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## Deck the Halls Parade Saturday, December 13 @ 4PM

The 15th Annual Deck the Halls Parade will be on Saturday, December 13, at 4PM. The parade is sponsored by the Mandell family. While this parade is not a WCC sponsored event, we are happy to advertise it and



participate in it. The parade organizers hope residents on the route will light up their homes and yards for the parade. This year's theme is "Video Games." Check out [www.deckthehallsparade.org](http://www.deckthehallsparade.org) for more information.

**Parade Route:** The parade lines up at 5505 Belrose in front of the old post office, marches down Burlinghall, then right on Ashcroft, around to and down Warm Springs, right on Atwell, and back to Belrose. If you are coming to watch, pick a spot at one of the intersections for the best view.



### Holiday Music in the Park Sunday, December 7, 2:30PM-6:30PM

Willow Waterhole  
Bring chairs & blankets and enjoy holiday music by several groups

For more information, see page 18

### YARD OF THE MONTH HOLIDAY DECORATION JUDGING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14



**WHS Winterfest**  
December 13, 10AM-2PM  
11911 Chimney Rock  
Food, Drinks, Games, Petting Zoo, etc!  
For more information, see page 12

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### CALL TO ACTION: HISD Board Is Considering Not Expanding WHS Campus as Promised

The HISD 2012 bond included funds to improve the Westbury High School (WHS) campus, including new buildings, building renovation, and campus expansion. The expansion is in real danger of not happening. Please read pages 6 and 7 for more info.

Over the years, HISD has acquired 2 of 4 apartment complexes on the east side of WHS, both by eminent domain. The most recent land acquisition in 2010 was the farthest of the 4 complexes from the school. This left the remaining property to be acquired "book-ended" by land owned by HISD. See photo on page 7. As part of the 2012 bond election, HISD promised to acquire the remaining 2 pieces of property and allocated about \$11 million for acquisition, demolition, and other costs to expand the WHS campus to the size of a modern, suburban campus. Now, HISD is trying to wriggle out of their promise!

**SEE PAGES 6 AND 7 FOR MORE INFO AND HOW YOU CAN HELP!**



**WCC OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**  
Closed: December 23- January 1  
More information on page 5.

*Coffee With the Constables*  
**December 11**  
8AM - 9:30AM  
5631 Hummingbird  
See page 19 for more details



### TRASH ALERTS



#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

No trash or recycling pick up on Thursday, December 25. Pick-up will be on Friday, December 26.

#### HEAVY TRASH:

Heavy Trash for DECEMBER is JUNK WASTE. Pick-up for ALL of Westbury is Thursday, December 11

**DO NOT PLACE JUNK WASTE ON CURB UNTIL DEC. 6**

More trash info, see page 5

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\*The office is closed on all major holidays, weekends (follows HISD calendar)

**NOTARY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL WESTBURY RESIDENTS during office hours or by appointment**

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

**Westbury Area Patrol Constable Dispatch**  
**281-463-6666**

HPD Non-Emergency  
713-884-3131

Power Outages (Centerpoint)  
713-207-2222

Westbury HPD Storefront  
713-726-7126

Platou Community Center  
713-726-7107

Poison Control  
1-800-764-7661

Street Light Repairs (Give pole number)  
713-207-2222

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**832-393-3016**

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832-393-3004

County Commissioner El Franco Lee  
713-755-6111

Deed Restriction Enforcement (City Legal)  
832-393-6333

## City of Houston 311 Hotline (for all Non-Emergency Issues)

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Hazardous Waste Disposal  
Heavy Trash

Neighborhood Protection  
Parking Management

Recycling

School Crossing Light Repairs  
Water and Sewer Repair

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# President's Message

This past month I have been reminded time and again what a unique and amazing neighborhood we have. A delegation of students, parents, and community volunteers attended the November HISD board meeting to advocate on behalf of Westbury High School (WHS). As part of the preparation, Cindy Chapman put together a 16 page timeline of the last 30 years of community involvement to improve Westbury High School (WHS) and the area surrounding it (read it on the WCC website under Hot Topics). It is amazing to see the amount of work done over the last three decades. When I was asked to make a November presentation to the Super Neighborhood Alliance about the Westbury Super Neighborhood (SN), I compared the land use map from 2000 to the 2014 land use map; it is clear that many positive changes have occurred near WHS. On page 6 & 7 you will read about our efforts to ask HISD to honor the commitments made in the 2012 bond to improve WHS and to purchase two more properties to complete a promised WHS campus expansion. The acquisition of the remaining two properties to expand the campus for a regional sports facility along with the new building will help brighten the future for WHS becoming a neighborhood school of choice.

The Willow Waterhole continues to delight me. It is an incredible gift to not only our area but to Houston to have this 300 acre park space with so much diversity and potential. Earlier this month, I made a presentation to Super Neighborhood 36, our neighbors to the west, regarding the potential for Willow

Waterhole to become a city "signature park", along with Hermann and Memorial parks. The Willow Waterhole has something for everyone whether it is birding, walking, communing with nature, or attending a fun family event.

The idea of the Westbury Community Garden (WCG) was born just five years ago and was a culmination of five years of prior green projects in the neighborhood. I took the Urban Harvest class "How to Start a Community Garden" in 2004 from Westbury's own Gary Edmondson (friend, but no relation) and realized we needed to build a sense of community. To that end, the Working on Westbury (WOW) campaign began in October of 2004 with WOW walks and storm drain marking projects, esplanade projects, and tree plantings. Volunteers in Westbury have continued a series of green projects since that time. As a result, the Westbury Community Garden was built with a thriving community of gardeners, been enlarged, been rescued from being demolished for a low income housing project, and just celebrated a fall festival of thanks. See page 16 & 17 to learn more about the celebration held to thank everyone who worked so hard to ensure the success and continuation of the garden.

Living in Westbury offers many ways to have fun and enjoy the companionship of community: the Westbury Community Garage Sales, tree plantings, trash clean-ups, Movies and Music in the Park at Willow Waterhole. Recent Halloween traditions include a costume contest at the October movie shown at Willow Waterhole and a new Halloween parade

at Westbury Park. In December many participate in the Yard-of-the-Month holiday decorations contest or enjoy one of Westbury's unique traditions like the "Deck the Halls of Burlinghall" parade, which will be held on December 13. Also on December 13, Westbury High School invites the community to a new family Winter Festival, see page 12.

