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Deck the Halls Parade Saturday, December 19 @ 5PM

The 16th Annual Deck the Halls Parade will be on Saturday, December 19, at 5PM. 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 "Dr. Seuss." Check out 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.

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Westbury Civic Club Celebrating 60 Years

The Year 2016 marks an exciting time in Westbury's history, as it is the 60th Anniversary of the Westbury Civic Club! We are busy planning a big celebration for our community and will be publishing more information in the upcoming editions of the *Crier*.

Interested in how you can participate in the festivities? We are busy setting up committees for our celebration as well as other events and will be asking for volunteers soon. Look for updates in the *Crier* and on social media.

WE NEED YOUR OLD PHOTOS OF WESTBURY NOW! For more information about what we need and how it works, see page 7.

**Run-off Election
December 12
See page 6**



WCC OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS



Closed: December 23- January 1
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HOLIDAY EVENTS

Good Gifts Market
Sat., December 5, 9-2PM

Westbury United Methodist

For more information, see page 17



"A Christmas Carol" play
Sat., December 5-20

Company OnStage @ St. John's

For more information, see page 17

Living Gift Market

Sun., December 6, 11:30-1:30PM

St. John's Presbyterian

For more information, see page 17

Holiday Music in the Park

Sun., December 6, 3-5PM

Willow Waterhole

For more info., see page 19

**NEW
25 FT
SNOW
HILL**

Holiday Social Potluck

Wed., December 9, 11-1PM

Platou Center Community Center

For more information, see page 4

YARD OF THE MONTH

HOLIDAY DECORATION JUDGING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 &

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13



TRASH ALERTS



HEAVY TRASH:

Heavy Trash for **DECEMBER** is **JUNK WASTE**. Pick-up for ALL of Westbury is **Thursday, DECEMBER 10**. **DO NOT PLACE JUNK WASTE ON CURB UNTIL DECEMBER 5**

More trash info, see page 5

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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 9:30AM-1:30PM*, Closed Fridays

Address: 5322 W Bellfort Ste. 107 Houston, TX 77035

Phone: 713-723-5437 **Email:** Westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Office Manager: Jennifer Edmondson

*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

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713-884-3131

Power Outages (Centerpoint)
713-207-2222

Westbury HPD Storefront
832-394-7520

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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Use "Report A Problem"

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

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President's Message

Hopefully someday there will not be a President's Message that begins with the sad report that homes in Westbury were flooded again. About 100 homes that flooded on Memorial Day again had water enter their homes, this time on Halloween. I went down to speak to City Council on November 10 and asked that the City replace our aged and inadequate storm sewers. It is unfair that residents have paid their taxes year after year for 10, 20, 30, 40 and even 50 years without the City re-investing in our neighborhood storm sewer infrastructure.

Two of the hard hit areas have been pre-engineered through the Rebuild Houston project, but other affected areas have been omitted. The section west of Hillcroft is in the CIP plan for 2020. The section east of Hillcroft MUST be included. Residents cannot live in fear that every rain cloud could bring devastation to their lives. People are angry, upset and stressed. This is taking a toll on their health and their lives. Once the new city administration is in place, we will continue advocating for these much needed storm water infrastructure improvements.

Please be sure to vote in the upcoming run-off election on December 12. Who represents us does matter. I am pleased that most of our precincts are again in the top 5% in Houston for voter participation, with several having more than 40% of eligible voters voting. But that still means 60 percent of Westbury's registered

voters did not vote. A chart on our voting percentages is on page 6. PLEASE VOTE! Turnout is expected to be light, making each vote that is cast even more important. Don't know who to vote for? The League of Women Voters has a lot of information on their website. We have even included a sample ballot on page 6. Mark your choices and bring it to the polls with you!

The City has several projects beginning in Westbury and you can read about them on page 8. Be sure to report infrastructure problems with your water line, your sewer, or your streets to 311.

This is my favorite time of the year. We are reminded to be thankful and to take time to enjoy our family and friends. It is also a time to look back over the past year. 2015 started on a high note with the Neighborhood USA conference and Westbury winning first place in the neighborhood of the year competition! The Westbury Crier took home a Second Place Award. Improvements were made at our parks. Our community garden continued to thrive. The Willow Waterhole hosted many great events. The dilapidated Centerette was finally demolished. Home sales were brisk in Westbury and our property values are up.

It is also time to look forward to the new year. 2016 will be a celebratory year. The Civic Club will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary! Check out page 7 for ways to join in the celebration.

For 60 years, volunteers have come forward year after year to ensure that Westbury is the best neighborhood it can be. I work with an amazing group of volunteers who give so much of their time to make Westbury a great place to call home.

It is a joyous time of year when hope and love and the gifts of the spirit are evident everywhere. Soon our streets will be awash with the glow of Christmas and holiday lights. The December Yard of the Month judging will focus on holiday decorations. Holiday celebrations like the Deck the Halls parade and the Willow Waterhole Holiday Music in the Park can become holiday traditions for you and your family. We wish you all the joys of the season!

Becky Edmondson



Come check out the Deck the Halls Parade on December 19! Cindy Chapman and Becky Edmondson rode in the parade last year. Look for the WCC Board this year!

November 2015 Board Notes

- Vanessa Gempis and Felicia Brisco reviewed services at the Meyer Library.
- Mayra Hypolite from the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods, talked about the drive-arounds that ensure home and businesses in Westbury meet City standards.
- Alyce Coffey with the Solid Waste Department explained about the new city ordinance that will curtail those who dump tires.
- Board discussed and unanimously approved all motions made by the Budget Committee regarding the 2016 Budget. See to the right for actual motions. See page 10 for information.
- Board approved the 2016 Budget. See page 11.
- Thank you Jackie Murray & Kendyl Maurer for providing cookies and water.

NEXT WCC Board Meeting: Wed., January 20

Board Committee Motions were all approved unanimously by the WCC Board on November 18, 2015.

