Thurs 14	Heavy Trash - JUNK WASTE
Dec 16	Yard of the Month Holiday Judging See page 7
Dec 18-20	Online Voting for Holiday Contest See page 7
Wed 20	No WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting
Wed 20	No Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting
Dec 20 -Jan 5	WCC Office Closed Emails will be monitored

## Support the Westbury Civic Club Pay your 2023 Voluntary Dues TODAY!

Westbury is a unique neighborhood with the majority of the 5,000 homes having voluntary dues. Only about 450 homes in Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2 have Mandatory Assessments. The active participation of volunteers and yearly dues contributions help the Westbury Civic Club achieve our goal and remain active in the City of Houston. The total voluntary dues requested for 2023 is \$375. This includes the WCC Dues and Westbury Area Patrol.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All homes are subject to the deed restrictions whether the dues are paid or not. All sections of Westbury and Parkwest have ACTIVE deed restrictions.

### How To Pay Your Dues/Assessments

There are several ways to pay your dues or assessments.

1. Activate your NEW online portal and pay directly online either via credit card or bank account.  
\*Once your account is activated (the WCC office must approve), you can view invoices, make payments, setup payment plans, make requests, view calendar and much more. Use the this handy QR to start your online account today!
2. Hand deliver\* or mail a check to the WCC Office.  
5322 W. Bellfort, Suite 100, Houston, TX, 77035  
Make checks payable to the Westbury Civic Club  
\*There is a drop slot located at the bottom of the WCC office door.
3. Pay via PayPal. You may choose a specific amount or use the custom payment option to enter any amount or additional donation. You can find the link to our paypal page on our new website, [www.westburyhouston.com](http://www.westburyhouston.com).



2023 WESTBURY VOLUNTARY DUES

### Westbury Civic Club Dues - \$60

The WCC has been vital in keeping Westbury a desirable neighborhood over the past 60 years. The WCC helps maintain 7 miles of esplanades, issues the Westbury Crier monthly newsletter, enforces deed restrictions, provides community events and acts as a very important liaison with the City of Houston while advocating for Westbury. In a City the size of Houston, it is important to make sure you have someone representing you and your neighborhood. The WCC has done a good job of maintaining Westbury for over 60 years. Your contribution helps covers everything needed to operate and maintain the services we provide, this includes office rent, utilities, insurance, postage, printing, legal and professional fees, salary, etc. The WCC has one employee and all other work is done by Westbury board member volunteers, this allows us to keep our costs lower.

### Westbury Area Constable Patrol - \$315

The WCC has a contract with Harris County, Precinct 5, Contract Deputy Program to patrol Westbury and provide 24-hour response. This program is referred to as the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP). The WAP currently consists of three Constables (2 Deputies and 1 Sergeant) that are assigned patrol Westbury daily. The Contract Deputy Program is designed so that even when a Westbury deputy is unavailable, the next closest Pct. 5 Constable will be dispatched. Several of our bordering neighborhoods (Meyerland, Maplewood, and Marilyn Estates) also participate in the Pct. 5 Contract Deputy Program, so deputies are typically nearby at all times.

The Harris County Pct. 5 Constables are certified peace officers, licensed by the State of Texas to enforce the laws of the State of Texas. The deputies are uniformed, armed and drive distinctively marked, emergency equipped, law enforcement vehicles. The Constables provide high visibility, rapid response to emergency and non-emergency calls, vacation watches, alarm monitoring, and home security checks. The WCC gets regular crime reports from our Sergeant to ensure that the WCC is kept up to date with crimes in our area.

## 2023 MANDATORY ASSESSMENTS

### 2023 Mandatory Assessments - \$267.35

Owners in Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2 revised their deed restrictions in 1993 & 1994 to include Mandatory Assessments.

→ Properties in Parkwest 1 that have a new owner of record after the January 1, 1993, are subject to the Mandatory Assessment clause.