And speaking of events, you can read on page 8 about the 50th reunion of my 1965 Parker class. You may have read about it in the SW News or the Chronicle. For me, serving on the Parker PAT team and thinking about the new school while delving into the history from 1965 was an interesting juxtaposition. One of my classmates, Cindy McKim Campbell's dad was an architect on the original school. It was quite moving for all of us to walk the halls one last time, and I appreciated how warmly Parker welcomed us back.

As 2014 comes to a close I have to say it's been a good year! Our community garden was saved, Westbury area projects took home four awards from Keep Houston Beautiful, and our neighborhood remains in demand with homes selling quickly at often record prices. The WAP patrol has helped keep crime down. WCC dues statements will be mailed soon and I hope all of you will do your part to help keep Westbury going strong and safe. We did not collect enough dues in 2014 to cover the WAP patrol cost, but, thanks to a reserve, we were able to pay for the security contract this year. More financial support for WAP will be needed in 2015.

Wishing all of you the joys of this holiday season!

Becky Edmondson

## Board Notes November 2014

- The board approved a motion for David Cummins to fill a vacant position for Treasurer.
- 2015 Budget was approved (to be printed in the January *Crier*).
- The board approved 3 resolutions regarding Southern Crushed Concrete (SCC) hearing on Dec. 15 (see right).
- The board approved a motion to participate as a host as Westbury SN in the upcoming Neighborhoods USA 2015.
- Other topics included WHS Campus expansion, city library, Westbury Centerette, development of new WCC website, parking issues near schools, Matching Grant status, WCG Fall Fest, SNAP, District K Klean It Up, new resident packets, membership mailout, WAP participation
- Thank you to Jackie Murray of Weichert Realtors for providing cookies and water.

**NO DECEMBER BOARD MEETING.  
NEXT MEETING ON WED., JAN. 21**

## Westbury SuperNeighborhood 37 Motions/Resolutions

The following motions were approved by both the WCC and WAIC on November 19, 2014 during their November board meetings thus making them SuperNeighborhood (SN) Motions.

1. For the WAIC, represented by President Cindy Chapman, to apply to be an interested party at the TCEQ hearings for the SCC Gasmer site.
2. For the Westbury SN, represented by Co-Presidents Becky Edmondson and Cindy Chapman, to apply to be an interested party at the TCEQ hearings for the SCC Gasmer site.
3. For the WAIC and the Westbury SN to join efforts with affected citizens and other parties in the TCEQ hearings for the SCC Gasmer site.

# Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock / Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM  
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**Wednesdays from 10AM to 12PM**  
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## PORTABLE PROJECTS

**Thursdays from 10AM to Noon**  
 For more information, contact Genie at 713-470-7969

## LINE DANCING

**Mondays @ 12:30PM**  
 For more information, contact Dan at 713-726-7107

## TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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

## Holiday Luncheon at Platou

Thursday, December 11  
 11AM-1PM  
 Come meet fellow Westbury residents and bring a potluck dish for all to enjoy!  
 Hope to see you there!

## Holiday Schedule

Dec 22 - Jan 2: open from 10AM to 6PM  
 All scheduled programs will be in place during those hours.

## Aerobics Instructor Needed

A volunteer is needed to teach an aerobics or exercise class on either Tuesday, or Thursday evenings between 6-8PM. Call Supervisor Dan Reilly at 713-726-7107

## Ping Pong Equipment Needed

If you have a used table tennis table to sell or donate, please consider the Platou Center. Nets and balls are also needed. Call Dan at 713-726-7107

## After School

### Enrichment

Youths, ages 6 through 13, can register for After School Enrichment which provides guided activities, including time to do homework. Call Dan Reilly at 713-726-7107 for more information.

**"Like" the Platou Community Center on Facebook**

# Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort  
 Phone: 832-393-1840 / [www.houstonlibrary.org](http://www.houstonlibrary.org)

## December 2014 Events

**Family Story-time :** Every Wed. & Saturday at 10:30 AM

**Adult Mystery Book Club**  
 Call the Meyer Library for info regarding the Adult Book Club.

## HOURS

Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday: 10AM-6PM  
 Wednesday: 10AM-6PM  
 Thursday: 12PM-8PM  
 Friday: 1PM-5PM  
 Saturday: 10AM-5PM  
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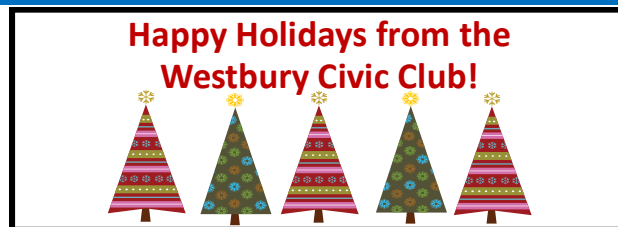
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# What's Happening in Westbury

## Events & Meetings Calendar December 2014

Sun 7	Holiday Music in the Park 2:30-5:30PM Willow Waterhole see page 18 for more details
Mon 8	Westbury Community Garden Meeting 6:30PM Platou Community Center— 11655 Chimney Rock
Thurs 11	Coffee With the Constables 8AM-9AM 5631 Hummingbird in Parkwest 1 See page 1 or 19 for more details
Thurs 11	Holiday Luncheon at the Platou Center 11AM—1PM 11655 Chimney Rock All Westbury residents welcome
Sat 13	Deck the Halls Parade 5PM See page 1 for more details
Sat 13	Yard of the Month Holiday Light & Decoration Judging 
Mon 15	Hearing for Southern Crushed Concrete See page 23 for more information
Mon 15	Parker Community Meeting — New Building 2012 Bond Meeting See page 9 for more information
Sat 15	Audubon Society Bird Survey 7AM Meet at The Gathering Place parking lot—5310 S. Willow
Mon 15	No Brays Bayou Association Meeting in December
Wed 17	No WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Meeting in December
Wed 17	No WCC Board Meeting in December
Tues 23	NO SW PIP (Police Positive Interaction Program) Meeting



## RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH CALENDAR



December 2014	
Thurs 11	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 11	Heavy Trash— <b>JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY</b>
THURS 25*	CHRISTMAS NO TRASH OR RECYCLING
FRIDAY 26	Reg. Trash & Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

January 2015	
Thurs 8	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 8	Heavy Trash- <b>TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY</b>
Thurs 22	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

## Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ 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
- ♻️ Heavy trash can be placed starting at 6PM the Friday before pick-up
- ♻️ **YARD WASTE** is not considered tree waste. It is collected on regular Thursday trash day
- ♻️ Call 311 for all trash questions and complaints
- ♻️ Nearby Trash Depositories and Recycling Centers:  
**SW Trash Depository/Recycling Ctr -10785 SW Frwy**  
Hours: Wed.—Sun. 9AM to 6PM; Accepts Junk Waste, Tree Waste & Recyclables.
- ♻️ **Environmental Service Center - 11500 S. Post Oak**  
Hours: Tues/Wed 9AM-3PM; 2nd Sat 9AM-1PM.  
Accepts Hazardous Household & Electronic Waste.
- ♻️ Refer to [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com) or [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) for more trash and recycling information



## WCC OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS



**December 22– January 1:** WCC Office will be not be open during its normal hours. Please call before coming to the office.