- ◆ Beginning in 2016, Mandatory Assessments now be billed for as one item to be called Mandatory Assessments.
- ◆ Beginning in 2016, Voluntary Dues now will be solicited and accounted for as two components: Westbury Civic Club Dues and Westbury Area Patrol. The 2016 Westbury Civic Club Dues will be \$50 and the Westbury Area Patrol Voluntary will be \$285. The total will be \$335.
- ◆ Beginning in 2016, Transfer fees will be increased from \$100 to \$125.
- ◆ Beginning in 2016, Refinance fees will be increased from \$50 to \$75.
- ◆ Beginning in 2016, Resale Certificates will be available by request for all sections of Westbury and Parkwest. A normal Resale Certificate request is \$100. A RUSH request is \$150. The WCC President and Treasurer are authorized to determine the definition of a RUSH.

Platou Community Center

11655 Chimney Rock
Hours: Mon-Thurs 12PM—8PM; Fri 11AM-7PM
Supervisor: Dan Reilly,
Daniel.reilly@houstontx.gov or 713-726-7107

Holiday Social Potluck

December 9, 11AM—1PM

Open to all, everyone is invited. It is a pot luck lunch, so bring a dish to share!

We are also collecting gifts for Toys for Tots. If you would like to participate, drop off an unwrapped toy to the Platou Center between Dec.7-9.

For more information or questions, please call Dan, at 713-726-7107.

Holiday Schedule

*Family Fun Day for Dec. 12 is cancelled due to Run-off Election. The next family fun day will be January 23

*Platou Center will be closed December 24 and 25.

Meyer Neighborhood Library

5005 W. Bellfort
Hours: See box below
Phone: 832-393-1840 /
www.houstonlibrary.org

December 2015 Events

Baby Playgroup

Tuesdays | 10–10:45 AM
Ages 0 – 18 Months. Playgroup includes music, singing and toys! Babies will learn socialization and motor skills as they play and have fun with each other.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays | 10- 10:45 AM
Ages 18 – 36 Months. Join us for stories, songs, crafts and playtime for toddlers.

Pre-K Storytime

Wednesdays | 11-11:45 AM
Ages 3-5 years. Join us for stories, songs and rhymes for children and their caregivers.

Arts & Crafts for Kids

Thursdays | 3:30-4:30 PM
Ages 4-10 years. Come by after school and enjoy an afternoon of arts and crafts.

Tween & Teen Zone

Thursdays | 4:30-5:30 PM
Ages 10-17. Come by after school and relax with your friends at the library. There will be craft projects, homework help, test prep and special workshops!

HOURS

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 10AM-6PM
Wed.: 10AM-6PM
Thursday: 12PM-8PM
Friday: 1PM-5PM
Saturday: 10AM-5PM
Sunday: Closed

Westbury Pool: Closed

10605 Mullins @ Willowbend
The pool will reopen
Memorial Day 2016.

NEW Greeting/Holiday Card Making Class 2nd & 4th Thursdays 10AM-2PM

The types of cards they will make will change each week and have a theme. Some supplies will be provided and some will need to be purchased by the participant.

STRETCHING EXERCISE CLASS

Mon., Wed., Fri. from 9-9:45AM

Improve your flexibility by joining this non-strenuous exercise class. No registration required.

MSBEEHAVEN QUILTERS -Tues., 10AM - 2PM

GAMES—Wed., 10AM to 12PM

For more information, contact Wally at 713-729-9310

PORTABLE PROJECTS- Thurs., 9:30-11:30AM

For more information, contact Hazel at -729-4568

LINE DANCING Mondays @ 12:30PM

For more information, contact Dan at 713-726-7107

Ping Pong Leagues—Wednesday & Friday

Open adult ping pong will be on Fridays from 11AM to 2PM. Open adult and teen play on Wed., from 6-8PM.

TOPS: TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

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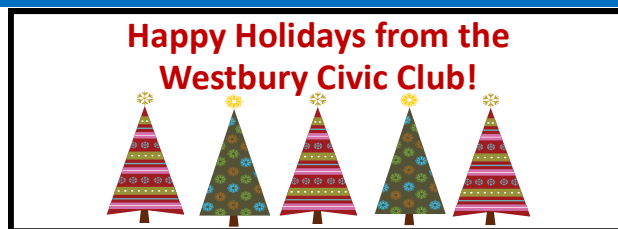
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What's Happening in Westbury

Events & Meetings Calendar December 2015

Sun. 6	Holiday Music in the Park 3-5PM Willow Waterhole See page 19 for more information
Wed. 9	Holiday Social Potluck 11AM- 1PM Platou Center See page 4 for more information
Sat. 12	RUN OFF ELECTION VOTE!!!! See page 6 for more information.
Sat. 12 – Sun. 13	HOLIDAY YARD OF THE MONTH JUDGING 
Wed. 16	NO WAIC/Super Neighborhood #37 Mtg in December
Wed. 16	NO Westbury Civic Club Board Meeting in December
Sat. 19	Deck the Halls Parade 5PM See page 1 for more information
Sat. 19	NO Audubon Society Bird Survey in December
Mon. 21	No Brays Bayou Association Meeting in December
Tues. 22	No SW PIP Meeting in December
Dec 21– Jan 4	HISD Winter Break
Dec 23– Jan 1	WCC Office Closed Email and voicemails will be checked daily.



RECYCLING AND HEAVY TRASH CALENDAR



December 2015

Thurs 10	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 10	Heavy Trash– JUNK WASTE ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 24	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

January 2016

Thurs 7	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury
Thurs 14	Heavy Trash- TREE WASTE ONLY ALL OF WESTBURY
Thurs 21	Curbside Recycling All of Westbury

Important Trash & Recycling Info

- ♻️ Regular trash pickup is every Thursday. Recycling is every other Thursday. Heavy Trash is once a month, 2nd Thursday.
- ♻️ 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 or www.houstontx.gov for more trash and recycling information

WCC OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

December 23– January 1: WCC Office will be not be open during its normal hours. Please call before coming to the office to make sure someone is there.

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

Email: Westburycc@sbcglobal.net

Happy Holidays from the WCC Office!
Happy New Year!