→ Properties in Parkwest 2 that have a new owner of record after the January 1, 1994, are subject to the Mandatory Assessment clause.

The Mandatory Assessments are due annually on February 1. The 2023 Mandatory Assessments are \$267.35. The WCC has launched our NEW online owner portal. This now makes it easy to view, track, and make payments online. The invoices for Mandatory homes have been mailed to the address on record. If you did not receive your invoice, please sign up for your new online owner portal (use the handy QR code to the left) to view a copy or email [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net). If you have past due assessments and would like to set up a payment plan, please email the WCC office at [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net).

### Westbury Civic Club Voluntary Dues Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Included payment is for the following:

- WCC Voluntary Dues - \$60
- WAP Westbury Area Constable Patrol - \$315
- Mandatory Assessments - \$267.35
- Extra Donation (please specify WCC or WAP)
- \_\_\_\_\_

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## Holidays in Westbury—Decoration Contests

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 4th year to host our very popular online holiday decoration contest.

### Online Decoration Contest Multiple Categories & Winners

Back for the 4th year is the Westbury online holiday decoration contest with multiple categories and winners! The online winners will have special signs placed in their yards and receive a prize. All entries must be submitted online through the WCC website ([www.westburyhouston.com](http://www.westburyhouston.com)) or by emailing [westburyholidaylights@gmail.com](mailto:westburyholidaylights@gmail.com).

**Entries must be submitted electronically by Friday, December 15, 11:59pm. Online voting on Westbury Houston website page will start Monday, December 18, 10am and end Wed., December 20, 10am. Winners will be announced by Wed., December 20, 6pm.**

### Westbury Award (Best in 2023)

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.

### Interactive Wonderland (Music/Animation)

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](mailto:westburyholidaylights@gmail.com).

### Holiday Yard of the Month Top 3 & Best Blocks

The yard of the month judges will be driving the neighborhood on Saturday, December 16, 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, go to [www.westburyhouston.com](http://www.westburyhouston.com) and click on the Holiday Contest page.

New online nominating and voting on the new Westbury website.

**WWW.WESTBURYHOUSTON.COM**

*Are you interested in being a Yard of the Month judge? Email the WCC office at [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net). It is fun volunteer opportunity and fun way to meet neighbors.*

Check out our NEW website Today!  
**WWW.WESTBURYHOUSTON.COM**

Our new updated website, [www.westburyhouston.com](http://www.westburyhouston.com) is full of great information. All the deed restrictions for each section are posted online as well as the WCC policies and by-laws. There is a tab for disaster preparedness and a whole new updated section on each of our parks in Westbury. Check it out today and learn more about your neighborhood.

Below are some quick links for the most often asked questions in the WCC office.

**House Plan Review** - New Homes, Solar Panels, additions, etc.

Form is online at [www.westburyhouston.com](http://www.westburyhouston.com). Submit plans and completed form to the WCC office at [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net)

**Statement of Account** - Email the WCC office at [westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net)

**Resale Certificates** - Form is online at [www.westburyhouston.com](http://www.westburyhouston.com)  
Return payment and completed form to the WCC office

**Deed Restrictions, Policies, By-laws** - Available online at [www.westburyhouston.com](http://www.westburyhouston.com)

**Account Balance** - Set up your PayHOA account today.

## HOW TO CONTACT THE WESTBURY CIVIC CLUB

**WCC Office—**

[westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westburycc@sbcglobal.net)  
713-723-5437

**WCC President—**

[wccpresident@westburycrier.com](mailto:wccpresident@westburycrier.com)

**Social Media—**

Facebook—Message Westbury  
Houston

### WCC Monthly Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday of each month at 7PM at Westbury Baptist

**Next Meeting—Wednesday, November 15**

Agenda - DA Kim Ogg, Gun safe giveaway, Yard of the Month



## New Museum in Southwest Houston

The Eternal Gandhi Museum Houston opened on October 2 on the 154th anniversary of Gandhi's birth. This is the only museum in the US dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi. The museum had a grand opening celebration that brought Gandhi's grandson and Martin Luther King's nephew to the podium to talk about Gandhi's legacy of non-violence.