Voicemail and email will be checked periodically.  
Phone: 713-723-5437

Email: [Westburycc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Westburycc@sbcglobal.net)

**Happy Holidays from the WCC Office!**

## City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

November	Tree Waste	January	Tree Waste
December	Junk Waste	February	Junk Waste

# Call to Action—Westbury High School

## Is HISD Keeping or Breaking Promises Made to Westbury?

Last year, only 1859 of 4335 students (43%) zoned to Westbury High School (WHS) opted to attend WHS. That means 57% of the students zoned to WHS chose to go elsewhere. We were advised that the HISD Board of Trustees would be discussing the 2012 bond project scope for Westbury High School in closed session on November 13. We created a petition to collect evidence for HISD that the area fully supports implementing the FULL scope of improvements at WHS that were promised to the community in the 2012 bond package – including spending \$11.2 million expanding the campus size and providing HISD athletic facilities on the new property.

HISD has an opportunity to create an incredible 21st century school at WHS with a regional athletic facility having access to the miles of trails at the nearby 300-acre Willow Waterhole Nature Reserve. HISD has put in place an accomplished and passionate principal at WHS and is improving the academic and career offerings. Overcoming perceptions of safety issues, coupled with creating an appealing campus, is paramount to pushing Westbury High School to the next level to become a school of choice for HISD students.

HISD has already bought 2 of the 4 properties via eminent domain, including the property that is the farthest from the WHS campus. The properties shown in RED on page 7 have already been acquired. Now is the time to finish what has been started and fulfill the promises made in 2012 and earlier by HISD. Completing the promised property acquisitions will bring the WHS campus up to the acreage size that newer HISD and suburban schools are sited on, and will prevent WHS from becoming landlocked like Bellaire and Lamar. It will also make the campus more visually appealing, reduce safety concerns, and allow the WHS campus to adjoin a research center operated by a major corporation.

HISD must be held to their promises to our community. See box below for an excerpt from the December 2013 *Crier* about the land acquisition.

### **Quoted from the December 2013 Westbury Crier:**

#### **HISD Board Votes to Expand WHS Property**

Great News! On November 14, the Trustees of the Houston Independent School District (HISD) voted to give “Authority to finalize negotiations for purchase and approval of resolutions for the initiation of eminent domain procedures, if necessary, for the acquisition of property to expand the **Westbury High School site**”.

The property is to be used for a public purpose, including “additional grounds for public school building(s) and appurtenances or additions thereto, playgrounds, athletic fields, green space, and/or parks in connection therewith”.

**Do not let HISD go back on their promises to Westbury High School and our community.**



## Tireless Community Advocates for WHS at the HISD Board Meeting

Westbury Civic Club board members Cindy Chapman, Eugene Sirls, Becky Edmondson and Leslee Cross attended the HISD November board meeting to advocate on behalf of Westbury High School (WHS). Advocates for WHS resolutely waited for 4 hours to speak.

Improving WHS is so important. The potential is great for WHS to become one of the best schools in HISD. Other advocates who attended the meeting included: SWHouston 2000 president Mike Bercu, District K city council member Larry Green, SN 36 president Marcy Williams, Maplewood resident Jack Evans, WWGC President Ralph Rieger, WHS PTO President Carolyn Campbell, Levitt Pavilion president Howard Sacks, ROTC Chief Cindy Franks and several of her ROTC students, WHS parents, and WHS students. TX Representative Borris Miles made an appearance and provided advice.

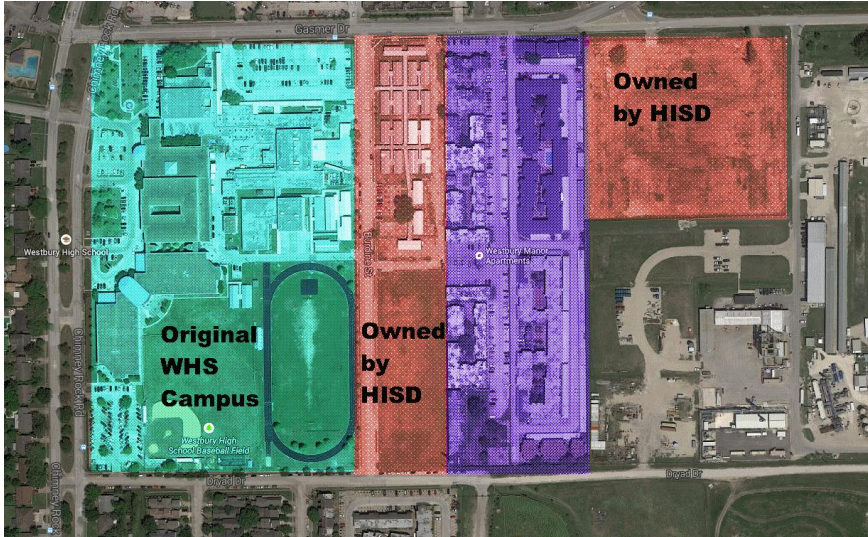
Westbury was heard and progress is hopefully being made. This is just the beginning of making sure that our voices are heard and that what was promised to Westbury comes to Westbury!