City of Houston Heavy Trash Schedule

December	Junk Waste	January	Tree Waste
February	Junk Waste	March	Tree Waste

Election Information

RUNOFF ELECTION Sat., DECEMBER 12

EARLY VOTING—

December 2 - December 5: 7AM - 7PM

December 6: 1PM - 6PM

December 7 - December 8: 7AM- 7PM

Sample Ballot for Run-Off Election

MAYOR

- Bill King
 Sylvester Turner

COUNCIL MEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 1

- Mike Knox
 Georgia Provost

COUNCIL MEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 2

- David W. Robinson
 Willie R. Davis

COUNCIL MEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 4

- Amanda Edwards
 Roy Morales

COUNCIL MEMBER, AT-LARGE POSITION 5

- Jack Christie
 Sharon Moses

CITY CONTROLLER

- Chris B. Brown
 Bill Frazer

Many thanks to the hardworking poll workers and precinct judges who put in long hours during the early voting and Election Day proceedings.
Westbury appreciates you all!

Westbury Votes Count

Westbury residents can be PROUD that we have some of the highest voter participation in the city. According to a recent study, Texas ranks last or close to last in civic participation, but that's not true for Westbury! An amazing 72% of Houston's registered voters did NOT vote. Of the 1076 precincts, only 60 precincts had turnout above 40% and another 126 precincts had turnouts over 30%. Check out your precinct below. Westbury's 4 main precincts averaged over 40% making them in the top 5% for voter turnout. The average was 36% when all nine of the precincts where Westbury voters participate were examined. Both of these percentages were better the county, city and District C and K averages.

What this means to Westbury residents is that our votes do count. The Westbury community is respected by politicians because our residents are aware of civic issues and we vote. We urge all eligible Westbury residents to vote in the December 12 runoff. If eligible, you can vote in December even if you did not vote during the November general city election. The League of Women Voters website at <http://lwvhouston.org> is a great resource to evaluate candidates. This runoff election is so important to Houstonians. The 4 at-large council positions that are in the runoff DO matter because the successful candidates will represent ALL residents of Houston. Let's show them Westbury cares! GET OUT AND VOTE on December 12!

Westbury Voter Participation in November 2015 Election

Precinct	Registered voters	Actual Voters	% Voted
14: Parker Elementary	1862	804	43.2
146: Platou Community Center	1,982	830	41.9
291: Houston Christian Fellowship	1,195	446	37.3
293: Anderson Elementary	1,731	658	38.0
Westbury Only precincts	6,770	2,738	40.4
281: Kolter Elementary	2,596	1,159	44.6
403: Westbury Baptist Church	1,699	823	48.4
693: Braeswood Assembly God	660	200	30.3
453: Spanish United Pentecostal	1,914	350	18.3
22: Foerster Elementary	2,378	522	22.0
ALL Westbury precincts listed above	16,017	5,792	36.2
District K	80,357	22,648	28.2
District C	132,996	47,125	35.4
Harris County	2,054,717	420,970	20.5
City of Houston	979,401	268,459	27.4

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Celebrating 60 Years of the Westbury Civic Club



Willowbend @Manhattan in late 1950s. Not many trees!



Life on Willowbend in late 1950s. Today, there are homes and fences behind her!

60th Anniversary of the WCC

This coming year marks an exciting time in Westbury's history, as it is the 60th anniversary of the Westbury Civic Club!

Interested in how you can participate in the festivities? We are busy setting up committees for our celebration as well as other events and will be asking for volunteers soon. Look for updates in the *Crier* and on social media.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE NOW?

WE WANT YOUR OLD WESTBURY PHOTOS!

We are looking for photos from the 1950's-2000s depicting life in Westbury. Think neighborhood get-togethers, holiday gatherings with the neighbors, the neighborhood kids playing at the park, anything that shows life in our great neighborhood throughout the years. We would especially love to find some old photos of the streets and outside of homes from throughout the decades!

How can I submit my photos? You can drop them off in an envelope with your name, phone number, and address to the Civic Club Office or you can scan them and email them to Jennifer at westburycc@sbcglobal.net. We will be very careful with your photos and hand deliver them back to your home!

Do I get my photos back? Yes! Once we have scanned your photos, we will drop them back by your house.

Where will these photos be seen? The photos will be on display at our celebration party as well as in the *Crier* throughout this anniversary year. You can choose to have your name associated with them or not.

We look forward to seeing your photos of life in Westbury! Please call the Civic Club office at 713-723-5437 if you have any questions.

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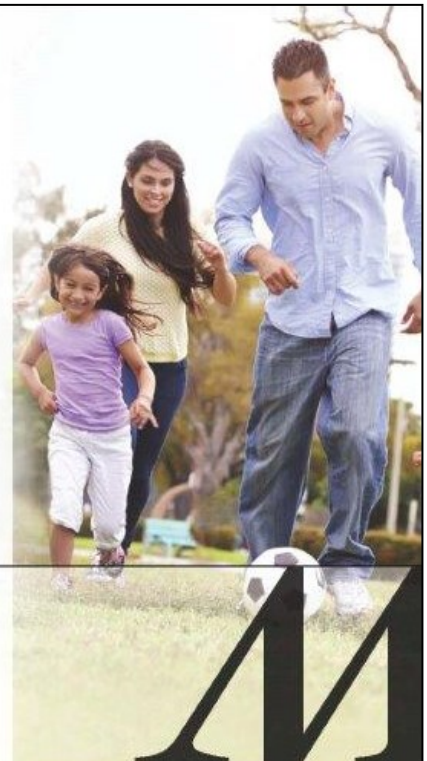
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Willowbend Asphalt Overlay

Willowbend Blvd. from Albury to Cedarhurst is scheduled to receive an asphalt overlay. This is a continuation of the overlay done on Willowbend several years ago that ended at West Bellfort.

We had hoped to have the street reconstructed, but the asphalt overlay will be a big improvement. Conditions on Willowbend have seriously deteriorated and drivers often drive in the wrong lane to avoid the potholes. Work was scheduled to begin November 30th and will be completed in March 2016.

Please make note of this construction and adjust your routes accordingly. We expect delays around the area due to the construction and the number of schools located off Willowbend. Look to future *Criers* for updates.