Westbury Civic Club's Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson were invited to opening day and a special tour.

The museum itself is an inspiration, with a desire to educate all visitors to choose nonviolent means to settle conflicts. The museum's goal is to inspire and encourage every visitor to embrace these values and be champions for peace in their lives and community. The museum highlights the power of nonviolent conflict resolution through examples of peace leaders worldwide, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, Dalai Lama, and many others.

### Eternal Gandhi Museum Details

12379 Riceville School Road

→ Directions from Westbury—Easy 5-mile drive. Take W. Airport to Riceville School Road to get to the museum.

→ Open every day but Mondays.

→ Visit [www.egmh.org](http://www.egmh.org) for times and admission fee.

→ Parking is free.



## WE ARE HIRING!

We are looking for full-time teachers and part-time substitute teachers to join us in shaping the hearts, minds & souls of the students of St. Thomas More Parish School!

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### Westbury HS Toiletries/Hygiene Drive

For the past few years, the wonderful residents of Westbury have 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. If you have ever had a teenager, you will know why deodorant is their requested highest need, both men's and women's. Feminine hygiene products are also in high demand.

You can drop off hygiene products to the WCC office starting on November 1. We will have a box setup outside the office for convenient drop off. The Westbury Civic Club office is located at 5322 W Bellfort, Suite 100.

### Needed Items —

**\*\*Deodorant (HIGHEST need)**

- Feminine products (pads and tampons)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Face Towels
- Laundry Detergent

### TIRZ 20 Projects to Benefit Westbury Area

About a year ago, TIRZ 20 was approved by City Council to expand its boundaries to include specific locations in the Brays Oaks Management District, which includes the Westbury area. A TIRZ is a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone. It focuses capital investment in specific areas with a goal to improve the area. The TIRZ does not include any single-family residential homes located here in Westbury.

We are delighted to note that two TIRZ 20 projects are proposed for the 2024 budget that could eventually provide great benefit for Westbury business and residential community. The first project is the "Gasmer Site Redevelopment", which refers to the former Shell research center on Gasmer next to Willow Waterhole. The site was sold by Shell to the City of Houston. Part of the Gasmer site will be used for additional stormwater detention for city drainage projects.

The second project is a study called the Brays Oaks Area Study, which is intended to study an area to our west for future drainage/ stormwater and mobility projects. Part of the flooding and drainage problems in Westbury is caused by excess stormwater from upstream of our area flowing "downhill" into our area. The City of Houston and the Harris County Flood Control District have already been working on designing drainage/stormwater projects, both in Westbury and upstream of us, so we welcome any possible future TIRZ projects that will benefit the Westbury area. These projects can be very slow to move from concept to engineering design to construction.

Project	FY24 Budget	Total Appropriations
Club Creek Basin and Park	2,987,420	13,935,562
Regional Hike and Bike Trails	3,075,000	8,364,797
Harwin Drive Improvements	850,000	13,546,092
Harwin @ Gessner Intersection	3,660,000	5,049,043
Harwin @ Hillcroft Intersection	3,086,500	7,898,938
Corporate Drive Reconstruction	3,580,000	6,397,968
Gasmer Site Redevelopment	750,000	4,750,000
Land Acquisition Economic Devlop.	10,000,000	10,000,000
Brays Oaks Area Study	800,000	800,000
Concrete Panel Replacement	2,285,000	8,434,008
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31,073,920</b>	<b>79,176,408</b>



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### City of Houston Propositions

The following City propositions are amendments to the City Charter and will be voted on by ALL voters that live in the City of Houston. Please check [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com) for more information.

**Proposition A** Currently, the City Charter only allows the Mayor to set the agenda for City Council meetings. Proposition A proposes to allow an item to be placed on the agenda if at least 3 members of City Council request it.