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# Call to Action– Westbury High School



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. If you have not already done so, SIGN the online petition for WHS at Change.org. When a petition is involved, the more signatures we get, then the more support we can demonstrate. Find the online petition by searching for "Tell HISD" on change.org. Or, go to the WCC website at [www.westburycrier.com](http://www.westburycrier.com) and find the petition link and more information under the Hot Topics tab.
2. Ask your friends, relatives, co-workers, everyone you know, to sign the petition. Send them the link. Ask them to send the link on to others!
3. When HISD holds its first community meeting for the WHS bond project sometime in 2015, show up at the meeting to demand that HISD fulfill the promises it made for WHS. The money allocated by HISD for WHS campus expansion MUST be spent at WHS.
4. If you do not have a way to sign the online petition, then clip out the letter (right) and mail it to HISD Trustee Wanda Adams.
5. We need to convince at least 5 of the 9 HISD Trustees to fulfill the commitment made by HISD in the 2012 Bond to spend \$ 11.2 million budgeted for WHS campus expansion. If you have good ideas or connections to the trustees, then let us know.
6. Demand the best for WHS and support WHS. Join the WHS PTO. Attend the WHS Family Winter Festival on December 13. Attend school athletic or performance events. Support fundraisers for campus activities. Support the annual Friends of WHS Foundation gala.
7. Email or write letters to the HISD Board of Trustees. Visit [www.houstonisd.org](http://www.houstonisd.org).

### Clip Out Support Letter

(for those who are unable to use the online petition at change.org).

Dear HISD Trustee Wanda Adams,

I want Westbury High School to become a neighborhood school of choice, a school on par with the best schools in HISD. Furthermore, I support campus expansion for Westbury High School, and request that HISD purchase or use eminent domain to acquire the two remaining properties to complete the WHS campus expansion promised in the 2012 HISD bond. Please relay my concerns to the other HISD Trustees and to HISD Superintendent Dr. Terry Grier. Thank you for your support.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State/ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### MAIL TO:

HISD District 9 Trustee Wanda Adams,  
c/o HISD Board Services  
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**Parker Community Meeting: December 15**  
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# 50th Reunion of Parker Elementary 1965

## 50 Year Reunion Parker Elementary

by Becky Edmondson

Have you ever run across an old class picture and wondered whatever happened to so and so? Well, Tom Todd did more than wonder what had happened to his classmates from Parker Elementary Class of 1965. Tom began tracking down former classmates, 31 boys and girls who were hand-picked in the 4th grade to be in an academically able class thru 6th grade to compete with the Russians in science and math. Emails began circulating among the found friends who had not seen one another for decades and, before long, all remaining 29 former classmates had been found.

The desire for reunion was kindled, not just by the curiosity to find each other, but also by the desire to find and thank our sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Marks. We wanted to thank her for teaching us to accept hard work as part of a journey that leads to magical places; for preparing us to be orators when we thought we could not be; and for teaching us to learn from, lean on, and laugh with our classmates. Those were the lessons of a lifetime. In planning a reunion, we were also honoring her memory.

The early November Reunion began with the 29 classmates reuniting for a brown bag lunch at Westbury Park, then a tour of the school and an assembly with current third graders. The Class of 1965 had assembled a time capsule from the 60s, as none was discovered during the school's 50th anniversary celebration. We presented the items to the current third graders, who will be fifth graders when the new school is dedicated, and helped them think about what might go into their time capsule. In our time capsule were a 45rpm record, the November 22, 1963,

special edition of the Houston Chronicle covering JFK's assassination, diaper pins, fountain pens, Civil War Battle cards issued in 1964 to commemorate the centennial of the Civil War, ticket stubs from the Beatles first Houston performance in 1965, and our favorite book from Mrs. Marks' class, *A Wrinkle in Time*.

Classmates also created a mosaic to give to the school with the help of renowned Houston artist, Reginald Adams. We were the third sixth grade class to create a mosaic: the first mosaic, in 1959, created the Cynthia Ann Parker story; the second, in 1975, honored the country's bicentennial; and now ours, 50 years later, celebrated Parker Elementary's early years. Parker Elementary administrators were kind enough to reopen the school for us on Saturday and Mrs. Marks' family joined us as we reminisced. We posed on the Parker stage to recreate our school picture from 50 years before – a new cherished photo. All of us felt that having Mrs. Marks as our sixth grade teacher had helped shape the adults we had become.

We classmates can't really explain why we had so much fun reconnecting 50 years later. Maybe it was all of those shared experiences from the sixties and the memories of spending day after day together for three years. It was a different time. Parker had 2,400 kids in 1964 (compared to 800 today); we rode our bikes or walked to school. There was no air conditioning. Senora Creasey, our Spanish teacher, had 26 classes and 950



students and still offered summer enrichment classes.

We were together in the cafeteria when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963; we had bomb drills, thanks to the fear of Russian attacks; we all received doses of the polio vaccine on sugar cubes in the cafeteria; we were together when President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act in 1964. Despite all the changes, the one constant looking back over 50 years, is that Parker Elementary has consistently had wonderful teachers and administrators who have competently and lovingly educated several generations of Westbury children.

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# Westbury Area Schools

## JMS Fine Arts Fund

Johnston Middle School is the only Performing and Visual Arts Middle School in Texas. A campaign has been started by the PTO to raise funds to improve the program. The list is long and JMS PTO is seeking community support for the music, dance and art programs. Computers, acoustics shells, pianos, cameras, instruments, costumes, drafting tables, bars for the dance class, sheet music, etc. are all needed to keep the programs thriving.

Presently, the Johnston PTO is working with HISD to get major improvements to the auditorium, including lights and stage renovations. HISD has confirmed renovations and updates are coming to the auditorium. The teachers and students are in need of \$300,000 worth of instruments, uniforms, sheet music and classroom updates.

Please support the Fine Arts program by going to [www.jmsfineartsfund.com](http://www.jmsfineartsfund.com) or mail your tax deductible donations to the school attention PTO.

Personal & business donations are all appreciated. No donation is too small. Receipts will be provided. If you have questions or ideas regarding the fund please contact Ann Guerra at [anieguerra@att.net](mailto:anieguerra@att.net) or Steve Martin at [steve@stevemartintexas.com](mailto:steve@stevemartintexas.com).

## Fondren International Baccalaureate World School

About 20% of the homes in Westbury are zoned to Fondren Middle School, located on South Braeswood between Fondren and Hillcroft. Fondren International Baccalaureate World Magnet School is now accepting magnet applications for the 2015-2016 school year. The Magnet application deadline is December 19.

Fondren Middle School is a fully authorized International Baccalaureate World Magnet School. This program encourages all learners to understand and embrace the connections between traditional subjects and the real world. In order to teach in this program, a teacher must be highly qualified and Gifted and Talented certified.

Enhancing our rigorous curriculum is our STEM program. The program provides project-based learning with hands-on application of engineering design and robotics during the instructional day. In addition to the rigorous curriculum during the day, students have the opportunity to attend afterschool enrichment programs.