Water Main Line Replacements

Have you noticed strange markings on the sidewalks and streets? These are signs of upcoming improvement projects in our area. Alert residents notified the Civic Club of workers along Fontenelle. After some research and help from our City Council office, we were able to determine that portions of Westbury South and Westbury 3 will be having their water lines replaced. This is NOT storm drains. These are the water mains that break in the summer! This project is still in planning and design phases. Construction is not going to start until at least 2019.

Westbury 3 streets included in the project are:

Ashcroft from Cartagena to Burlinghall
Landsdowne from Burlinghall to Ludginton
Burlinghall from Mullins to Renwick
Cerritos from Mullins to Cartagena
Mullins from Burlinghall to Cerritos
Cartagena from Cerritos to Ashcroft
Cartagena from Burlinghall to Cerritos

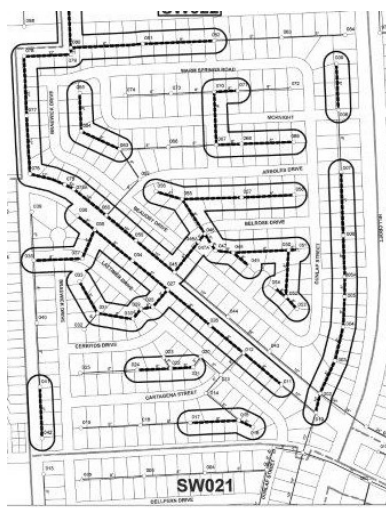
Westbury South Streets included in project are:

Greenraig from Ashcroft to Atwell
Fontenelle from Atwell to Alvarado
Atwell from Greenraig to Fontenelle
Farwell from Rampart to Landsdowne
Firenza from Rampart to Landsdowne
Landsdowne from Airport to Greenraig
Rampart from Airport to Greenraig
Ashcroft from Densmore to Greenraig

Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement

Most of Westbury 5 West of Hillcroft and Parkwest 3 are getting their Sanitary Sewer lines replaced. See photos below. All homes affected will receive a notice from the contractor. Almost all the sanitary sewer lines are located in our backyards. They are in the 5 foot utility easement at the rear of most properties. The contractor will need access to your backyard when they are working in your area. Watch for notices if you live in the below areas. For more questions or issues, contact Portland Utilities General Manager, Steven Ham, at (713) 434-1924.

Parkwest 3 Replacement



Westbury 5 Replacement



HCFC Work on the Braewick Ditch

The work by HCFC to correct the flow and desilt the Braewick ditch is complete. The fence at the end of Warm Springs that had been removed has been replaced. PW3 section director, Joe Niles, reported that the work on the ditch made a difference for his section as, so far, there have been only a few reports of homes with water entering them in PW3. However, as of last week someone had vandalized the fence and knocked it down. This has been reported and should be fixed soon.



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More Westbury Flooding—October 31



Fed up residents on Cartagena show how many times they have each flooded.

DID WATER ENTER YOUR HOME?

The City and Westbury experienced heavy rainfall on Halloween Day, October 31. About 100 homes in Westbury flooded. As we advocate getting our storm sewers rebuilt and more storm water capacity added to protect our neighborhood better from flooding, the city and the county use their data sources to tell them where there is a problem with structural flooding. **IF YOU DON'T REPORT YOUR FLOODING PROBLEMS TO THEM, THEN YOUR FLOODING DID NOT HAPPEN!**

If STRUCTURAL flooding isn't reported to 311, then the city doesn't know where structural flooding has occurred. It is very important to report your structural flooding to both the City AND to Harris County. If you haven't done it yet, please do it right now, without delay.

To report to the City: Call 311, or use the Houston311 mobile app, or go online to 311. There is an easy template to report flooding

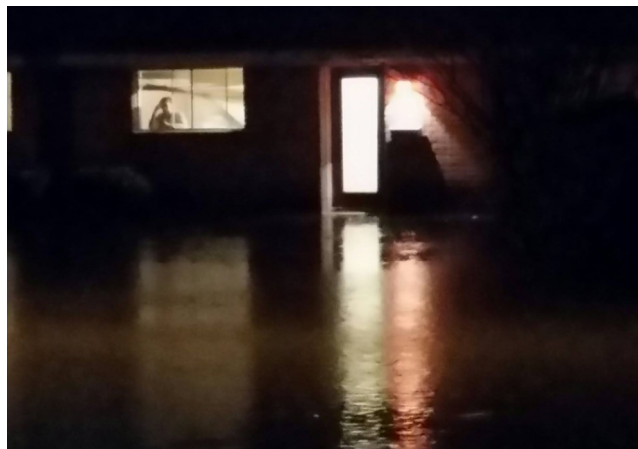
To report to Harris County: Use the website <http://>

Halloween Brings More Flooding in Westbury

When Westbury residents woke up on Halloween morning, some found streets and yards to be flooded. About 100 Westbury homeowners had water INSIDE their homes. These same residents flooded on Memorial Day and most of them at least one other time before that but for some this was their 7th time to flood.

All the homes (except a few in isolated areas) are along the Willow Waterhole Bayou. We believe the City's infrastructure has failed and is resulting in continual flooding. The hardest hit area of Westbury is NOT part of the current CIP project to reconstruct the storm drains. We are demanding that the City look at this "middle section" of Westbury as well. The Westbury Civic Club is advocating for our residents in the flooded sections of Westbury to have their drainage issues fixed.

Becky Edmondson, the WCC president, spoke before City Council on November 10 regarding the flooding along the Willow Waterhole Bayou and Willowbend. We are planning for a big group to go speak before City Council after the new administration takes over. Look for future *Criers* for more information and a call to action.



Cartagena resident, Linda Bolet, helplessly watching the water rise into her home on October 31. Linda has now flooded THREE times in only 2 years.

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2016 WCC Budget

The 2016 Westbury Civic Club (WCC) budget was approved at the November board meeting. Underlying the proposed budget were several changes recommended by the Budget Committee, which were separately discussed and unanimously approved by the board before the final budget was approved.