Ballot wording— *Shall the City Charter of the City of Houston be amended to enable three or more council members, by written request, to have item(s) placed on the agenda of a regular city council meeting and to have such item(s) considered by council?*

**Proposition B** Proposition B proposes to change the City Charter in an attempt to compel the local regional planning board H-GAC to give more representation to Houston and Harris County.

Ballot wording— *Shall the City Charter of the City of Houston be amended: to require that membership by the City of Houston in a Council of Government or Metropolitan Planning Organization shall be contingent on the votes of the governing board for such council or organization being apportioned proportionately on the basis of population, notwithstanding statutory voting members, and that members representing local governments shall have at least 90 percent of the total votes; and to require the City of Houston to withdraw its membership from any non-compliant Council of Government or Metropolitan Planning Organization if the voting system is not corrected within 60 days of the effective date of adoption of this charter provision?*

### What is on the Ballot?

**State** — 14 State of Texas propositions

**Harris County** — Harris County Hospital Bond Proposition

**City of Houston**— Mayor, ALL City Council Members, City Controller, 2 City Charter Propositions

### EARLY VOTING

### OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 3

October 23 - October 28 — 7AM - 7PM  
Sunday, October 29 — 12PM - 7PM  
October 30 - Nov. 3 — 7AM - 7PM

Beat the crowds! Vote early. You can vote at any location. There are many locations throughout the County. Go to [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com) for a full list and sample ballot.

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

### More about Proposition B—

Houston is a member of a 13-county regional planning organization called the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC). For example, H-GAC decides how to distribute state and federal funds in the region and makes decisions on regional transportation issues, among its various planning responsibilities. The current structure of H-GAC voting membership does not reflect the large populations of Houston or Harris County. Even though many Houston residents suffered severe flood damage from Hurricane Harvey, Houston received 2% of the local federal mitigation funding. Prop B is on the ballot after a petition drive by a group of citizens who are seeking a way to compel H-GAC to consider population in its voting structure. Since Houston and Harris County have the largest populations in the region, changing the voting structure of H-GAC could provide more influence by Houston and Harris County when H-GAC is making decisions. The group that did the petition drive notes that "Houston and Harris County make up 57% of the population represented on the H-GAC's board of directors, yet the city and county combined only have 11% of the voting power." It is not clear what steps H-GAC will take if Houston voters approve this proposition.

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## Election 2023 Your Voice Matters

Early Voting starts in October, and the General Election is on November 7. In this election, voters will be selecting candidates for City of Houston Mayor, ALL City Council Members, and City Controller. Both the State and the City Houston have propositions on the ballot. You can read more about the 2 City Charter Propositions on the page to the left and you can read more about the Texas State propositions on this page. We also encourage you to do your own research on the propositions.

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.

**For questions about voting or to see a sample ballot for YOUR specific address, go to [www.harrisvotes.com](http://www.harrisvotes.com)**

### VOTING FAQs

- \* **Identification**— Voters must bring approved forms of identification to vote.
- \* **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. Check [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org) for polling locations and sample ballot.

### State of Texas Propositions

There are 14 propositions on the ballot for amendments to the State of Texas Constitution. All voters in Texas will be voting on these propositions. These funds are from the budget surplus.