The final initiative that completes our well rounded curriculum is The Leader in Me. This program is adapted from Steven Covey's book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and teaches students leadership skills and personal responsibility.

Anyone wanting a school tour or more information can contact the Magnet Coordinator, Melodye Montgomery, at 713-778-3360.

## Parker Elementary Community Meeting Get the latest information about the new building

Mark your calendars! On Monday, December 15 from 6:30 to 7:30PM at Parker Elementary, HISD has scheduled a community meeting. This is the second community meeting for Parker and the goal is to present the work done so far in the design process for the new school building and to share site plans, exterior drawings and construction schedules.

This will be your opportunity to see the latest design concepts and site plans for Parker's new school under the 2012 bond program. The next meeting won't be held until shortly before construction starts, so this is the meeting to attend if you want to make comments while the design phase is still ongoing. Input from the community meeting is used to guide the work of each school's Project Advisory Team, which is made up of teachers, staff, administrators, students and community members.



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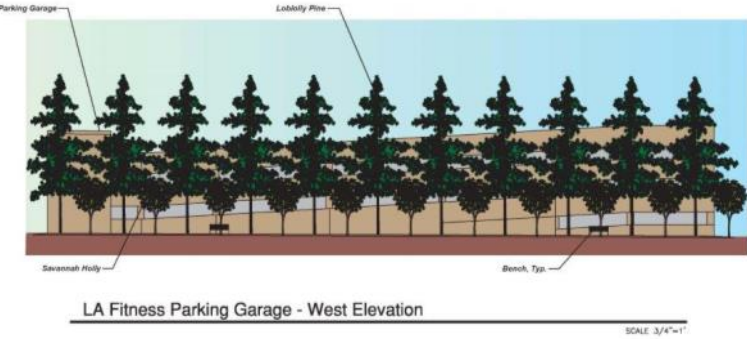


# Westbury Commercial Property

## Westbury Centerette Variance Hearing Update

The “Westbury Centerette” property is a collection of vacant and boarded up buildings near the northeast corner of West Bellfort and Chimney Rock. A developer, Samantha Fitness, hopes to build an LA Fitness center on the site with both ground and garage parking. The developer asked the city for a variance to allow them to maintain the original 10-foot setback on the Chimney Rock side, since the standard setback on a city thoroughfare is now 25 feet. The developer proposes to use the standard 25-foot setback for West Bellfort and standard 10-foot setback for Moonlight. The boards of the Westbury Civic Club and the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation, after discussing the proposed conditions and landscaping plans, approved resolutions to not oppose the variance request.

The City of Houston Planning Commission approved the variance request, with certain conditions that the developer has agreed to meet, if the site is developed, including: new sidewalks on Moonlight, West Bellfort, and Chimney Rock; bike racks, security lighting, conduct traffic studies, and provide screening trees along Moonlight and Chimney Rock. Draft landscaping plans are shown.



### Commercial 101 - FAQ

**“I thought garage sales were not allowed in Westbury. Why is the property on W. Bellfort at Checkerboard allowed to have a garage sale every Friday & Saturday?”**

This property is an unrestricted commercial property that does not fall under our deed restrictions. The Westbury deed restrictions only apply to single family residential properties unless specifically stated within the restrictions. For complaints regarding the garage sale, please call 713-961-4666.



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# Crime/Security

## Holiday Safety Tips

**Holiday Travel:** For those who participate in the WAP Patrol, please make sure you take advantage of their vacation watches. You may call it in directly to Pct. 5 at 281-463-6666 or go to their website and fill out the form electronically [www.harriscountytexas.gov/vacationwatch/vacation.aspx?constid=](http://www.harriscountytexas.gov/vacationwatch/vacation.aspx?constid=)

**Packages:** For those that are having packages delivered to your home, make sure someone is there to accept the package or consider having it delivered to an alternate location such as your work or directly to the UPS store. Several porch package thefts have occurred in Westbury in the past 2 months. As holidays approach, the thieves will be looking for easy targets. Do not be one!

**Shopping:** Be aware of your surroundings. Make sure to park in well lit areas. Do not carry large amounts of cash. Do not wear large amounts of expensive jewelry. Consider shopping during the day or with a friend. Be aware of strangers approaching you with questions to distract you.

**Visible Presents/gifts:** Large displays of presents/gifts should not be visible thru your front windows.

**Scams/Suspicious Person(s):** One common scam in our area involves someone coming to your door asking about trimming your trees. They get you to take them out back while someone else, unbeknownst to you, is robbing you. Call WAP at 281-463-6666 for any suspicious vehicles or people. One way criminals screen the neighborhood and homes is by going door to door with fake solicitations or by knocking to see if the homeowner is home. Do not open the door to strangers, however, let them know that someone is home.

## Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37\* 30 days November 20, 2014

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	3	2	2	0	7
Theft	6	10	5	3	24
Auto Theft	0	5	0	0	5
Robbery	2	3	2	0	7
Assault	1	0	1	0	2
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>45</b>

\*Area bounded by: S. Post Oak, US 90/S. Main, utility easement north of Willowbend and drainage bayou, west of Braewick

### Single Family Residential Crime Locations (30 days preceding 11/20/14)

Block #	Street	Crime
12100	Ashcroft	Theft
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12400	Ashcroft	Burglary
12500	Ashcroft	Burglary
12300	Braewick	Theft
5900	Dellfern	Robbery
10900	Doud	Burglary
6000	Effingham	Theft
5700	Fontenelle	Theft
12400	Renwick	Assault
5900	W. Airport	Robbery
6000	Willowbend	Theft



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**Westbury HPD Storefront**  
713-726-7126

**HPD Non-Emergency**  
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# Westbury Area News

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## Westbury Meet & Eat

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

December Meet & Eat: Thurs., Dec. 4 @ 6PM  
 January Meet & Eat: Thurs., Jan. 8 @ 6PM

## Westbury Trading Group - Facebook

The Westbury/Meyerland/Bellaire Trading Group is a Facebook group that has over 3,000 members. It allows area residents to sell, trade, or buy items from other area residents. It was started by a Westbury mom who saw a need. Check it out today!

## Links for Lost & Found Pets

Nextdoor Westbury - [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)  
 Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/westburyhoustontexas>  
 CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com (Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury) or at www.westburycare.com

## Westbury Volunteer Corp

Are you interested in getting more involved in your community? Looking for a local way to make a difference? Do you need to fulfill volunteer hours for your school or Scout group? The Westbury Civic Club's Volunteer Corp needs you! Please email Stephanie Lester, our Director of Volunteer & Events, to join this valuable team of neighborhood volunteers. Stephanie's email address is westburystephanie@gmail.com.