Much advance preparation work was done by the Treasurer and the Budget Committee. The committee investigated fees charged by nearby neighborhoods to verify that our charges are reasonable and consistent with industry norms. The committee extensively discussed funding for the Westbury Area Patrol. The committee also looked for ways to simplify data entry and accounting at the WCC office, although significant effort may be needed to transition from legacy methods. For example, traditionally the WCC has solicited and tracked funds for the Greenspace program separately from other WCC programs. After much discussion, the committee recommended that it would be simpler and provide more flexibility if the Greenspace program were treated the same as other programs of the WCC. The Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) will continue to be solicited and tracked separately.

The WCC will seek to boost the number of people who make voluntary payments.

Mandatory Assessments for 2016:

Residents of Parkwest 1 and Parkwest 2 who bought their homes after 1993 & 1994 have mandatory assessments. Mandatory Assessments are adjusted annually for inflation. Mandatory assessments will increase to \$233.50. We will no longer separate out categories in billing or accounting. While the \$233.50 is mandatory, we encourage our residents with mandatory assessments to pay the higher amount that other Westbury residents are paying.

Westbury Civic Club Dues:

The Westbury Civic Club Dues (encompassing all operations, programs, and services including greenspace, of the Westbury Civic Club, except patrol services) will increase to \$50. In 2015, the WCC Dues were \$40 but did not include Greenspace which was \$25. Dues and Greenspace will no longer be solicited separately. The 2016 budget includes increased funding for: deed restriction enforcement, payroll (higher wages plus another part-time worker), and hospitality (60th Anniversary celebration of the WCC in 2016).

Westbury Area Patrol (WAP): The WCC will seek to boost the number of people who financially support the WAP security patrol. The dues for the Westbury Area Patrol will increase from \$230 to \$285. This higher amount is similar to what is paid by residents of Maplewood N/S and Meyerland for their mandatory patrol assessments. The board will investigate additional fundraisers to support the WAP program.

Voluntary Dues TOTAL: The total sum of Westbury Civic Club Dues plus the Westbury Area Patrol will increase from \$295 to \$335.

Other Fees: Certain fees were also approved to be increased to accepted industry norms in 2016. Transfer fees will increase from \$100 to \$125. Refinance fees will increase from \$50 to \$75. Resale Certificates will now be available by request for all sections of Westbury and Parkwest. A normal Resale Certificate request is \$100, while a rush Resale Certificate request will be \$150.



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2016 WCC Budget

WCC GENERAL OPERATIONS/PROGRAMS 2016

WCC RESTRICTED FUNDS 2016

General Income

Mandatory Assessments	101,900
Voluntary Dues	54,500
Donations Civic Club	3,500
Community Garage Sale	2,000
Crier Advertising Fees	55,000
Refinancing Fees	3,000
Transfer Fees	35,000
Resale Certificates	1,000
Interest Income	2,000
Total General Income	257,900

Program Expenses

Crier Printing & Expenses	45,000
Community Garage Sale	2,000
Programs & Hospitality	5,000
Membership Expenses	5,000
Deed Restriction Revisions	1,000
Deed Restriction Enforcement	5,000
Yard of the Month Program	1,700
Greenspace Monthly Maintenance Contract	25,000
Water, Plants, Supplies & Equipment	8,800
Greenspace Special Projects	8,800
Total Program Expenses	107,300

General Expenses

Books, Subscriptions, Dues	300
Postage, Mailing Service	1,000
Printing & Copying	1,500
Supplies	1,500
Training & Education	1,000
Contributions to Ext Orgs	1,500
Bank & Pay Pal Fees	3,800
Computer Expense	6,000
Insurance	6,600
Payroll Expenses	52,100
Contract Services	4,000
Facilities and Equipment	11,900
Conferences & Meetings	1,000
Total General Expenses	92,200
Total Program & General Expenses	199,500

Westbury Area Patrol Income

Westbury Area Patrol Voluntary	248,525
Additional WAP Donations	10,000
Total Westbury Area Patrol Income	258,525

Westbury Area Patrol Expenses

Harris County Constable Fees	316,925
Westbury Area Patrol Expenses Over Income	(58,400)

Overall Income over Expenses 0

See the article on page 10 (to the left) for information regarding the budget and assumptions that were made. The biggest changes for 2016 are making Greenspace be part of the Westbury Civic Club Dues in lieu of a separate line item and a change in Mandatory Assessment allocation. We are now collecting one amount from the Mandatory homes, to be used where needed, instead of limiting the usage as we had done in the past.



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Constable Appreciation Day Thanks to Jim and Leslee Cross

PUCS, Pop Up Coffee Shop, owned and operated by Jim and Leslee Cross, hosted a Constable Appreciation Day to encourage people to pay the Westbury Area Patrol (WAP) dues. In addition to accepting donations for the WAP program, they generously donated their proceeds of the morning to the WAP fund. We thank Jim and Leslee and everyone who contributed!



**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.

WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE WESTBURY AREA PATROL THIS YEAR. THANK YOU!

2016 Mandatory Assessments

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

The new 2016 Mandatory Assessments are \$233.50. Bills will be mailed in December and are due by February 1, 2016. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer at the WCC office at 713-723-5437 or email westburycr@sbcglobal.net

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Westbury Area School News

Parker Elementary HISD Bond UPDATE

According to the Project Advisory team, HISD hopes to have the permits approved by March of 2016. The HISD board of trustees has not yet approved the additional project funding for schools as there are two trustees in runoffs. The new school building for Parker Elementary should be ready for the 2017/2018 school year.

Thinking About a New Pet?

The Holiday season is here! Many Westbury families are looking at new pets. Who doesn't love the idea of a puppy or kitten with a big bow on its head?

Selecting the right pet for your family can be hard. Educate yourself on different animal types and breeds before choosing. Not every animal is suitable for every family. When you are looking for the perfect animal, ask about their personality and behavior. Remember that not all animals are good with other dogs, cats or kids in the house.

Consider adopting, not buying. Houston has a large stray animal population and many animal rescue groups. Westbury is lucky to have an active local group. Westbury CARE (Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts) is a local rescue organization that has lovely dogs and cats ready to be adopted today! For more information about Westbury CARE, go to www.westburycare.com.