- Prop 1** - "The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."
- Prop 2** - Allow cities or counties to reduce property taxes for child-care facilities.
- Prop 3** - "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."
- Prop 4** - Reduce property taxes by school districts and the state would then send funds to school districts to offset this reduction in school property tax. Various other tax reforms.
- Prop 5** - Set-up a fund of \$3.4 billion to be used to support Texas research universities (not UT or Texas A&M since they have other funding sources). This would benefit Texas Tech, University of Houston, University of North Texas, & Texas State University.
- Prop 6** - Set-up a fund of \$1 billion for the Texas Water Development Board to support water projects across the state. Creates the New Water Supply for Texas Fund, the Statewide Water Public Awareness Account, and the Texas Water Fund to address critical water challenges across the state.
- Prop 7** - Create a \$5 billion fund to incentivize new power plants fueled by natural gas.
- Prop 8** - Create a \$1.5 billion Broadband Infrastructure Fund to expand internet availability across the State and improve telecommunications.
- Prop 9** - Provide a cost-of-living adjustments to some retired Texas teachers, who have not had an increase in almost 20 years.
- Prop 10** - Exempt certain equipment and medical products from taxation by counties or school districts.
- Prop 11** - Create the El Paso County Conservation and Reclamation District. Other counties and regions in Texas have similar districts, which tax local residents to support the creation and development of water services and other facilities.
- Prop 12** - Eliminate the Galveston County Treasurer's Office. If approved, other county officials would take over the duties of the treasurer. Only affects Galveston, but all of Texas votes on this proposition.
- Prop 13** - Increase the mandatory retirement period from 70-75 years old to 75-79 years old for justices and judges on appellate, district and criminal district courts.
- Prop 14** - Set-up a fund of about \$1 billion to purchase land to develop new state parks.

### Harris County Hospital \$2.5 Billion Bond

Harris County voters will be asked to approve a bond for \$2.5 billion for the Harris County Hospital District, the public healthcare provider for the County. The Harris County Hospital District, also known as the Harris Health System, was founded on January 1, 1966 as a safety net hospital system to provide quality care to the residents of Harris County who lacked access to healthcare. For over 30 years, Ben Taub and LBJ Hospital have been the cornerstones of public healthcare in Harris County. But in that same time, the population of the County has nearly doubled.

If approved, the funds would:

- ♦ Build a new hospital on the LBJ Hospital campus with Level 1 trauma center. This will become the first level 1 trauma center outside of the Texas Medical Center.
- ♦ Renovate the existing LBJ Hospital for additional services such as mental healthcare.
- ♦ Renovate and enhance Ben Taub Hospital to extend its lifespan by 10 years. Ben Taub is one of the only two major trauma centers in Houston.
- ♦ Add new community health clinics and improve the existing clinics.

If the bond is approved, the average homeowner of \$300,000 property/home is looking at additional \$6 per month in taxes (\$72/year).



# Westbury Loves National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) is a national activity to encourage neighbors to get to know one another and meet law enforcement officers. This year, all across Westbury, neighbors hosted parties on their driveways, in their garages, and in their homes. October 3rd was a stormy day, but the sun came out and a rainbow appeared at 6PM, just in time for the parties to take place.

The Precinct 5 deputies were out and about visiting as many of the parties as they could. The Houston Police Department had officers from our Southwest station visiting parties. Commander Hassig delivered a certificate from Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum to board member Maggie Donovan, who hosted an awesome party.



Jesus Zamora, community outreach for County Commissioner Lesley Briones, visited many parties and brought certificates of recognition "acknowledging their dedication to enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while fostering a sense of community" for the Pct. 5 Constable program.

National Night Out is a reminder of that Westbury is a great "neighborhood of neighbors". Members of the Westbury Civic Club delivered "I love Westbury" signs and stickers to as many NNO parties as they could. They found much genuine friendship, camaraderie, and great food! If Westbury neighborhood block parties had a motto, it would be "fun, friendship, and food!"



Thanks to everyone who hosted NNO parties! It was great getting back to the tradition of block parties to celebrate NNO. Next year, we look forward to doing it again!