## Braes Interfaith Ministries Re-Sale Shop New Location Opening in January

The Braes Interfaith Ministries (BIM) Re-Sale Shop will be re-opening soon at a new location near Westbury in January 2015. BIM will now be located on S. Post Oak near the Foodarama store (between Willowbend and S. Willow). Welcome Back!

## Save the Date – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party for Salem Lutheran

On February 20, 2015, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church at 4930 W. Bellfort (across from Kroger) will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from noon – 4 PM. Food trucks. Music. Children's games. Community celebration.

## Westbury High School WinterFest

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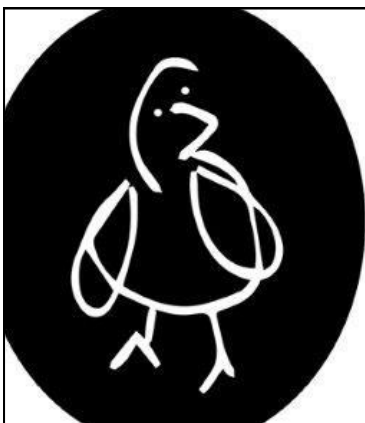
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The new assessment for 2015 will be adjusted by 1.4%. **The amount of the 2015 Mandatory Assessments will be \$230.** The 2015 Mandatory Assessments are due by February 1, 2015. Invoices will be sent out by the end of December.



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# “Klean It Up, Green It Up”

## District K CM Larry Green Launches a New “Green” Initiative

Houston City Council Member Larry Green kicked off his new initiative for District K called “Klean It Up, Green It Up.” Looking to create a cleaner, ‘greener’ community for District K residents, the campaign will ask for residents to get involved in the beautification of District K.

Attending the press conference at City Hall were Cindy Chapman (for the Westbury Super Neighborhood) and Becky Edmondson (for Keep Houston Beautiful). See photo on bottom left.

The goal with “Klean It Up, Green It Up” is not simply to create a better District K, it is to make our community one of “cleanest, greenest districts in the city.” It is an initiative focused on beautifying District K through tree plantings, the development of community gardens, an increased focus on recycling, and opening community farmers’ markets, amongst other green initiatives.

An official unveiling of “Klean It Up, Green It Up” took place during a community kick-off rally event on Saturday, November 8, at the Fountain of Praise Fountain Life Center in Southwest Houston. CM Green arranged for numerous city departments and other community projects to come out to spread the word on their work. Representatives from the Westbury Community Garden, the WCC, the WAIC and the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy were on hand to talk about their green projects.

For more information on the campaign, please visit [www.KleanItUpGreenItUp.Org](http://www.KleanItUpGreenItUp.Org)





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# WCG Fall Festival

## Westbury Community Garden Fall Festival of Thanks

Undaunted by the cold temperatures, over 100 people turned out to celebrate Fall and the saving of the Westbury Community garden (WCG). The garden itself looked beautiful as the gardeners had spent many workdays getting ready to show off their labors of love.

The gardeners wowed the crowd with their scrumptious meal offerings: from pulled pork to salads directly from the garden; to desserts like pumpkin pie and pecan pie. To make it complete, gardeners shared their recipes.

There were activities for children from ring toss, face painting and "playing with your food". There were tours of the garden and composting demonstrations. The scarecrow contest was the highlight as gardeners formed six teams to create scarecrows to compete for votes.

A short program was held to thank those who had worked not only to save the garden but to build and support the garden. Mayor Parker was on hand as we owed her the biggest thanks for her creative solution to saving the garden. Others receiving our heartfelt thanks were: David Hawes and Richard Rodriguez representing the Brays Oaks Management District (BOMD); Representatives from the City's Solid Waste Dept. and its Dept. of Neighborhoods; a large group from long-time supporter Scotts Miracle Gro; Robin Blut from Keep Houston Beautiful; Metal Rain of Texas; Sandra Wicoff from Urban Harvest; and Teresa O'Donnell from Plant It Forward Farms.

But perhaps the biggest thanks of all go to the gardeners who toil at not only their plots but all the garden common areas. They are such wonderful ambassadors for the garden. Thanks to all the Westbury residents who came out to enjoy the garden.



**Thank you to the hard working gardeners and volunteers of the Westbury Community Garden for making this great event possible!**

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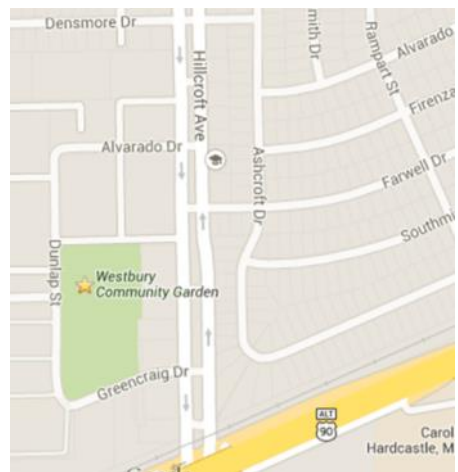


# Mayor of Houston Visits the WCG Fall Festival



## The Mayor Visits the Garden

The City of Houston Mayor, Annise Parker, was the special guest of honor at the WCG Fall Festival of Thanks. The mayor previously came to the Garden for its dedication ceremony a little less than 5 years ago. A lot has changed at the garden since then and she was happy to see all the changes. The mayor spent about an hour at the garden. She met the Plant it Forward farmers, spoke with Westbury residents and gardeners, and toured the entire garden with Becky Edmondson, Cindy Chapman and Marcia Hartman.



**Buy Fresh Food at the Westbury Community Garden**  
 A farm stand run by Plant It Forward Farms is open at the garden on  
**Saturdays from 9AM to 5PM**  
**Sundays 10AM to 6PM.**


A farm share program is also available with pick up at the Westbury Community Garden. Visit [www.plant-it-forward.org](http://www.plant-it-forward.org) for more information.



## WHERE IS THE GARDEN?

12581 Dunlap (77035) is off Hillcroft between W. Airport and South Main. Heading south on Hillcroft, turn right onto Greencraig, follow it around the bend where it turns into Dunlap. The large blue roof on the WCG Pavilion is readily visible. Street parking.