Remember, once you have selected that perfect new family member; make sure to get your pet spayed/neutered and microchipped if they are not already. Look in the next *Crier* for a list of places to get your animal spayed/neutered and microchipped.



Westbury High School—Relationships Do Matter. Every Student Needs a Champion

by *Becky Edmondson*

Westbury High School (WHS) recently hosted its annual open house for the Auto Tech department. This program has been one of the strongest programs at WHS, and it continues to be strong. Some have referred to it as the best and most successful auto tech program in the entire nation.

Tesla Motors, Russell Smith Ford, Momentum BMW, Mike Calvert Toyota, and Classic Chevrolet Houston all provided cars, technicians and service managers to answer any questions from students and parents. Eight alumni of the program were also on hand, along with Mr. Mike Falsone, the retired founder of WHS's Auto program.

But here is the rest of the story: I met Robert Lyle, the Auto Tech teacher, when he was just twelve years old because he and my son played together on a team at Westbury Little League. They made the 12 year old All Star team together and became lifelong friends. Sadly, Robert's dad passed away that same year. At Westbury High School, Robert signed up for Auto Shop, probably to learn some of those things that his dad would have passed on to him. His Automotive teacher was Mr. Falsone. Mr. Falsone founded the program more than 25 years ago, and had the program certified in 1998 by the National Automotive Technical Education Foundation. He was one of those teachers that you hope your kids will have; a teacher who truly makes a difference. Robert was a whiz with cars and Mr. Falsone urged him to get his ASC certification. Robert went to work for Allen Samuels through their school/work program. Excelling at what he did, Robert won awards and Allen Samuels offered him a scholarship and after graduating in the top 10% of his class, he went to San Jacinto Junior College where he graduated with a 4.0. He then went to Pittsburgh State, graduating with honors with an automotive management degree. Robert came back to Houston and married his Westbury High School sweetheart, with his Westbury Little League buddy serving as his best man. He honored his commitment to Allen Samuels and came back to work for them. He moved to Mazda North America as a District Support Supervisor.

But here's the best part of the story.... Robert is now at WHS teaching automotive skills to the next generation and preparing a new generation of young men for life. He helps his students get the training that they need and helps them find jobs.

Robert's story is a reminder that **Relationships DO Matter** and that every student needs a champion. If you want to see how this is happening today at WHS; watch an incredible video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbplBwfcj6k>



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Crime/Security

Crime Statistics for Westbury Super Neighborhood 37*

30 days November 21, 2015

	Single-Family Home	Apt/Condo	Commercial Property	Public Areas	Totals
Burglary	6	2	1	0	9
Theft	5	12	6	5	28
Auto Theft	5	2	0	1	8
Robbery	1	7	1	1	10
Assault	0	4	0	0	4
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	17	27	8	7	59

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

Definitions of Crime Types

Burglary - (breaking and entering) an unlawful entry into a building for the purposes of committing an offence. Usually that offence is theft.

Theft - the act of stealing; the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods or property of another; larceny. Examples include ransacking unlocked cars, taking property out of open garage doors, taking a purse off a front seat of an unlocked car, taking a mower out of the back of a pickup truck.

Auto Theft - the act of stealing your automobile or truck

Robbery - taking or attempting to take anything of value by force or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault - an attempt to cause serious bodily injury purposely.

Rape - unlawful sexual activity carried out against the will of a female or person under age, or incapable of consent.

Murder - the unlawful premeditated killing of one human being by another.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Westbury Area Patrol this year. We need everyone to support this great program. The 2016 dues form is located on the next page. Send in your dues today. The amount requested is \$285 for the Constables but any amount will help. Thank you!

Single Family Residential Crime

Locations by block number, not exact address. Stats for 30 days preceding November 22, 2015

Block #	Street	Crime
5500	Benning	Auto Theft
5700	Benning	Auto Theft
5700	Benning	Theft
5900	Claridge	Burglary
5900	Claridge	Burglary
5400	Creekbend	Theft
5500	Fontenelle	Theft
5600	Fontenelle	Burglary
5600	Fontenelle	Auto Theft
6000	Fontenelle	Auto Theft
6000	McKnight	Burglary
10900	Mullins	Robbery
5700	W. Airport	Theft
5800	W. Airport	Burglary
5100	W. Bellfort	Auto Theft
5800	W. Bellfort	Burglary
5800	W. Bellfort	Burglary

IMPORTANT NUMBERS & CONTACTS

Westbury Area Patrol / Constables

281-463-6666

Westbury HPD Storefront

832.394.7520*

*new number

HPD Non-Emergency

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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.



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 month. 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.

2016 Dues/Assessments

ATTENTION: PARKWEST 1&2

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

The amount of the 2016 Mandatory Assessments is \$233.50. The 2016 Assessments are due by February 1.

If you have any questions or did not get your invoice, please contact the WCC office at 713-723-5437 or email westburycc@sbcglobal.net.

Mission of the WCC
The purposes of the Westbury Civic Club, Inc. (the "Club") are to improve the appearance of the Westbury area and promote the civic, cultural educational, health, and general welfare of the residents of the Westbury and Parkwest subdivisions in Harris County, Texas (collectively, the "Community").

Why Should I Pay My Dues? What are the Benefits?

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- Protects your home and family with the Westbury Area Patrol through Constable Precinct 5.
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- Advocates for City services and infrastructure improvements
- Hosts two White Elephant Community Garage Sale events each year
- Organizes community get togethers such as Coffee with Constables and National Night Out

Why do my dues go to Dallas? Is this correct?

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2016 Westbury Civic Club Dues

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 5 payments of \$67 is \$335/yr
 12 payments of \$28 is \$336/yr
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Westbury Civic Club Dues*	\$50	\$	
Westbury Area Patrol	\$285	\$	
Subtotal	\$335	\$	
Additional Contributions:			
Westbury Civic Club		\$	
Westbury Area Patrol (WAP)		\$	
Total		\$	

*The Westbury Civic Club Dues encompasses all operations, programs, and services including greenspace, of the Westbury Civic Club, except patrol services.