## Challenge from a Westbury Resident

*"I have been a Westbury resident for 48 years. I have supported the civic club and the Constable program all those years.*

*With all the talk about the increase in crime I have been adding an extra \$1,000 for the Constable program the last couple of years. Not bragging just want to issue a challenge to see if there is enough interest.*

*If there are 100 residents in Westbury who are blessed enough to add \$1,000 to the constable program, Westbury could add an extra full-time officer. Your gift does not have to be \$1,000, it can be any amount designated to the program.*

*I realize this would not cure the crime problem, but it might result in quicker response and arrest. It is proven with more police presence criminals go where there is less police presence.*

*I just wonder if there is enough interest that we would be able to raise enough to hire another office to help make Westbury safer and more secure."*

Thank you,  
A concerned Westbury resident

## Westbury Constable Report

The WCC receives regular reports from our Pct. 5 Constables of crimes, service calls by Pct. 5 deputies, and crime trends in the area.

- ♦ One incident in early October was especially troubling; mourners returned home from a funeral to find their home had been burglarized.
- ♦ Pct. 5 Constables have had their traffic enforcement team out on W. Bellfort and Willowbend ticketing speeders. They have made over 100 traffic stops.
- ♦ Work trucks are being targeted for theft of tools.
- ♦ Pct. 5 offers a "Silver Watch" service for senior citizens where they will regularly check in and more. You can register online or call dispatch.





# Crime Statistics for Westbury SuperNeighborhood

September 20—October 15, 2023  
 Crime in Westbury Single Family Homes

### KEY

Block	Street	Crime	Date	Time	Section of W
5900	Arboles	Simple Assault	9/30	8am	Parkwest 3
10800	Burdine	Theft—Other	9/28	12pm	Westbury 2
10900	Doud	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/2	8am	Westbury 1
5800	Dryad	Simple Assault	10/2	6pm	Westbury 4
5700	Ludington	Theft—Other	10/11	10am	Westbury 4
5900	McKnight	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/3	8pm	Parkwest 3
5800	Southminster	Vandalism, Destruction, Damage	10/14	5pm	Westbury South
5400	Spellman	Burglary, Breaking & Entering	10/6	9am	Westbury 3
5100	W. Belfort	Auto Theft	10/10	9pm	Westbury 1
5100	Willowbend	Theft from Motor Vehicle	9/30	12pm	Westbury 2

-  Theft from Motor Vehicle
-  Auto Theft
-  Vandalism
-  Robbery
-  Burglary
-  Simple Assault
-  Theft—other

The crimes listed took place between Sept. 20 and October 15. 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	6	3	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1	3	4	1
Burglary	3	3	1	0
Robbery	0	1	1	0
Simple Assault	2	11	2	2
Shoplifting	0	0	6	0
Drugs, Narcotics	0	2	1	1
Vandalism, Damage	1	5	1	0
Auto Theft	1	1	0	0
Theft of Vehicle Parts	0	1	0	0
Theft—Other	2	3	1	1
Arson	0	1	0	0
DUI	0	0	0	3
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	1
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0
Obscene Material	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>

## VACATION WATCH

Are you going on vacation over the summer? 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 no suspicious activity.



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



## Westbury Baptist Church 60th Anniversary Celebration November 4-5, 2023

Meet & Greet—Saturday, November 4, 2-4PM  
 Worship—Sunday, November 5, 10:45AM  
 Luncheon—Sunday, November 5, 12PM

RSVP: [wbchouston.org/60thluncheon](http://wbchouston.org/60thluncheon)  
 Westbury Baptist Church is located at 10425 Hillcroft

**Pct. 5 Constable Dispatch**  
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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.

## Edible Flowers Demonstration and Fundraiser

**Saturday, November 11, 10:00 AM**

See. Taste. Buy. Come and learn about adding edible flowers to foods and drinks. Taste a salad with flower confetti. Learn about some toxic flowers to avoid eating.

Many varieties of edible flower varieties for the cool season will be for sale in 4" pots for \$3 each. Varieties expected include: pansies, violas, (native) woodland violets, calendula, dianthus, nasturtiums, and cornflowers. Please stop by and support your neighborhood community garden!

## WCG Open House

The Westbury Community Garden hosted an Open House on September 30. The event showcased all the wonderful things happening in our local community garden. There were tasty food samples created from garden produce, samples of Westbury honey, educational activities, and a close-up look at active bees.