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# Willow Waterhole Events and Updates

## Holiday Music in the Park Sunday, December 7 2:30-6:30PM

Come out to the Willow Waterhole Annual Holiday Music Extravaganza and enjoy music featuring:

- Brentwood Baptist Children's Choir**
- Greater St. Matthew's Baptist Choir**
- Westbury Jazz Band**
- Westbury Choir**
- Westbury Christian School Choir**

Refreshments available for purchase from Grizzaffi Coffee Catering. (Hot Chocolate, Hot Cider, Coffee, Cappuccino, Pumpkin Latte, Etc.) Event will be held at the South Gazebo. Parking available at 5300 Dryad.

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Parking will be open on Dryad and Gasmer. Make sure to lock vehicle and do not leave valuables in the car.

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Pictured below are participants at the wildflower seed ball toss at Willow Waterhole on Oct. 25. Photo by Pete McConnell, The Varnett Public School



## Willow Waterhole Work Days

### WHS Honor Society

On Saturday, November 8, WHS Honor Society students led by Ms. Jennifer Kuhleman and her sister Evelyn moved the remaining portion of the 15 cubic yards of mulch to the base of approximately 50 trees along the Shell boundary with Willow Waterhole. This was the second part to their project at the Willow Waterhole. They started on October 11. It was a beautiful day for working outside! Afterward volunteers went to Annie's to celebrate their accomplishment. Pictured are WHS Honor students at Annie's Hamburgers.



## Seed Ball Making and Spreading

For the past 2 months, volunteers at the Platou Center and two 5th grade classes from the Varnett Academy made over 5,600 seed balls. The seed balls were thrown along the slopes of the Willow Waterhole and then firemen from the Westbury Fire Station made it rain with their fire truck to start the germination of the wildflower seeds.



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# WCC Fall Events

## A Chilly November Coffee with Constables

The cold weather didn't deter neighbors from getting out and enjoying coffee and pastries while visiting with members of our Westbury Area Patrol in November. Approximately 30 Westbury residents came together at the home of Scott & Krista Patlovich on November 13. Because of the sub-40 degree temperatures, the Patlovich family opened their home and the event was moved inside.

Constables and guests enjoyed fresh Starbucks coffee and Shipley's Do-nuts provided by the Westbury Civic Club along with homemade pastries and fresh fruit. WCC Board members attending included Becky Edmondson, Leslee Cross, Cindy Chapman, Heath Campbell, Eugene Sirls, Virginia Livingston, and Jeff Weiss.

The December Coffee with Constables will be held at the Hope Family home at 5631 Hummingbird on December 11 from 8AM to 9:30AM.



## White Elephant Sale

The Fall White Elephant Sale was held on Saturday, October 25. It was another beautiful sunny day for the community garage sale. Over 50 residents took part in the sale with hundreds of shoppers. The sale could not happen without the hard work from the WCC Office Manager and the WCC Board members who volunteer their time to work the sale. See everyone in the Spring! Look in future *Criers* for more information about the Spring White Elephant Sale.



“Like” our Facebook page, Westbury Houston, to stay updated on neighborhood issues. Other nearby neighborhoods also have Facebook pages that alert their residents of crimes; it’s a good idea to follow them as well. Nearby neighborhoods on Facebook include Marilyn Estates, Meyerland, & Sharpstown

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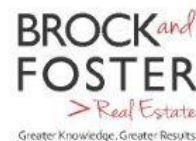


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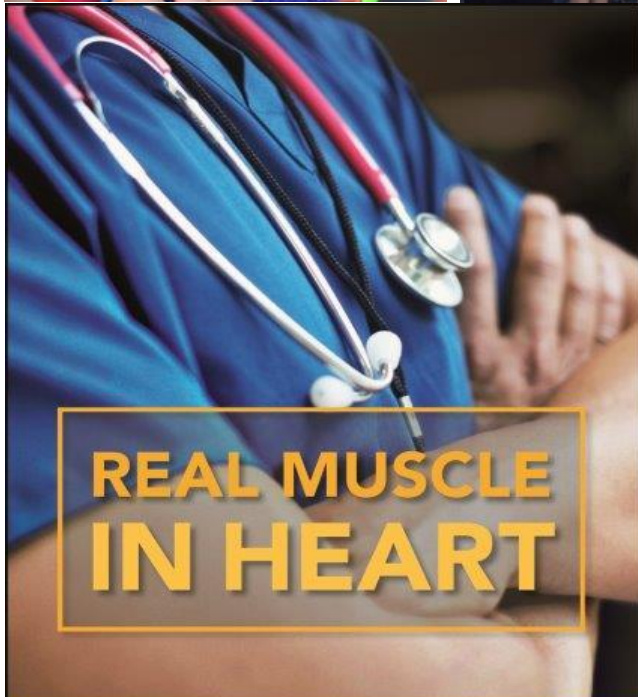
# Westbury Halloween Parade

## Trick or Treat at Westbury Park

The first Halloween Parade was held at Westbury Park on a beautiful late October afternoon. Approximately 50 Westbury families came out with their children to trick or treat around the park. Southwest HPD officers Heidi Dougherty and Johnny Ramos were on hand to give a talk to the kids about staying safe on Halloween night. In addition to the adults distributing candy, bagels were donated by the New York Bagel Shop as well as bottled water by Jackie Murray of Weichert Realty.

The event was organized by new Westbury resident, Krista Patlovich. Krista moved to Westbury in August and wanted to organize an event where she could bring families together to meet one another and most importantly, have fun!

It was truly a great event where a strong sense of community was clearly seen. The participation of residents and the support of local businesses helped to make this gathering a huge success. Thank you Westbury and we'll see you at next year's Halloween Parade! Look at next October's Crier for the date.



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# Westbury Wins Multiple Awards



## Westbury Wins Multiple Awards at Keep Houston Beautiful

The Keep Houston Beautiful 30th annual Mayor's Proud Partners Luncheon, on October 27, featured awards going to **FOUR** Westbury area projects this year. We also gratefully acknowledge and thank these volunteers for their efforts.

**Westbury Civic Club** (Recognition award) - *Keep Westbury Beautiful Day* at Hager Park project

**Marcia Hartman** (Recognition award) - Westbury Community Garden

**Friends of Chimney Rock Park** (Recognition award) - Nature Study summer program at the Platou Community Center

**Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy** (Mayor's Proud Partner Award) - Native prairie plant rescue project.

Keep Houston Beautiful has definitely been a leader in the beautification of this city and Westbury. Thank you to the many Westbury volunteers who work tirelessly each year to make our little part of Houston beautiful.