Thank you for supporting the Westbury Civic Club and the important programs it funds. We can't do it without you!
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Westbury Area News

Living Gift Market, Dec. 6

St. John's Presbyterian Church (5020 W. Bellfort) will present its annual Living (Holiday) Gift Market on Sunday, December 6 from 11:30am – 1:30pm. This Market is unique because it offers affordable, socially responsible, and handcrafted gifts for the entire family - just in time for the holiday season. Booths include Ten Thousand Villages, Heifer International Project, Delicious Peace Coffee, Anchor House Ministry, Living Waters for the World, and Houston Seafarer's Ministry . . . just to name a few. All welcome!

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.
November Meet & Eat: Thurs., November 5 @ 6PM
December Meet & Eat: Thurs., December 3 @ 6PM

Good Gifts Market, Dec. 5

Westbury United Methodist Church, 5200 Willowbend, will host its annual Good Gifts Market on Saturday, Dec. 5, 9AM to 2PM. The outdoor market will feature fair-trade vendors whose products provide living wages for workers. The sale of the items (like candles, scarves, jewelry and linens) also assists victims of human trafficking and refugee women.

Local PUCS coffee truck will be on site as people shop, with world music by DJ H.Kumi of 90.1 FM. Everyone is invited to come meet and mingle with new neighbors and reconnect with friends.

Burlington Opens in Meyer Park

The newest retailer has opened its doors in Meyer Park. Burlington is NOW OPEN. It is located next to Kohl's.

Links for Lost & Found Pets in Westbury

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 Westbury Lost and Found Pets Facebook
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 CARE- Contact at westburycare@gmail.com or at www.westburycare.com, Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts is located in Westbury

"A Christmas Carol" Play

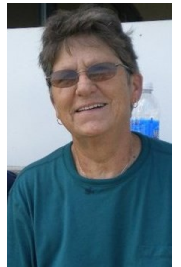
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Co-Owner of Honey's SnoBalls Passed Away

It is with sadness that we report that Honey, Martha Ritchie, of Honey's SnoBalls passed away on November 19. Honey's SnoBalls was a well loved summer delight here in Westbury. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends and partner, Sudie Stennis.



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Westbury Christian Hosted Holocaust Museum Lecture

Westbury Christian Campus Hosted Holocaust Museum Lecture

Ruth Vinn Hendler Lack, the late former director of the Holocaust Museum Houston and a Holocaust survivor, imparted in her son Jonathan the importance of building bridges with different communities to ensure that a tragedy like the Holocaust would never happen in America.

Twenty years after his mother's death, Lack – president of Al's Formal Wear and the father of a Westbury Christian School senior, Noah, who is being raised Jewish – brought the annual museum lecture series named in his mother's memory to the Westbury Christian campus in an attempt to demonstrate the kind of cultural and religious bridge-building she advocated.

On Nov. 18, Susannah Heschel, Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College, gave the 2015 Ruth Vinn Hendler Lack Lecture, titled "Remembering the March on Selma and the Voting Rights Act 50 Years Later," for a multicultural group of attendees representing both the Jewish and Christian faiths. Much like Lack, Heschel had a parent who encouraged and modeled bridge-building. Her father, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, marched with Dr. Martin Luther King at Selma.

"My father's friendship with Martin Luther King Jr. has become a point of profound inspiration," Heschel said, "but people weren't proud of this in those days. That historic photo of my father marching arm-in-arm with Dr. King and other civil rights leaders is now iconic and a source of hope, but it should also be an image of challenge, not complacency. My father and Dr. King lived in a state of moral emergency, because that's what it means to be a religious person."

Lack chose to invite Heschel to speak about Selma, and the resulting passage of the Voting Right Acts, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary because he also believes the significance of the march continues to reverberate, not simply as a political event, but as an extraordinary moral and religious one as well.

"I believe my mother would have been honored to know that through this event held in her memory on the campus of the Christian school where her grandson is receiving academic and moral training, parents from

various backgrounds were able to learn alongside their sons and daughters more about how people of different ethnicities and faiths came together at a key moment in history to make our country a better place for all," Lack said. "Perhaps through dialogue like this, we can all learn something from the past to help us work better together on the many challenges currently facing our nation, and the ones our children will face over the next 50 years."



Westbury Christian student ambassador Tucker Toole, Head of School Mike White, Upper School Principal Nathan Wagner, and senior Noah Lack pose with Dartmouth Professor Susannah Heschel prior to her giving the Holocaust Museum Houston's 2015 Ruth Vinn Hendler Lack Lecture, named in memory of Lack's late grandmother and former executive director of the museum, on the Westbury Christian School campus at the suggestion of Noah's father, Jonathan.



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Workdays at Willow Waterhole

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Workdays continue at the Willow Waterhole as groups from schools and businesses come together to work on volunteer projects to help make the Willow Waterhole the gem that it is. There was a great workday with extraordinary help from employees from Constellation Energy. They were able to relocate several Eagle Scout Projects exposed to the construction bordering the west side of the Bayou Trail. The Insect House, a birdhouse, and a tree identification signs were saved by being moved farther down the trail in a protected and heavily wooded area.

An amazing group of 8th graders from YES Prep Southwest spread over 10 cubic yards of mulch in just under 2 hours -- that's a lot! They were a fun and hardworking group.

Another workday brought members of the Sharpstown High School Key Club to finish working on the Dryad entrance. More jasmine vines were planted and bull rocks were added. Ruts along Dryad were filled.

As always, the dedicated Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy members were on hand to help. If you would like to volunteer go to the website willowwaterhole.org for more information.





Holiday Music in the Park


December 6

3-5PM

Join us for inspiration and merriment from local church choirs and singing groups.

Imani School "Young Voices"
Parker Elementary School Band
Pin Oak Middle School Stage Band
Westbury High School Choir

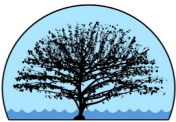
Bring chairs and blankets to the South Gazebo at the Willow Waterhole and enjoy the music and scenery. Bring the whole family out for a fun day. Food available for purchase from PUCS Pop Up Coffee Shop.