The garden and surrounding area all looked well-tended, despite our long summer drought. The Westbury Community Garden truly is a remarkable place with many talented gardeners who have stewarded this special place for more than a dozen years.

The garden was also a tour stop for the American Gardener's Association conference. About 40 gardeners from across the country toured and learned about the Westbury Community Garden.



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# Willow Waterhole

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Photo—Mark Mulligan, Houston Chronicle

## TCEQ Hearing Regarding Air Permit Near Willow Waterhole

At the request of Texas Senator Borris Miles, the TCEQ (Texas Commission for Environmental Quality) held a public meeting on September 28 regarding the air permit renewal of the Martin Marietta concrete crushing facility. This facility is located on Gasmer, and shares a fence line with the Westbury Lake section of Willow Waterhole. It is across the street from the Willow Lake section of Willow Waterhole. It is near churches, homes, schools, apartments, and the lakes of Willow Waterhole.

The first half of the meeting allowed anyone in the audience to come to the microphone and ask the TCEQ or Martin Marietta questions. For over 90 minutes, people from the audience asked questions. The meeting room was filled with residents of Westbury and nearby neighborhoods. The WCC President Cindy Chapman, WCC VP Marcia Hartman, WCC Treasurer Becky Edmondson, and WCC Board Member Becky Pate were in attendance.



After the Q & A period, it was time for the meeting to be recorded and any comments made would be on the public record. Dozens of people approached the mic to have their say. The comment period was extended to allow for another day of written comments. Harris County Pollution Control wrote a letter to the TCEQ with their recommendations for abating some of the pollution.

Everyone who spoke had concerns about the air permit being renewed. Does a concrete crushing plant emitting 7 tons of pollution a year belong in our neighborhood adjacent to our park, our schools, and our homes? Probably not, but it has been there for decades and the permit is likely to be renewed. Houston does not have zoning to prohibit placement of an air polluting source so close to a public greenspace with trails and amenities.

Martin Marietta, which is a publicly traded large nationwide corporation, have expressed interest in working with the Willow Waterhole Conservancy and being a good neighbor to the local community.



## New Trails and Improvements Coming Soon

You may have noticed that the Dryad entrance gate and parking lot at the Westbury Lake area of Willow Waterhole were closed part of the month in October. The closure was due to the construction of new sidewalks and trails near the parking lot. The closure took longer than anticipated due to rain. The great news is that the trail work over at Westbury Lake is scheduled to be finished in time for the popular MusicFest celebration on October 28. We thank Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis for constructing many miles of new trails around Westbury Lake, and for replacing the bad sections of sidewalk.



## New Artwork Coming Soon

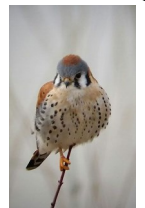
A new artwork installation, "Flowers for a Lady", is scheduled to be dedicated in October, located near the Schwartz Pavilion at Westbury Lake. The artist is Rosalinda Tora and the artwork was commissioned to honor Kathleen Tinsley Ownby. Kathleen grew up nearby in Willow Meadows, graduated from Westbury High School (WHS), has been active supporting WHS via the Friends of WHS Foundation, and has been an influential advocate on behalf of Willow Waterhole. The artwork recognizes her legacy to Houston parks and schools as longtime executive director of the School Park (SPARK) program. As a result of her efforts, there are now over 200 SPARK parks at schools in the greater Houston area. The artwork is a grouping of 3 pillars, topped with butterflies in flight to represent the transformation of parks in the city, and wrapped in colorful mosaics representing Ms. Ownby's love of flowers and nature.

## Audubon Society Monthly Bird Survey @ the Willow Waterhole

Saturday, October 21, 7AM

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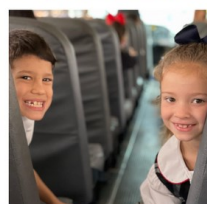


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## Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting November 15, 7PM

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