### Congratulations Becky Edmondson

Westbury's very own, **Becky Edmondson**, was chosen as one of "35 People Who have Changed Houston for the Better". Keep Houston Beautiful (KHB) selected these 35 people to celebrate and commemorate its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Edmondson, in addition to being President of the Westbury Civic Club, is also serving as a Houston Clean City Commissioner, representing District K.



**Thank you to Becky for all her hard work for Westbury and District K!**



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## Deed Restrictions and More

### House Numbers

Also, take a look at your house number today. Do you have house numbers on your house and are the numbers readily visible from the street? Did you know that the city requires EVERY home to have a visible house number, so that emergency vehicles can respond quickly to the correct address. A house number painted on the curb is helpful, but it can be obscured by a parked car. The ordinance says a house number should be placed either on the primary door or within 18 inches from that door. If your house was built before 1979, then the numbers have to be at least 2" tall. If your house was built between 1979 and 2010, then the numbers have to be at least 3" tall. If your house was built after January 2010, then the numbers should be at least 4" tall.

### Remodeling your home?

#### Adding On? Do you know your deed restrictions?

**Did you know that the Westbury Civic Club can look over your proposed plans for free before you start construction?** We want to avoid deed restriction violations before they happen. Did you know that Westbury 2, Westbury 3, and Westbury 5 have a 25 foot rear setback for the main structure? Did you know that there is a minimum percentage of brick that must be on your home? Did you know that you can't build in front of your building line? We want to help you! We want you to find out about possible violations before it costs you money and time. Several homeowners in the past couple years have had to tear down and/or modify their construction due to deed restriction violations.

**The City of Houston does not review deed restrictions when issuing permits.** They require a signed affidavit acknowledging that the plans comply with your deed restrictions. This holds YOU, the homeowner, accountable for knowing and complying with your deed restrictions. We are here to help you. All deed restrictions are available online at [westburycrier.com](http://westburycrier.com).

### Thank you City of Houston Solid Waste Department!

Recently, a Westbury resident's trash can was smashed by the trash truck. At 3:45PM on Thursday, the resident called the City at 311 to report the problem. The 311 operator was very courteous and gave the resident the service number and informed the resident that it could take up to 6 days to receive a new trash can and to please not use the old one and leave it on the curb for the City to pick up. Imagine the surprise when at 8:20AM the very next morning, the City of Houston was outside delivering a brand new trash can!

Sometimes the City can take forever to get something done, but it's nice to know that in the 4th largest city in the US, we have such prompt action from city services.



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# WAIC / Southern Crushed Concrete

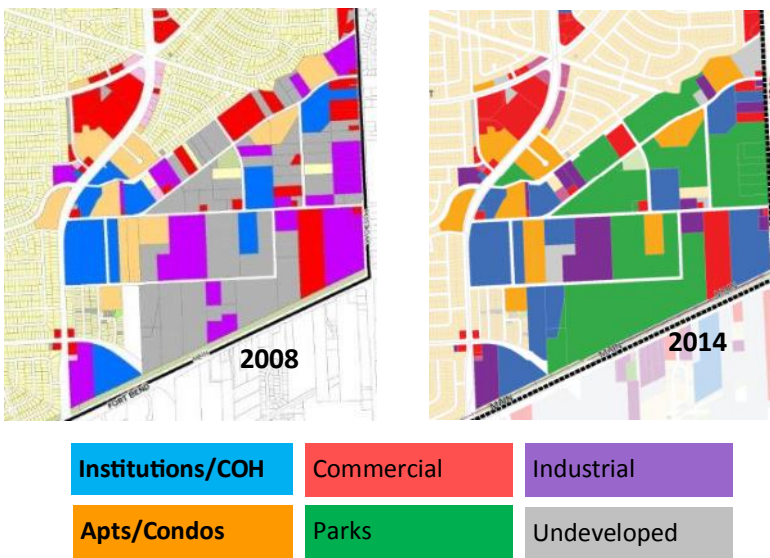
## Southern Crushed Concrete – Update on Environmental Permit Request

**Hearing moved to December 15.** The hearing that was to be held on November 20 was pushed back to December 15. This is an alignment hearing where the judge decides which parties or groups will be allowed to participate in the contested hearing.

Southern Crushed Concrete (SCC) has a facility on Gasmer (near the Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve and the convent ) and has applied for an environmental permit to operate a concrete batch plant. “The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less”. A community meeting on this topic was held at Westbury High School in late July to express concerns and to request a contested hearing. On September 22, the applicant requested that the case be referred directly to The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. As we learn more information, we will keep you updated via the WCC Facebook page and NextDoor.

**SOAH will conduct a case hearing on DECEMBER 15 at 10 AM at The Preserve at North Loop, 2020 North Loop West, Suite 111, Houston, TX, 77018.**

## Land Use Maps for Westbury SN (zoomed in to the Willow Waterhole area)



## WAIC: Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

The nonprofit WAIC monthly meeting was held on November 19. The WAIC board for 2015 was elected. The board voted to not hold a business meeting in December. The two primary topics of discussion this month were the issues regarding the campus expansion controversy (see articles on pages 1, 6-7) at Westbury High School (WHS) and pending environmental permit by Southern Crushed Concrete

**WHS Campus Expansion Controversy** –Despite the promises made by HISD to complete the land acquisition to expand the Westbury High School campus for athletic facilities, HISD now does not want to do the budgeted project. We discussed the strong community support at the HISD November hearing and at the online petition, and ways to continue to advocate for the campus expansion.

**Southern Crushed Concrete (SCC):** The upcoming December 2014 hearing about the SCC environmental permit application will be an “alignment” hearing, where the judge decides which parties or groups will be allowed to participate in the contested hearing about the permit application. It had been advised that groups which want to participate as an interested party at the hearings approve a formal resolution expressing that desire; therefore, the WAIC board approved several resolutions on the topic. See blue box on page 3.

In other business, the WAIC board approved a motion to participate as a Super Neighborhood at the Neighborhoods USA conference in Houston in the summer of 2015. WAIC President Cindy Chapman spoke at the variance hearing at the Planning Commission to relay that the WAIC board and SN did not oppose the variance request by Samantha Fitness. A Westbury Square Townhome resident spoke about his efforts to reduce traffic speeds and improve pedestrian safety in the area.

**The next WAIC meeting will be on Wed., January 21, at Salem Lutheran Church at 8:30AM.**

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