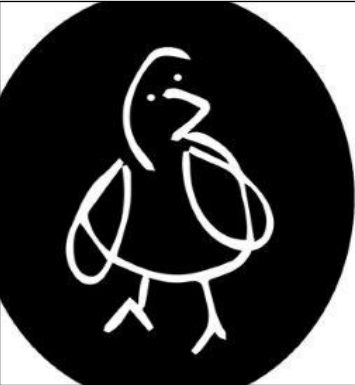
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Westbury Area News

Westbury Area Improvement Corporation

The board of the Westbury Area Improvement Corporation approved the following motions:

- *No meeting to be held in December
- *Officers and Board for 2016 were elected, including new board member Bonner Brice, owner of Salon Meyerland. Officers for 2016 are: Cindy Chapman (President), David Roschke (Vice-President), Marcia Hartman (Treasurer), and Edith Smith (Secretary).
- *Purchase, not to exceed \$1,000, for a generator for the Westbury Houston Police Department Storefront for public events.

Commercial Updates: A single family residential patio home project on Mullins north of Westbury has been proposed on the site of the former St. Nicholas School (Medical Charter School) site, which might exacerbate flooding issues in the Willowbend area. HPD Officer Vick was asked to look at certain nuisance locations for dumping or high grass.

Westbury GREEN Team

Westbury is thankful for having so many dedicated volunteers who help keep Westbury's greenspaces looking good. With 7 miles of esplanades, 3 city parks, miles of drainage easements, the Westbury Community Garden, and the Willow Waterhole Greenway, more volunteers are always needed. Please contact Marcia Hartman, Director of Beautification for the WCC at mmhartman@hotmail.com to become a part of this great group.

Some suggestions to help:

- *Join the WCC Greenspace Committee and help Westbury look good.
- *Volunteer to be a Greenspace Steward: Keep your eyes on one park, or one section of esplanade.
- *Pick up litter when you see it.
- *Pick up illegally posted signs (bandit signs) on public property and esplanades.

And don't forget to go WILD! Have your backyard certified as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. For more information and tips, go to National Wildlife Federation at

<http://www.nwf.org/how-to-help/garden-for-wildlife/create-a-habitat.aspx>

As part of the service provided by your Civic Club and the Super Neighborhood, we monitor the monthly 311 service calls submitted for the Westbury area. The Department of Neighborhoods, in addition to touring Westbury each month, also provides a monthly report of 311 calls. This report helps us monitor trends in missing trash pickups, broken water mains, nuisance properties and other items.



Please call 311 or use the handy 311 app for all your City of Houston questions and concerns. If you would like the WCC to monitor a situation after you have reported it to 311, please send an email to westburycc@sbcglobal.net with the Service Request (SR) number you have received. Provide a brief description of the problem.

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Westbury Community Garden

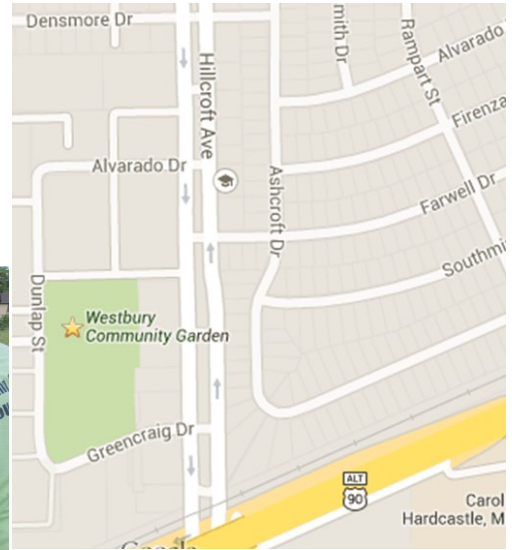
Westbury Community Garden improvements

After years of struggling with muddy conditions, the Westbury Community Garden received much needed improvements to its entrance and driveway. Many thanks to the Brays Oaks Management District for facilitating this construction project.

Westbury Natural Area

The Westbury Community Garden is pleased to announce that the City has granted an application for a Natural Area Permit for the 7 acre site. Although much of the property is devoted to urban agriculture, the site also features a pocket prairie, a certified butterfly garden, native plants, and wildlife habitat. The application process involved documenting the site habitats, habitat maintenance, and an on-site visit by Jed Apalaca and Kelli Ondracek from the City of Houston Parks Department. The city reported, "They have a really good program going on with their community garden and pocket prairie.

We inspected their property and they fit the guidelines for a Natural Area Permit and will be sending out their approval letter this week." This is another example of what a group of dedicated, hard working people can accomplish when they come together.



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Happenings Around the Neighborhood

Westbury Park Donation Plaque Installed

Almost two years from the date of dedication of the Westbury Park playground in November of 2013, a plaque thanking all the donors was erected! We thank all of the generous donors who helped make the Westbury Park playground nicer by donating to add the shade sails. We also thank Bill Burhans for his steadfast and dogged efforts to get the plaque installed at the park.



Family Fun Day at the Platou Community Center



A dozen children came to learn more about birds at November's Family Fun Day. Look in future *Criers* for info on the next Family Fun Day in January.

Halloween Parade in Westbury 1



Residents of Westbury 1 gathered together on Halloween for a parade! Thanks to Steve Goldberg for the photo.

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Keep Houston Beautiful Awards

The 31st Annual Mayors Proud Partner's Award Luncheon brought recognition not only to District K, but also to Westbury. The Distinguished Service Award went to our wonderful District K City Councilman, **Larry V. Green**, for his ongoing "Keep District K Beautiful" efforts. His "Klean it Up, Green it Up" campaign, along with the Mini-Mural Art Project, has made District K more beautiful. **Bill Burhans** was recognized for his work creating and maintaining the palms garden at Meyer Library. The Westbury Civic Club, WAIC and Westbury Super Neighborhood were recognized for their work on "Keep Westbury Parks Beautiful" day. **Jennifer Edmondson and Laura Falk** accepted the award for their work at Westbury Park. **Eugene and Antoinette Sirls** were on hand for their work improving Hager Park. Rounding off the contingent from Westbury were greenspace leaders: Cindy Chapman, Marcia Hartman, and Hazel and Allen Potvin.



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